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# Agriculture Natural Resources Newsletter August, 2024

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**Kentucky  
STATE FAIR**  
August 15 – 25, 2024

**Did you know?** The State Fair was cancelled in 1942 and 1943 due to WW2, and officials held several meetings to discuss possible uses for the fairgrounds. One possibility floated in 1943, involved transforming the 4-H Club Building into a wartime venereal disease hospital with a 400-bed capacity. Fair officials were worried about such dramatic changes to the property delaying the return of the fair after the war – and they weren't wrong. In 1944 and 1945, the fairgrounds operated as a defense site during the war, and the State Fair moved to the infield at Churchill Downs for both of those years.

- August 5 Mercer County Extension District Board Meeting, 5pm
- August 7 Mercer CAIP Application Deadline
- August 8 Mercer County Extension Council Summer Extension Expo, 5-7pm
- August 10 Mercer Farm Bureau Federation Annual Meeting, Devine's Corn Maze
- August 15 Master Cattleman Program registration deadline
  
- August 15-25 120<sup>th</sup> KY State Fair, Louisville
  
- September 3 Central KY Master Cattlemen program starts
- September 5 Fort Harrod Backcountry Horsemen Meeting, 7pm
- September 5 UK Horses & Horsemen: Farm & Facilities Expo, River Mountain Farm 4-8pm
- September 12 Mercer County Agriculture Field Day, Stephen Goodlett Farm
- September 19 Mercer County Agriculture Field Day Rain Date
- September 28-29 Harvest Fest, Shaker Village



## Dates to Remember

### Cooperative Extension Service

Agriculture and Natural Resources  
Family and Consumer Sciences  
4-H Youth Development  
Community and Economic Development

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## MONEY FOR FARM IMPROVEMENTS



### Eligible Investment Areas:

- Agricultural Diversification
- AaTech & Leadership Development
- Large Animal - Small Animal
- Farm Infrastructure
- Fencing & On-Farm Water
- Forage & Grain Improvement
- Innovative Ag. Systems
- On-Farm Energy
- Poultry & Other Fowl
- Value Added & Marketing

Administered by  
**Mercer County Conservation  
District**  
227 Morris Drive  
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(859) 734 - 4326 ext. 3

## COUNTY AGRICULTURAL INVESTMENT PROGRAM (CAIP)

Applications are available for Mercer County's CAIP to assist farmers in making important farm investments.

**Application Period:**  
July 17<sup>th</sup> through August 7<sup>th</sup>, 2024

**No applications will be accepted before July 17<sup>th</sup> or after August 7<sup>th</sup>, 2024.**

**Application Availability:**  
Mercer County Conservation District  
Monday – Friday (8:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.)

**For More Information:**  
Contact Braden Lawson at (859) 734 -4326 ext. 3  
Please bring a photo ID or Drivers License & a utility bill for proof of Kentucky residency.  
All applications are scored, based on the scoring criteria set by the Kentucky Agricultural Development Board.

# Central Kentucky Master Cattleman



The Master Cattleman 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 must complete all 6 of the 3 hour sessions to be certified.**

**5:30pm — Dinner**  
**6:00-9:00pm — Program**

**\$100 Registration Fee**  
**\$125 per couple**  
**RSVP to your county office by August 15**



<b>September 3 — Woodford County Extension</b> Dr. Josh Jackson — Facilities
<b>September 10 — Jessamine County Extension</b> Dr. Les Anderson — Reproduction
<b>September 24 — Jessamine County Extension</b> Dr. Katie VanValin — Nutrition
<b>October 1 — Woodford County Extension</b> Dr. Michelle Arnold — Health
<b>October 22 — Jessamine County Extension</b> Dr. Kevin Laurent — Marketing
<b>October 29 — Woodford County Extension</b> Dr. Darrh Bullock — Genetics

## Annual Meeting

Saturday 8/10/2024

Meeting Time: 5:45pm

### Mercer County Farm Bureau Members and Farmers are invited

Free Food | Farmer's Market | Fun from 6pm-8pm

Our Contact :

