November :: Squash Month

UPCOMING EVENTS IN AGRICULTURE

Compiled by the Governor’s Office of Agricultural Policy

For questions about a specific event, please use contact information provided with each event or announcement.

Announcements

**Kentucky Horse Park Announces New Hours for Winter Season**

The Kentucky Horse Park begins its winter season with new hours of operation and family events for the holiday season. From Nov. 2 until March 16, the park will be open Wednesdays through Sundays, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Over the winter some of the park’s resident horses will take a few months off for some much-deserved R&R in the fields, while others will continue to work and train in the Breeds Barn, giving visitors a behind-the-scenes view of this important park activity, weather permitting.

The International Museum of the Horse, a Smithsonian Affiliate, is open throughout the winter season as is the “Showplace for Saddlebreds.” Both the Kentucky Horse Park Gift Shop and the American Saddlebred Museum Gift Shop are open for holiday shopping and throughout the season with the new winter hours.

For information on the Kentucky Horse Park, admission and events, contact the park at 859-233-4303 or 800-678-8813 or info@kyhorsepark.com or visit www.KyHorsePark.com.

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**WORKSHOP: Grant Workshop for Farmers and Agribusinesses**

Morgan Co. Extension Office, West Liberty: Presented by the Agribusiness Grant Facilitation Program of the Kentucky Center for Agriculture and Rural Development (KCARD), this workshop is an effort to assist producers and rural businesses identify grant opportunities and develop a strategy for seeking out those funds. **Cost:** $10. **Pre-register** by contacting Myrisa Christy at 270-883-2392 or mchristy@growkentuckyag.com or visit http://www.growkentuckyag.com/wordpress1/.

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**DEADLINE: Hemp Applications Due**

Kentucky Dept. of Agriculture: Applications are being taken through Nov. 5 by the state agriculture department for the new hemp growing season. Growers will be selected Dec. 1 to Jan. 8. Growers execute a memorandum of understanding and undergo an orientation session. The state ag department noted in the application form that it expects to complete seed acquisition orders and import permit requests by February. For more information, contact the state industrial hemp program at 502-573-0282, option 1, or hemp@ky.gov.

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**WORKSHOP: Grant Workshop for Farmers and Agribusinesses**

Barren Co. Extension Office, Glasgow: Presented by the Agribusiness Grant Facilitation Program of the Kentucky Center for Agriculture and Rural Development (KCARD), this workshop is an effort to assist producers and rural businesses identify grant opportunities and develop a strategy for seeking out those funds. **Cost:** $10. **Pre-register** by contacting Myrisa Christy at 270-883-2392 or mchristy@growkentuckyag.com or visit http://www.growkentuckyag.com/wordpress1/.
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Kentucky Agricultural Finance Corporation business meeting
Transportation Cabinet Office Building, Frankfort: 10 a.m. EST

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MEETING: Kentucky Nut Growers Association Fall Meeting
Henderson Co. Extension Office, Henderson: For more information, contact Danny Ganno at 270-860-8362.

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CONFERENCE: KWIA 16th Annual Conference
Hyatt Regency Downtown, Lexington: The theme of this year's Kentucky Women in Agriculture Annual Conference is "Agri-Women Today." The event features keynote addresses from Eleanor Boden, of Myerscough College, United Kingdom; and Benita McCoy-Lyons, author of "Kentucky Scratch Cooking" and descendant of the real McCoys. Other highlights include educational sessions, district networking, exhibits and the ever popular Taste of Kentucky Proud Event. For more information, visit www.kywomeninaq.com.

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CONFERENCE: Ky. Small, Limited Resource, Minority Farmers Conference
Capital Plaza Hotel, KSU and KSU Research Farm, Frankfort: This year’s theme is “Cooperation and Collaboration=Stable Communities.” This conference will provide opportunities to network, learn new things, participate in tours and more. Visit http://www.uky.edu/Ag/CCD/small_farm_conference.pdf for the complete agenda.

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Kentucky Agricultural Development Board business meeting
Kentucky History Center, Brown-Forman Room, Frankfort: 10 a.m. EST
Application Review Committee: 1 p.m. EST

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DEADLINE: KADF Applications
Programs – for December action
Projects – for December referral; January action

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Kentucky Agricultural Finance Corporation business meeting
Galt House, Louisville: 10 a.m. EST

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Kentucky Agricultural Development Board business meeting
Franklin Co. Extension Office, Frankfort: 10:00 a.m. EST
Application Review Committee: 1 p.m. EST

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DEADLINE: KADF Applications
Programs – for January action (must be on a 2016 application form)
Projects – for January referral; February action

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DEADLINE: KFB Certified Roadside Farm Market Enrollment
http://kyfb.com/rfmenrollment: Enrollment for Kentucky Farm Bureau’s 2016 Certified Roadside Farm Market program is now open. Markets certified through this program are identified by a sign with the cornucopia logo and listed in the KFB Certified
Roadside Farm Market Directory. The program also provides collective advertising, promotional items, education tour opportunities, and other marketing benefits with the intent to increase the net farm income of member markets. Early enrollment discounts are available. Visit the above link to enroll. For questions about enrollment and the benefits of participating in the KFB Certified Roadside Farm Market program, please contact Fran McCall, Commodity Specialist and Roadside Farm Market Coordinator, at (502) 495-5000, extension 7238, or by e-mail at Fran.McCall@kyfb.com.

**RADIO/TV BROADCASTS**

“Across Kentucky” with Mike Feldhaus
This daily, 3-minute radio show is heard on 125 stations. To hear today’s audio podcast of the program, click this link: [http://kyfbnewsroom.com/category/podcasts/across-kentucky/](http://kyfbnewsroom.com/category/podcasts/across-kentucky/).

Ag Connections
Join hosts Joanna Coles and Joe Duncan for the latest news and issues facing the agriculture community on the local, state and national levels. Tuesdays at 8:30 a.m. on WKCT 930 AM. [www.93wkct.com](http://www.93wkct.com).

Bluegrass & Backroads
Kentucky Farm Bureau’s (KFB) Emmy® Award-winning television program, Bluegrass & Backroads, returns for its 12th season on the air. The show will be broadcast on a number of state television networks including Kentucky Educational Television (KET), and will air nationally on RFD-TV. [bluegrassandbackroads.com](http://bluegrassandbackroads.com)

Food & Farm Show (Radio)
America’s Web Radio (noon on Fridays): Join Kentucky’s very own Ray Bowman as he hosts the Food & Farm Show on Web radio. Visit [America’s Web Radio](http://www.americaswebradio.com/) to listen in each Friday. Like the show on [http://Facebook.com/FoodandFarm](http://Facebook.com/FoodandFarm).

Jeff Nalley’s Daily Farm Broadcast
The Cromwell Ag Network

**Need more coverage for your event?**
Visit the Kentucky Department of Travel’s industry site ([www.KentuckyTourism.com/industry](http://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.

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