

MCCREARY COUNTY EXTENSION

AGRICULTURE NEWSLETTER



Dear producers,

It is approaching everyone's favorite time of year- tax time! If you have good recordkeeping practices already in place for your farm, you don't have much to worry about. If you have to dig around for a year's worth of receipts, you might be a little more stressed right now.

Records are important to the financial health of your farm. Good records do not ensure your farm will be successful; however, success is unlikely without them. Besides being useful as a management tool, farm records are essential for preparing income tax reports. Also, most banks require extensive records from farmers to formulate credit ratings. Records are also important in establishing eligibility for participation in government programs, determining the proper level of insurance coverage, and negotiating lease arrangements.

Record systems fall into two basic categories: production and financial. These two systems can operate independently of each other to a point, but to be truly meaningful and useful, they should work together as part of the overall farm management program.

There are several ways to keep records: electronically, on paper, with an accountant, or a combination of the three. It can be as simple as keeping a notebook or calendar in the pickup truck, or using a pocket record book and transferring the data to a computer program. In any system, this first level of data collection is very important and is the key to having good information for decision making in the future. However, most producers never take the data they have collected and put it into a form that will help them make decisions that will impact the long-term viability of the business.

If you don't know where to start with recordkeeping, that's what I'm here for. We have farm record books here at the office, or I can point you in the direction of some resources to help make the process a little less tedious so you can get back to what you really enjoy- farming.

For any other questions or concerns please feel free to contact me, & I will do my best to help!

Sincerely,

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Practice the 3 S's when managing springers



- *Softness- providing a comfortable place to lie down which is stocked at < 100% of capacity.
 - *Space—providing adequate bunk space (at least 30 inches/cow) to maximize intake
 - *Screen- to identify cows, which are failing.
- Protocols utilizing technology definitely have a place in the management of transition cows. However, they cannot replace the need for a “cow person” to walk around, observe cows, and implement protocols. This serves as a reminder that people with good cow sense and who pay attention to details are invaluable in avoiding potential disasters.

— Dr. Nigel Cook, UW Madison

November Tips & Tidbits

Preparing for Winter

- Horses that are kept outside require protection from wind and the elements. This can be done with a wind break of trees, a run-in shed or a high porosity wind fence.
- Check all water systems and put away all parts that are not permanent and cannot withstand freezing temperatures.
- Clean and store temporary fencing systems that have been used for rotational grazing.
- Check living quarters in the horse trailer to ensure all systems are ready for winter.

Feeding Horses During the Winter

- Be sure all horses have adequate access to feed and clean water.
- Feed hay in a suitable feeder to reduce waste.
- Horses can be wintered on hay alone if its quality is high enough to meet their nutritional needs.
- If they are at the optimal BCS, horses should be provided 1.5 to 2 percent of their body weight in high-quality forage per day.
- Cold temperatures can increase a horse's hay requirement by one-third.

- Compensate for low-quality forage or a lack of hay by adding a grain ration.
- Assess your horse's body condition score once a month to evaluate your feeding program.

Winterizing Horse Tack

- Most horse owners are not as actively riding in the winter months, thinking about winterizing your tack can help to prolong your equipment.
- Place all saddles, bridles, general tack, etc. in a dry place for the winter away from the elements.
- Oiling any leather before storing away will help to prolong the longevity of your more valuable pieces of tack.
- One idea would be to store away in some rubber totes and cover with a lid; this will provide you with winter care protection and keep everything all in one place.





Deer Camp Breakfast Sausage



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Deer Camp Breakfast Sausage

- 2 pounds ground venison
- 1 pound ground pork
- 1 teaspoon dried marjoram or oregano
- 1 tablespoon dried sage
- 1 tablespoon dried basil
- 1 teaspoon dry mustard
- 1 teaspoon salt
- ½ teaspoon pepper
- 1 egg, beaten
- ¼ cup bread crumbs
- ¼ cup cooking oil

Combine meat and seasonings. Add egg and bread crumbs. Stir well. Shape into 16 patties. Fry in oil until golden brown on each side and internal temperature reaches 165 degrees Fahrenheit.

