

All Farmer Newsletter

Winter 2025

Cooperative Extension Service

Simpson County

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County Agriculture Investment Program

The Agricultural Development Council approved **\$77,572** from the Simpson County Phase I Agricultural Development Fund for the CAIP which will be administered by the Simpson County Soil Conservation District. The County Agricultural Investment Program is designed to provide farmers with incentives to allow them to improve and to diversify their current production practices.

This is a cost-share program that covers a wide variety of agricultural enterprises in its 11 investment areas. The application amounts will be prorated based on the number of approved applicants. The investment areas include: Agricultural Diversification, Large Animal (beef, dairy, equine), Small Animal (goat, sheep, bee, rabbit), Farm Infrastructure, Fencing & On-Farm Water, Forage & Grain Improvement, Innovative Agricultural Systems, On-Farm Energy, Poultry & Other Fowl, Agri-Tech & Leadership Development and Value-Added Marketing. A producer is defined by the use of Social Security Number and Farm Serial Number. Tax Identification Number is no longer acceptable.

Application packets will be available February 13 - March 14, 2025 at the Simpson County Conservation District located at 1300 Bluegrass Rd, Suite B., and the Simpson County Extension Office located at 300 N. Main St. Complete guidelines/application packets for the program in Simpson County can be obtained from Michelle Estes at (270) 850-0301 or scd2015@yahoo.com, or Jason Phillips at (270) 586-4484 or jason.phillips1@uky.edu. You may also review the guidelines online at the Kentucky Office of Agricultural Policy. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact us. An appointment may be necessary.

An informational meeting will be held at the Ag Building in the Jim Roberts Community Park on Thursday, January 30th at 6 pm. While not mandatory, it is highly encouraged that participants attend this meeting due to a number of changes in the program. Participation in CAIP requires the applicant to complete a minimum of one (1) educational component. Further details are at the bottom of page 12.

Deadline for CAIP 2025 application packets is March 14, 2025 to the Simpson County Conservation District Office (only) located at 1300 Bluegrass Rd., Suite B, Franklin, Kentucky. Black drop box is available for drop off outside of the USDA door.


Jason R. Phillips

County Extension Agent for Agriculture & Natural Resource Education

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Ag Report

Remember to tune your radio to 92.3 FM WFKN at 8:05 a.m. every Tuesday and Thursday morning for the Extension Agriculture report.



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FIRE & ELECTRICAL SAFETY FOR FARMERS

PRESENTED BY: FS FFA & THE SIMPSON COUNTY AG FOUNDATION,
& FARM BUREAU FEDERATION

*FIRE SAFETY- PYE BARKER FIRE & SAFETY

*ELECTRICAL SAFETY- WARREN RECC

JANUARY 15, 2025

11:00 AM - 1:00 PM, WITH LUNCH PREPARED

BY THE SIMPSON COUNTY CATTLEMEN'S ASSOCIATION



Drawing will be held for
25 free Fire Extinguishers & more.
Must attend to receive.
Limit 1 per farm.
\$200 value
made possible by
Raising Hope



LOCATION: ROBERTSON'S FARM
260 MENNONITE CHURCH RD.
FRANKLIN, KY 42134

RSVP: 270-586-4484

WILL QUALIFY FOR CAIP
EDUCATIONAL REQUIREMENTS

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KY COMMODITY CONFERENCE

Thursday, January 16, 2025

HOLIDAY INN UNIVERSITY PLAZA & SLOAN CONVENTION CENTER
1021 Wilkinson Trace • Bowling Green, KY 42103 Phone: 270.745.0088



SOUTH CENTRAL LITERACY COUNCIL
 &
UK COOPERATIVE EXTENSION
 PRESENTS:



TECH SKILLS FOR DAILY LIFE

A three week program designed to empower you with essential technology skills for everyday use. May bring phone, tablet, or laptop. Preferably no MAC Books.

Week 1: Effective Phone Navigation (iPhone & Android)

January 22, 2025 11:00am- 12:30pm

Simpson County Extension Office
 Develop foundational smartphone skills to confidently navigate, customize, and manage daily tasks.

