

# Spencer County Agriculture & Horticulture Newsletter



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So far, Mother Nature has given us a summer with fairly decent amountS of rain when we've needed it. Hopefully, our second cutting of hay will be better than the first.

It is hard to believe that the Kentucky State Fair starts in just a couple of weeks. If you've never been, I encourage you to visit the fair and see all of the sights there are to see. There's also plenty of great food to eat. If you wanted to know, my favorites are the Kentucky Pork Producers Boneless Chop and the Kentucky Cattlemen's Association Ribeye sandwich. Now, I'm hungry.

As always, feel free to call or email me if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

Bryce Roberts,  
Spencer County Extension Agent for  
Agriculture and Natural Resources

## More Information

As always, if you need more information, feel free to **call me** at 477-2217.

You can also **email me** at broberts@uky.edu or you can **visit my website** to view archived newsletters and news articles. The web address is: [www.spencerextension.com](http://www.spencerextension.com)



## Farmers Market Now Open

The Taylorsville/Spencer County Farmers Market is now open and will be open beginning at 8 a.m. until noon or so on Saturdays. Some of the vendors may stay past noon if there is a crowd. The market will be open every Saturday (rain or shine) until the end of October. It is located at 751 Taylorsville Road next to Fresh Take Market.

There are several vendors selling a wide variety of products, including meats, cheeses, jams, jellies, honey, breads, goat milk soaps and lotions, candles, and other produce. Make sure you support our local producers...they are the ones that are growing what you're buying.

If you are interested in becoming a vendor (small producers are welcome), please contact me or stop by our office for an application. For more information on the market, feel free to contact Sandi Deutsch at 502-252-1400.



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## **Rinse and Return Program**

Our office will once again be a drop off location for the Rinse and Return program. It will be held on **August 14 from 10 a.m. until 11:30 a.m.** Please collect and hold onto your containers until then.

The Rinse and Return Program is a voluntary, cooperative program sponsored by the Kentucky Department of Agriculture and the Agri-Business Association of Kentucky (ABAK). Other partners include the University of Kentucky Cooperative Extension Service, which helps coordinate the Program on a county level, Farm Bureau, the U.S. Department of Agriculture's Natural Resources Conservation Service and the local conservation districts, and the Ag Container Recycling Council.



Due to the materials previously held by these pesticide containers they cannot be recycled with your ordinary household plastics. This program allows for the proper recycling of these pesticide containers. This reduces the amount of material entering the landfill or being disposed of by other means. Some of the end products include drainage pipe, highway sign posts, underground utility conduit, and wire/cable spool flanges.

### **Pressure Rinsing**

Remove cover from container. Empty the pesticide into the spray tank and let the container drain for 30 seconds.

Continue holding the container upside down over the sprayer tank opening so rinsate will run into the sprayer tank.

Insert the pressure-rinse nozzle by puncturing through the bottom of the pesticide container.

Rinse for length of time recommended by the manufacturer (generally 30 seconds or more).

## **Triple Rinsing**

Remove cover from container. Empty the pesticide into the spray tank and let the container drain for 30 seconds.

Fill the container 10% to 20% full of water or rinse solution.

Secure the cover on the container.

Swirl the container to rinse all inside surfaces.

Remove cover from the container. Add the rinsate from the container to sprayer tank and let drain for 30 seconds or more.

Repeat steps 2 through 5 two more times.

Puncture container.

## **Hold the Date—Beef Meeting**

Please hold **September 19, 5:30 p.m.**, for the first **Louisville Area Beef Cattle Association's** meeting in a while. I'll have more information in next month's newsletter.

## **Cost Share Program**

This is information from the Spencer County Conservation District. Call 477-1157 for more information.

