

AGRICULTURE NEWS *June 2009*



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AGRICULTURE & NATURAL RESOURCES

Campbell County Farmers,

The 2009 growing season is off to somewhat of a good start. I use the word “somewhat” because we haven’t had an ideal spring. We went from hot and dry in mid May to cool and wet in early June. You throw in some mild days in there and you have typical Kentucky spring weather.

In the past the Extension Service has used the summer months for field days and farm tours. This year is no exception. In fact this newsletter will highlight several opportunities for you and your family to participate in tours and field days that will allow you to experience some of the most productive farming operations in Campbell County as well as out of state.

Our annual beef and forage field day will be a little different this year. On July 18, sixteen Campbell County farms will open their farms to our (Campbell County Farmland Work Group) first ever “Campbell County Backroads Farm Tour”. This agriculture tour is open to the public but it will also be a great opportunity for the agriculture community to visit several of the most diversified farms in Campbell County. This tour will showcase beef/forage (cow/calf and backgrounding), commercial fruits and vegetables and grape production, equine and bee/honey production. In early July, I will mail each of you a copy of the tour brochure and map. For now, mark your calendar for this important program.

We have a few seats left on the Indiana/Illinois Agriculture tour scheduled for August 3, 4 and 5. Michelle Simon (UK summer intern) has done a wonderful job organizing this tour. If you are interested in participating in this tour give Michelle or me a call at 572-2600. See the enclosed flyer for more information about this tour and other educational opportunities.