

JULY-SEPT 2024

AGRICULTURE/HORTICULTURE

WHITLEY COUNTY COOPERATIVE EXTENSION SERVICE





July, Aug, Sept Event Calendar Whitley County Fair Summer Heat Safety Whitley County Farmers Market (WCFM)



Beekeepers Association events

SEKSPA

Small Animal Swap

Food Preservation

Water for horses

Garden Plant Diseases prevention

Cook Wild Kentucky

Cost-Share Equipment









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July 2024

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 6-8pm	FARMERS MARKET Corbin 5-8pm	3	INDEPENDENCE DAY OFFICE CLOSED		FARMERS MARKET Extension Office 6 10 - 1pm Small Animal Swap 10am
7	8 Beekeepers Meeting 6pm Topic: Varroa Mites and Treatments	FARMERS MARKET Corbin 5-8pm	10	11	12 Eagle Falls 9am	FARMERS MARKET 13 Extension Office 10 - 1pm
14	15	FARMERS MARKET 16 Corbin 5-8pm Small Farms 7pm	Fair Farm & Home Exhibit Registration 9am-2pm	18 Whitley Cou	19	PARMERS MARKET 20 Extension Office 10 - 1pm Mentoring Inspections
21	22	FARMERS MARKET 23 Corbin 5-8pm	24	25 Cattlemen 7pm	26	FARMERS MARKET 27 Extension Office 10 - 1pm Honey Festival Williamsburg
28	Rinse and Return Recycling Program till 1200	FARMERS MARKET 30 Corbin 5-8pm	31		July 6 & 20th Small Animal Swap 10am	

August 2024

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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11	12 Beekeepers Meeting Gpm Topic: Pesticides Dr. Ric Bessin	FARMERS MARKET Corbin 5-8pm	14	15	16	FARMERS MARKET Canning Pickles 17 10am see below Hunter Ed
18	19	FARMERS MARKET 20 Corbin 5-8pm Small Farms 7pm	21	Bark Camp Creek 830am	23	Extension Office 10 - 1pm Field Day w/ Laura Rodgers
25	26	FARMERS MARKET 27 Porbin 5-8pm	28	29 Cattlemen 7pm	Farm Field Day Fairgrounds 9-1	FARMERS MARKET 31 Extension Office 10 - 1pm
			Aug 3 & 17th Small Animal Swap 10am	17th Canning Pickles 10am WD Bryants (Corbin)		

September 2024

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2 Sorry We're CLOSED	FARMERS MARKET Corbin 5-8pm 3	4 Old F	SEKSPA Dinner 5 ashion Trading	Garden & Canning Show 6 Reg: 9-10:45am	FARMERS MARKET Extension Office 7 10 - 1pm Small Animal Swap 10am
8	9 Beekeepers Meeting 6pm Topic: Small Hive Beatles	FARMERS MARKET Corbin 5-8pm 10	11	12	13	FARMERS MARKET 14 Extension Office 10 - 1pm
15	16	FARMERS MARKET Corbin 5-8pm 17 Small Farms 7pm	18	19	20	Extension Office 21 10 - 1pm Small Animal Swap 10am
22	23	FARMERS MARKET Corbin 5-8pm 24	25	26 Cattlemen 7pm	27	Extension Office 28 10 - 1pm Vanhook Falls 930am
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WHITLEY COUNTY FAIR July 17 - 20th 2024

WHITLEY COUNTY COOPERATIVE EXTENSION (GOLDBUG), 4275 N HWY 25 W, WILLIAMSBURG FARM AND HOME EXHIBITS RULES, REGULATIONS AND CATEGORIES

REGISTRATION\VIEWING

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Wednesday, July 17, 9 AM - 2 PM - Farm & Home Exhibits Registration - Whitley County Cooperative Extension (Goldbug)
Thursday, July 18, 8 AM - 4:30 PM - Exhibit Viewing - Whitley County Cooperative Extension Office (Goldbug)
Friday, July 19, 8 AM - 4:30 PM - Exhibit Viewing - Whitley County Cooperative Extension Office (Goldbug)
Monday, July 22, 9 AM - 4 PM - Exhibit Pick Up - Whitley County Cooperative Extension Office (Goldbug)

RULES (PLEASE READ CAREFULLY!)

