

# AGRICULTURE NEWS

## AGRICULTURE & NATURAL RESOURCES



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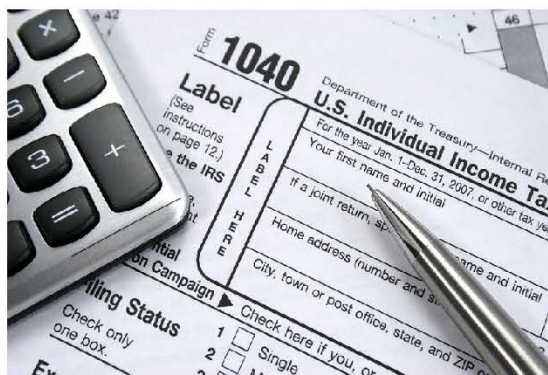
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## IT'S TAX SEASON. BE PREPARED WITH THESE TIPS

Source: Nichole Huff, extension specialist for family resource management

This is the time of year when we start thinking about filing our income taxes. Even though it's an annual event, it can cause anxiety for many. By preparing now, you can ease the process for yourself or your tax preparer.

Begin by gathering the necessary forms including your social security number and that of your spouse if filing jointly, plus the numbers of any dependents. In addition to W-2 forms, you want to include information about any taxable interest you earned from savings accounts, stocks, mutual funds and virtual currency transactions. You will need to gather other 1099 forms from any earned compensation, including unemployment compensation, pension distributions, annuity or retirement plans, or contract employment.



Additionally, have a copy of last year's federal and state tax returns accessible, and your bank account and routing number to receive any refunds by direct deposit. Depending on your circumstances, you may need to include Form 1095-A, Health Insurance Marketplace Statement, if anyone in your household enrolled in a Marketplace plan in 2024.

One of the largest deductions many people can claim is mortgage interest. If you have a mortgage, you should have a 1098 form from your lender specifying how much interest you paid in the last year. Mortgage interest and points may be tax deductible if you itemize. Learn more at <https://www.irs.gov/taxtopics/tc505>.

If you expect a refund, different factors may impact when you receive your return. The IRS issues most direct deposit refunds within 21 days, however, certain factors may affect refund timing. Returns that require additional review can take longer, as well as paper returns (i.e., a mailed check). Claims involving tax credits that need verification may delay processing

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# 4th Annual Grant County FFA

## Ag Community "Spring Kick-Off" Appreciation Breakfast

Date: Saturday, April 12

Place: GC Extension Office

Time: 9:00am-11:00am

Let our FFA members serve you a home cooked breakfast before your year kicks into high'er' gear. Please RSVP by scanning the QR Code below, or by emailing [erin.butler@grant.kyschools.us](mailto:erin.butler@grant.kyschools.us), or by calling 859-322-4745.

\*Sponsored by the funds raised at our 4th Annual 2024 Farm Toy & Country Craft Show.



## Cow Reproductive School

### Three Part Series



**MARCH 3  
6 PM**

**Dr. Les  
Anderson  
speaks on  
"Get Cows Bred"**



**APRIL 7  
6 PM**

**Chris  
Ammerman  
speaks on  
"Managing your  
Bull"**



**APRIL 19 BY  
APPOINTMENT**

**Bull Breeding  
Soundness Exams  
Call 859-824-3355  
for appointment**

Meetings will be held at:  
Grant County Extension Office, 105 Baton Rouge Road, Williamstown KY 41097  
Please call 859-824-3355 to register.

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# TOBACCO GAP CERTIFICATION

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Tobacco production has seen a resurgence over the last couple of years. Growers who plan to grow a crop in 2025 should make plans to attend a workshop on Good Agriculture Practices. Nearly every contracting company requires it. You have 3 options to select unless you really want to travel a distance.

