

**AGRICULTURE & NATURAL RESOURCES**

# Ohio County Farm & Home News

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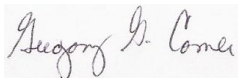
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### Dear Ohio County Producers:

I want to let you know I will be out of the office intermittently over the next 4-6 months while I deal with some health issues. Our Extension staff is committed to providing you consistent service on the days I am unavailable. If we need to, we may call in one of the adjoining county agents. We will be here to assist you just as Extension has been for the past 90 years in Ohio County.

I now have a smart phone, so you can reach me at anytime at my cell number 256-5368 or by email or text messaging my cell phone.

Sincerely,



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County Extension Agent for  
Agriculture & Natural Resources

### EXTENSION NEWS WEBPAGE

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### KENTUCKY EQUINE SURVEY

For the first time in 35 years, Kentucky will do a statewide survey of all breeds and disciplines of horses, ponies, mules and donkeys. Getting accurate figures for the horse community is critical to developing plans to improve the industry, access more trails and equine facilities, assess equine business opportunities, and get public officials attention.

The survey is being handled by the National Agricultural Statistics Services (NASS) KY office. To make this survey accurately reflect the industry in Ohio Co., we need to identify all equine owners.

We are requesting you contact anyone with equine to submit their name, address and phone number, to either NASS at <http://www.kentuckyhorse.org/KES-names/> or contact the Extension Office with this information and we will pass it along to NASS. The deadline for submitting this information is February 15. The survey is completely confidential!! Individual information will not be shared with anyone.

### TOBACCO PRODUCTION & MANAGEMENT MTG. – THURSDAY, FEB. 2<sup>ND</sup>

The annual Ohio Co. Extension's "Tobacco Production & Marketing Meeting" will be held Thursday, February 2, 2012, 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.

For this year's meeting, we will have Dr. Andy Bailey, Extension Tobacco Specialist for U.K. & U.T., discuss selecting varieties of 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.

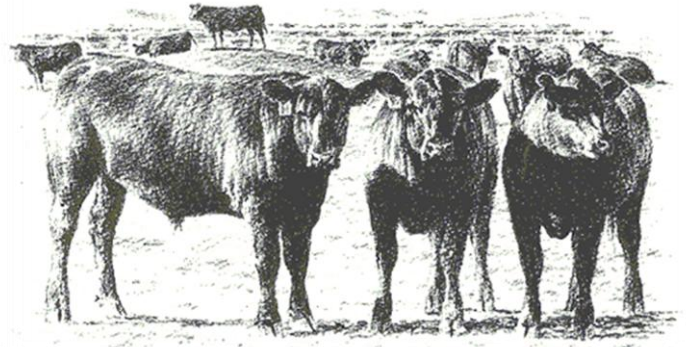
## **BEEF MARKET OUTLOOK AND MANAGEMENT MEETING – FEB. 7<sup>TH</sup>**

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 7<sup>th</sup>, 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 another training later in the year.



## **CAIP COST-SHARE PROGRAM UPDATE**

The Ohio Co. Cattlemen's Association Cost-Share Committee reviewed the applications for the "2011 County Agricultural Investment Program" recently and decided to approve all applicants on a pro-rated amount. They will be sending letters of approval to all applicants, with the amount of cost-share you have been approved for. You should be receiving the letters soon.

After you have completed your projects, fill out the reimbursement request form and return it with your documentation (receipts, cancelled checks, maps, pictures, etc.) to the Extension Office for reimbursement.

Remember, all applicants are required to attend at least one Extension meeting between August 6, 2011 and October 4, 2012 to fulfill the educational component. If you attend an Extension meeting in another county, please have the agent write a short note, detailing the meeting attended, date, place, applicant's name and have them sign it. If you attended the meeting where we discussed the CAIP program, you have fulfilled your requirement.



## **GREEN RIVER CPH SALES UPDATE**

The Green River CPH Sale Committee met recently to discuss changes in the Green River CPH sales for 2012. The two changes adopted were switching the April sale from a source and age verified sale to a basic sale and eliminating the June CPH sale date. With these changes, the following are the upcoming sales for 2012:

- Basic requirement sales : April 26 and September 6
- Source and Age Verified sales : February 9, August 9 and December 6

## **UPCOMING EVENTS:**

- Jan. 30 – Extension Garden Club Meeting; "Diseases of Vegetable Plants"; Ohio Co. Extension Center; 3:30 till 5:00 p.m.
- 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. 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. 15-18 – National Farm Machinery Show; Louisville
- Feb. 21-22 – Mid-South Stocker Conference; Buchanan, TN
- Feb. 23 – Ky Alfalfa Conference; Cave City Convention Center; Cave City
- March 1-3 – Commodity Classic; Nashville