- 1. Fair Management reserves the right to combine classes with fewer than three (3) entries and/or two (2) exhibitors.
- 2. There can be only 1 entry per class per person. All entries must be prepared, crafted or grown by the exhibitor.
- 3. Fair Management reserves the right to interpret and resolve all matters connected with, or incident to, the Fair.
- 4. Food, fruit and vegetable entries must be brought and entered on paper plates.
- 5. All canned items must be in standard canning jars, seated and labeled (exhibitor's name, item name, date canned).
- 6. Some Divisions have a miscellaneous class for items which cannot be entered in the listed classes.
- 6. Only ribbons will be awarded.
- After judging perishable items and viewing, Fair Management reserves the right to donate excess items to needy families.

 Throughout the county.

Division 1- Food and Food Preservation

(Canned items must have been processed since July 2020.)

- 101 Plate of 5 biscuits
- 102 Plate of 5 yeast rolls
- 103 Plate of 5 muffins
- 104 1/2 loaf yeast bread
- 105 1/2 loaf any quick bread
- 106 Decorated cake, judging on decorating skill only (fearn or Cardboard may be substituted for cake)
- 107 Plate of 5 sugar cookies
- 108 Plate of 5 pieces of chocolate fudge
- 109 1 jar applesauce
- 110 1 jar tomatoes (whole, quartered or crushed)
- 111 1 jar tomato juice
- 112 1 jar green beans
- 113 1 jar com
- 114 1 jar sauerkraut
- 115 1 jar sweet cucumber pickles
- 116 1 jardill cucumber pickles
- 117 1 jar bread and butter pickles
- 118 1 jar pickled beets
- 119 1 jarpickle relish
- 120 1 jarapple jelly
- 121 1 jar grape jelly
- 122 1 jar blackberry jelly
- 123 1 jar strawberry jam
- 124 1 jar blackberry jam
- 125 1 jar peach preserves
- 126 1 jar strawberry preserves
- 127 1 jar apple butter
- 128 1 jar miscellaneous jam, jelly
- 129 1 jar fruit salsa
- 130 1 jar vegetable salsa
- 131 1 jar miscellaneous



Division 2 - Handicraft Department - Adult and Youth (17 and under) Divisions

(Items must have been completed since July 2020.)

- 201 Crochetedcraft item Thread or Yarn
- 202 Small crocheted article Thread or Yam

- 203 Large crocheted article Thread or Yarn
- 204 Crocheted afghan Yarn
- 205 Small knitted article
- 206 Large knitted article
- 207 Knitted afohan
- 208 Embroidered article
- 209 Decorative pillow
- 210 Quit hand applique, hand quilted
- 211 Quilt hand applique, machine quilted
- 212 Quilt machine applique, hand quilted
- 213 Quilt machine applique, machine quilted
- 214 Quilt hand pieced, hand guilted
- 215 Quilt machine pieced, hand quilted
- 216 Quilt machine pieced, machine quilted
- 217 Quilt, Novelty memory, stenciled, embroidered, miniature, etc., hand quilted
- 218 Quilt, Novelty memory, stenciled, embroidered, miniature, etc., machine quilted
- 219 Quilt, Baby or Lap hand pieced, hand quilted
- 220 Quilt, Baby or Lap machine pieced, machine quilted
- 221 Quilt, Technology Based hand or machine quilted
- 222 Other quilted item clothing, pillow, table runner, table topper, Mug rug, etc.
- 223 Quilt, Miscellaneous hand or machine pieced or quilted -Item does not qualify in other quilt or quilted item categories
- 224 Needlepoint on plastic canvas
- 225 Needlepoint on doth canvas
- 226 Cross Stitch on Aida cloth count 14 and under
- 227 Cross Stitch on Aida cloth -- count 18-22
- 228 Cross Stitch on specialty cloth (linen, etc.)

