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Agriculture Natural Resources Newsletter March, 2025



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Did you know? On March 10, 1876, Alexander Graham Bell made the first-ever phone call. Slightly less groundbreaking than the telephone, perhaps, but the 7th of March 1933 marked the invention of the family board game Monopoly.

22nd Annual Mercer County Farm/City Dinner



Everyone is invited to come out and enjoy a steak dinner!
Tickets are \$15 and can be purchased from any primary sponsor.*

**Please contact the Extension Office at 859-734-4378 if you need special dietary consideration.*

Tuesday, March 18th 6:00pm
Mercer County Extension Office

Aleta Botts

Kentucky Farmland Transition Initiative Coordinator

Primary Sponsors

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Mercer County Conservation District

Mercer County Chamber of Commerce
Mercer County Extension Service

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Old Fort Harrod & Kentucky State Parks

March 6	Fort Harrod Backcountry Horsemen Meeting, 7 PM
March 7	Mercer Co Chamber of Commerce Annual Meeting, Lodge @ Logan Vineyards
March 9	Time Change-Spring forward one hour
March 11	Mercer County Backyard Conservation Cost Share Application Deadline
March 13	Private Pesticide Applicator Training, 9am
March 13	Area Tobacco Meeting, Garrard County Extension Office, 6 PM
March 14-15	KY Farm Bureau Women's Leadership Conference, Covington
March 17-21	National Agriculture Week
March 18	Mercer County Farm-City Dinner, 6 PM
March 20	Lions Club Spaghetti Dinner, 11 AM-7 PM
March 22	Books in the Barnyard, Mercer County Public Library, 10am-noon
March 24-28	UK Agriculture Week
March 24	Private Pesticide Applicator Training, 1 PM
March 27	Cattle Management Meeting, 6 PM
March 31	Private Pesticide Applicator Training, 5:30 PM
April 3	Fort Harrod Backcountry Horsemen, 7 PM
April 7	Sheep & Goat Educational Meeting, 5:30 PM
April 12	Norby's Farm Fleet Grand Opening
April 12	4-H Breakfast with the Easter Bunny, 8-11:30am, The Stable
April 19	Shaker Village Easter Egg Hunt, 10 AM-2 PM
April 21	Shred Truck Day at the Extension Office, 1-4pm
April 22	Earth Day





**PRIVATE PESTICIDE
APPLICATOR TRAINING**

Thursday, March 13, 9:00am
Monday, March 24, 1:00pm
Monday, March 31, 5:30pm

If you are planning to purchase any restricted-use pesticides, or your certification has expired, you need to attend one of these training sessions. Certification is free and lasts for three years.
The program will take around 2 hours.
For private application, not commercial use.
To sign up, or for questions, please call me at 859-734-4378.

Don't forget:

Set your clocks forward 1 hour for Daylight Savings Time on March 9th
March 11 is the deadline for Mercer County Backyard Conservation Cost Share Applications.

INGREDIENTS

- 2 lbs ground beef sirloin (90/10)
- 3/4 c dry oats
- 1 egg
- 1/2 small onion, minced or shredded
- 1/2 c shredded carrot
- 1 small green pepper, finely diced or shredded
- 2 cloves garlic, minced
- 1 tbsp worcestershire
- 3/4 c. ketchup, divided
- 1/2 tsp salt
- 1/2 tsp pepper

March Recipe

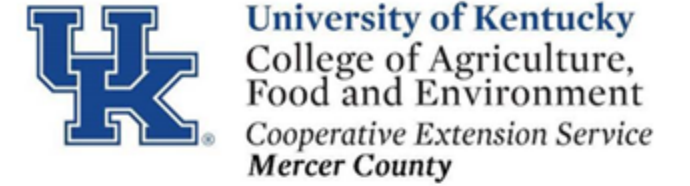


**MUFFIN TIN
MEATLOAVES**

These Muffin Tin Meatloaves are the perfect family meal! Toddlers will love the fun size, babies will love the soft flavorful beef, and parents will love the wholesome ingredients.

