



AGRICULTURE/HORTICULTURE

WHITLEY COUNTY EXTENSION SERVICE

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January 2025

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1	2	3	4
5	6 Kentucky Fruit & Vegetable Conference Canceled	7 Vegetable Conference (Frankton)	8	9 Unplugged Pickin 6pm	10 National Houseplant Appreciation Day	11 Expo (Louisville)
12	13 Beekeepers @ 6pm	14	15	16	17	18
19	20 MLK Day Office Closed	21 Small Farms @ 6pm	22	23 Oak	24 Conference (Frankfort)	25
26	27 Summer Sausage Workshop @ 6pm	28	29	30 Cattlemen @ 7pm	31	

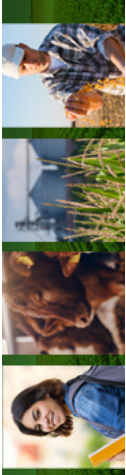


9th @ 6pm Unplugged Pickin

February 2025

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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2	3	4	5	6	7	8
9	10 Beekeepers @6pm	11	12	13	14 	15
16	17	18 Small Farms @6pm	19	20 Easy Care Indoor Plants @6pm	21 Eastern Kentucky	22 Farmer Conference (London)
23	24 Master Gardener Meet-up 5pm	25	26	27 Cattlemen @7pm	28	

AG DAY 2025 | MARCH 18, 2025
 AGRICULTURE:
 Together We Grow



March 2025

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						1 Farmers Market Vendor Meeting @6pm
2	3	4	5	6	7	8
9 Daylight Savings Time	10 Beekeepers @ 6pm	11	12 National Plant a Flower Day @1pm	13	14	15 Hunter Education 9am-4pm
16	17	18 Beginning Gardening @6pm	19	20	21	22
23	24	25 Tree Grafting @ 1pm & 6pm	26	27 Cattlemen @ 7pm	28	29
30	31					

1st Senior / WIC Vendor Voucher training immediately After the Vendor's meeting

18th Small Farms @7pm

18th National Agriculture Day



Plant / Rootstock Sales

We are
currently
taking
orders for
Plant Sales



Strawberries (Allstar) (June bearing—larger berry)	\$7 (bundle of 25)
Strawberries (Earliglow) (June bearing—smaller, sweeter berry)	\$7 (bundle of 25)
Blackberries (Natchez)	\$5 each
Blueberries (Duke) (two varieties needed for pollination)	\$9 each
Blueberries (Chandler) (two varieties needed for pollination)	\$9 each
Raspberries (Prelude) - bare root	\$5 each
Jewel Black Raspberries	\$5 each
Asparagus (Millennium)	\$1 each
Onion plants (Candy)	\$5 (bundle of 60)



**Pre-payment is required by Thursday
March 7th**
**Make checks payable to Whitley County
Extension**



For more information, please call the office at 606-549-1430
Plant are expected to arrive in early April

Easy Care Indoor Plants

Low-Maintenance Greenery

February 20th
@6pm

✂ Join Us for the Easy Care Indoor Plants Class! ✂

Want to add some greenery to your home without the hassle? Our Easy Care Indoor Plants class is perfect for beginners and busy plant lovers alike! 🌱🌿

In this hands-on session, you'll discover:

- The best low-maintenance plants for any space
- Simple tips for easy watering, lighting, and care routines
- How to troubleshoot common plant issues like yellowing leaves and pests

No green thumb required! Whether you're looking to refresh your living room or just want to start your indoor garden, this class will give you the confidence to grow a thriving, beautiful space with minimal effort.

Space is limited, so reserve your spot today! ✂



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March 12th 2025

CELEBRATE NATIONAL PLANT A FLOWER DAY

Join us for a fun planting experience @ 1pm



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Free Flower Giveaway



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Interested in becoming a Vendor for our 2025 season?

Attend our Farmers Market Vendor Meeting

Saturday, March 1st at 5pm

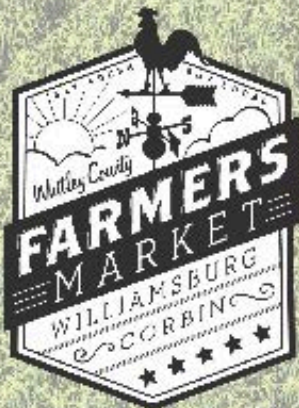
At the Whitley County Extension Office

4275 N. HWY 25W

Williamsburg, KY 40769



SFMNP training to follow at 6pm



In this meeting, we will cover any new rules and regulations for 2025 & how to sign up as a vendor for this season. Stay with us for our first round on Senior Farmers Market Nutrition Program Training right after.