Division 3 - Arts and Crafts - Adult and Youth (17 and under)

(Items must have been completed since July 2020.)

- 301 Nature craft
- 302 Painted/decorated shirt
- 303 Handmade jewelry
- 304 Woodcraft
- 305 Holiday decorations
- 306 Handmade doll

307 - Stuffed animal

308 - Painting - oil on canvas

309 - Painting - acrylic on canvas

310 - Painting - watercolor on paper

311 - Drawing - black and white

312 - Drawing - color

313 - Recycled article

314 - Basketry (woven)

315 - Weaving

316 - Ceramics - hand formed

317 - Ceramics - molded

318 - Ceramics - decorative

319 - Photography - color

320 - Photography - black and white

321 - Miscellaneous

Division 4 - Crops and Horticulture

401 - Alfalfa with grass (10 lb. bale)

402 - Red clover with grass (10 lb. bale)

403 - Mixed grass hay (10 lb. bale)

404 - Best 3 white potatoes

405 - Best 12 pods green beans

406 - Best 3 red tomatoes

407 - Best 3 ears sweet com

408 - Best 3 bests

409 - Best 3 cucumbers

410 - Best head cabbage

411 - Best head red cabbage

412 - Best 3 zucchini squash

413 - Best 3 summer squash

414 - Best head broccoli

415 - Best head cauliflower

416 - Best 1 cantaloupe

417 - Best 3 carrots 418 - Best 12 pods peas

419 - Best 3 green bell peppers

420 - Best 3 banana peppers

421 - Best 3 Jalapeno peppers 422 - Best 3 other hot peppers

423 - Best 5 pods okra

424 - Best 3 onlons

425 - Best 12 radishes

426 - Best 3 gartic bulbs

427 - Best 3 apples

428 - Blooming potted plant

429 - Foliage potted plant

430 - Flower arrangement - fresh

431 - Flower arrangement - silk

432 - Flower arrangement - dried

433 - Terrarium

434 - Hanging basket

Division 5 - Honey

(Open to any honey producer in Kentucky)

501 - 1 - 1-quart lar light honey - extracted

502 - 1 - 1-quart jar light honey - with comb

503 - 1 - 1-quart lar dark honey - extracted

504 - 1 - 1-quart jar dark honey - with comb

505 - 1 - 1-quart jar heirloom honey - with comb

506 - 1 - 1-quart jar organic honey - with comb

507 - Miscellaneous - 1 - 1-quart jar

Division 6 - 4-H Club Youth

(Junior: 9-13 years old. Senior; 14-19 years old.)

Arts and Crafts Categories

727 - Acrylic Paining

728 - Water Color

729 - Abstract

733 - Oil Painting

744 - Computer Drawing

751 - Cartooning

757 - Clay Sculpting

Photography Categories

- Natural Resources
- Agriculture
- Leadership
- Family and Consumer Sciences
- Science, Engineering and Technology
- Communication and Expressive Arts

Seniors must submit an artist statement. Please write a paragraph minimum about your piece of art.

Please include the following information typed and attached to your piece of art.

- · Name
- · Class
- · Title of Work
- Medium (What is it made of?)
- · Explanation of where you got your inspiration or ideas from in creating
- Explanation of elements and principles of design that pertain to your
- · What kind of message were you trying to communicate to the viewer (mood, feeling, emotion, etc.)?
- · How does this represent you as an artist?

Class details and entry information is available at the Whitley County Cooperative Extension Service or can be found on www.facebook.com/whitley 4-H or the Whitley County Cooperative Extension website http://whitlev.ca.ukv.edu.

