

Spencer County Agriculture & Horticulture Newsletter

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September 2025

September is here and fall is right around the corner. In fact, autumn begins on September 22.

We're coming upon my favorite months of the year. Growing up, many things happened on our farm in those months, including harvesting our tobacco crop, making sorghum, and picking or harvesting our corn and soybeans. It was always a great time of year on our farm during those months. It certainly brings back some good memories for me.

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 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 October 25. It is located at 751 Taylorsville Road next to Fresh Take Market.

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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Soil Sample Now

This is a reminder that once your crops or gardens are finished for this year, it is a great 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. During this time of the year, the lab is not as busy as it is in the spring, so we can get your results back to you usually a few days sooner than other times during the year.

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 (8 am until 4:30 pm), 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.

EQIP Applications Due by Sept. 26

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

Applications for NRCS programs are accepted year-round, but funding selections are made periodically. For the Environmental Quality Incentives Program (EQIP), applications received by September 26, 2025, will be evaluated and considered for funding.

EQIP provides financial and technical assistance to farmers, ranchers, and non-industrial private forestland owners to address resource concerns such as soil health, water quality, air quality, and wildlife habitat. Eligible land includes cropland, pasture, private forestland, and other agricultural lands. Through voluntary contracts, participants work with NRCS to implement conservation practices that improve sustainability and productivity.

In Fiscal Year 2025, Kentucky NRCS invested more than \$25 million in EQIP financial assistance to help producers improve and protect natural resources on private working lands.

For more information on EQIP and other NRCS programs, visit www.ky.nrcs.usda.gov or contact Suzanne Harris at 502-348-3363 or email her at teresa.harris@usda.gov



VISIT TAYLORSVILLE.COM

Spencer County FOODYFEST KIDS ZONE

SAT. SEPT 20TH
10AM-2PM
www.visittaylorsville.com/events

FREE EVENT

FOR ALL SPENCER COUNTY FAMILIES
SUGGESTED DONATION: BRING A CANNED FOOD ITEM TO SUPPORT OUR LOCAL FOOD PANTRIES

PLAY YOUR WAY TO HEALTH

BOUNCE HOUSE
"TINY" FACE PAINTING
KITTY PETTING CORNER*
NUTRITION BOX GIVEAWAY

FREE "RSVP ONLY" COOKING CLASSES
10AM, EVERYBODY LOVES PARFAIT!
11:30AM, LET'S TACO 'BOUT IT!
1PM, SMOOTHIE BOWLS

*SNUGGLE A CAT FOR IMPROVED MENTAL HEALTH! ADOPT A FELINE FRIEND WITH FREE ADOPTION FEES FROM THE SPENCER COUNTY HUMANE SOCIETY!!!

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BEEF BASH 2025



20 SEPTEMBER,
2025

9:00 AM - 2:30 PM ET

1051 Midway Rd
Versailles, KY 40383

ADULT REGISTRATION -
\$15.00
CHILD REGISTRATION -
\$5.00

RUNDOWN

9 AM

REGISTRATION

Don't wait! Scan the QR code to register today!



10 - 2:30 PM

YOUTH EDUCATIONAL SESSIONS

Youth Educational Sessions - Join at any time! Sessions offered continuously throughout the day.

10 - 10:50 AM

ADULT EDUCATIONAL SESSIONS 1-2

Adult Educational Sessions 1-2 Options: KBC + Food Group, Dr. Renfrow, or Bale Grazing, Dr. Halich & New AFS Research Programs

11 - 11:50 AM

ADULT EDUCATIONAL SESSIONS 3-4

Adult Educational Sessions 3-4 Options: Forage, Dr. Teutsch, or Reproduction, Dr. Bridges

12 - 1:20 PM

LUNCH BREAK, TRADE SHOW, & AWARDS

Fueling the day with great food and celebrating excellence with well-deserved awards!

1:30 - 2:30 PM

ADULT EDUCATIONAL SESSIONS 5-6

Adult Educational Sessions 5-6 Options: Precision Agriculture, Dr. Vanzant, or Fescue Toxicosis, Dr. Davis



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Awesome Watermelon Salad

1 tablespoon balsamic vinegar
1 teaspoon lemon juice
1 teaspoon Dijon mustard
1 teaspoon chopped garlic
½ teaspoon fresh diced cilantro
¼ teaspoon fresh ground pepper

¼ cup olive oil
3 cups 2-inch, cubed watermelon
¾ cup crumbled, low-fat feta cheese
½ red onion, sliced very thin
Coarse ground black pepper
Cilantro for garnish

In a small bowl, **mix** vinegar, lemon juice and Dijon mustard. **Stir** in garlic, cilantro and black pepper. Slowly **pour** olive oil into the mixture while whisking vigorously. **Cover and refrigerate** until ready to use. **Combine** the watermelon, low-fat feta cheese and red onion in a large bowl; **toss** lightly to mix and **season** with coarse ground black pepper. **Pour** half of dressing over salad

mixture; gently **toss** to coat. **Refrigerate** for least 30 minutes. **Drizzle** remaining dressing over salad and garnish with cilantro just before serving.

Yield: 8, ½ cup servings

Nutritional Analysis: 110 calories, 9 g fat, 2 g saturated fat, 5 mg cholesterol, 190 mg sodium, 6 g carbohydrate, 1 g fiber, 4 g sugar, 3 g protein.



Buying Kentucky Proud is easy. Look for the label at your grocery store, farmers' market, or roadside stand.