Cost share rates are a **maximum of 75 percent of the actual installation cost of the practice not to exceed \$20,000 per year.**

**Visit Spencer Co. Conservation to fill out an application before October 1, 2023. Approval is usually made in February of the following year. No practices can be started in advance of approval and you will be visited by our technician, Mike Hahn, to finish the application process and if approved for the technical plans for approved practice.**

Please visit this site to learn all about State Cost Share Program  
<https://eec.ky.gov/Natural-Resources/Conservation/Pages/State-Cost-Share.aspx>

## Summer Intern

We've had the privilege of having **Casey Montgomery** as our summer intern. She will be leaving us here in a few days and heading back to UK. We appreciate her hard work and here is some info about her.

A Taylorsville Native, Casey graduated from Spencer County High School in 2021 and is now studying at the University of Kentucky where she is majoring in Agricultural Education and double minoring in Animal Sciences and Agricultural Economics.

She has been heavily involved in agriculture for numerous years through production and leadership experiences. Casey currently helps operate Twin Plum Farm where she aids her family in raising Sim-Angus cattle, Grass-mix hay, market, breeding, and show swine.

Casey has also been active in 4-H and FFA through competing on the state and national level among both youth programs, volunteering locally and for state extension, and holding leadership positions on the local and state level within FFA. She credits these experiences and the mentors she has gained as the impacts that have inspired her to become an agricultural educator.

If you can't find her on the farm or volunteering for the programs that shaped her, you can probably find her spending time with family and friends or listening to music. Casey has been a part of Spencer County 4-H since she was just a 5-year-old Cloverbud and is ecstatic to continue to give back to the extension service here in Spencer County.



## Farm Estate/Transitioning Meeting

As part of our continuing Beginning Producer sessions, our next topic will be **Farm Estate Planning and Transitioning**. It will be held **Tuesday, September 26 beginning at 6 p.m.**

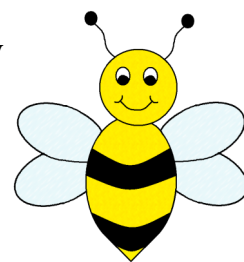
Our speakers will be Dr. Steve Isaacs, UK Ag Economist (who was also our first speaker during the initial meeting last September), and Dr. Nichole Huff, Assistant Extension Professor of Family Finance and Resource Management.

They will be discussing the basics of what each family needs to be thinking about when it comes time to pass along the family farm or estate to the next generation and what the implications are.

**There is a meal with this meeting and pre-registration is required.** You can register by calling our office at 477-2217.

## Beekeepers Association Meetings

Just a quick reminder that the Spencer Co. Beekeepers Association holds monthly meetings at our office on the 2nd Tuesday of each month. They begin at 6:30 p.m.



## Forage Timely Tips

- \*\*Apply 40-60 lb N/acre to stimulate summer annual regrowth.
- \*\*Soil test pastures to determine fertility needs.
- \*\*Use a designated sacrifice lot to feed live-stock hay and supplements as you wait for drought stressed pastures to reocset in and no forage is available for grazing.
- \*\*Identify fescue pastures for stockpiling. Choose pastures that are well drained, have a strong sod, and have not been overgrazed.



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RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED



Plate it up!



## Tomato Basil Salad

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- ¼ cup** fresh basil leaves
  - 1 pint** cherry, grape or other salad tomatoes, halved (2 cups)
  - 1 large** cucumber, chopped (2 cups)
  - 3** green onions, chopped (½ cup)
  - 1 small** yellow bell pepper, seeded and diced
  - 3 tablespoons** crumbled, fat free feta cheese
  - 3 tablespoons** olive oil
  - 2 tablespoons** white balsamic or white vinegar
  - Salt and freshly ground pepper
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**Roll** basil leaves lengthwise and **cut** across into ¼ inch strips. **Combine** basil, tomatoes, cucumber, green onions, bell pepper and cheese in large bowl. **Whisk** olive oil with vinegar. **Drizzle** over salad ingredients and lightly **toss** to cover. **Season** with salt and pepper to taste.

**Yield:** 4, 1 cup servings

**Nutritional Analysis:**

150 calories, 10 g fat, 1.5 g saturated fat, 0 mg cholesterol, 200 mg sodium, 11 g carbohydrate, 2 g fiber, 5 g sugars, 3 g protein.