

Hort From The Hilltop



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Hello Horticulturalists!

Wow, this summer has flown by! It's hard to believe that its already time for kiddos to go back to school and to send exhibits to state fair! Thank you to all those who submitted entries to our county fair this year, both youth and adult. It's always a great opportunity to showcase your work and it's fun to walk around and see all the talent and hard work from our Harrison County residents. Thank you also to those that volunteered to help with taking entries, working concessions, working shows, and all the other countless tasks that go on during fair week. You are GREATLY appreciated!! We have several events and programs coming up over the next couple of months, so be sure to look through the newsletter to stay up to date on all the happenings! Also, if you plan to attend a program, be sure that you register according to the directions for each event. Enjoy the last of summer and we look forward to seeing you soon!

The Extension Office will be Closed on
Monday, September 1st
for the Labor Day Holiday



Follow us on Facebook to
keep up with all the
happenings!

Harrison County Cooperative
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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.

HC EXTENSION



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accommodated
with prior notification.



Great Plants for Fall Color

HARRISON COUNTY EXTENSION OFFICE

Tuesday, September 23

10:00 a.m.

Come join us to discuss plants to choose to add some fall color to your landscape! We will cover trees, shrubs, and perennials.

Call 859-234-5510 to sign up



PRODUCE BEST PRACTICES TRAINING

This training is required by the Harrison County Farmers Market for selling any produce at the market.

It is also required to receive a sampling certificate for the market.

These will now be offered occasionally throughout the year.

Call 859-234-5510 to sign up.

**AUG 26
&
SEPT 30
10:00**



Harrison County FARM FIELD DAY

Call 859-234-5510 to RSVP for the meal provided by the Harrison County Beef Cattle Association

**TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 16
Time TBD**

McDowell Trust Farm
2188 KY Hwy 353
Cynthiana, KY 41031
Travel out Russell Cave from 62 and follow the signs!

This farm field day will highlight each of the farmers that have a tract on the McDowell Trust Farm and showcase their operations.



Tune in to WCYN for Extension Talk with James on Coffee Break Extra at 9:10 a.m.

Jessica Hopkins with Horticulture:

1st Wednesday of the month



Small-Scale Farm Grant Program

WHAT IS A SMALL-SCALE FARM?

The U.S. Department of Agriculture defines a small-scale farm as one that sells less than \$250,000 of agricultural products each year. Farmers who are motivated to improve their business and who can demonstrate the ability to document their successes will be considered.

GENERAL PROJECT GUIDELINES

Grant funds cannot be used for the following:

Motorized vehicles such as trucks, tractors, walk-behinds.

Labor costs paid to the applicant or their relatives.

Consumables or expendables such as jars, seeds, feed, trees, or plant materials.

Partial funding of equipment greater than \$10,000. Up to \$10,000 on a single piece of equipment requires verified matching funds up to \$5,000.

Purchases made prior to grant approval are not eligible for reimbursement.

For the Farmer Education Program, education assistance applications must be submitted at least 30-90 days in advance of the conference/workshop, and you must secure your registration and lodging beforehand.

MAXIMUM FUNDING AMOUNTS

The maximum funds available per farm household or business is \$5,000 per application with a lifetime maximum of \$10,000.

Applicants may also be eligible for up to \$500 for educational trainings or materials.

HOW DO I APPLY?

Complete the appropriate application:

Small-Scale Farm Grant

- Value-Added Enterprise
- Certified Organic Agriculture
- Agroforestry/Specialty Crops
- Food Systems Resiliency
- Emerging Agricultural Technologies (EAT)



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Or check out their website at kysu.edu

Note: Grant funds can't be used for vehicles, consumables, labor for yourself/family, or partial equipment over \$10K without matching funds.



KENTUCKY MECHANICAL WEED CONTROL FIELD DAY

UK Horticulture
Research Farm
Lexington, KY

SEPT. 23
8 AM - 4 PM EST



"a great opportunity to
get up close and learn about
the finer points of various tools"
- KY Farmer, Midwest Mechanical
Weed Control Field Day Participant

**Register
by
Sept. 9**



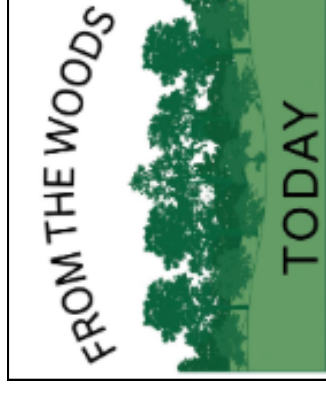
Kentucky Mechanical Weed Control Field Day

Registration Fee: \$55

includes demonstrations for small-, medium- and large-scale farmers, a locally-sourced lunch and a trade show

Registration required by September 9, 2025. Learn more and register at <https://lccd.uky.edu/mwcfcd>.

