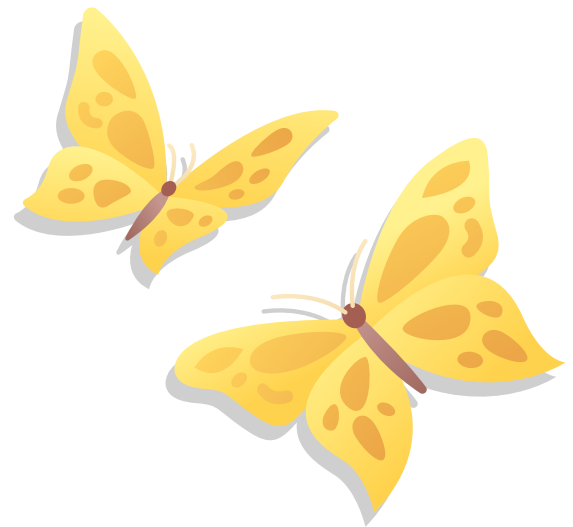


Agriculture/Horticulture

Whitley County Extension Service

April - June 2025



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April 2025

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 Farmers Market Fundraiser 6pm @ Wrigley	2 Container Gardening 6pm	3 Container Gardening 6pm	4 Container Gardening 10am WD Bryant	5 Container Gardening 10am WD Bryant
6	7 Farmers Market Fundraiser 6pm @ Wrigley	8 Farmers Market Fundraiser 6pm @ Wrigley	9 Farmers Market Fundraiser 6pm @ Wrigley	10 Farmers Market Fundraiser 6pm @ Wrigley	11 KSU Small Farms Conference	12 KSU Small Farms Conference
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20	21 Kentucky Extension Master Gardener 6pm	22 Earth Day Program 4-7	23 Earth Day Program 4-7	24 Cattlemen 7pm	25 Hike (Chain Rock) 8am	26 Pickin w/ Kids 6pm
27	28 Opening Day Farmers Market 6pm Corbin	29 Opening Day Farmers Market 6pm Corbin	30 Opening Day Farmers Market 6pm Corbin			

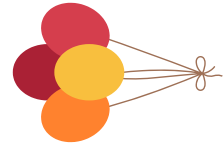
May 2025

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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4	5	6 Farmers Market 5-8pm (Corbin) 	7	8	9	10 Opening Day Farmers Market 10am-1pm Extension Office 
11	12 Beekeepers 6pm 	13 Farmers Market 5-8pm (Corbin) 	14	15	16	17 Birdhouse Build (Williamsburg WD Bryant 10am) Must register 
18	19 Small Farms @7pm 	20 Farmers Market 5-8pm (Corbin) 	21	22	23 Hike (Eagle Falls) 10am 	24 Water Canning 10am (WD Bryants Corbin) Farmers Market 10am-1pm Extension Office 
25	26	27 Farmers Market 5-8pm (Corbin) 	28	29 Cattlemen 7pm 	30	31 Farmers Market 10am-1pm Extension Office 

June 2025

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
	Farmers Market 5-8pm (Corbin)	Farmers Market 5-8pm (Corbin)	Farmers Market 5-8pm (Corbin)	Farmers Market 10am-1pm Extension Office	Farmers Market 10am-1pm Extension Office	Farmers Market 10am-1pm Extension Office
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
	Beekeepers 6pm	Farmers Market 5-8pm (Corbin)	4H Camp			Farmers Market 10am-1pm Extension Office
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
		Farmers Market 5-8pm (Corbin) Small Farms @7pm		Sorry We're CLOSED		Water Bath Canning 10am (WD Bryants Corbin)
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
		Farmers Market 5-8pm (Corbin)		Cattlemen 7pm	Hike (Bark Camp Creek) 830am	Farmers Market 10am-1pm Extension Office
29	30					

Future Events



Whitley County Fair
Farm & Home Exhibits
July 16-19



Honey Festival
July 26



Hike
(Dog Slaughter Falls)
9am
July 25



Hike
(Princess Falls)
9am
Aug 6



Farm Field Day
August 29



Hunter
Education
Aug 16



OFTD Garden &
Canning Show
Sept 5th



Cooking School
Nov 6



Veterans
Day
Dinner
Nov 11



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QUESTIONS GIVE US A CALL 606-549-1430

Thursday
April 3rd @ 6pm
WC Extension Office
4275 N. Hwy 25W
Williamsburg, KY 40769

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*"One program, two dates,
two different locations
to better serve you."*

Saturday
April 5th @ 10am
WD Bryants
1405 S. Main Street
Corbin, KY

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Homebased Microprocessing Workshop

Homebased Microprocessors are farmers who grow and harvest produce to use in their value-added products. Homebased microprocessors are required to grow a predominant ingredient in the products they make. The first step to becoming certified as a homebased microprocessor is to attend a Homebased Microprocessor (HBM) workshop presented by the University of Kentucky.