Week 2: Internet Safety and Scam Recognition

January 29, 2025 11:00am- 12:30pm

Simpson County Extension Office
 Build awareness of online risks and acquire strategies to protect personal information and navigate the digital world securely.

Week 3: Smart and Safe Tech for Everyday Life

February 5, 2025 11:00am- 12:30pm

Simpson County Extension Office
 Explore tools like digital coupons and store apps to save money, increase convenience, and use technology more effectively in daily life.



Must call to reserve your spot, class sizes limited & will be determined on a first come, first served basis.



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BEEF MANAGEMENT WEBINAR SERIES

If you are interested and would like to be registered send an email to dbullock@uky.edu with Beef Webinar Series in the Subject and your name and county in the message to receive a Zoom link and password. You will receive an invitation and password the morning of the presentation.

January
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Important Traits for Bull Selection in Kentucky

Dr. Matt Spangler, Professor, University of Nebraska

February
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Marketing Opportunities for the Spring

Dr. Kenny Burdine, Professor, and Kevin Laurent, Extension Specialist, University of Kentucky

March
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Preparing for a Successful Spring Breeding Season

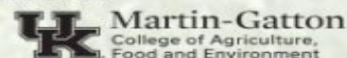
Dr. Les Anderson, Extension Professor, University of Kentucky

April
8

Health Update and Internal Parasite Field Study Results

Dr. Michelle Arnold, Extension Veterinarian, and Jeff Lehmkuhler, Extension Professor, University of Kentucky

If you have any questions or need additional information please email dbullock@uky.edu. If you are already registered you will get a Zoom invitation the morning of each session with the link and password.



2025 WINTER WHEAT MEETING

February 4, 2025

Bruce Convention Center
Hopkinsville, KY 42240

9am-3pm central

Registration 8:30 ct

CCA and Pesticide Credits pending.

What are We Learning From YEN in KY? - Phil Needham

Herbicide Residual Application Timing for Ryegrass Control
- Dr. Travis Legleiter

On-farm Grain Fumigation Options - Josh Wilhelm

Dealing with DON: Management of Fusarium Head Blight and DON in Wheat - Dr. Carl Bradley

How Nitrogen and Sulfur Fertility Influences Wheat Grain Yield and Protein Content - Dr. Edwin Ritchey

Current Wheat Crop Update - Dr. Chad Lee

Wheat Varieties Tolerance to Metribuzin and Opportunities to Improve Italian Ryegrass Management
- Dr. Samuel Revolinski

Overview of Kentucky Wheat Yield Contest 2015-2024
- Dr. Mohammad Shamim



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Simpson & Warren County Master Gardener Program



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Kentucky Extension
Master Gardener

Every Thursday

10:00 AM - 1:00 PM

lunch will be served

February 6th-April 24th

Make up dates to be held

May 1st and 8th

Warren County Extension Office

5162 Russellville Rd

Bowling Green

Subjects include:

- Basic Botany
- Soils & Fertility
- Plant Propagation
- Vegetable Gardening
- Pesticide & Composting
- Plant Pathology
- Home Lawn Care
- Entomology
- Small & Tree Fruits
- Woody Ornamentals
- Annual & Perennial Flowers



\$175
per person
Covers all meals &
materials for entire
course



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KCHC

Kentucky Crop Health Conference

9 a.m. to 3 p.m. CST, Feb. 6, 2025 - National Corvette Museum - Bowling Green, Ky.



Wade Webster

North Dakota State University

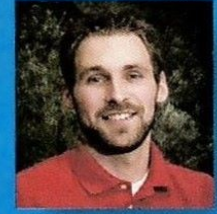
Topic: Fueling the Future: Driving Predictive Models for Tar Spot



Alyssa Essman

Ohio State University

Topic: Planting green and the influence of cover crop termination timing on weed management



Justin McMechan

University of Nebraska–Lincoln

Topic: Unraveling emerging insect issues in agriculture: Impacts, challenges, and management tactics

Kiersten Wise

University of Kentucky

Topic: Stay one step ahead: Tracking corn diseases in Kentucky



Raul Villanueva

University of Kentucky

Topic: Management of slugs and snails through field efficacy tests in soybeans

Carl Bradley

University of Kentucky

Topic: Research update on Red Crown Rot of Soybean



Travis Legleiter

University of Kentucky

Topic: The fight against Italian Ryegrass in Kentucky: A persistent challenge



Tickets on sale Nov. 1, 2024 - breakfast and lunch included
Conference sign-in begins at 8 a.m. CST