The event is sponsored by the USDA Midwest Transition to Organic Partnership Program and Southern SARE - and organized by the University of Kentucky's Center for Crop Diversification, Glacial Drift and the Organic Association of Kentucky (OAK)



From The Woods Today is a weekly online show presented by UK Forestry and Natural Resources

Extension. The show is broadcast live every Wednesday at 11:00 AM EST. You can find links to the live episodes on www.fromthewoodstoday.com just before the show starts. Visit the website to join us LIVE or to watch recordings of past episodes.

FALL GARDENING

Thinking about starting a fall garden? Its not too late!
Check out the table to the left to see the
recommended planting times and when to harvest.

For more detailed information,

stop by the Extension Office to pick up a
FREE copy of the publication ID-128 Home
Vegetable Gardening in Kentucky



Table 20.13. Crops for the fall garden.

Vegetable	Date of Planting	Seeds	Transplants	Days to Maturity ¹	Date of Harvest
Beets	Jul - mid-Aug	x		70 - 75	Oct
Bibb lettuce	Jul - Aug	x	x	50 - 60	Sep - Oct
Broccoli	Jul - Aug		x	60 - 80	Sep - Nov
Brussels sprouts	Jun - Jul		x	70 - 80	Oct - Nov
Cabbage	late Jun - early Aug		x	60 - 70	Sep - Nov
Carrots	Jul - Aug	x		80 - 90	Nov
Cauliflower	late Jun - early Aug		x	70 - 80	Sep - Nov
Chinese cabbage	Jul - Aug	x	x	50 - 70	Sep - Nov
Collards	Jul - Aug	x		80 - 90	Oct - Nov
Endive	Jul - Aug	x	x	70 - 80	Sep - Nov
Green beans, bush	Jul - mid-Aug	x		60 - 65	Sep
Kale	Jul - Aug	x	x	70 - 80	Sep - Nov
Kohlrabi	Jul - Aug	x		60 - 70	Sep - Nov
Leaf lettuce	Jul - Aug - Sep	x	x	40 - 60	Sep - Oct
Mustard greens	Jul - Aug	x		50 - 60	Sep - Oct
Parsnips	June	x		90 - 100	Nov
Potatoes	mid-Jun	x		90 - 100	Oct
Radishes	Sep	x		30 - 40	Oct
Rutabaga	July - mid-Aug	x		80 - 90	Oct - Nov
Snow Peas	Aug	x		50 - 70	Oct
Spinach	Aug - Sep	x		50 - 60	Aug - Sep
Sweet corn	Jul	x		70 - 80	Sep
Turnips	Jul - Aug	x		50 - 60	Sep - Nov
Turnip greens	Jul - Aug	x		50 - 60	Sep - Nov

¹ Due to cool temperatures in the fall, a long time will be needed for certain crops to mature.

Corn and Sweet Potato Confetti Salad



3 cups sweet potato, peeled and diced
3½ cups cut fresh corn kernels (7 ears) or frozen corn kernels
2 green bell peppers, diced
1 red bell pepper, diced
1 small red onion, diced
1 tablespoon olive oil
½ cup cider vinegar
½ teaspoon salt

Bring one cup of water to boil in a 2 quart saucepan; **add** diced sweet potatoes. **Cook** sweet potatoes 10 minutes or until slightly tender. **Drain** and set aside. **Remove** shuck and silk from fresh corn ears; **cut** kernels from cob. **Dice** peppers and red onion. **Heat** olive oil in a large skillet on medium setting; **add** sweet potatoes and **cook** until slightly browned. **Add** peppers; **cook** 5 minutes; **add** corn kernels,

cooking until tender. **Combine** red onion and cider vinegar in large bowl; **add** skillet vegetables; **toss** and salt to taste. **Serve** warm or refrigerate for chilled version.
Yield: 16, ½ cup servings
Nutritional Analysis: 70 calories, 1.5 g fat, 0 g saturated fat, 0 mg cholesterol, 95 mg sodium, 13 g carbohydrate, 2 g fiber, 4 g sugars, 2 g protein.



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



Harrison County Extension Presents: 3RD ANNUAL GIANT PUMPKIN CONTEST

REMINDER

We hope to see you there with your giant pumpkin!

- **Friday, October 24th** between **11:00 - 1:00** and **4:30 - 6:30**, pumpkins will be weighed-in downtown Cynthiana and stay on display through Halloween.
- **Winners will be announced Friday, October 24th at 7:00 p.m.**
- Pumpkins can be picked up on Saturday, November 1 (Time TBD)



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