If there are any questions concerning the County Fair Farm and Home Exhibits, contact the Whitley County Cooperative Extension Service at 549-1430; visit the office; or email at whitleycountyextension@gmail.com

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4-H COUNTY FAIR CATEGORIES

ARTS AND CRAFTS

Painting

727 - Acrylic Paining

728 - Water Color

729 - Abstract Painting

730 - Sand Paining

731 - Self Portrait

732 - Human Action

733 - Oil Painting

734 - Oil Pastel

Printing

735 - Intaglio Collagraphy

736 - Blue Print Paper

737 - Etched Plexiglass

738 - Wax Resist Print

739 - Tire Stamp Print

740 - Linoleum Print

741 - Hand Drawn Negative Photograph

Graphic Design

743 - 5 Color Design

744 - Computer Drawing

Drawing

745 - Contour Drawing

746 - Two Point Perspective

747 - Circular Shape Object

748 - Sketch w/ Color or Black Pencil

749 - Sketch with Pen and Ink

750 - Calligraphy

751 - Cartooning

Fiber Arts

752 - Felted Wool Applique Mat

753 - Cotton Linter Bowl

754 - Batik Fabric

755 - Lap Loom Woven Place Mat

756 - Inkle Loom Basket

Trends

763 - Art Trends using Mixed Media. Examples include decoupage and paint; pencil & water colors; fabric, paint & paper.

Canvas size is open to artist.

Sculpting

757 - Item Sculpted from Clay

758 - Clay Bust

759 - Mask Sculpted from Clay

760 - Cardboard Sculpture

761 - Wire Sculpture

762 - Plaster of Paris Carving

Heritage Arts

764 - Heritage Arts (additional writing

required, contact

the Extension Office for

a copy.)

Basket Making

- Jewelry Making

- Leather Craft

* Kits allowed only for Juniors.*

764 - Natural Resources

- Forest photograph (large area dominated by trees.
- Water photograph showing still or moving water in a natural water system.
- Wildlife photograph showing unrestrained and live wildlife in natural habitats.
- Natural Scenic photograph showing natural scene.
- Native Plants: 1-5 photographs of native flora that occur naturally (not in a garden)
- Insect photograph in natural habitat

765 - Agriculture

- Livestock: as the main subject
- Crops: crops as main focus
- Life Cycle: 1-5 phots showing the life cycle as part of a story: crops • or livestock
- Agriculture Scenic: agriculture as Fashion Portrait subject
- Farm Equipment/Implement as subject
- Modern or Historic Practices: 1-5 photos that show a singular. Comparison, or advancement in

an agriculture practice.

PHOTOGRAPHY

766 - Leadership

- Formal/Candid Portrait of a person
- Urban Scenic Photograph
- Event: 1-5 photos of a community event
- Service: photo of service learning
- 4-H Event: 1-5 photos of a 4H event
- National/International: 1-5 photos that focus on a national or international experience.

676 - Family & Consumer Sciences

- Family: Portrait or candid of family members
- Food Preparation: 1-5 Photos
- · Culture: showing unique perspective of local/global culture

768 - SET

Mechanics: 1-5 photos

- Architecture
- Energy: 1-5 photos
- Movement: 1-5 photos
- Construction: 1-5 photos
- Machinery/Equipment

769 - Health

- Physical Activity
- Competitive Sports
- Healthy Lifestyle
- · Healthy Foods
- Careers in Health
- Dealing with Stress

770 - Com. & Expressive Arts

- Music
- Instrument/Art Utensils
- Cultural Arts Event
- Arts Creation
- Created Art in Your Community
- Word single spelled out within the community
- Patterns/Design: natural or manmade
- Residential: 1-5 photos showing residence area from inside and outside.

SEWING

Sewing Categories

790-810: Contact the extension office for a list of all classes in this category.

NEEDLEWORK

Crochet Category

- 813 Small Crochet Items made of medium weight yarn (4).
- 814 Large Crochet Items made of medium weight yarn (4).
- 815 Crochet Item made with novelty yarn.
- 816 Crocheted Item made using the Granny Square Technique.
- 817 Crocheted Item(s) made using intermediate skills/pattern crochet stitches.
- 818 Crochet Item using intermediate skills for shaping and fitting multiple pieces together.
- 819 Item or pair of items using advanced crochet skills
- 820 Item or pair of items using advanced crochet skills to create your own design.