\$50
Fee

April 15, 2025
9:30 a.m. - 2:30 p.m.

Whitley County Extension Office
4275 N. Hwy 25W
Williamsburg, KY

Virtual Option Available

**To register & for additional
dates/locations:
ukfcs.net/HBM**

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At the Whitley County Farmers Market we are excited to offer two convenient locations for Kentucky-grown produce & locally made goods.

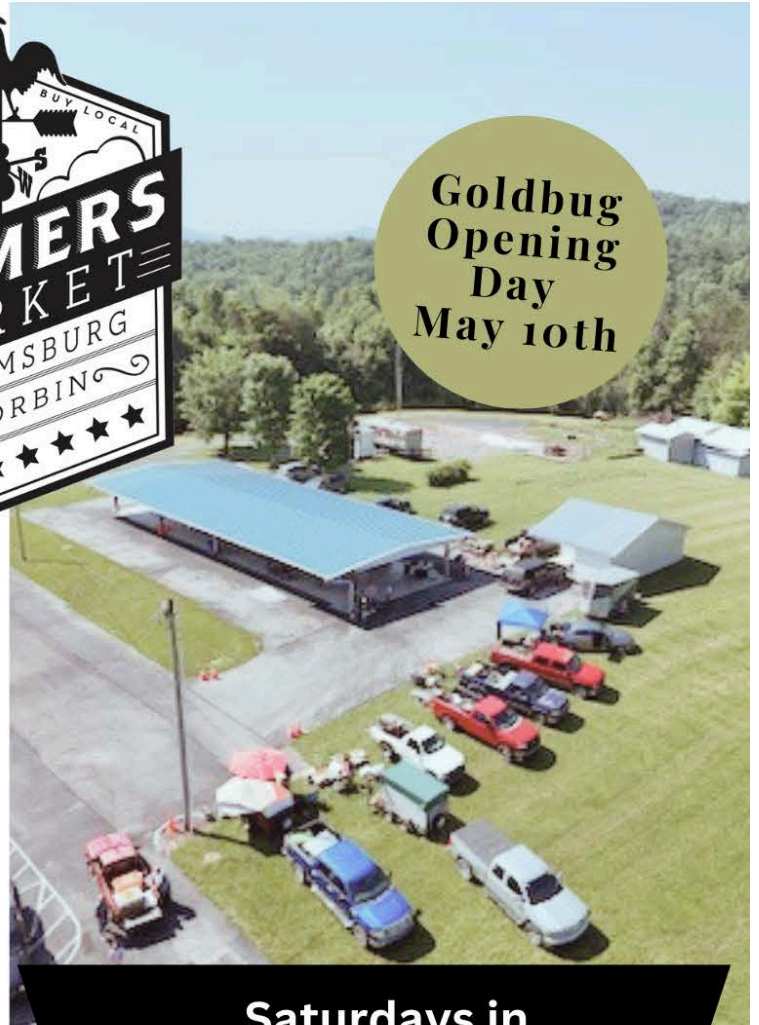
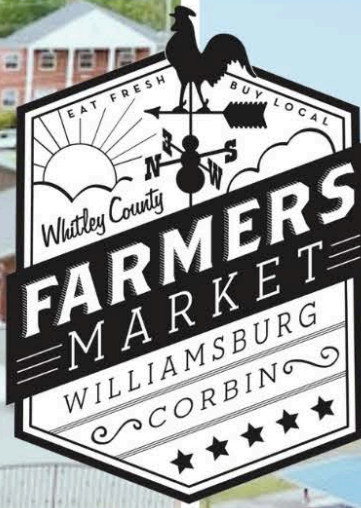
We are still accepting Vendors for our 2025 season!

Follow us on FB or Insta to see what we're up to!

Ask us about how you can use your SNAP benefits at our locations!



