



The RURAL RAMBLER

An Agriculture and Natural Resources Newsletter for Bracken County



“Agriculture is the most healthful, most useful and most noble employment of man.”
George Washington

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A Note From Your Agent:

Hello!

I want to start off this newsletter by saying thank you to everyone who participated in the East Kentucky Hay Contest! We’re excited to share the results inside this newsletter.

Looking ahead, be sure to mark your calendars for the Farmer’s Breakfast on March 14th. This event is a great opportunity to gather, enjoy good food, and prepare for the upcoming growing season. Information on how to donate or support the breakfast is included inside. Check out the rest of the newsletter for upcoming events and helpful resources.

If you have any questions, feel free to call our office at 606-735-2141.

Stay warm this winter!



Holly Bowman
 Bracken County Extension Agent for
 Agriculture and Natural Resources

Name	Hay Or Silage	Class	County Placing	State Placing
Dale Hamilton	Hay	Alfalfa	1 st	Overall Winner
Darrell Williams	Hay	Alfalfa	2 nd	
George Gripshover	Hay	Alfalfa	3 rd	3 rd

Name	Hay Or Silage	Class	County Placing	State Placing
Kirby Shugars	Silage	Alfalfa	1 st	1 st
George Gripshover	Silage	Alfalfa	2 nd	2 nd

Name	Hay Or Silage	Class	County Placing	State Placing
Kevin Kalb	Hay	Grass	1 st	1 st
Donnie Bowles	Hay	Grass	2 nd	
Charles Hitch	Hay	Grass	3 rd	

Name	Hay Or Silage	Class	County Placing	State Placing
John Dickson	Silage	Grass	1 st	1 st
Phillip Cummins	Silage	Grass	2 nd	3 rd
Eric Sutton	Silage	Grass	3 rd	

Name	Hay Or Silage	Class	County Placing	State Placing
Charles Klaber	Hay	Alfalfa/Grass	1 st	
Travis Weiss	Hay	Alfalfa/Grass	2 nd	
Mark Litzsinger	Hay	Alfalfa/Grass	3 rd	

Name	Hay Or Silage	Class	County Placing	State Placing
Dale Hamilton	Silage	Alfalfa/Grass	1 st	1 st
Bart Hamilton	Silage	Alfalfa/Grass	2 nd	2 nd
Travis Bishop	Silage	Alfalfa/Grass	3 rd	

Name	Hay Or Silage	Class	County Placing	State Placing
Jamie Bell	Hay	Summer Annual	1 st	1 st
Darrell Williams	Hay	Summer Annual	2 nd	2 nd
Charles Toleman	Hay	Summer Annual	3 rd	

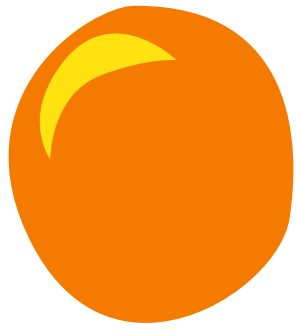
Name	Silage	Class	County Placing	State Placing
David Cummins	Silage	Summer Annual	1 st	

Name	Hay Or Silage	Class	County Placing	State Placing
George Gripshover	Silage	Small Grain	1 st	1 st
Mark Weiss	Silage	Small Grain	2 nd	2 nd
Kirby Shugars	Silage	Small Grain	3 rd	3 rd

Name	Hay	Class	County Placing	State Placing
Donnie Bowles	Hay	Mixed grass/legume	1 st	
John Parker	Hay	Mixed grass/legume	2 nd	
John Goecke	Hay	Mixed grass/legume	3 rd	



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RISE & SHINE! IT'S TIME FOR



Farmer's Breakfast

Friday, March 14th

BRACKEN COUNTY EXTENSION OFFICE



7:00 - 10:00 AM

- FOOD
- FELLOWSHIP
- HEALTH SCREENINGS
- NEW PUBLICATIONS



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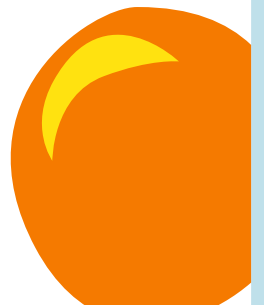
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Farmer's Breakfast

The Bracken County Ag Development Council is proud to announce the rejuvenation of the much loved Farmer's Breakfast. This event will be held on Friday, March 14th from 7:00-10:00 AM at the Bracken County Extension Office. We are currently seeking volunteers to help cook and sponsor the event. Please contact the office if you are willing to join in on the fun. No monetary donation is too small. We do ask that all donations be received by March 7th.

