

Spencer County Agriculture & Horticulture Newsletter



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Here we are in September already. As many of you know, September and October are my favorite months of the year. The days are usually warm with cool mornings and I get to appreciate all of the harvest that has started or will start here in a few days.

It seems like any beneficial rain has split and gone around us lately. We could use some to help our pastures green up before we go into winter. We'll see what Mother Nature gives us in the upcoming weeks.

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



Farmers Market Now Open

The Taylorsville/Spencer County Farmers Market is now open and will be open beginning at 8 a.m. until noon or so on Saturdays. Some of the vendors may stay past noon if there is a crowd. The market will be open every Saturday (rain or shine) until the end of October. It is located at 751 Taylorsville Road next to Fresh Take Market. **Please note that the start time will change to 9 a.m. on September 28 and the market's last day will be October 26.**

There are several vendors selling a wide variety of products, including meats, cheeses, jams, jellies, honey, breads, goat milk soaps and lotions, candles, and other produce. Make sure you support our local producers...they are the ones that are growing what you're buying.

If you are interested in becoming a vendor (small producers are welcome), please contact me or stop by our office for an application. For more information on the market, feel free to contact Sandi Deutsch at 502-252-1400.



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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.



Soil Sample Now

This is a reminder that once your crops or gardens are finished for this year, it is a good 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.

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 black tub with a yellow top 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 or email them to you in 2-3 weeks.

KCARD Meeting

The Kentucky Center for Agriculture and Rural Development will be hosting a "Growing Your Farm and Food Business Workshop" at the Washington County Extension Office on November 13 beginning at 9:30 a.m. until 4 p.m. At the Growing Your Farm and Food Business Workshops, you'll learn how to put together a comprehensive business plan and funding application. There will also be time to network with funders representing a wide variety of funding programs, including opportunities to ask questions specific to your farm operation. There is a \$20 and pre-registration is required. Register at: www.eventbrite.com/e/growing-your-farm-and-food-business-workshop-washington-county-tickets-995522182647?aff=oddtcreator

EQIP Information

The USDA-Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) in Kentucky is encouraging landowners, farmers and producers to visit their local NRCS office now to receive information and apply for conservation, technical assistance and possible funding opportunities.

The application process for NRCS's conservation programs is continuous, but funding selections for specific programs are made throughout the year. For the Environmental Quality Incentives Program (EQIP), Kentucky NRCS has announced that applications for assistance received by October 18, 2024 will be evaluated and considered for funding.

EQIP is a conservation program that provides financial and technical assistance to farmers and ranchers who face threats to soil, water, air, and related natural resources on their land. Through EQIP, NRCS develops contracts with agricultural producers to voluntarily implement conservation practices. Persons engaged in livestock or agricultural production and owners of non-industrial private forestland are eligible for this program. Eligible land includes cropland, pastureland, private non-industrial forestland, and other farm or ranch lands.

In Fiscal Year 2024, NRCS in Kentucky provided over \$41 million in EQIP financial assistance to assist private land users to address natural resource issues on their land.

For more information about EQIP or the other programs offered by NRCS, please call Suzanne Harris at (502) 348-3363 ext. 3 or visit us on the web at www.ky.nrcs.usda.gov or contact your local NRCS service center at <http://offices.sc.egov.usda.gov/locator/app>.

Beef Meeting

Please hold **Thursday, November 7**, as our next Louisville Area Beef Cattle meeting. Registration will be at 5:30 p.m., with the meal beginning at 6 p.m.

Speakers will be Dr. Jimmy Henning, UK Forage Specialist, discussing "Rejuvenating Hay and Pasture Fields," and Kelly Baird, KY Beef Council, will be giving us an update from the Cattlemen's Association. Please call 502-477-2217 to RSVP by November 4.



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Join us October 24, 2024

Open House: 4 - 7 PM

Program: 7 PM

Appetizers provided by the
SCHS Culinary Program



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Call at (502) 477-2217,
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Apple Spinach Salad

5 ounces fresh spinach	½ cup golden raisins	1 tablespoon olive oil
4 large Gala apples		1 tablespoon cider vinegar
2 ounces sharp white cheddar cheese, shredded	Dressing:	¼ teaspoon dry mustard
½ cup slivered almonds, toasted (see directions below)	2 tablespoons honey	½ teaspoon ground cinnamon
		¼ teaspoon finely chopped garlic

Wash and dry fresh spinach. **Tear** into small pieces. **Core and chop** apples into bite sized pieces. Do not peel. **Mix** together spinach, apples, cheese, almonds and raisins. In a small bowl, **stir** together dressing ingredients and pour over salad mixture. **Toss and serve.** **To toast almonds:** **Spread** almonds evenly in a small saute pan, over medium high heat for about 30 seconds, **stir.** Continue to **heat** almonds for an additional

3-5 minutes, **stirring** often for even browning. **Remove** from heat when almonds are fragrant and turning golden brown around the edges. Immediately **pour** almonds into a dish to cool.

Yield: 10, 1 cup servings.

Nutritional Analysis: 150 calories, 6 g fat, 1.5 g saturated fat, 5 mg cholesterol, 50 mg sodium, 22 g carbohydrate, 3 g fiber, 17 g sugar, 3 g protein.



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<http://plateitup.ca.uky.edu>