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March 2011

Metal Recycling

March 19-26th

In conjunction with Commonwealth Cleanup Week, the Franklin County Conservation District is once again holding their Scrap Metal and Appliance Recycling Drive.

Old fencing, sheet metal, farm equipment, etc can be disposed of by hauling it to Lakeview Park during daylight hours EXCEPT Sunday. The Conservation District has arranged for a licensed freon removal service, so they can accept old metal appliances at this location. They still will not be able to accept tires, batteries, paint, etc though. For more details, contact them directly at 695-5203 x 3. Conservation District members will be on site daily.



Remember that any profits from metal recycling that the FCCD receives go back into their programs, especially their scholarships!

Last Frost/Freeze?

Average last frost (36*) is April 18th and the last freeze (32*) is the 5th with the last hard freeze (28*) March 27th. But records indicate these can sometimes occur a month later too though!

Farm/City Banquet



The 54th annual Whitaker Bank Farm / City Banquet is coming up Tuesday April 26th.

As always, there will be good food and fellowship! Details to follow in the next issue.

Forage Crop Planting Guide (AGR-18)

Crop	lbs/a*	depth	Seeding date
Alfalfa:			
	15-20	¼-1/2"	3/15-5/1
Bluegrass:			
	10-15	¼-1/2"	2/15-4/15
Alsike Clover:			
	4-6	¼"	2/1-4/15
Red:	8-12	¼"	2/1-4/15
Ladino:			
	1-3	¼"	2/1-4/15
Fescue:			
	10-15	¼-1/2"	2/15-4/15
Orchard grass:			
	10-15	¼-1/2"	2/15-4/15

*When seeding in mixtures, reduce each by 1/3-2/3

Franklin County Cattlemen's Member Meeting

April 27th

Mark your calendars now and plan to attend. Dr. Arnold, UK Ruminant Veterinarian, will be the speaker. She is new to UK so this will be a good time for many of you to finally meet her in person.

NAPA will help sponsor the meal. Jim Payne, your friendly NAPA manager, wanted to remind everyone of their annual Spring Filter Sale. All Gold Filters will be marked down during the sale starting the week of March 14th. Be sure to stop in and thank them for helping sponsor the meeting!



Fellow Cattlemen's member Doyle Devers wanted to let everyone know that **Producer's Stockyard, Owenton** is now selling cattle on Mondays in addition to the regular Wednesday sale. This is seasonal and will run through April 25th and start again after Labor Day.

pesticide Training

Need your restricted use pesticide card?

Category I Training dates are

***March 16 @ 1:30 and April 7 @ 7:00 pm at
the Anderson County Extension Office***

Small Animal Swap Meet

By Jackie Branham

Spring is coming and the Swap Meets will be starting on March 26th at Lakeview Park. From then on they will be held on the fourth Saturday of every month through October (except June when it will be held the third Saturday).

The Bluegrass Poultry Association will also hold an auction during the April swap at 10:00 and in September in conjunction with the Bluegrass Classic Poultry Show September 24th.

The swaps are open to anything that is agriculture related. So if you have plants, produce or any kind of equipment that has to do with agriculture you can bring that out with you.

The swaps start at 8:00 a.m. so don't be late and miss all the good stuff! Small animals (excluding poultry, rabbits and puppies) must have a current health certificate (30 days). All booth set up fees (\$5.00) go toward the purchase of show cages.

For more info contact Marty Short at martyshort1@hotmail.com or 859 274-3337. www.bluegrasspoultry.com

Ten Lowest Calculated Pasture Costs/lb of Gain.				
Pasture type	Grazing days	ADG	Pasture cost/ac	Pasture cost/lb
Tall Fescue w/Ladino	205	1.53	\$172.26	\$0.30
Orchardgrass w/Ladino	238	1.62	\$172.08	\$0.30
Tall Fescue w/Birdsfoot	194	1.51	\$173.38	\$0.44
Bermudagrass w/Vetch	161	1.29	\$230.75	\$0.47
Sericea Lespedeza	139	1.87	\$148.84	\$0.49
Sericea Lespedeza	139	1.65	\$148.84	\$0.54
Sericea Lespedeza	139	1.39	\$148.84	\$0.60
Rye & Ryegrass	153	1.36	\$318.34	\$0.60
Bermudagrass w/Rye	161	1.30	\$328.35	\$0.62
Rye, Oats & Crimson Clover	121	1.37	\$352.78	\$0.65

Ball, D.M. and W. Prevatt, Stocker Cattle Performance and Calculated Pasture Costs, Auburn University, ANR-1348, June 2009.

