

# AG News Today

AGRICULTURE & NATURAL RESOURCES

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## SEPTEMBER 2024

As September dawns, we find ourselves in the midst of one of the most exciting times of the year on the farm. With summer winding down, it's a season of both reflection and anticipation. The fields are brimming with the fruits of our labor, and harvest season is just around the corner.. Let's embrace the changing season with a renewed focus on innovation and resilience. Here's to a fruitful September and a successful harvest!



  
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## UPCOMING AG FALL WORKSHOPS, CLASSES & REMINDERS

- **Growing Your Farm & Food Business–**  
Wednesday October 23rd 2024  
9:30am–4:00pm at the Grand Rivers  
Community Center Grand Rivers, KY  
for questions contact the Livingston  
County Extension Office at  
1.270.928.2168 Mon–Fri 8–4:30pm
- **Multi County Bull Value Assessment  
Program - This is a two day workshop**  
October 14th & October 22nd 2024 both  
nights will be at 6:00pm located at the  
Marshall County Extension Office. Must  
RSVP to Marshall Co. Extension at  
1.270.527.3285
- **Soil Samples & Forage Samples**  
reminder: The first 25 are FREE! per  
Livingston County producer or farmer.

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# TIME TO PLANT YOUR FALL GARDEN

Source: Rick Durham, UK extension horticulture specialist

As the summer warmth begins to wane, you don't have to bid farewell to the joys of cultivating your garden. This time between seasons offers a golden opportunity to plant a vibrant fall vegetable garden, promising an uninterrupted flow of produce throughout autumn. Alternating balmy days and brisk nights support a variety of cool-season vegetables for your family to enjoy.

Some of the best quality vegetables are produced during fall's warm days and cool nights. These environmental conditions add sugar to late-season sweet corn and cole crops, such as cauliflower and cabbage, and add crispness to carrots.

Fall vegetables harvested after early September consist of two types: the last succession plantings of warm-season crops, such as corn and bush beans, and cool-season crops that grow well during the cool fall days and withstand frost.

When planting a fall garden, group crops the same way you would in the spring; plant so taller plants don't shade out shorter ones. To encourage good germination, fill each seed furrow with water and let it soak in. Keep the soil moist until seeds have germinated. Be aware that cool nights slow growth, so plants take longer to mature in the fall than in the summer.

You may use polyethylene row covers to extend the growing season of frost-sensitive crops, such as tomatoes, peppers and cucumbers. This helps trap heat from the soil and protect the crop from chilly night temperatures. Often Kentucky experiences a period of mild weather after the first killing frost. If you protect frost-sensitive vegetables at critical times in the fall, you could extend the harvest season by several weeks.



Once these vegetables die due to lower temperatures, you may be able to plant cool-season crops in their place. Leafy greens like lettuce and spinach may grow into November or December under polyethylene row covers if outside temperatures do not drop below the teens. Be sure to allow for ventilation on sunny days to prevent overheating.

You may successfully seed or transplant the following vegetables now for fall harvest: beets, Bibb lettuce, broccoli, Brussels sprouts, cabbage, carrots, cauliflower, collards, endive, leaf lettuce, kale, mustard greens, spinach, snow peas and turnips.

For more information about horticultural topics or classes near you, contact the Livingston County Cooperative Extension Service.



# Farmers Recipe of the Month

## Cucumber, Corn, and Bean Salsa

2-3 large cucumbers

2 tomatoes

1 yellow bell pepper

1 small red onion

¼ cup chopped fresh cilantro

½ cup black beans

½ cup fresh whole kernel corn, cooked

1 ounce package dry ranch dressing mix

⅛ cup cider vinegar

2 tablespoons sugar, optional

**Wash** all vegetables. Finely **chop** cucumbers, tomatoes, pepper, and onion. **Combine** in a large mixing bowl with chopped cilantro. **Drain** and rinse beans and add to chopped vegetables. **Add** corn. If using canned corn instead of fresh, **drain** off liquid prior to adding to vegetables.

**In a small bowl**, mix together ranch

dressing packet, vinegar, and sugar. **Pour** dressing over vegetables and mix well. **Serve** immediately or refrigerate until chilled.

**Yield:** Makes 20, ½ cup servings.

**Nutrition Analysis:** 50 calories, 0 g fat, 130 mg sodium, 7 g carbohydrates, 2 g fiber, 70% Daily Value of vitamin C and 6% Daily Value of vitamin A

Buying Kentucky Proud is easy. Look for the label at your grocery store, farmers' market, or roadside stand.



