

Spencer County Agriculture & Horticulture Newsletter



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Most of the leaves have fallen, but a few are still hanging on. I know my Autumn Blaze maples had a very good showing this fall with their bright red leaves, even though we're still extremely dry.

If you're like me, you're anticipating the upcoming holidays. It's always good to be with your family and friends during this time of year. It brings back all of the good times I remember while growing up and seeing my family at holiday events.

Although many of them are gone now, the memories are still there.

As always, feel free to call or email me if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

Bryce Roberts,
Spencer County Extension Agent for
Agriculture and Natural Resources

More Information

As always, if you need more information, feel free to **call me** at 477-2217.

You can also **email me** at broberts@uky.edu or you can **visit my website** to view archived newsletters and news articles. The web address is: www.spencerextension.com



Master Gardener Program

After last month's article on our upcoming Master Gardener program, I want to say thanks to those of you who have expressed interest in participating in the program.

We have more details for you at this time. The program will begin on January 9, 2023, and will run every Monday evening (except for January 16) until April 17 and will begin at 6 p.m. Some of the topics include Soils, Botany, Woody Plants, Turf Care, Entomology, Plant Pathology, Fruits, Flowers, Indoor Plants, and Water Quality, among other topics.

Cost for the program will be \$75 and covers all course materials and supplemental materials that you may need.

As part of the program, you will be required to donate back the approximate 40 hours of the course to our local extension programs and to the community within the year. We have plenty of projects to help you achieve these hours.

There is an application that must be filled out and returned to our office with your fee. **Registration deadline is December 9th.** Due to the amount of course material, no registrations will be accepted after December 9th.

If you are interested in participating in the Master Gardener Program class or have any questions, please contact Bryce Roberts at the Spencer County Extension Office at 502-477-2217 or broberts@uky.edu.



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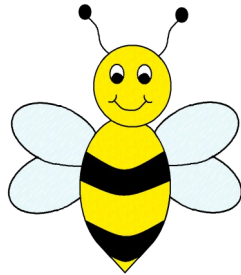
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Beekeepers Association Meetings

Just a quick reminder that the Spencer Co. Beekeepers Association holds monthly meetings at our office on the 2nd Tuesday of each month. They begin at 6:30 p.m. **PLEASE NOTE:** There will not be a meeting in December.



Soil Sample Now

As we are now into fall, this is the best time to sample your fields, gardens, or lawns to see what type and how much fertilizer you need to make the soil as productive as possible. For each sample you want to submit, we need at least one pint (sandwich bag) of dry soil 4-8 inches below the soil surface. Please put your name and sample ID (north lawn, hayfield 2, etc.) on each bag.

Bring those in now so that you can get the results more quickly and in some cases go ahead and apply the fertilizer now so that the soil will be ready for your yard or crops.

This is a free service provided by the Spencer Co. Conservation District. Thanks to them for sponsoring the soil sampling program.

Our office is open normal business hours, but you have the option to drop off your samples anytime you like.

As you pull into our parking lot, please go to the right to the back of our building. You will then see our pavilion and on the pavilion, you will see a blue tub to the right of the double doors. Inside the tub, you will find some paperwork that you will need to fill out so that we can properly test your soil. Place the paperwork and samples back into the tub.

I'll review the results and mail them back to you in 2-3 weeks.

With fertilizer prices as high as they are and with the prices not coming down, this is one of the best ways you can save money by getting your soil tested. There is no need to spend money on nutrients if your soils don't need it.

Ag Census Coming Up

Kentucky's farmers will soon have the opportunity to be represented in the nation's only comprehensive and impartial agriculture data for every state and county. The U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) will mail the 2022 Census of Agriculture to 125,000 Kentucky ag producers this fall.

The 2022 Census of Agriculture will be mailed in phases, starting with an invitation to respond online in November. Farm operations of all sizes, urban and rural, which produced and sold, or normally would have sold, \$1,000 or more of agricultural product in 2022 are included in the ag census.

Collected in service to American agriculture since 1840, the Census of Agriculture tells the story and shows the value of Kentucky's agriculture. It highlights land use and ownership, producer characteristics, production practices, income and expenditures, among other topics. For more information visit www.nass.usda.gov/AgCensus

Beef Management Webinars

The UK Beef IRM team is continuing their Beef Webinar Series. Pre-registration is required by sending an email to dbullock@uky.edu with Beef Webinar in the subject line and your name and county in the message.

You will receive the direct link with a password the morning of each meeting. This invitation will directly link you to the site and you will be asked for the password which can be found just below the link. Each session will be recorded and posted for later viewing. All meeting times are 8:00pm ET

****November 8, 2022**

From Hay Sample to Feed Bunk: Winter Feeding Considerations for Cattle – Katie Mason, Assistant Professor, University of Tennessee

****December 13, 2022**

Packer and Consumer Trends with Some Holiday Beef Ideas – Gregg Rentfrow, Extension Professor, University of Kentucky and Alison Smith, Kentucky Beef Council Retail and Foodservice

Commercial Pesticide Training and Updates

COOPERATIVE EXTENSION



Tuesday, November 22, 2022 9:00 a.m.-1 p.m. EST

Meeting will be offered in person and via Zoom. We may need to switch to all Zoom due to the fact that our meeting room will be going through renovations in the next few weeks, but we won't know until closer to the meeting date if the room will be ready.

Contact Bryce Roberts (broberts@uky.edu) for more information.

Register by November 18 by clicking on the link below or scanning the QR Code:

<https://bit.ly/3S2fEtH>



CEUs Approved for this Meeting:

3 General Hours

1 Specific Hour for Categories 3, 10, 18, 20

Pre-registration is required whether attending in person or on Zoom. Each participant will need to register individually so that their credentials can be sent to the KY Department of Agriculture after the training.

Topics

New and Emerging Pests,

Dr. Jonathan Larson, UK Entomology

Turf Pest Update, Application Techniques, and Recordkeeping,

Kenneth Clayton, UK Plant and Soil Sciences

Health and Safety Updates, Storage, Transportation, and Chemical Safety Updates

Dr. Ric Bessin, UK Entomology

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RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED



Glazed Butternut Squash with Carrots and Turnips

1½ cups cubed butternut
squash

1½ cups sliced carrots

1½ cups cubed peeled turnips

4 teaspoons oil

½ teaspoon salt

¼ teaspoon pepper

Cooking spray

2 tablespoons maple syrup

1. Preheat oven to 450 degrees.

2. Cut vegetables into ½-inch
pieces.

3. Coat a 9 x 13-inch baking dish
with cooking spray.

4. Combine the first 6
ingredients.

5. Bake for 10 minutes.

6. Stir in syrup and bake an
additional 20 minutes.

Yield: 8, ½ cup servings.

Nutritional Analysis: 60 calories,
2.5 g fat, 0g sat fat, 1 g protein, 9 g
carbohydrate, 0 mg cholesterol, 170 mg
sodium, 2 g fiber.

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grocery store, farmers' market, or roadside stand.