Reminder

Next Council meeting is
January 30th at 6:30pm

BRACKEN COUNTY CATTLEMEN'S MEETING

Thursday, February 20 6:30PM
Bracken Co. Extension Office





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BRACKENCOUNTY



EXTENSION OFFICE
PLANT ORDER
2025

All plant orders due February 14th

Name: _____

Address: _____

City, State, Postal Code: _____

Telephone: _____

Email: _____



Item	Quantity (bundle of 25 plants)	Unit Price	Total Price
Seascape Strawberries		\$8.00	
Earliglow Strawberries		\$8.00	
Flavorfest Strawberries		\$8.00	

**** IF ORDERING BLUEBERRIES, IT IS RECOMMENDED TO PURCHASE TWO DIFFERENT VARIETIES FOR POLLINATION****

Item	Quantity (per plant/crown)	Unit Price	Total
Jewel Black Raspberry		\$13.00	
Chandler Blueberry		\$13.00	
Duke Blueberry		\$13.00	
Triple Crown Blackberry		\$13.00	
Marge Elderberry		\$13.00	
Hinnomaki Red Gooseberry		13.00	
Jersey Knight Asparagus		\$2.00	
		Total Due	

Orders/payment is required by February 14th, 2025
Make checks payable to: Bracken County 4-H

Taxes included in price
**Orders must be picked up from the office within 2 days of delivery notification.*

Payment Information:
Amount Paid: _____
Date: _____
Received by: _____
Check no. _____ or Cash _____

**WE WILL CONTACT YOU WHEN ORDERS ARE READY FOR PICK-UP.
IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS, CALL (606) 735-2141**

Feeding Fescue to Horses

Presented by Dr. Bob Coleman
UK Extension Specialist

February 6, 2025

6:00PM

At Bracken County Extension Office

Topics to be Discussed

- Grazing fescue
- Feeding fescue hay
- Effects on pregnant and lactating mares

CAIP EDUCATION

To register please scan the QR code or call (606)-735-2141



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BQCA CERTIFICATION

At Bracken County Extension Office

February 11th at 10:00AM

February 25th at 6:00PM

March 18th at 10:00AM

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PRIVATE PESTICIDE APPLICATOR TRAININGS

6:00 PM | JANUARY 16

9:00 AM | FEBRUARY 20

6:00 PM | FEBRUARY 27



TO REGISTER: CALL (606)-735-2141 OR USE QR CODE

AT BRACKEN COUNTY EXTENSION OFFICE

IF DATES DO NOT WORK FOR YOU PLEASE CONTACT HOLLY TO
DISCUSS OTHER OPTIONS: HOLLY.BOWMAN@UKY.EDU

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TOBACCO GAP TRAINING

UK Cooperative Extension Service



March 12, 2025
6:00PM

MASON COUNTY EXTENSION OFFICE
800 US-68, MAYSVILLE, KY

TO REGISTER USE THE QR CODE OR CALL YOUR LOCAL EXTENSION OFFICE.



- BRACKEN COUNTY: (606) 735-2141
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- MASON COUNTY: (606) 564-6808
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****BE SURE TO BRING YOUR TOBACCO GAP CARD WITH YOU****

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APPLE TREE GRAFTING/PRUNING WORKSHOP

HOSTED BY THE BUFFALO TRACE COOPERATIVE EXTENSION OFFICES

MARCH 8, 2025

8:30AM - 2PM @ FLEMING COUNTY EXTENSION OFFICE
1384 ELIZAVILLE RD, FLEMINGSBURG, KY

TOPICS:

- GRAFTING & APPLE VARIETIES
- DISEASE & INSECT MANAGEMENT
- PRUNING: HANDS-ON DEMO @SMS

PLEASE REGISTER BY: MARCH 1ST



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Eden Shale Farm Tour



APRIL 25, 2025
10:30AM - TOUR

ATTENTION PLEASE

VAN SPACES ARE LIMITED TO THE FIRST 11 PEOPLE THAT REGISTER & REQUEST A SEAT IN THE VAN.