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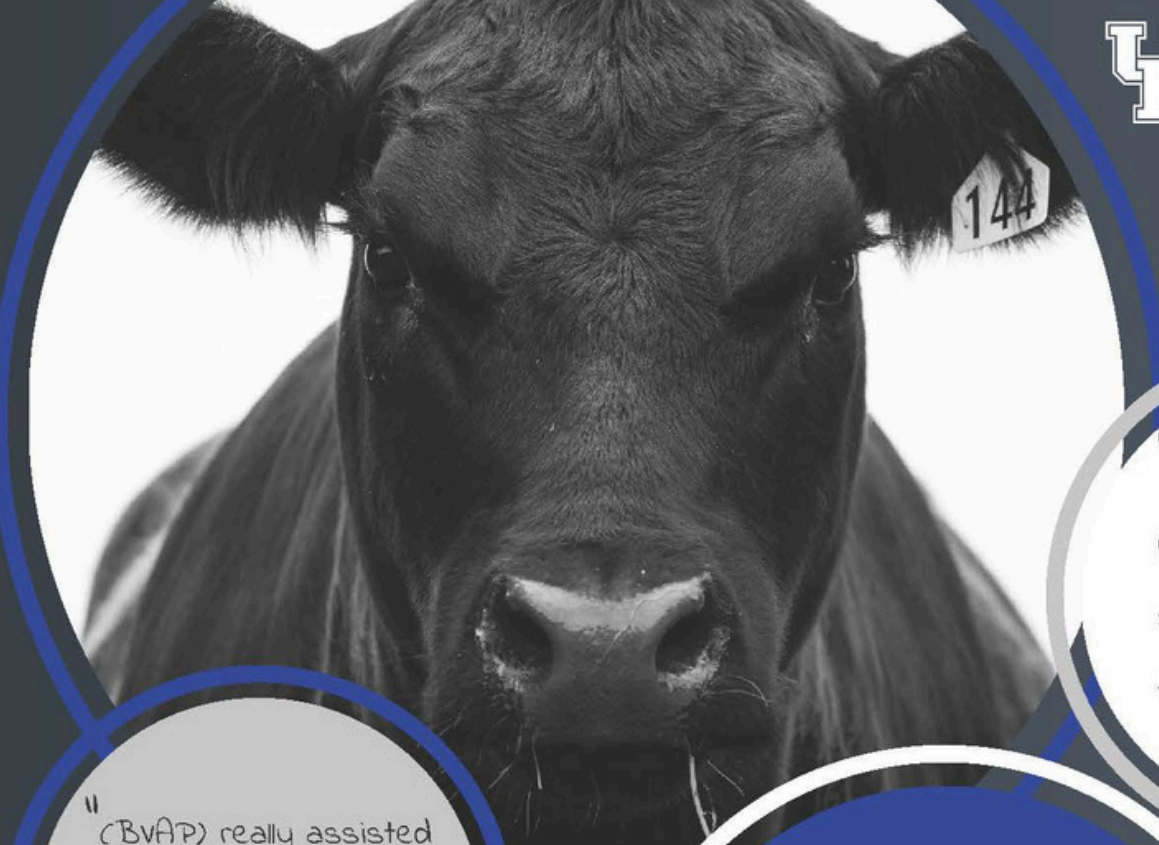
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"(BVAP) really assisted with understanding real world usage of EPD'S"  
-past participant

"very educational. I really enjoyed getting to see things in action at the mock auction"  
-past participant

# Bull Value Assessment Program

**October 14th & 22nd**  
**6:00PM**

**Free meal both nights!**

**@ The New Marshall County Extension Office**

**RSVP Required**

**Call 270-527-3285**

This two night program is designed to help producers make future bull buying decisions.

This "mock" bull buying experience allows producers to fine tune their bull evaluating, selecting and purchasing skills at a live, no risk, auction simulation!

This program is a collaboration of the Marshall, Calloway, Graves, McCracken & Livingston County Extension offices.

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CALL 270-247-2334  
TO REGISTER!

# NEW DATE!

## NEW RETAIL CUTS FROM THE BEEF RIBEYE

MEAT CUTTING DEMONSTRATION

WITH

DR. GREGG RENTFROW,

UK MEAT SCIENCE SPECIALIST

SEPTEMBER 30, 2024

5:30PM

GRAVES COUNTY  
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# **GROWING YOUR FARM AND FOOD BUSINESS WORKSHOP IN LIVINGSTON COUNTY**

**Unlock new opportunities for your agribusiness with  
KCARD staff and partners at our comprehensive  
workshops on funding, business planning, and more!**

**OCTOBER 23RD**

**9:30 AM - 4 PM**

**GRAND RIVERS**

**COMMUNITY CENTER**

**155 W CUMBERLAND AVE  
GRAND RIVERS, KY 42045**



<https://tinyurl.com/livingston-gyffb>

**REGISTRATION IS \$20.  
REGISTER IN THE LINK OR BY  
CALLING US AT (859) 550-3972!**



**Kentucky Center for Agriculture  
and Rural Development**



Join us for an Informational class on:

# FALL PLANNING FOR VEGETABLE GARDENS

**WITH SPEAKER: MATTHEW CHADWICK**

**ANR FOR CALLOWAY COUNTY COOPERATIVE EXTENSION OFFICE**

**When:** September 24th 2024

**Time:** 6:00pm

**Where:** Livingston County Cooperative Extension Office  
803 US 60 East Smithland, KY 42081

**Cost:** FREE!

**TO RSVP CONTACT THE LIVINGSTON COUNTY COOPERATIVE  
EXTENSION OFFICE AT 1.270.928.2168 MON-FRI 8AM-4:30PM**



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# APPLICATOR TRAINING



WHEN: TUESDAY SEPTEMBER 17TH 2024

TIME: 12:00PM

WHERE: LIVINGSTON COUNTY COOPERATIVE EXTENSION OFFICE  
803 US 60 EAST SMITHLAND, KY 42081

COST: FREE

YOU WILL LEAVE THIS COURSE WITH YOUR PESTICIDE LICENSE



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