

Agriculture & Natural Resources Newsletter

The Old Farmhand: Part II

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A Note from Jessica

Hello everyone and Happy Holidays! I hope this newsletter finds you and your family well! I also hope that each of you had a safe and bountiful harvest this year.

I wanted to take a moment and say thank you to everyone who reached out, prayed or sent well wishes after my accident in October. I truly appreciate it and am glad to be on the mend!

Please pay close attention to this newsletter as there are several opportunities coming up for educational classes.

Also, if you haven't done so already we would greatly appreciate you filling out the survey below by scanning the QR code with your phone or going to go.uky.edu/serveky. This survey will directly impact programming efforts here in Harrison County and we would love to hear how we can better serve each of you!

How can we
**serve you,
Kentucky?**

Take a **ten-minute** survey to help us develop programs addressing needs in your community.

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accommodated
with prior notification.

Private Pesticide Applicator Certification

If you need to update your Private Pesticide Applicator certification or become certified then join us on **January 22, 2024 at either 10am or 6pm** in the small meeting room at the Harrison County Extension Office. The Private Pesticide Applicator certification allows you to purchase and apply restricted use pesticides for your personal use. If you are "for hire" and spray for others then you would need to do the Commercial Pesticide certification and if you contact me I can give you more information on that. Please call 859-234-5510 if you plan to attend so I can have enough materials available.

Beef Quality & Care Assurance Certification

I will be holding a Beef Quality & Care Assurance (BQCA) certification class on **February 29, 2024 at 6:00pm** in the big meeting room at the Harrison County Extension Office. The BQCA certification will show you how to properly give injections, handle cattle properly, and give some information on diseases and sicknesses to watch for in the cattle herd. Please call 859-234-5510 if you plan to attend so I can have enough materials available.

UK Beef Webinar Series

Dr. Darrh Bullock, Beef Extension Professor, University of Kentucky

We will be restarting our UK Beef Webinar Series in December. These sessions are open to any beef producers, but a one-time registration is required. If you have received notices in the past then you are registered and should get the notification, if not, you can register by sending an email with your name and county to dbullock@uky.edu with the topic heading of UK Beef Webinar Registration.

The dates and topics are:

December 12, 2023 – Shooting the Bull – UK Beef Specialists will provide information on a hot topic in the beef industry and answer any questions posed by the attendees.

January 9, 2024 – Prebreeding Vaccination Considerations – Dr. George Perry, Texas A&M University

February 13 – What's the Cost of a Cheap Mineral – Dr. Katie VanValin, University of Kentucky

All webinars start at 8:00 EST/7:00 CST. All registered members will receive a Zoom invitation the morning of the presentation with the link and password. For more information contact Darrh Bullock at dbullock@uky.edu



The Harrison County Extension Office will be closed December 25 through January 1 to celebrate the holidays with our families. We all wish you and your family a very Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

Interested in becoming a Master Cattleman?

The Master Cattleman program is back in action and Harrison, Bourbon and Nicholas Counties have teamed up to offer the program to our producers. We are trying to gauge the interest that we will have because there is a minimum number of participants required in order to host the program. If you are interested in becoming a Master Cattleman please call the Harrison County Extension Office at 859-234-5510 or email me at Jessica.barnes2@uky.edu. We are working on hammering out the specific dates with our specialists on when exactly the classes will take place but there will be six classes 3 hours each January through March. Each class will begin at 5:30 pm and a meal will be provided. See the flyer below for some more information and call if you are interested! Once I know specific dates I will call those interested and at that point you will need to pay the \$125 registration fee to lock in your spot.

BECOME A MASTER CATTLEMEN



The Master Cattlemen Program was created to give beef producers an in-depth educational course on beef cattle management. Producers completing the program will acquire knowledge that will help them make informed economic management decisions in their beef operations.

Participants receive classroom instruction divided equally among these topic areas:

Reproduction and record keeping
 Nutrition for Optimum Production
 Facilities and Logistics of Winter Feeding
 Genetics for the Beef Herd
 Herd Health
 Marketing and Profitability

Registration fee:
\$125
 includes all meals,
 class materials and a
 farm sign

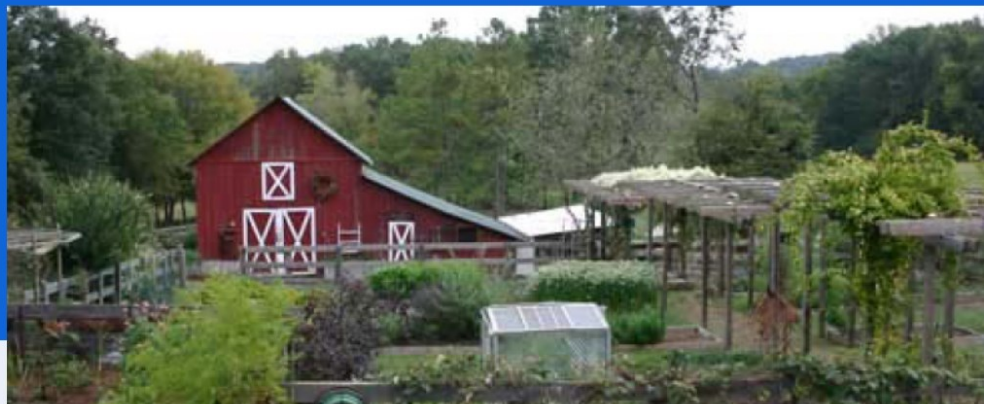
TO REGISTER:

