

UPCOMING EVENTS IN AGRICULTURE

April 27, 2012

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Did you know...?

It's Derby Time in the Bluegrass

Gov. Steve Beshear and First Lady Jane Beshear invite you to join them for the annual Derby Celebration in historic downtown Frankfort on Saturday, May 5.



The celebration will run from 9 a.m. – 1 p.m. EDT with a variety of activities for the entire family, including the new “Derby Dash” for children ages 2 to 12. The Derby Dash is hosted by the Frankfort YMCA.

While attending the celebration, you will have the opportunity to celebrate Beef Month with the Kentucky Cattlemen's Association, who'll serving up items for the breakfast, along with the Kentucky Pork Producers.

The 2012 Governor's Derby Celebration is open to the public with no admission cost for the event. For more information, visit governor.ky.gov/derbycelebration/Pages/default.aspx.

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

FUNDS AVAILABLE :: 2012 KADF FARMERS' MARKET INFRASTRUCTURE COMPETITIVE GRANT PROGRAM DEADLINE: June 29, 2012

This program provides an opportunity for local farmers' markets to access state Agricultural Development Funds for the construction of permanent facilities for their markets or the expansion of existing markets. The total amount of state funds available is \$250,000 with a maximum individual award of \$25,000 in state funds. The program is competitive and all applications will be scored on criteria detailed in the application and ranked accordingly to determine applications receiving funding.

Application and guidelines are available at agpolicy.ky.gov. For more information about the program, contact your county's project analyst at (502) 564-4627.

FUNDS AVAILABLE :: 2012 KADF ON-FARM ENERGY EFFICIENCY & PRODUCTION INCENTIVES PROGRAM
DEADLINE: April 30, 2012 (round 1)

This program provides a 25 percent reimbursement

Application and guidelines are available at agpolicy.ky.gov. For more information about the program, contact your county's project analyst at (502) 564-4627.

FUNDS AVAILABLE :: 2012 VOLUNTEER FIRE ASSISTANCE GRANT PROGRAM

DEADLINE: June 18, 2012 by 4:30 p.m. EDT

The objective of the program is to improve the capability of Kentucky's rural volunteer fire departments to protect lives and property through training and by equipping local firefighters in rural areas, including communities with a population of 10,000 persons or fewer. Grant amounts range from \$1,000 to \$5,000 and will be awarded on a 50/50 matching basis. Details about eligibility and program objectives along with application forms and proposal instructions are available online at <http://forestry.ky.gov/grantopportunities/Pages/default.aspx>. For more information, contact the Kentucky Division of Forestry at (800) 866-0555.

FUNDS AVAILABLE :: FARM TO SCHOOL GRANTS

DEADLINE: May 18 (letter of interest); June 15 (full application)

The U.S. Department of Agriculture recently announced new Farm to School grants to help implement farm to school programs that improve access to local foods in eligible schools. Schools may apply for either planning or implementation grants for such programs. Agricultural producers, groups of agricultural producers, and organizations may apply for implementation grants to assist in aggregating supply, helping area producers to participate in the school food market, and other activities. Find out more information at http://www.fns.usda.gov/cnd/f2s/pdf/F2S_Grant_RFA_04172012.pdf

NOMINATIONS :: KENTUCKY AGRICULTURAL LEADERSHIP PROGRAM

DEADLINE: June 1, 2012

The program consists of ten domestic seminars devoted to important agricultural issues. Sessions also focus on improving participants' communication, leadership and management skills. Class members will visit a variety of Kentucky agribusinesses, Frankfort and Washington D.C., and will travel to other states and nations to explore agriculture in different settings.

Candidates may be nominated by county extension agents, farm organizations, trade associations, alumni of previous leadership programs, other interested individuals or be self-nominated. The nomination form link and additional details can be found at the Kentucky Agricultural Leadership Program website, <http://www.uky.edu/Ag/KALP>.

SCHOLARSHIPS :: KWIA SCHOLARSHIP

DEADLINE: May 25, 2012

In keeping with the mission to empower women in agriculture through education, involvement and action, the Kentucky Women in Agriculture Inc. organization is offering a \$1,000 scholarship for a woman in her junior or senior year of undergraduate college or is in graduate school. Guidelines, eligibility and the scholarship application may be found at <http://www.kywomeninag.com>.

EVENTS

April 26-29

Rolex Kentucky Three-Day Event

Kentucky Horse Park, 4089 Iron Works Pkwy, Lexington: The Rolex Kentucky Three Day Event is the only CCI(4*) three day event held in North America and tests the world's best horses and riders in dressage, cross country and show jumping. Dressage takes place Thursday and Friday, cross country is held on Saturday and show jumping is held on Sunday. Visit www.rk3de.org for more information and ticket pricing.