Hand Embroidery Category

821 - 836: Contact the extension office for a list of all classes in this category.

Knitting

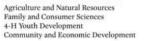
- 837 Small/simple knitted item(s):
- 838 Knitted Item created using Self-striping or Variegated Yarn(s)
- 839 Larger/simple knitted item or pair of items
- 849 Knitted project focused on Shape—Garment or Fashion Accessory
- 841 Knitted project focused on Shape—Stuffed Toy
- 843 Knitted project focused on Color Design
- 844 Knitted project focused on Textural Design

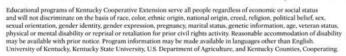
Quilting Category

845 - 857: Contact the extension office for a list of all classes in this category.















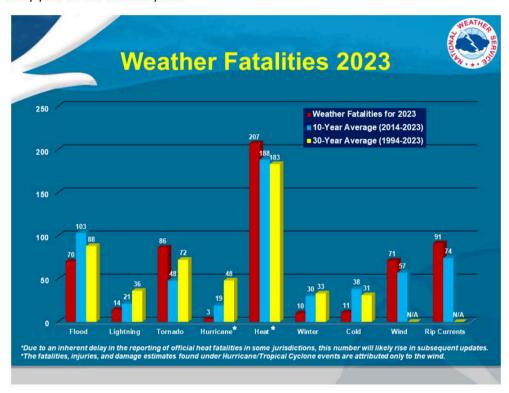


Summer Heat Safety

By Jane Marie Wix - National Weather Service Jackson, KY

Summer heat arrived with a bang in mid-June across Kentucky! Unfortunately, we are only getting started with the summer season - there will most certainly be several months of hot weather ahead. Summer is also the season when everyone wants to be outside, either working or having fun. As much as we love this time of year, it is also a very dangerous season.

Heat continues to be the deadliest form of weather across the country. Higher than flooding, tornadoes, and hurricanes. Sadly, statistics for last year showed a higher-than-average fatality rate. Heat related deaths have been creeping up every year for the last few years.



During excessive heat, avoid heavy activity and direct sunlight. Stay hydrated, find a cool indoor place, and check on children, the elderly, and pets. Protect yourself outside by wearing light, loose-fitting clothes, stay hydrated, and spend time in the shade. Also, never leave anyone (or pets) alone in a locked car, even in the winter, as death can occur in as little as 10 minutes.

Know the signs:

- **Heat Exhaustion:** Becoming faint or dizzy, excessive sweating, cool/clammy skin, nausea, rapid/weak pulse, muscle cramps.
- Heat Stroke: Throbbing headache, no sweating, red/hot/dry skin, nausea, rapid/strong pulse, possible loss
 of consciousness.

If someone experiences these symptoms, get them to a cooler place and try to cool the body (loosen clothing, drink cool water, etc.). If it's a heat stroke, call 911 IMMEDIATELY.







Two locations for one grand time.

Tuesdays 5pm - 8pm

Downtown Corbin at the Hometown Bank Farmers Market Pavilion 100 N Main St, Corbin, KY 40701





Whitley Co. Ex. Office 4275 U.S. 25W N, Williamsburg, KY 40769

UNIVERSITY OF KENTUCKY RESEARCH

Research Participants are Needed to Improve Sleep and Health in Kentucky Communities!



Kentucky ranks 48th in the nation in terms of healthy sleep. Researchers at the University of Kentucky are interested in learning more about factors that contribute to sleep and overall health in Kentucky adults.

Participants will share information about their sleep and several aspects of their health every six months for two years. Participants will be asked to: take surveys, wear a Fitbit watch, track sleep and health on a free Smartphone app, provide a few drops of blood via fingerstick.

You may be eligible to participate if you:

- Are 18 years of age or older.
- Live in one of 12 Kentucky Counties: Adair, Bell, Estill, Jackson, Knott, Letcher, Lincoln, Perry, Pike, Rockcastle, Russell, or Whitley.

Participants will be compensated up to \$685 for their time.

