#### **MADISON COUNTY AGRICULTURE NEWSLETTER**

# PLOWING AHEAD

### SEPTEMBER 2025

AGRICULTURE & NATURAL RESOURCES



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#### **AG LIME COST SHARE PROGRAM: SEPTEMBER 8-19**

The Madison County Conservation District is holding a cost share sign up for lime application for agricultural use. The purpose of this best management practice is to improve soil pH. This provides a better opportunity to incorporate legumes and/or grasses, grow grain and to invigorate soil health. Eligible land uses include pasture, hay, and grain crop production.

A soil sample must have been submitted to the Madison County Cooperative Extension Office within the last 12 months upon application to the program or you can also submit soil samples after you apply. The results must be provided to the Madison County Conservation District. If soil test results do not indicate lime is needed, applicants will not be eligible for the program. The lime cost share program is for ground limestone from a quarry. Pelleted lime (bagged or bulk) is not eligible. This program will have a maximum of 50% cost share rate up to \$750 per applicant. The sign-up period will run from September 8th through 19th 2025 at the Madison County Conservation District office at 1024 Ival James Blvd, Suite A1, Richmond. Lime application must be completed by June 30th, 2026. For further information please contact the Madison County Conservation District at 859-624-1981 ext 3.

# BQCA CERTIFICATION TRAINING DATE: SEPTEMBER 30 AT 6:00 PM

A BQCA (Beef Quality and Care Assurance) training is Tuesday September 30th at 6:00 pm at the Madison County Extension Office at the Madison County Extension Office, 230 Duncannon Lane, Richmond. Please go to the annex building. Training takes about 2 hours. Certification is good for three years.

\*Please call 859-623-4072 to let us know you are attending, and if you have any questions.

Be sure to attend this training if you need BQCA training for a CAIP project.\*\* BQCA Certification is required for reimbursement in CAIP Cost Share for Genetics and Cattle Handling Facilities programs. \*\*

There is no cost for the BQCA Training. You may order a Farm Gate Sign at a cost of \$5.00 when you take the training; payment by check or money order ONLY, made payable to KBN. \*\*We will not put cash in the mail, so cash will not be accepted.\*\*

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# 2025 CENTRAL KENTUCKY HAY IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM

Testing provides nutritional value of hay to assist in balancing rations, and can result in reduced feed cost, increased animal performance, and information to improve forage stands.

\*Free analysis to determine hay quality\*

Call the Madison County Extension office to sign up (859) 623-4072





# DEADLINE TO REGISTER: September 29

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# BEEF CATTLE ASSOCATION ANNUAL MEETING SEPTEMBER 25TH

Join us on Thursday September 25th, at 6:00 pm for the Madison County Beef Cattle Association Annual Meeting at the Madison County Extension Office, 230 Duncannon Lane, Richmond, Kentucky.

Kyle Kelly from Kentucky Farm Bureau will speak about the KY Farmland transition initiative and KY Farmer selling tax credit. Other speakers to be announced. Madison County Conservation District will recognize their Green Pasture Award Winner and MCBCA will present their Outstanding Service Award.

A ribeye meal with sides and dessert will be served. This meeting is open to anyone and there is no charge for current MCBCA members.

Non-members can join MCBCA for \$30, (couples \$45) and eat free, or pay \$15 per person for the meal. Door prizes will be handed out.

Call the Madison County Cooperative Extension Office at 859-623-4072 to reserve your meal by September 22nd!

#### CWD SAMPLE KITS FOR DEER HUNTERS

The CWD Sample Mail-in Kit Program allows hunters to collect lymph node tissue samples from their deer at home and mail them to the Kentucky Department of Fish and Wildlife Resources for testing. This free service is crucial for monitoring and managing CWD, a fatal disease that affects white-tailed deer, elk, and other members of the deer family

#### IMPORTANT INFORMATION:

- Free of Charge: Kits, return shipping, and CWD testing are free.
- First-Come, First-Served: Kits are available on a first-come, first-served basis.
- Secure Kits: Kits must not be left outside or in unattended areas.
- Questions: Hunters with inquiries about the kits or CWD should visit fw.ky.gov/cwd or email wildlifehealth@ky.gov.
- Pick up at the Madison County Extension Office, 230 Duncannon Lane, Richmond, KY 40475.
- Sign-Out a Kit: Hunter must complete the sign-out sheet on the provided clipboard when picking up a kit.
- One Kit Per Hunter

Program Contact: Kate Williams | Wildlife Disease Biologist | (502) 803-8882 | kate.williams@ky.gov

#### MADISON COUNTY BEEKEEPERS ASSOCIATION

Madison County Beekeepers Association next meeting is planned for September 22, 6:00 pm,. For info, call Kent, 859-623-3576 or Paul, 859-582-6172.



#### PLATE IT UP! KENTUCKY PROUD!

Whatever the season, Plate It Up with delicious recipes that put a new twist on your favorite Kentucky Proud foods. Visit <a href="http://fcs-hes.ca.uky.edu/piukp-recipes">http://fcs-hes.ca.uky.edu/piukp-recipes</a> to find all the Plate It Up recipes using Kentucky Proud products.

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#### **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** 





**20 SEPTEMBER, 2025** 

9:00 AM - 2:30 PM ET

1051 Midway Rd Versailles, KY 40383

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



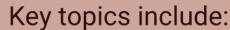
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# SOIL PROPERTIES WORKSHOP

## SEPT 16, 2025 8:30 AM-3 PM EST

Eastern Kentucky University Meadowbrook Farm 485 Whitt Road Richmond, KY 40475

We will examine
three soil pits
with distinctly different
profile properties to discuss
how they will influence water
and nutrient retention and delivery



- Plant available water
- Soil texture
- Nutrient profile







CCA Credits: 5.5 CEUs

For questions contact Lori Rogers lori.rogers@uky.edu 270-365-7541 ext 21317

Pre-registration is required at KATSSoilPropertiesRichmond2025.eventbrite.com

Cost \$105 Lunch provided





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