March 10, 9am – noon Shelby Co Extension Office to register call 502-633-4593

March 11, 6 pm – 8pm Harrison Co. Extension Office to register call 859-234-5510

March 13, 9 am – noon Woodford Co. Extension Office to register call 859-873-4601

April 10, 10am-noon Virtual training available at GCCES to register call 859-824-3355

## MARCH UPCOMING EVENTS

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*Please call (859) 824-3355 and register your attendance in classes.  
Bold Classes will qualify for CAIP Education Requirements*

6	<b>Getting More Cows Bred</b>	<b>Dr. Les Anderson</b>	<b>GCCES</b>	<b>6:00 pm</b>
	Grant County Cattlemen's Association		GCCES	7:00 pm
10	KY Backyard Beekeepers	Open Door Church, Dry Ridge Rd		6:30 pm
11	Pesticide Applicator Training		GCCES	10:00 am
	Pesticide Applicator Training		GCCES	7:00 pm
18	<b>Lawn Care Basics</b>	<b>Chris</b>	<b>GCCES</b>	<b>7:00 pm</b>
27	Grant County Farmer's Market		GCCES	7:00 pm

## APRIL

7	<b>Managing the Bull</b>	<b>Chris</b>	<b>GCCES</b>	<b>6:00 pm</b>
	Grant County Cattlemen's Association		GCCES	7:00 pm
14	KY Backyard Beekeepers	Open Door Church, Dry Ridge Rd		6:30 pm
17	<b>Pests and Diseases in the Garden</b>	<b>Chris</b>	<b>GCCES</b>	<b>7:00 pm</b>
19	<b>Bull Vaccinations and Breeding Exam</b>	<b>Dr. Parker</b>	<b>Cattlebarn</b>	<b>10:00am</b>
24	Grant County Farmer's Market		GCCES	7:00 pm
29	<b>Fence Laws</b>	<b>Clint Quarles</b>	<b>GCCES</b>	<b>7:00 pm</b>

All classes qualify for CAIP Educational Requirement



# 2025 LAWN & GARDEN SPRING SPRUCE-UP

- ✔ **LAWN CARE BASICS: MARCH 18**
- ✔ **MANAGING PESTS & DISEASES IN GARDEN: APRIL 17**
- ✔ **LANDSCAPING BY DESIGN: MAY 15**

ALL CLASSES WILL BEGIN AT 7 PM

ALL CLASSES WILL BE HELD AT:  
GRANT COUNTY EXTENSION SERVICE  
105 BATON ROUGE ROAD  
WILLIAMSTOWN

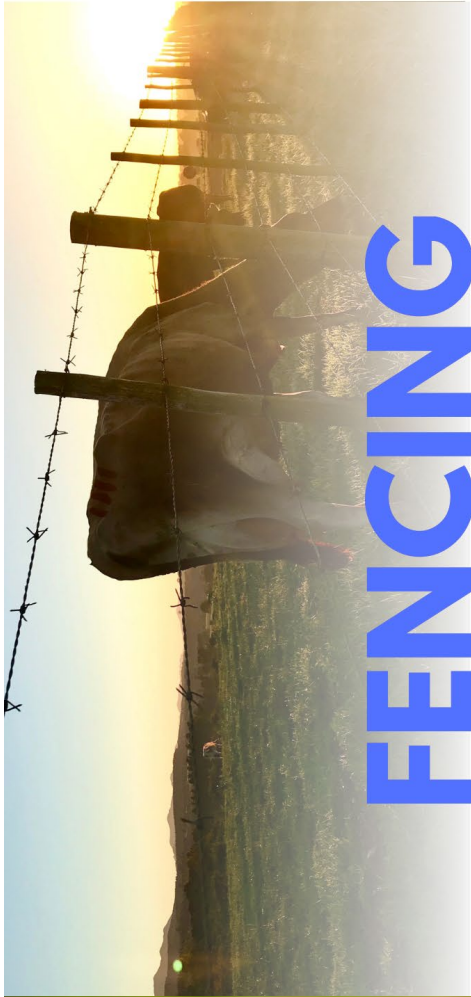
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# FENCING SCHOOL

April 29 @ 7 PM

“Fencing Laws” presented by  
Clint Quarles

May 6 @ 7 PM

Fence Construction Basics  
presented by Chris Ammerman

May 13 @ 7 PM

Temporary Fence Options &  
Management  
presented by Chris Ammerman

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times. Further, incomplete information, errors, or missing documentation, like W-2 and 1099 forms, may cause delays.

