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Agriculture Natural Resources **Newsletter August, 2024**



Linda McClanahan Mercer County Extension Agent for ANR

Did you know? The State Fair was cancelled in 1942 and 1943 due to WW2, and officials held several meetings to discuss possible uses for the fairgrounds. One possibility floated in 1943, involved transforming the 4-H Club Building into a wartime venereal disease hospital with a 400-bed capacity. Fair officials were worried about such dramatic changes to the property delaying the return of the fair after the war - and they weren't wrong. In 1944 and 1945, the fairgrounds operated as a defense site during the war, and the State Fair moved to the infield at Churchill Downs for both of those years.



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August 7 N	Iercer CAIP Application Deadline
August 8 M	lercer County Extension Council Summer Extension Expo, 5-7pm
August 10 M	lercer Farm Bureau Federation Annual Meeting, Devine's Corn Maze
	laster Cattleman Program registration deadline
August 15-25	120 th KY State Fair, Louisville
September 3	Central KY Master Cattlemen program starts
September 5	Fort Harrod Backcountry Horsemen Meeting, 7pm
September 5	UK Horses & Horsemen: Farm & Facilities Expo, River Mountain Farm 4-8pm
September 12	Mercer County Agriculture Field Day, Stephen Goodlett Farm
September 19	Mercer County Agriculture Field Day Rain Date
September 28-	29 Harvest Fest, Shaker Village

Mercer County Extension District Board Meeting, 5pm

Dates to Remember

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August 5

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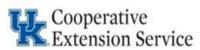
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COUNTY AGRICULTURAL **INVESTMENT PROGRAM (CAIP)**

Applications are available for Mercer County's CAIP to assist farmers in making important farm investments.

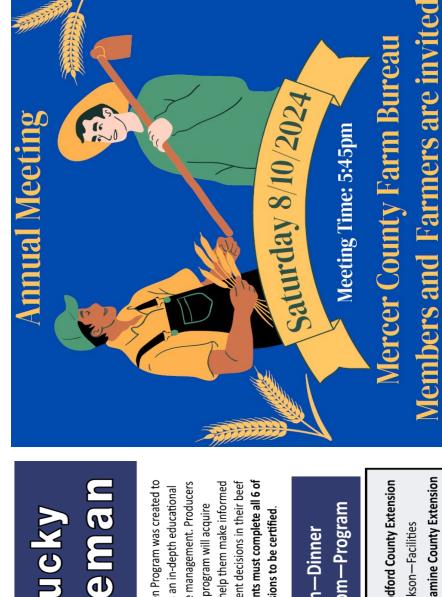
Application Period: July 17th through August 7th, 2024

No applications will be accepted before July 17th or after August 7th, 2024.

Application Availability: Mercer County Conservation District Monday - Friday (8:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.)

For More Information: Contact Braden Lawson at (859) 734 -4326 ext. 3 Please bring a photo ID or Drivers License & a utility bill for proof of Kentucky residency.

All applications are scored, based on the scoring criteria set by the Kentucky Agricultural Development Board.



beth.kelly@kyfb.com **Our Contact :** Please RSVP by Free Food 859-734-4341 August 2nd operations. Participants must complete all 6 of the 3 hour sessions to be certified. October 29—Woodford County Extension October 22—Jessamine County Extensior Cattlemen Program was created September 3—Woodford County Extensi September 10—Jessamine County Extens October 1—Woodford County Extensi 6:00-9:00pm-Program completing the program will acquire cnowledge that will help them make info ment decisions in their course on beef cattle management. Prod September 24—Jessamine County Ext Reproductior Dr. Kevin Laurent-Marketing Dr. Michelle Arnold—Health Dr. Katie VanValin—Nutrition Dr. Darrh Bullock—Genetics tt e Dr. Josh Jackson producers an Dr. Les Anderson 5:30pmomic manage The Master give beef p ন্দ

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à RSVP to your county office b August 15 \$125 per couple

Fun from 6pm-8pm

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Be Safe During Lightning by Brandon Peloquin, National Weather Service – Wilmington, DE

According to The National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), in the last ten years (2013-2023), five lightning fatalities have been reported in Kentucky, along with 25 injuries. One of those fatalities occurred just last year, when a 39-year old male was struck and killed by lightning just south of Sherburne in Bath County while bailing hay. Also in 2023, two boys sustained injuries from a lightning strike on a golf course in Lexington.

