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As I write this, it's a beautiful sun-filled day after a day of some intense wind and rain with tornadoes to the west and south of us. I'm always keeping an eye on the weather, especially during the spring when these types of storms can approach our area. On page 3 of this newsletter, there are some tornado tips and facts from the National Weather Service. I hope you'll take a look at those.

Summer officially begins on June 20. I want to wish everyone a happy and safe upcoming summer.

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



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. **Please note that the start time will change to 9 a.m. on September 28 and the market's last day will be October 26.**

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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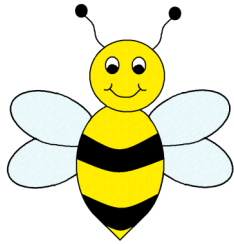
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Beekeepers Association Meetings

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.



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 12 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.

SPENCER CO. CONSERVATION

District Cost Share

May 29, 2024 - June 17, 2024

until 3:30 each day



Soil Amendments

2 different investment areas, see rules



Seeding



Farm Use Rock



Small Farm Implements

only ones listed in rules, no exceptions

Please contact the Soil Conservation office at 477-1157 or their site at www.spencerccd.com for more information.



- Well over 1,000 tornadoes have hit the Bluegrass State since 1950! And that’s just counting the ones we know about. Many more have occurred but gone unreported to the National Weather Service.
- While tornadoes are much more common in central and western Kentucky, every one of Kentucky’s 120 counties has had at least one documented tornado.
- Tornadoes occur most frequently from March through June, but they have occurred in every month of the year.
- While tornadoes typically occur between 3 pm and 10pm, they have occurred during every hour of the day. The ones that occur during the nighttime hours can be especially dangerous.
- The longest tracked tornado to strike Kentucky occurred on December 10, 2021. The tornado first struck Obion County, TN before crossing into Fulton County, KY. The tornado, which reached EF4 intensity with peak winds of up to 190 mph, covered a track of over 165 miles in about three hours, claiming 57 lives and injuring over 500 people.
- The strongest tornado you can get is one that is rated a five on the Fujita Tornado Intensity Scale. There have only been two F5 tornadoes to strike Kentucky and they both occurred on April 3, 1974. One struck Breckinridge and Meade Counties and another occurred in Boone County.
- Unfortunately, 222 Kentuckians have lost their lives in tornadoes since 1950 with over 3700 injuries and over four billion dollars in property damage!

The good news is that the National Weather Service has meteorologists on staff 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, 365 days a year, keeping a lookout for severe weather and tornadoes. We issue outlooks, watches and warnings that keep you informed of the potential for severe weather. Severe weather outlooks are produced by the Storm Prediction Center and can be accessed online or in our Hazardous Weather Outlook product on NOAA Weather Radio. Severe Thunderstorm and/or Tornado Watches are issued when environmental conditions are supportive of severe weather and/or tornadoes. You may get the notification that a Watch has been issued and look outside and see the sun shining. However, that Watch is telling you to get a plan in place as severe weather and/or tornadoes could soon threaten. Warnings are issued when severe weather and/or tornadoes are happening or about to happen. Warnings mean to take action and to get to your safe place!

STORM PLANNING TIMELINE

A few days out	The day before	The day of
<p><i>If the forecast calls for severe weather in a few days, start preparing now.</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Make sure that you have emergency supplies Know your safe places Have a family communication plan 	<p><i>The day before, forecast accuracy continues to improve.</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Adjust plans Make sure your phone can receive WEAs Ensure your shelter is clean and accessible 	<p><i>Remain vigilant and aware of any active Watches. A Warning may be issued at a moment's notice!</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Remind your family of the communication plan Know how to evacuate and/or get to safety from wherever you are When a Warning is issued, you may only have seconds to take action!

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Tomato Basil Salad

- 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

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.