Yield: 16 servings

Adapted from "Wild Game: From Field to Table," Sandra Bastin, PhD, RD, Extension Food and Nutrition Specialist. Revised July 2007

Nutrition Facts

16 servings per container

Serving size 1 patty (92g)

Amount per serving

Calories 190

% Daily Value*

Total Fat 12g	15%
Saturated Fat 4.5g	23%
Trans Fat 0g	
Cholesterol 75mg	25%
Sodium 220mg	10%
Total Carbohydrate 1g	0%
Dietary Fiber 0g	0%
Total Sugars 0g	
Includes 0g Added Sugars	0%
Protein 18g	
Vitamin D 0mcg	0%
Calcium 14mg	2%
Iron 2mg	10%
Potassium 272mg	6%

* The % Daily Value (DV) tells you how much a nutrient in a serving of food contributes to a daily diet. 2,000 calories a day is used for general nutrition advice.

**Modern gun season for deer in Kentucky opens
November 12th!**

**We have some great wild game recipes at our office,
stop by anytime and pick up a recipe card or visit
planeatmove.com and search "Cook Wild Kentucky"**

Events & Learning Resources!

2022 University of Kentucky Crop Pest Management Webinar Series

November 8, 15, 22
December 6, 13

Tuesdays - 10 a.m. EST/ 9 a.m. CST

Pre-registration for the webinars is required. For more information contact Jason Travis, Agricultural Extension Associate for the University of Kentucky, at (859) 562-2569 or by email at jason.travis@uky.edu.

Featuring Drs. JD Green, Carl Bradley, Travis Legleiter, Kiersten Wise, and Raul Villanueva



COMMERCIAL PESTICIDE APPLICATOR TRAINING

November 29
Pulaski Co Extension Office
9am to Noon



1 general, 2 specific CEUs
Categories 3 and 10

9am -- Weed Control in Home Lawns,
Kenneth Clayton

10am -- Uninvited Insects, Dr Ric Bessin

11am -- Fertilization of Cool Season Turf,
Jason Vaughn

Register for this free training by scanning this QR code



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TAX PAYER EDUCATION

Support for Navigating Tax Season



MARKETREADY PRODUCER TRAINING



MarketReady educates producers interested in expanding their business & products into wholesale, retail, & restaurant markets.

This training is free, but space is limited. Register today!

We are offering 3 virtual training opportunities*

Training Dates:

Monday, Nov. 7th 6PM EST
Wed., Nov. 9th 11:30AM EST
Friday, Nov. 11th 11:30AM EST

*all 3 trainings cover the same material

REGISTER AT: MARKETREADY.UKY.EDU/EVENTS



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UPCOMING MEETINGS



- November 8th, 6:30pm- Farm Service Agency Programs, Lindsey New
- December 13th, 6:30pm- Christmas Dinner
- January 10th, 6:30pm- Beef Breeding Protocols & AI Basics, Kelsey Woodrum
- February 14th, 6:30pm- Making Your Own Beef Jerky, Leah Cardwell

*Location unless otherwise specified:
SCC-McCreary Center, Room 153/154,
Whitley City

McCREARY COUNTY 4H AG SPOTLIGHT

~VOLUNTEER APPRECIATION~

Our 4-H Jr. Cattlemen's Club showed up and showed out for the October McCreary Fest parade! Huge thanks to our volunteer club leader, Charity Clark, for organizing and putting together the float and her husband, Gary Clark, for parading these kids down Main Street with his tractor.



Our 4-H Shooting Sports Club had their first range practice last week! There were no safety violations, and these boys were very attentive and respectful of each other's time at the shooting bench. Big shoutout to our coach, Tim Grooms, for volunteering his time to lead McCreary County's first 4-H Shooting Sports Club.



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SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
		1	2- Lunch & Learn @ MCPL- Cooking Under Pressure 12-1pm	3- ANR Mushroom Clothes Baskets 6pm	4	5
6	7- FCS Book Cook @ MCPL 4:30pm Basket Guild 9am Room 103- With Bonnie Rideout	8- ANR Cattlemen's Meeting 6:30pm Basket Guild 9am Room 103- With Bonnie Rideout	9	10- FCS Laugh & Learn @ MCPL 10am	11	12
13	14- McCreary Co. Fun-Makers Homemakers Meeting 6pm- @ Kristina's Kitchen	15- Adult Hike Natural Arch 10am	16	17	18	19
20	21	22	23	24 Office Closed	25 Office Closed	26
27	28	29	30- FCS Cook Together, Eat Together Cooking Social 5pm			



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