Scan QR Code or visit: <https://kchc2025.eventbrite.com>
Tickets non-refundable after January 30, 2025

CCA and Kentucky Pesticide Applicator credits are pending

KY-TN GRAIN DAY

FEBRUARY 7

7:30 AM - 1:45 PM

CCA CEU: PD, IPM, CM, SW, NM
KY CEU: Cat. (2) 1A, 3, 10
TN CEU: *Applied for*

LOGAN COUNTY EXTENSION OFFICE
255 JOHN PAUL RD RUSSELLVILLE, KY
270-726-6323

2025

- 7:30 - 8:10 am **Registration & Refreshments**
- 8:10 - 9:00 am **Grain Market Update & Risk Management Insights**
Dr. Aaron Smith, UT Agriculture Economics
- 9:00 - 9:50 am **Weed Management & Application Methods**
for Agriculture & Landscapes
Dr. Travis Legleiter, UK Weed Sciences
- 9:50 - 10:15 am **Break Visit Trade Show**
- 10:15 - 11:05 am **Best Management Practices to Increase Nutrient Efficiency**
Dr. Forbes Walker, UT Biosystems Engineering & Soil Sciences
- 11:05 - 11:55 am **Corn & Soybean Disease Update & Management**
Dr. Heather Kelly, UT Plant Pathology
- 11:55 - 12:10 pm **Break Visit Trade Show**
- 12:10 - 1:30 pm **Lunch** *Sponsored by B.R. Knuckles Insurance*
- Recent & Forecasted Weather Extremes & Its Impact on Grain Production**
Dr. Matt Dixon, UK Agriculture Meteorologist
- 1:30 - 1:45 pm **Evaluations & Door Prizes**



Recent & Forecasted Weather Extremes & Its Impact on Grain Production

Dr. Matt Dixon, UK Agriculture Meteorologist

TRADE SHOW OPEN UNTIL 1PM



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PRIVATE PESTICIDE TRAINING

If your card expired on 12/31/2024, or if you would like to receive your private pesticide card, please plan to join us on February 11th, 2:00pm.

Call to get registered 270-586-4484
Simpson County Extension Office
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Alfalfa & Stored
Forage Conference
February 25th
2025
8:00 a.m.

Fayette County Extension Office
1140 Harry Sykes Way
Lexington, KY 40504
Registration: General \$45; Students \$15
Email for more information:
krista.lead1@uky.edu

SAVE THE DATE



AGRICULTURE APPRECIATION BREAKFAST

MARCH 11, 2025

JOIN US FOR HOMESTEADING 101 SERIES: SESSION 1: MUSHROOM PRODUCTION WORKSHOP

PRESENTED BY: DR. ELLEN CROCKER, UK FORESTRY SPECIALIST

Blewett Bradley Building

February 27, 2025

6:00 pm - 8:00 pm

Must call 270-586-4484

to register by February 24th

**No cost but space is limited due to
Hands-On Activities**

Additional Homesteading 101 Sessions Available



Session 2-

Making Sourdough- April 15

Session 3-

Beginning Beekeeping- June 10



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NUISANCE WEED SPRAYING

The Nuisance Weed Spraying Program is through the Kentucky Department of Agriculture and consists of weed spraying demonstration plots. The department will provide the sprayer and enough chemicals for the treatment of 10 acres of agricultural land or 100 gallons of spot spraying mix to be used on agricultural land. The department's representative will demonstrate proper mixing and application techniques. A number of nuisance weeds can be treated under this program depending on the needs of the participant. This program is limited to broadleaf weeds.

Broadcast Spraying demonstration plots consist of:

10 acres of agricultural land will be treated with chemicals provided by the department. Application is performed with a two-wheeled trailer-type sprayer equipped with boomless nozzles. If additional chemical is provided by the participant, an additional 10 acres can be treated.

Spot Spraying demonstration plots consist of:

100 gallons of broadleaf chemical mix which is applied until the sprayer is empty. Application is performed with a two-wheeled trailer-type sprayer equipped with a handheld spray wand used by the tractor operator.