FOLKS CAN ALSO DRIVE & MEET US AT EDEN SHALE THAT DAY.

REGISTER NOW

CALL US

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****IF RIDING IN THE COUNTY VAN- DEPARTURE TIMES WILL VARY BY LOCATION****

REGISTRATION REQUIRED BY: APRIL 4, 2025

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Forage Production Workshop

CAIP EDUCATION

March 20, 2025
6:00 pm



Guest Speaker:
Ray Smith
University of Kentucky
Forage Specialist

Bracken County Extension Office

RSVP for Dinner

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EASY CHICKEN POT PIE

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SERVINGS: 6

**SERVING SIZE: 1/6 OF A
PIE**

SOURCE: ADAPTED FROM TEXAS
COOPERATIVE EXTENSION, THE
TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY SYSTEM,
EXPANDED NUTRITION PROGRAM

INGREDIENTS:

- ⅔ CUP FROZEN MIXED VEGETABLES, THAWED
- 1 CUP COOKED CHICKEN, CUT INTO BITE-SIZE PIECES
- 1 (10¾ OUNCE) CAN LOW FAT, CONDENSED, CREAM OF CHICKEN SOUP
- 1 CUP BAKING MIX
- ½ CUP SKIM MILK
- 1 EGG

SERVICE

190 CALORIES; 5G TOTAL FAT; 1.5G SATURATED FAT; 0G TRANS FAT; 50 MG CHOLESTEROL; 630 MG SODIUM; 24 G CARBOHYDRATE; 1G FIBER; 4G TOTAL SUGARS; 1G ADDED SUGARS; 11G PROTEIN; 0% DAILY VALUE OF VITAMIN D; 6% DAILY VALUE OF CALCIUM; 6% DAILY VALUE OF IRON; 2% DAILY VALUE OF POTASSIUM.

DIRECTIONS:

1. WASH HANDS AND ANY COOKING SURFACES.
2. PRE-HEAT OVEN TO 400 DEGREES F.
3. MIX VEGETABLES, CHICKEN AND SOUP IN UNGREASED, 9-INCH PIE PLATE
4. STIR BAKING MIX, MILK AND EGG IN A MIXING BOWL WITH FORK UNTIL BLENDED. POUR OVER VEGETABLES, CHICKEN AND SOUP MIXTURE IN PIE PLATE.
5. BAKE 30 MINUTES OR UNTIL GOLDEN BROWN.
6. LET COOL 5 MINUTES AND SERVE.

Important Dates



- **January 16, 2025** | Private Pesticide Applicator Training | Bracken Ext Office | 6:00PM
- **January 30, 2025** | Ag Advancement Council Meeting | Bracken Ext Office | 6:30PM
- **February 6, 2025** | Feeding Fescue | Bracken Ext Office | 6:00PM
- **February 14, 2025** | Plant Orders are DUE | Bracken Ext Office | 4:30PM
- **February 11, 2025** | BQCA | Bracken Ext Office | 10:00AM
- **February 20, 2025** | Private Pesticide Applicator Training | Bracken Ex Office | 9:00AM
- **February 20, 2025** | Cattlemen's Meeting | Bracken Ext Office | 6:30PM
- **February 25, 2025** | BQCA | Bracken Ext Office | 6:00PM
- **February 27, 2025** | Private Pesticide Applicator Training | Bracken Ex Office | 6:00PM
- **March 8, 2025** | Apple Grafting/Pruning | Fleming Ext Office | 8:30AM
- **March 12, 2025** | Tobacco Gap Training | Mason Ext Office | 6:00PM
- **March 14, 2025** | Farmer's Breakfast | Bracken Ext Office | 7:00-10:00AM
- **March 18, 2025** | BQCA | Bracken Ext Office | 10:00AM
- **March 20, 2025** | Forage Production Workshop | Bracken Ext Office | 6:00PM
- **April 25, 2025** | Eden Shale Farm Tour