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I think you can finally feel spring in the air, and I think everyone is ready for it this year! Don't forget if you are interested in joining the Mercer County Farmers Market their application deadline is April 1st. Visit their Facebook page for more information. Happy Gardening!

> Jessica Bessin, Mercer County Extension Agent for Horticulture



Planting Date

March 15th

March 25th

March 20th

March 20th

March 10th

March 20th

March 25th

March 20th

March 1st

March 15th

March 10th

March 1st

March 10th

Time to get out in the garden!

Have you been going stir crazy this past month, like myself or my son, wanting to plant in the garden. No matter how many times I tell him on these sunny days, it is still too soon for sunflowers. However, it is not too soon to plant some of our early cool season spring vegetables.

Cool season plants are productive during the spring's short and cool days. If they are planted too late in the spring, summer temperatures reduce their quality by forcing them to flower (bolt), and others to develop off flavors, bitterness, poor texture, and low yields. You can avoid all of these issues by planting as soon as the soil is workable. Do not work your soil when wet, this can ruin the texture. Try to wait for the best conditions no matter how much the planting bug is nibbling at your fingers.

The table to the right is a quick reference to all the plants you can either start directly as seeds in your garden, or place in your garden as transplants for the month of March. If you would like further information and more planting dates you can request one of our "Home Vegetable" Gardening in Kentucky Guides".

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Vegetable

Beets

Cabbage

Carrots

Chard

Collards

Kale

Lettuce

Onions

Peas

Irish Potatoes

Radish

Spinach

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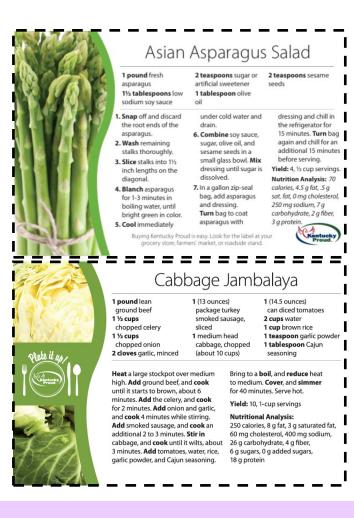
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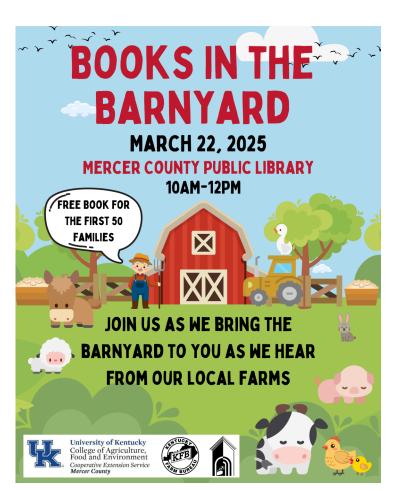
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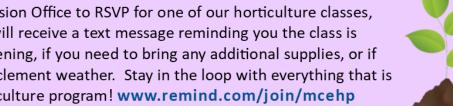


Horticulture Class Reminders



Starting this spring, you have the option to receive a text message reminder about upcoming horticulture classes. Use the QR or the link below to sign up for our remind system. After calling the Extension Office to RSVP for one of our horticulture classes, you will receive a text message reminding you the class is happening, if you need to bring any additional supplies, or if

we must cancel due to inclement weather. Stay in the loop with everything that is happening with the horticulture program! www.remind.com/join/mcehp

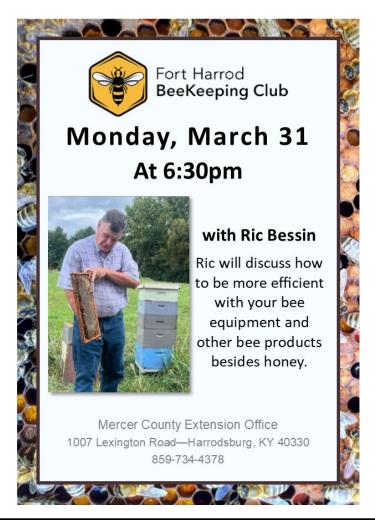


Mercer County Conservation Office Tree Giveaway!

Mercer County Conservation District at 227 Morris Drive, Harrodsburg will conduct its annual spring tree seedling giveaway shipment to arrive approximately March 25. If we get the shipment of trees on the 25th, the trees are then bagged at the Mercer High School. Please check our Facebook page for the exact giveaway starting date. We are expecting that it could start on the 27th or 28th, but it will depend on the bagging timeframe.

This year the tree seedlings will include: baldcypress, eastern redbud, yellow poplar, northern red oak, white oak, persimmon, flowering dogwood, and white pine. The 6,100 seedlings on hand are one to two years old and will be bagged in small groups. Planting instructions will be provided to everyone. Call 859-734-4326 extension 3 ask for Linda. Office hours are 8:00 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.





Mark Those Calendars!!

Fort Harrod Garden Club-March 10th, Mercer County Extension Office 10:00 AM

Growing Oyster Mushrooms-March 13th, Mercer County Extension Office 10:00 AM

RSVP was required for this class.

Harrodsburg Tree Board Meeting-March 17th, Mercer County Extension Office 5:00 PM

Farm City Dinner-March 18th, Mercer County Extension Office 6:00 PM



See insert for more details.

Books in the Barnyard-March 22nd, Mercer County Public Library 10:00 AM- 12:00 PM

See flyer above for more details.

Mercer County Extension District Board Meeting-March 25th, Mercer County Extension Office 5:00 PM

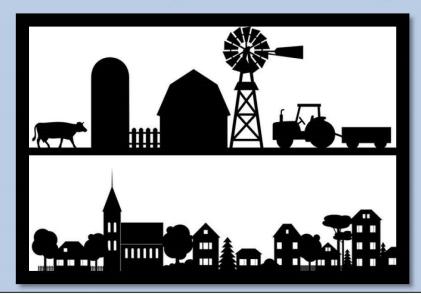
Fort Harrod Beekeeping Club-March 31st, Mercer County Extension Office 6:30 PM

See insert for more details. Make sure to check out the Fort Harrod Beekeeping Facebook page for all the latest updates and announcements!

Gardening 101-April 8th, Mercer County Extension Office 10:00 AM

See insert for more info.

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

Dessert provided by:

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

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