To receive your refund quickly, electronically file your taxes as early as possible and choose the direct deposit option.

If you owe the IRS money this year, you may want to consider changing your withholding status with your employer moving forward. This will allow the employer to withhold more money from your check throughout the year, so you're not hit with a big payment next year.

For general information on filing taxes this year, visit <https://www.irs.gov/individuals/get-ready-to-file-your-taxes>.

If you have questions about whether certain tax laws apply to your individual circumstances, consider using the IRS Interactive Tax Assistant tool at <https://www.irs.gov/help/ita>. This free online tool can help you determine if you need to file a tax return, your filing status, if you can claim a dependent, if your income is taxable, tax credit eligibility, or if you can deduct certain expenses.

## **PRIVATE PESTICIDE APPLICATOR**

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If your license has or will soon expire, please plan to attend training on March 11. Two different options for you to attend at 10 am in the morning or at 7 pm in the evening. Completing the Private Pesticide Applicator Training program is only necessary if you plan to apply EPA listed Restricted Use pesticides. Products sold commonly at the large chains do not require training/certification.



## **BEEF QUALITY & CARE ASSURANCE CERTIFICATION**

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I will be hosting a certification class for BQCA on April 21<sup>st</sup> at 7pm. This program will have the \$5 fee covered by NCBA. This program will certify the participant for 3 years and is necessary if you are participating in the Large Animal portion of CAIP.



# Dijon Chicken Asparagus Roll Ups

<b>3 tablespoons</b> Dijon mustard	<b>2 teaspoons</b> <b>2 teaspoons</b> black pepper	<b>4</b> skinless, boneless chicken breast halves (about 5 ounces each)
<b>½ cup</b> low fat mayonnaise	<b>½ teaspoon</b> salt	<b>4</b> slices skimmed mozzarella cheese
<b>1</b> lemon, juiced (approximately 3 tablespoons)	<b>16</b> spears fresh asparagus, trimmed	<b>1 cup</b> panko bread crumbs

**Preheat** oven to 400 degrees F. **Grease** an 11-by-7-inch baking dish. In a bowl, **mix** together the mustard, mayonnaise, lemon juice, thyme, salt and pepper; set aside. **Place** asparagus in a microwave safe dish and **microwave** on high 1-1½ minutes. **Place** chicken breasts between two sheets of heavy plastic (a re-sealable freezer bag works well) on a firm surface. **Pound** the chicken breasts with the smooth side of a meat mallet to thickness of ¼ inch. **Place** one slice of cheese and four asparagus spears on each breast. Tightly **roll** the chicken breasts around the asparagus

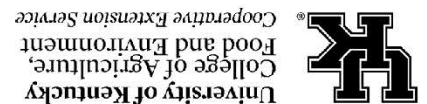
and cheese. **Place** each, seam side down, in the prepared baking dish. **Apply** a coating of the mustard mixture to each chicken breast and **sprinkle** each with the panko crumbs, **pressing** the crumbs into the chicken to secure. **Bake** 35 minutes or until the chicken temperature is 165 degrees F. For crisper chicken, **place** roll-ups under the broiler for 1-2 minutes on high.

**Yield:** 4 servings

**Nutritional Analysis:**  
370 calories, 10 g fat, 3.5 g saturated fat, 115 mg cholesterol, 1060 mg sodium, 2 g fiber, 2 g sugars, 41 g protein.

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