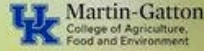
If you have any questions or would like to know when our next session is email wcfarmermarket@gmail.com

Master Gardener Meeting

All previous Master Gardeners will be encouraged to attend the meeting on
Feb 24th @5pm



***Congratulations
to our Newest Master Gardener
Graduates***



2025 KENTUCKY FRUIT & VEGETABLE CONFERENCE



JANUARY 6-7, 2025
PRE-CONFERENCE EVENTS JAN 5

**MARRIOTT GRIFFIN GATE
GOLF RESORT & SPA**

**1800 NEWTOWN PIKE
LEXINGTON, KY**

14th Annual OAK Conference **Registration Now Open**



Register at oak-ky.org

14th Annual OAK Conference

**January 23-25 at Kentucky
State University's Harold R.
Benson Research and
Demonstration Farm in
Frankfort**

SUMMER SAUSAGE WORKSHOP

ALL SUPPLIES WILL BE PROVIDED; EACH PERSON WILL
GET 2-3 ROLLS OF SAUSAGE TO TAKE HOME AFTER THE
FERMENTING & SMOKING PROCESS.

January 28th @ 6pm

4275 N. Hwy 25W
Williamsburg KY 40769
606-549-1430

Registration required by Jan 24th

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LEXINGTON, KY 40546



**2025 Eastern
Kentucky Farmer
Conference
Registration Is
OPEN!**

tinyurl.com/2025EKFC

Registration is now
OPEN for the Eastern
Kentucky Farmer
Conference!
February 21-22, 2025
London, KY



HUNTERS EDUCATION COURSE

THIS TRAINING COURSE INCLUDES EDUCATION AND RANGE PRACTICE ALL IN ONE EVENT!

MARCH 15th, 2025
9:00AM-4:00PM



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4275 N. HWY 25W WILLIAMSBURG, KY 40769

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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

Whitley County
Beekeepers Association



2025 Education Programs

Mon. Feb 10–Swarm Prevention and Split Methods: Tim Sheehan, KSBA President

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



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Date TBD 2025

LMU's Ewing, VA

Speakers from University of Kentucky, University of Tennessee, and
Virginia Tech

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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.

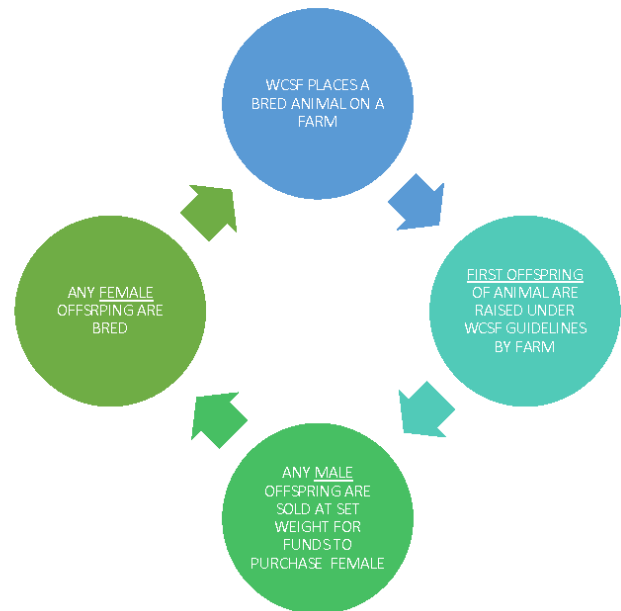
*** Members may receive as many as five head of livestock per species. (Ex. Five cows, five, pigs, five sheep, etc.)***

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.



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.)

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.

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4275 N. Hwy 25W
Williamsburg, KY

Virtual Option Available

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

606-549-1430

linda.burgard@uky.edu

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SEKSPA

Jan 2025



January 1 - New Years Day

Jan. 6 - Wayne Co Chapter of SEKSPA's

**Lambing/Kidding Educational Meeting and
Lamb Dinner, Monticello, KY**

January 7 - Orthodox Christmas

**January 7 - SEKSPA's Shearing School & Lamb
Dinner, Somerset, KY**

January 7 - graded sale Paris, KY

January 9 - graded sale Bowling Green, KY

January 13 - graded sale Richmond, KY

January 18 - graded sale Springfield, KY

January 20 - Mayfield, KY

January 21 - Paris, KY

January 23 - Bowling Green, KY

January 27 - Richmond, KY

Wayne County Sheep and Goat Association Chapter of SEKSPA

President - Tracy McCarty
Vice-President - Alison Harter
Secretary - Theresa Slagle

Wool and Fiber Arts Chapter of SEKSPA

President pro tem - Brenda Richardson
Vice-President pro tem - Oliver Gibbon
Secretary pro tem - Emily Merritt

Perry County Sheep and Goat Chapter of SEKSPA

President - Lester Brashear
Vice-President - Daniel Summer
Secretary - Bill Combs

SEKSPA Board Members & Officers

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Director - Daniel Bell
Director - Janella Miller
Director - Chris Pierce
Director - Brenda Richardson
Director - Guy Taylor

For more information about the above events call or text:

606-312-5264

or click here to send an email:

pangel9491@gmail.com

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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