859-734-4341  
beth.kelly@kyfb.com  
Please RSVP by August 2nd

Location:

Devine's Cornmaze  
623 Talmage Mayo RD  
Harrordsburg, KY 40330

## Be Safe During Lightning by Brandon Peloquin, National Weather Service – Wilmington, DE

According to The National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), in the last ten years (2013-2023), five lightning fatalities have been reported in Kentucky, along with 25 injuries. One of those fatalities occurred just last year, when a 39-year old male was struck and killed by lightning just south of Sherburne in Bath County while bailing hay. Also in 2023, two boys sustained injuries from a lightning strike on a golf course in Lexington.

During the summer months, thunderstorms are much more common across the Commonwealth and this makes lightning awareness and preparedness much more important. There are two catchy phrases that can help you remember the most important message in lightning safety: "When Thunder Roars, Go Indoors!" and "See A Flash, Dash Inside!" You do *not* want to be outside during a thunderstorm. Rather, you want to be inside in a sturdy building or hard-topped vehicle. Stay in your safe place until 30 minutes after the storm has passed.

Here are additional tips if you find yourself caught in the outdoors when a thunderstorm is near and you can't immediately seek shelter:

- Avoid open fields, the top of a hill or ridge top.
- Stay away from tall objects such as tall trees.
- If you are in a group, spread out to avoid the electric current traveling between group members.
- If camping, set up camp in a valley or other low area. Remember that a tent does not provide protection from lightning.
- Avoid water, wet items and metal items. Water and metal are good conductors of electricity.

Ultimately, seeking shelter is the best course of action as the safest place to be is inside!

For more lightning safety information: visit the NWS lightning safety pages at:

- <https://www.weather.gov/wrn/summer-lightning-sm>
- <https://www.weather.gov/safety/lightning-safety>



# RECIPE



## Peach Crisp

<b>½ cup</b> quick cook oats	<b>6 cups</b> peaches, peeled and sliced
<b>½ cup</b> honey-sweetened granola	<b>1 teaspoon</b> ground cinnamon
<b>3 tablespoons</b> whole wheat flour	<b>¼ teaspoon</b> ground nutmeg
<b>½ cup</b> packed light brown sugar	<b>¼ teaspoon</b> ground allspice
<b>¼ cup</b> butter, softened	<b>¼ cup</b> chopped pecans

**Preheat** oven to 375 degrees F. **Combine** the oats, granola, flour and brown sugar in a medium mixing bowl. **Cut** small pieces of softened butter over the top. **Cut** butter into dry ingredients until well combined and crumbly. Lightly **coat** an 8-by-8-inch baking dish with cooking spray, **add** peaches. **Sprinkle** the dry ingredients and butter mixture over the peaches. **Add** spices and chopped nuts evenly

over the top. **Place** on rack in the middle position in oven. **Bake** 25 to 30 minutes, or until topping is golden brown.

**Yield:** 9 servings

**Nutritional Analysis:** 200 calories, 8 g fat, 3.5 g saturated fat, 15 mg cholesterol, 5 mg sodium, 32 g carbohydrate, 2 g fiber, 20 g sugars, 3 g protein.



# SUMMER EXTENSION EXPO

August 8 from 5:00-7:00pm

Learn about all the services and programs that are available through Mercer County Cooperative Extension. Sign-up for adult classes and youth 4-H clubs.

Touch a tractor, firetruck, and police car, live animals, games and other activities. **Free Kentucky Proud meal provided!**

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# MERCER COUNTY YOUTH INVESTMENT SALES

**Livestock Sale**  
**Tuesday, September 10, 2024**  
**Mercer County Fairgrounds "The Stable"**

Linden Avenue, Harrodsburg, KY  
Preview & meet youth @ 6:00  
Complimentary Dinner at 6:30 p.m.

Auction & Donor Recognition at 7:15 p.m. 2024 Sale Includes  
8 Market Hogs  
1 Market Goat  
1 Steer



**Country Ham Sale**  
**Tuesday, September 17, 2024**  
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