**Corbin
Opening
Day
April 29th**



**Goldbug
Opening
Day
May 10th**

**Tuesdays in
Downtown Corbin
from 5-8pm**

**Hometown Bank Farmers Market
Pavilion
200 N. Main Street Corbin, Ky
40701**

**Saturdays in
Goldbug from
10am-1pm**

**Farmers Market Pavilion at the
Whitley Co. Ex. Office
4275 US 25 N, Willaimsburg, KY
40769**

Ask us about our Double Dollar program, learn more about how to become a vendor or just say hello.
Email us at wcfarmermarket@gmail.com


On Tuesday, April 8th, if you grab dinner at the Wrigley from 5-8 pm, a portion of the proceeds will directly benefit the Whitley County Farmers Market. We are thrilled to partner with the Wrigley again this year for our fundraiser and can't thank them and their team enough for the opportunity to collaborate again.

Not only can you score some delectable food, but you can also use this opportunity to sign up as a vendor for this season, ask questions about the market, or just chat with our market manager and volunteers. We hope to see you there!

Master Gardeners

🌱 Join Us for the Master Gardener Meeting! 🌱

 **Date: April 21st**

 **Time: 6:00 PM**

Whether you're a seasoned gardener or just getting started, come get tips, advice, and inspiration from fellow plant lovers. We can't wait to dig into all things gardening with you! 🌿

See you there! 🌸

Our next Master Gardener Program will be coming up soon July/Aug timeframe. Give us a call and get on our list for the next Program. 606-549-1430

*******All Master Gardeners are Welcome to Join*******



**Left to Right: Secretary Margie Vito, Treasurer Barbara Crawford, Vice President Leanna Hinkle, President Leanne Young
Social Media (Not Pictured) Bailee Young**



SAVE THE DATE

2025 ANNUAL MEETING

PINE MOUNTAIN STATE RESORT PARK

MAY 6-7, 2025

Registration costs:

\$75 for professionals

\$50 for private landowners

\$25 for students

May 6th: Multiple field trips looking Rx fire units in Southeast KY (Details to come)

May 7th: Discussions on the importance on using fire in Southeast KY to meet management goals and the complexity added by burning in the mountains.

There is a block of rooms available at Pine Mountain State Park for the nights of May 5 & May 6 until April 5th.

When booking a room reference 3510 KPFC to use the block.

Questions or need more information call Daniel Skinner@ 606-224-5822

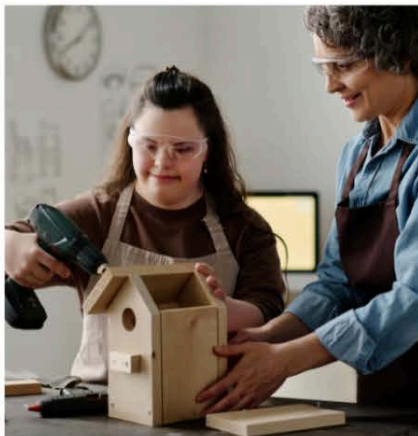
Build and Design your own Birdhouse



W.D. Bryant & Son

1405 S. Main St. Corbin, KY 40701
Saturday, April 19 from 10:00a.m.-12:00p.m.

- This workshop is FREE and open to youth and adults.
- Whitley County Cooperative Extension will be leading the program.
- Register at: ukywhitley.pacecommunity.net
- Class limit: 20
- Call 606-549-7373 for more information.



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Saturday, May 17 from 10:00a.m.-12:00p.m.

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- Whitley County Cooperative Extension will be leading the program.
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CREATE A CONSERVATION PLAN FOR YOUR FOREST

The Ruffed Grouse Society, in partnership with the Appalachian Mountains Joint Venture, Kentucky Department of Fish and Wildlife Resources, Kentucky Division of Forestry, and USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service (USDA-NRCS), is excited to share with you an opportunity to improve forest health and wildlife habitat on your land with the help of our new KY Forest Wildlife Specialist.

You can take advantage of this new opportunity to create a conservation plan and receive technical assistance for improving habitat in your forest through practices like early successional habitat creation, forest stand improvement, controlling invasive plants, prescribed burning, and planting beneficial native plants.

Our Forest Wildlife Specialist will work with you to create a plan that fits your goals for your forest and benefits declining species like ruffed grouse, American woodcock, wood thrush, and native pollinators, as well as a variety of other wildlife.



