

Muhlenberg County

Muhlenberg County Agriculture & Natural Resources Newsletter

Note: All meetings will be held at the Muhlenberg County Cooperative Extension Service unless noted otherwise. All educational meetings are open to the public. Membership to a specific commodity association is not required to attend.

The Muhlenberg County Cooperative Extension Service will be closed December 24, 2025-January 2, 2026; as well as January 19, 2026.

Cattlemen's Association/Beef Production meeting will be January 5, 2026. The meeting begins at 6:00 PM with a soup and sandwich meal. Participants are asked to bring soft drinks and a dessert. Please contact the Extension Service by December 22, 2025 if you plan to attend.

Farmers Market organizational meeting will be Monday, January 12, 2026. The meeting will begin at 6:00 PM with a finger food potluck meal. *Please plan* on attending if you will be joining the Farmers Market Association for the 2026 production year.



The 2026 Fruit and Vegetable Conference will be January 12-13, 2026.
The conference will be held at the Holiday Inn Sloan Convention Center in Bowling Green. Scan the QR code with your

smartphone for more information/tickets for the event.



Kentucky Cattlemen's Association Convention will be January 15-16, 2026.

Scan the QR code, or visit https:// www.kycattle.org/kca-convention, for more information.

Private Pesticide Applicator License classes will be **January 22, 2026.** The first class will be at 9:30 AM. The class will be repeated at 6:00 PM. Class participants will need to bring a piece of mail with their address on it and their drivers license/some form of government issued identification. I will be sending correspondence to those whose license expires as of December 31, 2025. These will be the only two meetings I have for 2026. Please plan on three hours for each of the meetings.

Grain Market Update meeting will be Tuesday, January 27, 2026. The meeting will be at 10:00 AM. The guest speaker will be Dr. Grant Gardner from the Agricultural Economics Department. Topics include: market outlook, formulating a marketing plan, and adding base acres.

The cost of and the costs associated with utilizing broiler litter as a fertilizer source is more complex than one might think. Scan the QR code with your smartphone for an article that sheds some light on the complexity of this issue. There is also a link to a calculator that can be used to help place a value on litter and to compare it to commercial fertilizer in terms of price.

The last two years for most grain farmers and three years for some have been hard, resulting in a need for hard decisions. Scan the OR code with your smartphone for an article that addresses many facets of the decisions that might have to be made.



For more information on topics in this newsletter contact Darrell Simpson, Extension Agent for Agriculture and Natural Resources Education at 270-338-3124 or email me at roger.simpson@uky.edu.

A full list of all of our upcoming events can be found on our website (muhlenberg.mgcafe.uky.edu) under the Upcoming Events tab.

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