For more information or to take part in this research study, please contact: (859) 562-0112 restky@uky.edu https://www.restkystudy.com or scan QR code.







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Whitley County Beekeepers Association

Who We Are: Beekeepers sharing successes, learning, knowledge, wisdom, ideas, tips, excitement, honey, recipes, and encouragement.

What We Do: Enthusiastically help new beekeepers get started, expand the knowledge of experienced beekeepers, share our passion for beekeeping, collect swarms, process and sell honey through local contacts and farmers markets

When We Meet: 2nd Monday of every month at 6 p.m.

Where We Meet: Whitley County Extension Office, 4275 N. Hwy 25 W,

Williamsburg, KY 40769

Facebook Page: Whitley County Beekeepers Association

E-mail Address: whitleycountykybeekeepers@gmail.com

For more information contact:
Whitley County Extension
606-549-1430

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Mon. Jul 8-Varroa Mites and IPM: Theresa Martin

Sat. Jul 20-Mentoring Inspections

Mon. Aug 12-Pesticides: Dr. Ric Bessin, University of Kentucky

Sat. Aug 24-Field Day with Laura Rogers

Mon. Sep 9-Small Hive Beetles: Speaker TBD

Mon. Oct 14-Business Meeting and 2025 Planning

Mon. Dec 9-Holiday Party and Beekeeper of the Year

Subject to Change. See Whitley County Beekeepers Association Facebook for updates



SEKSPA une/July 2024

June 22 - Sheep EWE-Niversity, Salvisa, KY

June 24 - graded sale Richmond, KY

June 27 - graded sale Bowling Green, KY

July 2 - graded sale Paris, KY

July 4 - Independence Day

July 7 - Islamic New Year

- graded sale Richmond, KY July 8

July 11 - graded sale Bowling Green, KY

July 16 - graded sale Paris, KY

July 20 - graded sale Springfield, KY

July 22 - graded sale Richmond, KY

July 25 - graded sale Bowling Green, KY

July 27 - SEKSPA's Breeding Sheep Sale, Wilderness Trail Facility, London, KY



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President pro tem. - Brenda Richardson Vice-President pro tem - Oliver Gibbon Wool and Fiber Arts Chapter of SEKSPA

Secretary pro tem - Emily Merritt

Perry County Sheep and Goat Chapter of SEKSPA

Vice-President - Daniel Sumner Secretary - Bill Combs

For more information about the above events call or text: or click here to send an email: pangel9491@gmail.com 606-312-5264

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SATURDAY OF EVERY FIRST AND THIRD MONTH!



ENTRY 2 ST START: 11AM-4:00PM/

FEEL FREE TO CONTACT US

Dakota Childers: (606) 428-0229

Malachi Hersey: (606) 765-3216





Canning Pickles

Saturday, August 17th | 10 AM

Water bath canning is the food preservation process used to can high acid foods such as pickles and jams. In this demonstration class we will be making Hamburger Dill pickles while discussing the importance of following an approved recipe and learning the basics of water bath canning. This class is part of the Whitley County Homesteading series and is free of charge. Registration is appreciated.



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CORBIN, KY



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Water is nutrient no. 1 for horses

Source: Bob Coleman, UK extension horse specialist



Horses rely on many nutrients to thrive including protein, fat, carbohydrates, vitamins and minerals. However, water is the most important nutrient. Water accounts for nearly 75% of a horse's body weight. Most horses need at least 6-8 gallons every day, but the amount required will vary based on weather or diet. In hot weather, horses will need more water, and a horse eating hay requires more than one on pasture. Lactating broodmares always require more water.

Always prioritize fresh, clean water for your animals for many reasons. Adequate hydration reduces the risk of colic and plays a vital role in digestion. Water helps horses regulate their body temperature, lubricates joints, assists in muscle contraction strength and get rid of waste.

Most horse managers easily prioritize clean, fresh water in the barn. They have a daily routine of checking, cleaning and filling water buckets. But outside water may end up being more accidental than routine. You can't rely on streams and ponds for your water source. Horse traffic can break down stream banks, contaminate the water source and even cause animal injuries. Regularly check stock tanks and troughs, frequently change the water and clean the container.