Ruffed Grouse photo by Agnieszka Bacal



Forest photo by Liz Brewer

Financial assistance opportunities are available for landowners in Kentucky through USDA-NRCS programs to help you implement the practices in your conservation plan. Landowners do not need to reside in-state to be eligible for assistance for properties in Kentucky. The Wildlife Specialist will write a plan that meets USDA-NRCS requirements to help streamline your application for financial assistance.

More information on financial assistance can be found on our blog at <https://ruffedgrousesociety.org/enhance-your-woodlands-financial-and-technical-resources-for-woodland-owners-in-kentucky/>.

If you are interested in actively managing your forest to enhance wildlife habitat and forest health, we want to hear from you!

Contact:

Ben Rhodes
Kentucky Forest Wildlife Specialist
(859) 487-0177 | benr@ruffedgrousesociety.org



2025 Education Programs

Mon. Mar 10–Maximizing Honey Production: Jimmy Sizemore

Fri. Apr 11 & Sat. Apr 12–Whitley County Extension Bee School

Mon. May 12–Inspection Best Practices Demonstration: Dr. Amanda Skidmore, Kentucky State Apiarist

Mon. June 9–Honey Extraction Demonstration: Ashley and Matt Ratliff

Mon. Jul 14–Wax Rendering, Lotions, Candles: Laura Sparkman

Sat. Jul 20–Mentoring Inspections

Mon. Aug 11–Comb Rotation: Theresa Martin

Mon. Sep 8–Sticky Board Debris Interpretation Workshop: Dr. Renee Yetter

Mon. Oct 13–Business Meeting, 2026 Plans, Beekeeper of the Year

Mon. Dec 15–Holiday Party

Subject to Change. See [Whitley County Beekeepers Association Facebook](#) for updates

The right time is **now.** The right way is **BQCA.**

Thanks to the partnership between Kentucky Beef Network and University of Kentucky get **FREE BQCA CERTIFICATION** online or through your county extension office **April 1st** through **April 30th, 2025.**



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11th Annual Earth Day Celebration

Disaster Preparedness

- Free- Family Friendly
- Interactive Booths
- Bounce House
- Free Tree Seedlings
- Much Much More!



5-6PM ON THE STAGE

NOAA PRESENTATION: WEATHER
PREPAREDNESS - HOW TO STAY
SAFE AND PREPARE FOR
KENTUCKY'S HAZARDS



Date: April 22, 2025

Time: 4-7pm



**Green Space, 301 Main St
Williamsburg, KY**

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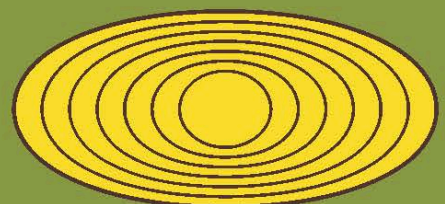


