


# Agriculture Natural Resources Newsletter SEPTEMBER, 2023

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## 2023 Horses & Horsemen:

Equipment and Facilities for the Small Acreage Horse Owner

**Tuesday, September 12 at 5:00pm**

**RSVP to Mercer County Extension Office: 859-734-4378**

### Schedule:

- 5:00—Registration and trade fair
- 6:00—Dinner by Mercer County Cattlemen's Association
- 6:15—Welcome & Farm Overview by Desmar Stables
- 6:30—Tractor and Equipment Safety—Dale Dobson, KDA Farm Safety Program Administrator
- 7:00—What to consider in your farm layout, Dr. Bob Coleman  
—Making Good Equipment Decisions, Dr. Morgan Hayes



**DESMAR STABLES**

### Location:

**Desmar Stables LLC**  
at Crockett Springs Farm  
685 Handy Pike  
Harrodsburg, KY 40330

  
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SHAKER VILLAGE

# Fall HARVEST FESTIVAL

## VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

TO ASSIST WITH MERCER COUNTY COOPERATIVE EXTENSION BOOTH

INCLUDES WORKING FUN INTERACTIVE GAME STATIONS  
 VOLUNTEERS WILL RECEIVE  
 FREE ADMISSION TO FESTIVAL AND T-SHIRT

**September 23-24**  
**Shaker Village**  
 Festival will run from 10:00am - 4:00pm  
 Volunteer times are 3 hours

**For more information or to volunteer**  
**Mercer County Cooperative Extension**  
 Call: 859-734-4378



## Easy Roast Beef Potluck Rolls

Get this recipe. Thinly sliced Deli Roast Beef is sandwiched between rolls and baked with cheese til golden and delicious.

### INGREDIENTS

- 1 pound thinly sliced reduced-sodium deli roast beef
- 1 package Hawaiian rolls (12 count)
- 1/4 cup cream-style prepared horseradish
- 6 slices reduced-fat provolone cheese
- 1/3 cup butter, melted
- 2 tablespoons Worcestershire sauce
- 1 tablespoon dried parsley leaves
- 2 teaspoons packed light brown sugar
- 1/4 teaspoon onion powder

### COOKING

1. Preheat oven to 350°F.
2. Coat 9 x 13-inch baking dish with cooking spray. Cut rolls in half, horizontally. Place bottom half in prepared baking dish; spread horseradish on cut side. Top with Deli Roast Beef and cheese. Close sandwiches. Using a paring knife, cut into 12 sandwiches.  
*Cook's Tip: You may substitute Dijon mustard for prepared horseradish.*
3. Combine butter, Worcestershire sauce, parsley, sugar and onion powder in small bowl; mix to combine. Pour butter mixture evenly over prepared sandwiches. Cover and refrigerate 1 hour to overnight.
4. Bake sandwiches, uncovered, in 350°F oven 15 to 20 minutes or until cheese is melted and rolls are golden brown.

# Wildfire Preparedness

By Simone Lewis - National Weather Service Charleston, WV

When the word **wildfire** comes to mind, images of burning forests in the western United States usually enter the thoughts of most. But did you know that Kentucky is also prone to wildfires? In fact, the state averages 1,447 wildfires a year! The following article will discuss what weather conditions are favorable for wildfire development, the weather alerts that are issued during periods of favorable fire weather, and what you can do to prepare for and prevent wildfires.

The first question on your mind is probably "What is Fire Weather"? Essentially, fire weather is any sort of weather that can ignite or lead to rapid spread of fires. This includes thunderstorms (which contain strong gusty winds and lightning that can lead to rapid spread or ignition of a fire), days when the relative humidity is low (often in the early spring and fall seasons), and windy days (which acts to not only spread wildfires but also leads to the drying of vegetation, making it more susceptible to burning).

## **Wildfire Prevention**

Most wildfires in the state of Kentucky are caused from arson or from uncontrolled debris burning. In fact, 90% of all wildfires in Kentucky are caused by humans. Unlike many fires in the western United States, most of the fires in Kentucky are fought by firefighters *on the ground* (Source: Kentucky Energy and Environment Cabinet). They are putting their lives in danger to control the spread of these fires. It is therefore important to always be fire aware, and heed any Fire Weather Watches or Red Flag Warnings issued by the NWS.