If additional chemical is provided by the participant, an additional 100 gallons can be sprayed.

For each demonstration:

The participant must provide a water source.

The participant must provide a tractor and operator.

All chemical products must be labeled and the product label will be strictly followed.

A maximum of 7 participants per county.

This program is designed to target weeds that have a negative impact on the participant's agricultural production. There will be an annual online application period to participate in this program. You may submit an application each year using KDA's online services from February 1 to February 29. The link to the Nuisance Weed Spraying Program can be found under Online Services on their website at www.kyagr.com. Contact Simpson County Extension office for assistance with signing up for this program. 270-586-4484

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Tips & Reminders

Don't forget to take advantage of the many services offered by Extension!

- Soil Testing
- Nitrate Testing
- Manure Testing
- Plant Disease Diagnostics
- Weed & Insect Identification
- Seed Testing Services
- On-farm visits



These are just a few of the services that local citizens have the opportunity to utilize. To learn more, come see us at 300 N. Main St!

The All ag lime is not created equal! All quarries in Simpson and surrounding counties are in the Fall KDA Report which will help to insure that you are getting the most effective lime available for your dollar. Go to the following website to view recent Relative Neutralizing Value (RNV) test results per the Kentucky Department of Agriculture for quarries throughout Kentucky and surrounding states. http://soils.rs.uky.edu/technical_Info/

We have farm record books available at the extension office. These books are only \$5.00 each. They will help you become better organized to more efficiently manage your operation and keep up with information for tax time.

Game-Stuffed Peppers

- 6 medium bell peppers
- 1 medium onion, diced
- 2 garlic cloves, minced, or 1 teaspoon garlic powder
- 1 tablespoon olive oil
- 1 pound ground venison, elk, or beef
- 1 tablespoon salt-free herb blend
- 1 teaspoon ground pepper
- 1 teaspoon dried oregano
- 1 15-ounce can no-salt-added tomato sauce
- 1 cup cooked rice
- 4 ounces Monterey Jack Cheese, shredded

1. Wash hands with warm water and soap, scrubbing for at least 20 seconds, especially after handling raw meat.
2. Preheat the oven to 350 degrees F.

3. Gently scrub peppers with a clean vegetable brush under cool running water.
4. Cut off curved top of pepper. Remove stem only and throw away. Dice remaining part of pepper top.
5. Scoop out and discard seeds and pith from bottom part of each pepper. Preheat a 12-inch cast iron skillet over medium heat.
6. Add olive oil to the skillet. Sauté the diced pepper and onion for 3 to 5 minutes, until they begin to soften. Add ground venison, garlic, salt-free herb blend, pepper, and oregano. Cook 3 to 5 minutes longer. Stir often.
7. Add the tomato sauce and rice to the skillet. Stir to combine.

8. Fill peppers with rice and meat mixture. Top with shredded cheese.
9. Bake for 30 to 40 minutes, or until peppers are soft and cheese is melted.
10. Serve immediately. Store leftovers in the refrigerator within 2 hours.

Yield: 6 servings
Serving Size: 1 stuffed pepper

Nutrition facts per serving:
280 calories; 9g total fat; 3.5g saturated fat; 0g trans fat; 75mg cholesterol; 380mg sodium; 25g carbohydrate; 4g dietary fiber; 9g total sugars; 0g added sugar; 26g protein; 0% Daily Value of vitamin D; 15% Daily Value of calcium; 30% daily value of iron; 6% Daily Value of potassium.



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Calendar of Events

January 14 UK Beef Mgmt. Webinar Series-Important Traits for Bull Selection in KY*

Dr. Spangler, University of Nebraska, Zoom, 7 p.m. – 8 p.m.

January 15 Fire & Electrical Safety for Farmers*

Robertson's Farm, 260 Mennonite Church Rd., 11 a.m.-1 p.m.

January 16 KY Commodity Conference*

Sloan Convention Center – Bowling Green, KY – 8:00 am –7:30 pm

January 17 Kentucky Pork Producers Association Meeting*

Sloan Convention Center - Bowling Green, KY

January 21 Simpson County Extension District Board Meeting

Simpson County Ext Office Upstairs Meeting Room, 12:00 p.m.