During the summer months, thunderstorms are much more common across the Commonwealth and this makes lightning awareness and preparedness much more important. There are two catchy phrases that can help you remember the most important message in lightning safety: "When Thunder Roars, Go Indoors!" and "See A Flash, Dash Inside!" You do not want to be outside during a thunderstorm. Rather, you want to be inside in a sturdy building or hardtopped vehicle. Stay in your safe place until 30 minutes after the storm has passed.

Here are additional tips if you find yourself caught in the outdoors when a thunderstorm is near and you can't immediately seek shelter:



- Avoid open fields, the top of a hill or ridge top.
- Stay away from tall objects such as tall trees.
- If you are in a group, spread out to avoid the electric current traveling between group members.
- Avoid water, wet items and metal items. Water and metal are good conductors of electricity.

Ultimately, seeking shelter is the best course of action as the safest place to be is inside!

For more lightning safety information: visit the NWS lightning safety pages at: https://www.weather.gov/wrn/summer-lightning-sm https://www.weather.gov/safety/lightning-safety



1/2 cup quick cook oats 1/2 cup honey-sweetened granola 3 tablespoons whole wheat flour 1/2 cup packed light brown sugar 1/4 cup butter, softened

Preheat oven to 375 degrees F. **Combine** the oats, granola, flour and brown sugar in a medium mixing bowl. Cut small pieces of softened butter over the top. **Cut** butter into dry ingredients until well combined and crumbly. Lightly coat an 8-by-8-inch baking dish with cooking spray, add peaches. Sprinkle the dry ingredients and butter mixture over the peaches. Add spices and chopped nuts evenly

If camping, set up camp in a valley or other low area. Remember that a tent does not provide protection from lightning.

Peach Crisp

6 cups peaches, peeled and sliced 1 teaspoon ground cinnamon 1/4 teaspoon ground nutmeg 1/4 teaspoon ground allspice ¹/₄ cup chopped pecans

over the top. Place on rack in the middle position in oven. Bake 25 to 30 minutes, or until topping is golden brown.

Yield: 9 servings

Nutritional Analysis: 200 calories, 8 g fat, 3.5 g saturated fat, 15 mg cholesterol, 5 mg sodium, 32 g carbohydrate, 2 g fiber, 20 g sugars, 3 g protein.





SUMMER EXTENSION EXPO August 8 from 5:00-7:00pm

Learn about all the services and programs that are available through Mercer County Cooperative Extension. Sign-up for adult classes and youth 4-H clubs. Touch a tractor, firetruck, and police car, live animals, games and other activities. Free Kentucky Proud meal provided!

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Livestock Sale Tuesday, September 10, 2024 **Mercer County**

Fairgrounds "The Stable" Linden Avenue, Harrodsburg, KY Preview & meet youth @ 6:00 Complimentary Dinner at 6:30 p.m. **Auction & Donor 2024 Sale Includes** Recognition at 7:15 p.m. **8 Market Hogs 1 Market Goat 1**Steer

Country Ham Sale Tuesday, September 17, 2024

Linden Avenue, Harrodsburg, KY Preview & meet youth @ 6:00 Complimentary Dinner at 6:30 p.m. Auction & Donor Recognition at 7:15 p.m.

> **2024 Sale Includes 39 Country Hams**

MERCER COUNTY YOUTH INVESTMENT SALES

Mercer County Fairgrounds "The Stable"