April 27-28

Ariat Kentucky Reining Cup

Kentucky Horse Park, 4089 Iron Works Pkwy, Lexington: The Ariat Kentucky Reining Cup is the only Three Star Reining competition currently scheduled in the world for 2012. It is expected to draw horses and riders from around the globe, vying for their share of \$100,000 in prize money as they compete in the CRI3*, along with the popular \$25,000 World Freestyle Championship. Visit www.kentuckyreining.com for more information.

April 28

Farm Fun Day at Serenity Hill

Serenity Hill Fiber & Living History Farm, 1371 Beverly Lane, Nicholasville (1 – 5 p.m. EDT): There is not entry fee, but there is a parking fee per car. Visit www.historyfiberforewe.com for more information or directions or call (859) 536-5056.

April 28-29

Festival of Flowers

Bi-Water Farm & Greenhouse, 877 Cincinnati Road, Georgetown, Ky: Tour the 150,000 square feet production greenhouses and see where Bi-Water grows 10,000 hanging baskets or 100,000 pots and lots more. They will be answering gardening questions and helping customers in designing their yards. Visit www.biwaterfarm.com for more information.

April 28-29

Spring Fling

Country Corner Greenhouse, 4877 Hwy. 44 E, Shepherdsville: On April 28, Jeneen Wiche will lead a container gardening workshop at 10:30a.m. EDT, registration is required. They are also offering a free lunch for their customers and a 20%OFF* (excludes dirt and mulch) savings. Sign up for door prizes!! To register for the Jeneen Wiche workshop email countrycornergreenhouse@gmail.com. For more information, visit www.countrycornergreenhouse.com/.

April 30

Got Cedar: Now What?

Kenton Co. Extension Office, 10990 Marshall Road, Covington (7 – 9:30 p.m.): This program is designed to assist landowners that have red cedar on their property and don't know what to do with it. This class will examine how to manage, harvest and sell red cedar from farm land. For more information call (859) 356-3155.

May

Water Awareness Month in Kentucky

Kentucky Water Awareness Month is an educational program of the University of Kentucky Cooperative Extension Service, Environmental and Natural Resource Issues Task Force. This program promotes overall water awareness of the citizens of Kentucky.

May 3

Growing Strawberries – A Field Demonstration

Steve & Patty Petzinger Farm, 1330 Hwy. 845 (just south of the University Research Farm), Owenton (7 p.m. EDT): For more information call (270) 692-8743. Visit them on-line at www.alpacasatserenityfarm.com.

May 5

76th Annual Governor's Derby Celebration

Historic Downtown Frankfort (9 a.m. – 1 p.m. EDT): Celebrate Derby Day in Kentucky with live entertainment, a farmers' market, art & crafts, children's activities and more. The Kentucky Pork Producers and Kentucky Cattlemen's Association will once again be preparing and selling breakfast items to the public. The event is open to the public with no cost for admission.

May 5

Greenhouse Field Day

Homestead Greenhouse & Produce, 5146 Old Sardis Pike, Maysville (10 a.m. – 1:30 p.m.): Join other growers to discuss annual floral production and see how new annual multi-cutting liners performed. There will also be an educational session on how to get started in High Tunnel Production. Please RSVP to the Mason County Extension Office at (606) 564-6808 or Tracey.Parriman@uky.edu.

May 5

Open House at the Farm

Serenity Farm Alpacas, 1380 Frogg Lane, Raywick (Marion Co.): For more information call (270) 692-8743. Visit them on-line at www.alpacasatserenityfarm.com.

May 5

Strawberry Festival

Hinton's Orchard & Farm Market, 8631 Campbellsville Road, Hodgenville (Festival: 11 a.m. – 3 p.m. EDT / Market: 9 a.m. – 6 p.m. EDT): Come out to the Orchard and enjoy the strawberry pie eating contest, u-pick strawberries & more.

To celebrate Derby Day, Hinton's will be adding stick horse races to this year's festivities. For more information visit www.hintonsorchard.com.

May 8

Intro to Organic Gardening

Fox Run Produce and Education Center, Falmouth (10 – 11:30 a.m. EDT): Learn how to grow your own organic food in a variety of spaces. For more information or to pre-register, contact Ame at (859) 242-1037 or foxrunproduce@yahoo.com.

May 8

Raising Livestock Naturally

Fox Run Produce and Education Center, Falmouth (12:30 – 2 p.m. EDT): From backyard rabbits and chickens to pastures of sheep and goats: Learn about space, feed and health requirements while meeting animals up close and personal. For more information or to pre-register, contact Ame at (859) 242-1037 or foxrunproduce@yahoo.com.