Call the Harrison County Extension Office at
 859-234-5510 or email Jessica Barnes at
jessica.barnes2@uky.edu

*All sessions will be held at 5:30 p.m. at the
 Bourbon, Harrison or Nicholas Extension
 Offices.*

*Couples are welcome; however, they may need to pay
 an additional registration fee to cover meal costs.
 Couples will receive only one set of materials and one
 farm gate sign. To receive a farm gate sign and
 complete the Master Cattleman Program, one person
 must complete all sessions.*

Homesteading Series



**CAIP
ELIGIBLE
COURSE**

Join us on the 4th Tuesday of each month, starting in January and going through May to learn more about homesteading on your very own property! These courses are suited for those who are interested in home-grown products and self-sufficiency, whether you are just beginning or have an established operation and just need a few more resources.

5 Courses Available

Maple Syrup 101

Learn the basics of how to tap your own trees and make maple syrup from an expert right here in Harrison County. Class also includes a field trip on February 16.

(Class attendance is required to participate in field trip)

**January 23
6:00pm**

Fodder Systems

Discover how to create an inexpensive system to easily grow fodder for your small livestock.

**February 27
6:00pm**

Dehydrating

Dehydrating is one of the oldest methods of food preservation. Learn how to use a modern day dehydrator as a dehydrating food method.

**March 26
6:00pm**

Chopping Block: Chicken

Whether you are raising your own chickens or buying whole birds, knowing the skill to break down a whole chicken is a skill that can save you money.

**April 23
6:00pm**

Creating Natural Dyes

Discover the basics of using flowers and foliage to naturally dye materials and the sustainability potential involved with it. Participants will learn the supplies needed to get started, which plants create which colors, the steps involved in naturally dyeing fabrics and see a natural dyeing demonstration.

**May 28
6:00pm**

**To register for the courses or for more information, contact the
Harrison County Extension Office at 859-234-5510**

Harrison County Beef Cattle Association

Equipment Rental Pricing

A \$50 deposit is required before renting any equipment

Cattle Panels	\$25.00 per day
Portable Cattle Chute (with or without scales) No-Till Seed Drills	\$50.00 per day
No-Till Seed Drills	\$10.00 per acre/\$50 minimum
Haybuster drills-10 ft working width, can seed 2 different large seeds + 1 small seed at the same time	
Great Plains- 7 ft working width, can seed 1 large seed + 1 small seed at the same time	
Brillion Seeder	\$12.00 per acre
Boom-less Pull Behind Sprayers (no PTO needed)	\$50.00 per day
Only 2,4-D type products should be used in sprayers	
Plastic Layer	\$60.00 per day
Water Wheel Setter	\$40.00 per day
Lime Spreader	\$125.00 per day
Will hold 10 ton completely full	
Portable Chain Drag	\$100.00 per day
20 foot or 16 foot width with 5/8 chain	



All Harrison County Beef Cattle Association members will receive 10% off their rental bill. If you are not a current beef cattle member, sign up at the Harrison County Extension Office!

Equipment Rules and Care

All equipment is owned by the Harrison County Beef Cattle Association and is a great service to the producers of Harrison County to have access to equipment they may need but don't want to purchase. In order to keep this a great service to the producers of Harrison County we would like to ask that you treat it like it was your own! This equipment comes and goes from our lot very quickly so if you have rented a piece and see that something on it needs attention, please let our staff know at the Harrison County Extension Office. We would like to address issues before the next person takes off with it. If you are using one of our seeders, please empty the seed after you are done because the next person may or may not be seeding the same thing. This also keeps seed from sprouting in the boxes and creating a mess for the next person if the seeder sets in the rain for a few days before it is used next. If you have a grease gun available to you, please feel free to grease the piece of equipment before it is returned to ensure it is ready to go quickly for the person next in line. Also, if you rent a chute and use the scale head, please return it back to our front office and not leave it in the barn. This allows us to have it charged and ready to go before the next person picks it up.

FINALLY, IF YOU PICKED UP THE PIECE OF EQUIPMENT FROM INSIDE THE BARN, PLEASE PUT IT BACK INSIDE THE BARN WHEN RETURNED!! Thank you all for helping us keep this equipment running smoothly!

Congratulations to our 2023 Top Farm Hand

Mr. Danny Tackett was honored as the Top Farm Hand at the 2023 Annual Harrison County Farm Field. The Top Farm Hand award recognizes individuals in Harrison County who have made significant contributions to the farm community. I couldn't think of anyone else who has made more contributions to the farming community than Mr. Danny Tackett. He keeps all of our vehicles and farm equipment on the road and knows the importance of keeping the farmer moving.

I know we are not the only ones that have had tires blow out right at closing time and have called Danny and he is always willing to stay late until you get there so he can get you back to work. Thank you Danny for all you have done and continue to do for all of the farmers in Harrison County and beyond. We truly do appreciate you and your family! If you see Mr. Tackett out and about tell him CONGRATULATIONS and THANK YOU!



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Check out what's happening in our community!
Use your smart phone camera to scan the QR codes to be directed to the organization's separate website.

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