January 22 Tech Skills for Daily Life – Effective Phone Navigation (iPhone & Android)

Simpson County Extension Office Upstairs Meeting Room, 11 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.

January 29 Tech Skills for Daily Life – Internet Safety and Scam Recognition

Simpson County Extension Office Upstairs Meeting Room, 11 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.

January 30 CAIP Informational Meeting

Agriculture Building in Jim Roberts Community Park, Beginning at 6 p.m.

February 1-29 Register for Nuisance Weed Spraying Program

Contact Simpson County Extension Office

February 4 University of Kentucky Winter Wheat Meeting*

James E. Bruce Convention Center – Hopkinsville, KY - 9 a.m. – 3 p.m.

February 4 TN-KY Tobacco Expo

Robertson County Fairgrounds – Springfield, TN - 8 a.m. – 1 p.m.

February 5 Tech Skills for Daily Life – Smart and Safe Tech for Everyday Life

Simpson County Extension Office Upstairs Meeting Room, 11 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.

February 6 Kentucky Crop Health Conference*

National Corvette Museum – Bowling Green, KY – 9 a.m. – 3 p.m.

February 6 Master Gardener begins* (every successive Thursday)

Warren County Extension Office - Bowling Green, KY – 10 a.m. – 1 p.m.

February 6 County Extension Council Leadership Banquet

SKYCTC, beginning at 6 p.m.

February 7 KY/TN Grain Conference*

Logan County Extension Office – Russellville, KY - 7:30 a.m. – 1:45 p.m.

February 11 Private Pesticide Applicator Training

Leon & Lassie Page Training Center – Franklin, KY - 2 p.m.

February 11 UK Beef Mgmt. Webinar Series – Marketing Opportunities for the Spring*

Dr. Burdine & Kevin Laurent, University of Kentucky, Zoom, 7 p.m. – 8 p.m.

Feb 12 – Feb 15 National Farm Machinery Show,
Kentucky Exposition Center, Louisville, KY

February 25 44th Annual KY Alfalfa and Stored Forages Conference*

Fayette County Extension Office – 8 a.m. – 3:30 p.m. EST

February 25 Simpson County Cattlemen's Association

TBD, starts at 6 p.m.

February 27 Homesteading 101 – Mushroom Production and Identification*

Blewitt-Bradley Building 6 p.m. – 8 p.m.

March Be sure to make a donation to support 4-H, FFA and Kentucky Proud when renewing ag tags!

March 1 Fruit Tree Pruning Workshop*

Jackson's Orchard – 9 a.m. – noon

March 11 Agriculture Appreciation Breakfast*

Franklin First United Methodist Church, starts at 7 a.m.

March 11 UK Beef Mgmt Webinar Series – Prepare for Successful Spring Breeding Season*

Dr. Anderson, University of Kentucky, Zoom, 7 p.m. – 8 p.m.

March 12 Simpson County Cattlemen's Association*

Leon & Lassie Page Training Center – Franklin, KY – 6 p.m.

March 24 UK Tobacco GAP Training

Barren Co. Trojan Academy, 505 Trojan Trail – Glasgow, KY 42141; Bring your GAP card – 6 p.m.

April 8 UK Beef Mgmt. Webinar Series – Health Update, Internal Parasite Study*

Dr. Lehmkuhler, University of KY, Dr. Arnold, Ext. Vet, Zoom, 7 p.m. – 8 p.m.

April 15 Homesteading 101 – Making Sourdough Bread*

Location: TBD 6 p.m. – 8 p.m.

April 24 Master Gardener ends*

Warren County Extension Office – Bowling Green, KY – 10 a.m. – 1 p.m.

June 3 Homesteading 101 – Beginning Beekeeping*

Location: TBD, 6 p.m. – 8 p.m.

***Denotes this meeting qualifies for the CAIP Educational Requirement**

Based on Kentucky Office of Agricultural Policy (KOAP) guidelines, participation in CAIP requires the applicant to complete a minimum of one (1) educational component prior to the disbursement of funds related to farm management, production, best management practices or marketing. Eligible sessions include extension-sanctioned activities, such as workshops, seminars, field days, on-line courses, webinars, etc.