May 12

Kentucky Proud Festival

Chaney's Dairy Barn, Bowling Green (9 a.m. – 4 p.m. CDT): Booths featuring Kentucky made food and craft items, pony rides (proceeds benefit 4-H Rough Riders), antique tractor show (prizes awarded), and children's activities. Be Kentucky Proud. For more information visit www.chaneysdairybarn.com/.

May 14

Mountain Monday Series: Beef Cattle De-worming, Vaccination and Fly Control

UK Robinson Forest, Jackson, Ky. (6:30 p.m. EDT): Guest speaker is Dr. Michelle Arnold. If you are unable to attend, then view the workshop by U-stream at www.ustream.tv/channel/mountainmonday. There is no registration fee or pre-registration for this session. For more information, contact Jackie Allen at (606) 666-2438 ext. 285 or visit www2.ca.uky.edu/rcars or www.facebook.com/ukrobinsoncenter.

May 16-18

Livestock Investigation Training Level I

Morehead State University, Morehead: Sponsored by the Kentucky Horse Council and the Kentucky Cattlemen's Association, this three-day training is offered to Animal Control Officers, Sheriffs, and other Kentucky law enforcement officials and prosecutors throughout the commonwealth. Cost and registration information is available on-line at www.kentuckyhorse.org/livestock-training-level-one/.

May 17

43rd Annual Sheepprofit Day

C. Oran Little Research Farm, Sheep Unit, 1171 Midway Road, Versailles: For more information contact Dr. Don Ely at (859) 257-2717 or dely@uky.edu.

May 18-20

3rd Annual Kentucky Sheep and Fiber Festival 2012

Masterson Station Park, Lexington: A natural fiber, local food event. May 18-20—workshops; May 19-20—festival. Spinning, weaving, shearing, and livestock exhibits; photography, skein, fleece and cooking competitions. Held in conjunction with The Bluegrass Classic Stockdog Trial. For more information, visit www.kentuckysheepandfiber.com or email sharon@kysheepandgoat.org.

May 18-19

9th Annual Kentucky Wine & Vine Fest

Downtown Nicholasville: Sponsored by Nicholasville Now! A Kentucky Renaissance on Main / Main Street program. For a schedule of events or more information, visit www.kywineandvine.com.

June 12

Eweproof School I

C. Oran Little Research Farm, Sheep Unit, 1171 Midway Road, Versailles: For more information contact Dr. Don Ely at (859) 257-2717 or dely@uky.edu.

June 14

IPM Scouting Workshop

Trimble County Extension Office, 43 High Country Lane, Bedford and Kenton Abrams Nursery, 8206 North Hwy. 421,

Milton. This is an educational opportunity by UK Nursery Crops. For more information, contact Win Dunwell at (270) 365-7541 ext. 209 or wdunwell@uky.edu.

July 12-14

Southeastern Equestrian Trails Conference – SAVE THE DATE
Lexington, Ky.

July 14

Campbell County Backroads Farm Tour
9 a.m. – 5 p.m. EDT: More information will be available in late June. Contact: (859) 635-9587, www.home.fuse.net/campbellcd.

Aug. 16

MarketReady
Kentucky State University, Frankfort (9 a.m. - 3 p.m. EDT): What is MarketReady? A producer sales training program based on industry best practices. MarketReady caters to a variety of farming operations interested in selling to wholesale or retail businesses. **Cost:** \$25, includes lunch, refreshments and materials. For more information or to register, contact Kevin Heidemann with the Food Systems Innovation Center at (859) 257-7272 ext. 223 or Kevin.Heidemann@uky.edu. <http://www.uky.edu/fsic/marketready/index.php>

Sept. 6

CPC Livestock Nutrition Fall Field Day – SAVE THE DATE
Fountain Run, Ky.

Sept. 11-12

Kentucky Grazing School
Woodford County Extension Office, Versailles (7:30 a.m. – 5:30 p.m. EDT): Grazing is the most cost effective way for producers to feed their ruminant animals. This grazing school is one of two that will be hosted by UK College of Agriculture. The agenda for both schools includes region-specific grazing information where participants will visit field sites, participate in field exercises and tour demonstration plots, as well as participate in hands-on activities. Pre-registration is required, as space is limited to the first 45 registrants. **Cost:** \$50, includes materials, manual, breaks and lunch. To obtain an application, visit www2.ca.uky.edu/grazer or contact your county's Cooperative Extension Office.

Oct. 9

Eweprofit School II
C. Oran Little Research Farm, Sheep Unit, 1171 Midway Road, Versailles: For more information contact Dr. Don Ely at (859) 257-2717 or dely@uky.edu.

Oct. 20

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Need more coverage for your event?

Visit the Kentucky Department of Travel's industry site (www.KentuckyTourism.com/industry) to upload brief information about your activities and attractions. Travel depends on those in tourism and agritourism to populate their events listings, so this is a great opportunity to cross promote to the travel market. Click on the above link and the click on the "extranet" link on the right and follow the directions.