Bluegrass Beekeeping School

March 12th

From George Fowler:

The **BLUEGRASS BEEKEEPING SCHOOL** will be held at Kentucky State University in Frankfort on **March 12, 2011**. This annual program offers two tracks. There will be a basic introductory course for new beekeepers and persons who may be interested in beekeeping as a hobby. There will also be a large number of sessions for experienced beekeepers to deepen their knowledge of bees, their behaviors, and their management. Last year's program at the same location was attended by over 400 beekeepers from more than fifty Kentucky counties and several surrounding states.

This year's featured guest speaker will be Dr. Diana Sammataro, honey bee researcher from the US Department of Agriculture Honey Bee Research Lab in Tucson, Arizona. Dr. Sammatro received her Ph.D. in Entomology from Ohio State University and has received numerous honors for her research and publications. She is the co-author of "The Beekeepers Handbook"



published in 2006. Dr. Sammataro will present an opening general session titled "What is a Mite" and will lead breakout sessions

on "Monitoring for Varrora Mites" (currently a major problem for Kentucky beekeepers) and on "Current Honey Bee Research at the Tucson USDA Bee Lab."

Other speakers will include Dr. Tom Webster (KSU), Dr. Ray McDonnell (Somerset Community College London Campus), Kent Williams (former president of the Kentucky Beekeepers Association and the Eastern Apicultural Society), Gordon Vernon (Kentucky beekeeper and queen producer), and many other experienced beekeepers and researchers.

There will be talks on many aspects of hive management and conducting a beekeeping business. Classes will also cover pollen collecting, beeswax candle making, making lotions and hand bars, and cooking with honey. New this year will be talks on urban beekeeping, on making creamed honey, and giving honey bee presentations to the public (including children). Program updates will be posted on the webpage of the Kentucky Department of Agriculture's State Apiarist:

<http://www.kyagr.com/statevet/bees/> .

We will once again have a four part series of beginner beekeeping classes for the new or novice beekeeper. If you are a new beekeeper, or a beekeeper-2-bee, this beginning track of classes is where you want to be. A certificate for a free package of honeybees and a complete hive will be given away to a new beekeeper in the beginners' course.

A vendor tradeshow will be part of the school, with the Walter B. Kelley Company & the Dadant & Sons Company, and others, selling supplies, taking orders (including orders for package bees for spring delivery or pickup), as well as displaying beekeeping equipment.

Registration will begin at 8:00 AM in the lobby of Bradford Hall at KSU. However, pre-registration is suggested. A pre-registration form may be downloaded from the State Apiarist's webpage which also contains the most up to date information on the program. The website is <http://www.kyagr.com/statevet/bees/>. There is a pre-registration fee of \$20 per person (there are also discounts for family & school age youth). At the door, the registration fee will be \$25 per person. As always, there will be lots of door prizes, including a package of bees (three pounds of bees and a queen for starting a hive in the spring).

For further information, contact: Phil Craft, State Apiarist, KDA, 100 Fair Oaks, Suite 252, Frankfort, KY 40601 or E-mail: phil.craft@ky.gov 564-3956. <http://www.kyagr.com/statevet/bees/index.htm>

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Return Service Requested

KSU Third Thursday: Goats!

March 17th, 10:00-3:30

The session include: Udder Health Issues in Goats, Budgets for Small Ruminant Production, Business Planning For Small Ruminant Enterprises, Production Records for Improved Small Ruminant Production, Tools and Equipment for Goat Production



There is no charge for attending or lunch. The KSU Research & Demonstration Farm is at 1525 Mills Lane. For more information call Ken Andries at 597-5094 / kenneth.andries@kysu.edu or Dr. Marion Simon at 597-6437 / marion.simon@kysu.edu