Stock tank water may get a bit warmer than what some horses prefer, so watching the capacity of the watering device can help. Keep water cooler by changing it more often or having the water refreshed in the waterer more often. This can help provide water horses want to drink. Carefully consider where to dump dirty water in the field so you don't create muddy areas.

Forages contain moisture and grazing horses will get some daily hydration while munching on pasture. However, still offer free-choice water sources for horses to visit throughout the day.

Learn to recognize dehydration signs in your horses. By the time you see the signs, your horse may have already lost 5% of its body weight. Dehydrated horses appear weak, have sunken eyeballs, dry mucous membranes, slow capillary refill time and an increased heart rate. Pinch the horse's skin near the base of their neck for two seconds. If the skin stays pinched, your horse most likely needs water and possibly electrolytes.

For more information about horse management, contact the Whitley County Cooperative Extension Service 606-549-1430



Effective strategies to prevent plant diseases in your garden

Source: Rick Durham, extension professor, Department of Horticulture

In the unseen sphere of our vegetable gardens, plant pathogens including fungi, bacteria, nematodes and viruses are ever-present threats. However, with proactive measures, gardeners can successfully manage these threats and maintain healthy vegetable gardens.

Selecting the right location for your garden is the first step in prevention. Opt for a sunny area with well-drained soil to discourage the growth of pathogens. Raised beds can be an effective solution for improving drainage and air circulation around plants. It's also crucial to clear out old plant debris, which can harbor diseases from the previous season.

When choosing plants, prioritize disease-resistant varieties and inspect any transplants for signs of disease before introducing them to your garden. For seeds, consider those that have been treated with fungicide to give them a better chance of thriving. Planting in warm soil and ensuring proper spacing between plants are additional measures that can minimize stress and disease susceptibility.

Crop rotation is an invaluable strategy, especially in smaller gardens. Changing what's planted in a specific area every few years can prevent the buildup of soil-borne diseases. For crops that are particularly disease-prone, consider skipping their cultivation for a few years or growing them in containers separate from the garden.

Maintaining a weed-free garden throughout the growing season is essential. Weeds can serve as hosts for pests and diseases, transferring them to your vegetable plants. Proper watering techniques can also make a significant difference; water at the base of plants to avoid wetting foliage, and if overhead watering is necessary, do so early in the day to allow leaves to dry.

Avoiding mechanical injury to plants, such as from gardening tools or rough handling, can prevent openings for pathogens. Furthermore, refraining from working in the garden when plants are wet can reduce the spread of diseases.

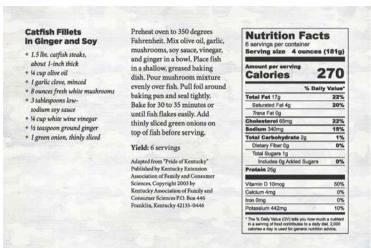
By taking these steps gardeners can effectively manage plant diseases. This approach not only protects the garden from the myriad of pathogens waiting to attack but also leads to a bountiful and healthy harvest.

For more information on keeping a health garden, contact the Whitley County Cooperative Extension Service 606-549-1430

Cook Wild Kentucky







Scan QR code for more recipes on Fish, Deer, Rabbit, Frog, Duck, Turkey, Squirrel, Beaver, Turtle and Dove























Available Equipment

Please Call to reserve Equipment 606-549-1430









Manure Spreader

Tiller Raised Bed Tiller

Chicken Plucker

Scalder



Mini Layer w/ Mulch Lift & Trailer (KSU)

Seeder



Large Mulch Layer w/ Trailer







Potato Hiller & Sprayer



Potato Harvestor



Vegetable Planter



Lime Spreader



Mulch Lift

^{*}Lessee pays a refundable deposit of \$100, which will be refunded when equipment is returned clean



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Whitley County Cooperative Extension -*Horticulture*



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