FARMERS' MARKET NEWS

Have news about your community farmers' market to share? E-mail sandra.gardner@ky.gov for an opportunity to list your market's information here.

BLUEGRASS FARMERS' MARKET

3450 Richmond Road, Lexington (9 a.m. – 2 p.m. EDT), opens April 14

We will be opening for the 2012 season on April 14th in the parking lot of "Pedal the Planet" and "Fast Signs," at 3450 Richmond Road, in Lexington, between "Glenn Auto Mall" and Squires Road. We are Lexington's largest "100% KY PROUD grower/producer market." Our market is WIC, EBT, Debit, and Sr. FMNP approved. Resale of purchased or out-of-state products or produce is not allowed.

We have room for a few new vendors this season. Check out our market web site at <http://www.bluegrassfarmersmarket.org/> and our weekly market blog at <http://www.localharvest.org/blog/29529>. If you are interested in selling along with other local growers and producers, please contact Roger Postley by email at rpostley@aol.com or by phone at (859) 278-4846 who will send a 2012 Vendor Application and the revised 2012 Market Regulations by e-mail.

LEXINGTON FARMERS' MARKET

Cheapside Park, Lexington (Saturdays, 7 a.m. – 3 p.m. EDT), opens April 14
Southland Drive, Lexington (Sundays, 10 a.m. – 2p.m. EDT), opens April 15
Corner Maxwell & South Broadway, Lexington (Tues./Thurs.), opens May 1

Visit lexingtonfarmersmarket.com for more information.

METCALFE CO. KENTUCKY PROUD FARMERS' MARKET

Across from the Metcalfe Co. Extension Office, 422 East Street, Edmonton (Fridays, 8 a.m. CDT), opened April 6

There will be garden plant starts, local meats and more. For more information, contact the extension office at (270) 432-3561.

RADIO/TV BROADCASTS

"Across Kentucky" with Mike Feldhaus

This daily, 3-minute radio show is heard on 125 stations. Check the schedule for airing in your community at www.kyfb.com.

A follow-up report on the recent announcement of the Alltech/UK Research Alliance. While the two have been linked in research projects for many years, this new agreement could lead to quicker development of projects in the future, and says UK Ag Dean Scott Smith could lead to other interests investing research dollars with the school.

Listen: [April 20, 2012, mp3](#)

A report on success in the farm energy efficiency program of the last three years. Bill McCloskey with the Governor's Office of Ag Policy says that project was federally funded until this year; but has been so successful the state ag development board has decided to continue it, with state funding. It provides significant cost share help to farmers.

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KFB's Bluegrass & Backroads

Sundays

KETKY 7:30 a.m. and 10 p.m. ET

Tuesdays

KETKY 12:30 p.m. ET

Wednesdays

(beginning May 2) RFD-TV 2:00 p.m., 12:00 a.m. ET

KET 12:30 a.m. ET

Jeff Nalley's Daily Farm Broadcast

Listen to Farm Director Jeff Nalley's Daily Farm Broadcast, to better serve farmers in Kentucky on Cromwell Ag Radio Network Stations including:

WBIO Owensboro WKMQ Elizabethtown
WHHT Glasgow WHOP Hopkinsville
WSON Henderson

For more information on the 11 stations broadcasted in western Kentucky e-mail Jeff Nalley at jeffnalley@earthlink.net.

The Jean-Marie Ag Show

Jean-Marie Lawson discusses the latest news in agriculture, especially as it affects South Central Kentucky, Mondays from 8:30 – 9:00 a.m. on WKCT 930 AM. Call in to visit with Jean-Marie, during the show at (270) 780-9626.

Listen on-line at www.93wkct.com.

Thursdays

KETKY 8:30 p.m. ET

Fridays

KETKY 7:30 a.m. ET

Saturdays

KET2 5:30 p.m. ET

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Kentucky Proud Farmers' Market Report

Join Bob Perry and Mike Graves for what's going on in Kentucky's farmers markets and cooking tips. Airs on WUKY (91.3 FM) Fridays at noon and Saturdays at 8:30 a.m.

The Jean-Marie Ag Show is now syndicated:

Somerset – Mondays at 6:30 p.m. ET on 1240 AM-WSFC

Louisville – Mondays at 8 p.m. ET on 1080 AM-WKJK

Glasgow – Mondays at 8:30 a.m. CT on 1490 AM-WCLU

Sheep & Goat Show (Radio)

America's Web Radio (noon on Thursdays): Join Kentucky's very own Ray Bowman, executive director of the Kentucky Sheep & Goat Development Office, as he hosts the Sheep & Goat Show on Web radio. Visit [America's Web Radio](#) to listen in each Thursday.

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