Register: <https://ukywhitley.pacecommunity.net>

For more information Call: 606-549-7373

Or Email: Cortney.moses@uky.edu

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for the Future**

**Kentucky State University Small
Farm Conference Eastern KY Style**

April 11 and 12, 2025



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SMALL FARMS CONFERENCE: EASTERN KENTUCKY STYLE

Whitley County, Kentucky | April 11 Agenda

Time	General	Agriculture/Horticulture	Technology, Business and Agriculture	Honeybees	Government, You and Your Money, Organic	
8 a.m.	Registration	Poster Display <i>Lobby</i>		Agriculture Photography Contest <i>Lobby</i>		
9 a.m.	Welcome Greetings and Opening Dr. Marcus Bernard, Dr. Novelo, Dr. Gyawali, Stacy White, Laura Rogers Wildlife/Bear Exclusion Techniques Using Electrified Fencing by Austin Eversole <i>Rooms A and B</i>					
10:15 a.m.	Ethnic vegetables Srijana Thapa Magar, Ph.D. Specialist of Horticulture Kentucky State University <i>Lobby</i>	Plant Based Dying: Indigo Cortney J. Moses UK Community Arts Extension Agent, <i>Garage</i>	KDFWR Private Lands Daniel Skinner Private Lands Biologist Kentucky Fish and Wildlife <i>Room A</i>	Beginning Beekeeping 101 Amanda Skidmore, State Apiarist Kentucky Department of Agriculture <i>Room B</i>	How to Obtain Farm Serial Number and Other Programs J.D. Jones Technician, USDA-FSA Knox County <i>Room C</i>	
11:10 a.m.	Marketing a Product Mean Marketing Yourself Sharon G. Spencer- KDA <i>Lobby</i>	Planting for Pollinators: Ashley DeBore -Glory Gardens <i>Garage</i>	Sheep Industry Update Dr. Patrick Angel, President of the SEKSPA <i>Room A</i>	Varroa Mite Management Jimmy Harrison UK Graduate Student <i>Room B</i>	High Tunnels Hannah Jones Soil conservationist USDA <i>Room C</i>	
Noon	Lunch Reducing Wildfire Risk on Your Farm- Leigh Nedlo, Forestry Program Specialist, Kessley Baker, Rural Fire Suppression Technical Advisor, Kentucky Division of Forestry					
1:15 p.m.	Rooted in Sustainability: Eco-Farming Strategies Linelle N. Rivera Rodriguez, Kentucky State University Biologist <i>Lobby</i>	Tree Grafting Stacy White UK ANR Agent Whitley County <i>Garage</i>	Grazing and Pasture Management Dr. Hines KSU <i>Room A</i>	Women's Heart Health Cheryl Witt, PhD, RN UK Extension Specialist- Ag Nurse <i>Room D</i>	Honey Bee Pheromones Dr. Tammy Potter, Kentucky State University <i>Room B</i>	Preparing Your Beef Herd for Breeding Season Dr. Sarah Carr Kentucky State University <i>Room C</i>
2:05 p.m.	Improving Pollinator Habitats to Restore Ecosystem Health Kristian Conrad Kentucky State University <i>Lobby</i>	Share Equipment Ben Prewitt UK Horticulture Agent Whitley County <i>Garage</i>	Green Dot Bystander Intervention Overview Linda Davis- Community Engagement Specialist Cumberland River Victim <i>Room D</i>	Pollinator Habitat Caroline Kane, Département de Nature Preserves <i>Room B</i>	SOAR Small Farm Loan Program Explained Sandi Curd, Ph.D. Engagement Director Kentucky Highlands <i>Room C</i>	
3:15 p.m.	Closing <i>Room A and B</i>					



SMALL FARMS CONFERENCE: EASTERN KENTUCKY STYLE

Whitley County, Kentucky | April 12 Agenda

Time	General	Agriculture/Horticulture	Marketing/Technology Goats and Sheep	Honeybees	Climate Change and Disaster Preparedness
8 a.m.	Registration	Poster Display <i>Lobby</i>		Agriculture Photography Contest <i>Lobby</i>	
9 a.m.	Welcome Greetings and Opening Dr. Bernard, Dr. Novelo, Andrew Modica, Laura Rogers The Benefits of Beekeeping to Agricultural Industries & Communities by Jennifer Tsuruda, PhD, University of Tennessee Department of Entomology & Plant Pathology <i>Rooms A and B</i>				
10:15 a.m.	Making Money with Vegetables Beth Wilson UK Horticulture Agent Pulaski County <i>Lobby</i>	Emergencies on the Farm Travis Sulfridge Creekside Veterinary Services <i>Room A</i>	Preparing your small business for death and disaster Andrea Muñoz Outreach Specialist Mountain Association <i>Room D</i>	Tasty Bites & Nasty Mites - Balancing Forage & Parasites in Beekeeping Jennifer Tsuruda, PhD Department of Entomology & Plant Pathology <i>Room B</i>	Upland Wildlife Management Daniel Skinner Kentucky Department of Fish and Wildlife Resources <i>Room C</i>
11:10 a.m.	Maypops Srijana Thapa Magar, Ph.D. State Specialist of Horticulture Kentucky State University <i>Lobby</i>	Small-Scale Poultry Production for Profit Mason Crawford Kentucky State University <i>Room A</i>	Understanding Bovine Viral Diarrhea (BVD) and Persistently Infected (PI) Cattle Dr. Sarah Carr, KSU <i>Room D</i>	Bees Know Social Distancing: How Colony Spacing Impacts Varroa and Viruses Theresa J. Martin, Whitley County Beekeepers <i>Room B</i>	Enhancing Emergency Preparedness for Farmworkers Gill Finley, Jr and Cameron Sellers Kentucky State University <i>Room C</i>
Noon	Lunch Life, Death, and Reality in Ag Safety Dale Dobson, Kentucky Department of Agriculture's Farm and Home Safety Program. <i>Rooms A and B</i>				
1:15 p.m.	Reducing Wildfire Risk on Your Farm Leigh Nedlo, Kessley Baker Kentucky Division of Forestry <i>Lobby</i>	Small-Scale Farm Grant Kevin Gurtowski Kentucky State University and Andrew Modica, UK ANR and Hort Assistance <i>Room A</i>	Decisions in Small Ruminant Feeding and Management Dr. Abbigail Hines Kentucky State University <i>Room D</i>	The Art of Splitting Colonies Bonnie Joseph President of Laurel County Beekeepers <i>Room B</i>	Adapting to Tomorrow's Climate Cynthia Rice Kentucky State University <i>Room C</i>
2:05 p.m.	Heritage Plants Kimberly Shackelford KWIA District Represent <i>Lobby</i>	Vegetable Seed Saving Rhonella Chaffin <i>Lobby</i>	Don't get Shock: Farm Electric Safety Tip Ralph Rogers, Licensed Electrical Contractor <i>Room D</i>	Ask Beekeepers Board Andrew Modica Bonnie Joseph Renee Yetter <i>Room B</i>	Soil Health - Bring back natural soil fertility Cynthia Rice Kentucky State University <i>Room C</i>
3:15 p.m.	Closing <i>Room A and B</i>				

