

AGRICULTURE & NATURAL RESOURCES

Ohio County Farm & Home News

TOBACCO PRODUCTION & MARKETING MEETING FEB. 2ND



Just a reminder to not forget the Ohio Co. Extension "Tobacco Production & Marketing Meeting" will be held this Thursday, February 2nd, starting with a bar-b-que dinner at 6:00 p.m. The meeting will be held at the Ohio Co. Extension Center.

There have been many changes in the tobacco industry over recent years, the most important being the need for producing excellent quality tobacco and using good agricultural practices.

This year's meeting we will have Dr. Andy Bailey, Extension Tobacco Specialist for U.K. & U.T, discuss selecting varieties for dark & burley tobacco, weed & insect controls, good agricultural practices, factors to consider in producing quality dark & burley tobacco and a marketing update for 2012.

If you are a tobacco producer or are considering raising tobacco, you will want to be sure to attend this meeting to get the most up-to-date information on tobacco production.

BEEF MARKET OUTLOOK AND MANAGEMENT MEETING FEB. 7TH

What is the future of the beef market for the next year? Currently, things look excellent, but are there any negative factors facing the beef industry?

To give you a better understanding of the beef markets and an outlook for the coming year, the Ohio Co. Extension Service, in conjunction with the Ohio Co. Cattlemen's Association, will host the "2012 Beef Market Outlook and Management Meeting" on Tuesday, February 7th



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at the Ohio Co. Extension Center. We will begin with a beef dinner starting at 6:00 p.m.

Mr. Kenny Burdine, Extension Livestock Marketing Specialist, will join us to discuss the current cattle market, provide an outlook for the 2012 year and provide some tips for optimizing your profits in today's market.

Immediately, following Mr. Burdine's presentation, we will have "BQA Certification Training" which should take a little over an hour to complete. So, check your BQA card, and if you need to update, this will be your first opportunity. We will have other trainings later in the year.

PESTICIDE SAFETY TRAININGS

It is the time of year when everyone is making plans for the 2012 crops. One area we don't want to forget is your private applicator's certification. Kentucky laws made a change back in 2008, that all pesticide users should have a valid private applicator's license when applying pesticides. In Kentucky, to maintain a private applicator's license, you simply need to attend a "Pesticide Safety Education Training" once every three years.

Check your card to be sure it is still valid for the upcoming growing season. All private applicator cards expire on December 31st of the year of expiration.

The following are the trainings for this year:

- Monday, February 6; 6:00 p.m. till 8:00 p.m.
- Thursday, February 23: 6:00 p.m. till 8:00 p.m.

These trainings will be held at the Ohio Co. Extension Center.

The next two trainings will be held in Daviess Co. if you cannot attend the above dates.

- February 13 – Daviess Co. Extension Office; 6:00 p.m.

- February 20 – Daviess Co. Extension Office; 8:30 a.m.

Also, remember to keep your pesticide application records up-to-date. You must keep a record of all restricted-use and general use pesticide applications

HORSE OWNERS /OPERATORS NEEDED FOR EQUINE SURVEY



Kentucky proclaims itself “Horse Capital of the World,” yet it has been 35 years since there was an accurate count of the total number of equine in the state. All horse, pony, mule,

and/or donkey owners and operators in the state are urged to participate in the upcoming Kentucky Equine Survey.

The deadline for all horsemen registered to receive the survey in Kentucky is Feb. 17. This is the last day when Kentucky horse owners can provide their name and contact information for sample surveys that will estimate the number of horses in Kentucky by county, breed, and use. The survey team hopes to receive at least 17,000 names and addresses for the survey.

In order to ensure that each breed and discipline is accurately represented, NASS needs a complete list of horse owners and horse operation owners across the state. Horsemen are being asked to help build this list by sending their contact information directly to the National Agricultural Statistics Service (NASS). NASS protects this data, and no other agency, public or private, can access any individual’s information. This means the submitted information will not be used anywhere else or shared with any other organization, including those leading the survey. The NASS confidentiality pledge can be found at www.nass.usda.gov.

Horse and facility owners, please send your name, address, and phone number to nass-ky@nass.usda.gov and put “Kentucky Equine Survey” in the subject line. Or you can go to www.kentuckyhorse.org/KES-names/ and complete the form, which will be sent directly to NASS. Or if you do not have a computer, submit your name, address, and phone number to the Extension office (298-7441) by Feb. 17th and we will pass it along to NASS.

With everyone’s help and participation, we will know by early 2013 how many horses there are in Kentucky, by type, use, and county, and what the overall economic impact is to

the Commonwealth. This information will be used to strengthen the industry and provide a benchmark for Kentucky’s agricultural economy and its signature equine industry.

UPCOMING EVENTS

- Feb. 2 – “Tobacco Production & Marketing Meeting”; O.C. Extension Center; 6:00 p.m.
- Feb. 3 – KY/TN Grain Conference; Logan Co. Extension office; 8:00 a.m. till 2:30 p.m.
- Feb 6 – Pesticide Safety Training; Ohio Co. Extension Center; 6:00 till 8:00 p.m.
- Feb. 7 – “Beef Outlook & Management Meeting”; O.C. Extension Center; 6:00 p.m.
- Feb. 9 – Green River CPH Sale (Source & Age Sale); Kentuckiana Stockyards; 7:00 p.m.
- Feb. 13 – Pesticide Safety Training; Daviess Co. Extension Office; 6:00 p.m.
- Feb. 15-18 – National Farm Machinery Show; Louisville
- Feb. 20 – Pesticide Safety Training; Daviess Co. Extension Office; 8:30 a.m.
- Feb. 21-22 – Mid-South Stocker Conference; Buchanan, TN
- Feb. 23 – Pesticide Safety Training; Ohio Co. Extension Center; 6:00 till 8:00 p.m.
- Feb. 23 – Ky Alfalfa Conference; Cave City Convention Center; Cave City
- March 1-3 – Commodity Classic; Nashville

AGAIN, THE DEADLINE FOR THIS INFORMATION IS FEBRUARY 17, 2012.