COOKING

1. Preheat oven to 350F and spray a 12-count muffin tin with cooking spray. Set aside.
2. In a large bowl mix together the beef, oats, egg, vegetables, seasonings, and 1/2 cup of the ketchup. Divide the mixture between the 12 muffin cups. Use the remaining 1/4 cup of ketchup to top the meatloaves (1 tsp per loaf).
3. Place muffin tin on a cookie sheet to catch any drips. Bake for 35-40 minutes until beef reaches an internal temp of 160F. Remove from the oven and allow to sit for 5 minutes. Transfer meatloaves to a paper towel lined plate to drain any excess grease.



Thurs., March 27th 6:00 PM @ Extension

Join us for our next 2025 educational meeting!

CATTLE MANAGEMENT MEETING

Market Outlook & Situation

Jim Akers, Bluegrass Stockyards Chief Operating Officer

Junior Cattlemen Opportunities

Jacob Settles, KBN Field Associate

Risk Management

Ian Thomas, Superior Ag Insurance



This class qualifies for KADF CAIP Educational credit for the cost share program.

Pay dues/renew your membership to be entered in special drawing!

If you plan to attend, please call the extension office 859-734-4378 by Monday, March 24th to RSVP.



SHEEP & GOAT Educational Meeting & Lamb Dinner

Monday, April 7

Registration begins at 5:30pm

Who: The County Extension Offices of Mercer, Boyle, Lincoln, Garrard, Jessamine, Woodford, Franklin, and Anderson Counties; the Southeast Kentucky Sheep Producers Association (SEKSPA); Kentucky Sheep and Wool Producers Association (KSWPA) and the University of Kentucky's Martin-Gatton College of Agriculture, Food & Environment.

Registration is from 5:30-6:00 pm EST. Lamb Dinner starts at 6:00 with the educational program to follow.

How: Round-table discussion led by: Patrick Angel, SEKSPA, Harry Frederick, KSWPA and Winding Creek Farms; Dr. Jessie Lay DVM, UK Extension Animal Health Veterinarian.



This meeting qualifies for CAIP Educational requirement.

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KENTUCKY
COOPERATIVE EXTENSION

Registration Required.

Please register by calling the
Mercer County Extension Office at
859-734-4378.

\$10.00 per family
(collected at the door)
Your registration fee will include a
delicious lamb dinner with sides and a
One-Year Membership to SEKSPA.

HOW YOUR \$10 AG TAG BUILDS BOUNDLESS FUTURES



100% TO AG

100% of Ag Tag funds are evenly split between Kentucky 4-H, Kentucky FFA, and Kentucky Proud.

Half of the funds for 4-H and FFA are returned to the originating counties.

KENTUCKY FFA

Provides travel scholarships for students and chapters competing at the National FFA Convention.

Offers grant opportunities for local chapters to enhance classrooms and communities.

KENTUCKY 4-H

Creates hands-on learning experiences, builds friendships, and fosters growth through 4-H Camp.

Supports skill development through judging activities, 3-D design, and community projects.

KENTUCKY PROUD

Funds scholarships for programs like Athletes in Agriculture.

Makes events like the Kentucky State Fair and North American International Livestock Exposition possible.

SOUTH CENTRAL KY TOBACCO GROWERS

Thursday, March 13

Garrard County Extension Office



6:00pm: Meal begins—reservation required

6:30pm: Tobacco Production Update &

Disease Management

Dr. Bob Pearce, UK Tobacco Specialist

7:20pm: Tobacco GAP Certification & Update

Amy Rochkes, Gap Connection Representative

8:30pm: Closing Comments &

Announcements

All tobacco growers are invited and urged to attend.

This meeting qualifies for one hour commercial

pesticide applicator CEU. This program is approved for

GAP Certification and Re-Certification by all buying

companies and market locations.

KENTUCKY
COOPERATIVE EXTENSION

1302 Stanford Road,
Lancaster, KY 40444

Make your meal reservations by noon, March 10 by calling your county office:

Boyle—859-236-4484 Mercer—859-734-4378 Estill—606-723-4557

Lincoln—606-365-2447 Casey—606-787-7384 Madison—859-623-4072

Garrard—859-792-3026 Pulaski—606-679-6361 Rockcastle—606-256-2403

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MARCH 22, 2025

MERCER COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARY

10AM-12PM

FREE BOOK FOR
THE FIRST 50
FAMILIES



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BARNYARD TO YOU AS WE HEAR

FROM OUR LOCAL FARMS



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