**Here are some general guidelines to follow when the following products are issued:**

**Fire Weather Watch = BE PREPARED!** Dangerous fire weather conditions are possible in the next few days but are not occurring yet.

**Red Flag Warning = TAKE ACTION!** Dangerous fire weather conditions are ongoing or expected to occur shortly. During a Red Flag Warning, you should avoid or use extreme caution when dealing with anything that could pose a fire hazard.

- Do not start a campfire or ignite a burn pile.
- Do not burn trash.
- Avoid using a lawnmower, chainsaw, or any other equipment that may emit sparks.
- Do not dispose of cigarette butts on the ground or outside of your car.
- If using an outdoor grill, make sure to have a water source nearby and do not dispose of the ashes until the Red Flag Warning has expired or been canceled AND the ashes are fully extinguished!
- Watch for smoke nearby. If you spot an unattended fire, call 911 and report it immediately!

## **What do I do to prepare?**

Take personal responsibility by preparing long before the threat of a fire, so your home and family are ready.

- If there are concerns of fire potential, create a defensible space by clearing brush that is easier to ignite away from your home.
- Put together a basic emergency supply kit. Check emergency equipment, such as flashlights and generators.
- Plan escape routes and make sure all those residing within the home know the plan of action.
- Sit down with your family and close friends, and decide how you will get in contact with each other, where you will go, and what you will do in an emergency. Keep a copy of this plan in your emergency kit, or another safe place where it can be accessed in the event of an emergency.
- Review your insurance policies to ensure that you have adequate coverage for your home and personal property in the event of fire.
- Follow the latest NWS forecasts and listen to a NOAA Weather Radio for the latest updates.

## **What are Kentucky's Fire Laws?**

Lastly, it's important to know and heed the fire laws and seasons for the state of Kentucky. During the following periods, it is illegal to burn anything within 150 feet of any woodland or brushland between the hours of 6 a.m. and 6 p.m.

▶ Spring Forest Fire Hazard Season: February 15 - April 30

▶ Fall Forest Fire Hazard Season: October 1 - December 15

Also, burn bans can be issued at any time of the year if conditions warrant, particularly during periods of drought, and should always be followed.



# KY SMALL RUMINANT Field Day

SEPT 16<sup>th</sup> 2023



Marion County Fairgrounds  
593 Fairgrounds Rd, Lebanon, KY

\$10 ticket  
www.kysheepandgoat.org/small-ruminant-field-day



Central Kentucky Small Ruminant Association

# 2023 Kentucky Beginning Grazing School

Helping livestock producers improve profitability with classroom and hands-on learning

**When:** September 27-28, 2023

**Where:** Woodford County Extension Office  
184 Beasley Drive, Versailles, KY 40383

**Cost:** \$60/Participant – includes all materials, grazing manual, grazing stick, fencing kit, morning refreshments, and lunch both days

**Program Registration:** DEADLINE is September 22, 2023

**Online Registration with CREDIT CARD AT:**

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/2023-kentucky-beginning-grazing-school-fall-tickets-66651101647?aff=oddtcreator>

**Registration by U.S. Mail with CHECK:**

Christi Forsythe  
UK Research and Education Center  
348 University Drive, Princeton, KY 42445

Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
Street: \_\_\_\_\_  
City: \_\_\_\_\_  
State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_  
Cell Phone: \_\_\_\_\_  
Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Number of participants \_\_\_\_\_ x \$60 per participant = \_\_\_\_\_ Total Amount



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RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED

September 5	Mercer County Extension Council Meeting, 5pm
September 7	Fort Harrod Backcountry Horsemen Meeting, 7 PM
September 12	UK Horses & Horsemen Field Day, Desmar Stables @ Crockett Springs Farm
September 16	KY Small Ruminant Field Day, Marion County
September 18-22	FarmSCool Week
September 19	Fort Harrod Goat Association Meeting, 7 PM
September 21	UK Beef Bash, C. Oran Little Research Farm, Versailles
September 23-24	Harvest Fest, Shaker Village
September 27-28	UK Grazing School, Woodford County Extension
September 28	Southern States Harrodsburg Cattlemen Day
October 5	Fort Harrod Backcountry Horsemen Meeting, 7 PM
October 14	KY Sheep and Goat Producer Conference, Boyle County
October 16	Beef Quality & Care Assurance Training, 10 AM OR 6 PM
October 26	Kentucky Beef Conference, Fayette County