WHITLEY COUNTY SMALL FARMS

Comprised of roughly forty-five local families, the Whitley County Small Farm group is designed to help beginner and seasoned farmers alike. From backyard hobby farms to cattle farms, WCSF is a group of individuals with an alike spirit as such: a desire to help others, a passion for farming, and a love for God. Farming is often viewed as a dated practice, and much of the heritage associated with the skill is rapidly fading away in today's fast-paced society. A hard day's work tilling, sowing, planting, and harvesting would soon be forgotten if not for organizations such as ours. The WCSF community believes in working together, supporting each other, and sharing blessings with those around.

Anyone is welcome to become a member of WCSF after attending two meetings and paying the once-annual membership fee. This fee includes membership for your entire household family and gives access to various equipment our group shares. In efforts to promote farming and start next-generation farmers, WCSF has a special livestock program that comes at no cost for members.

STEP 1: WCSF places bred animals on farms with the intent of growing a new herd or improving an existing one.

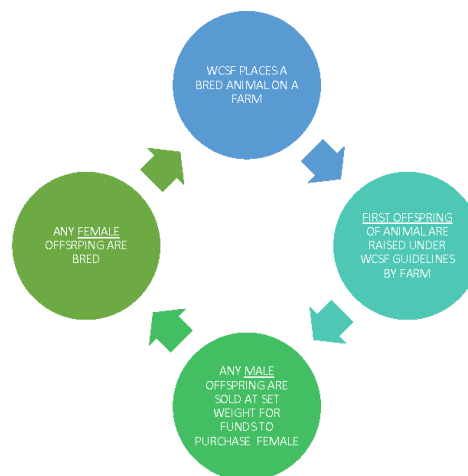
STEP 2: Once the offspring are born, and raised under group guidelines, they are passed off to another farm to start the process again. (As for the original animals provided, they are for the members to keep.)

STEP 3: Any females born, when at age, are bred back to be placed with another home.

-OR-

Any males born are raised to a specific weight and sold to provide funds to purchase more donor livestock (female) for the group.

*** Members may receive as many as five head of livestock per species. (Ex. Five cows, five pigs, five sheep, etc.) ***



WCSF often participates in community service opportunities and has various seasonal celebration dinners/meetings. Our board of directors are non-paid, volunteer positions, reserved for those who have the primary goal of seeing the growth and continuation of WCSF. WCSF joins together on the third Tuesday of every month at the Whitley County Cooperative Extension office located at 4275 N. Hwy 25W Williamsburg, KY 40769. Meetings begin at 7:00 p.m. (NOTE: Due to the fall time change, starting in November, the group will begin to meet at 6:00 p.m. until the spring time change.)

Individual Assistance

The Whitley County Extension Office can assist individuals with questions on many topics. Do you have an animal that has a disease or an insect and you don't know what it is or what to do with it? A tree or weed you need identified or information on? We can help you find the answer to many of these questions. Feel free to contact us by phone (606-549-1430), email, or stop by the office.



For weekly updates tune into **104.3 FM** every Tuesday around 7:15 am for the weekly AG report by **Agriculture Agent Stacy White** and **Horticulture Agent Ben Prewitt**



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