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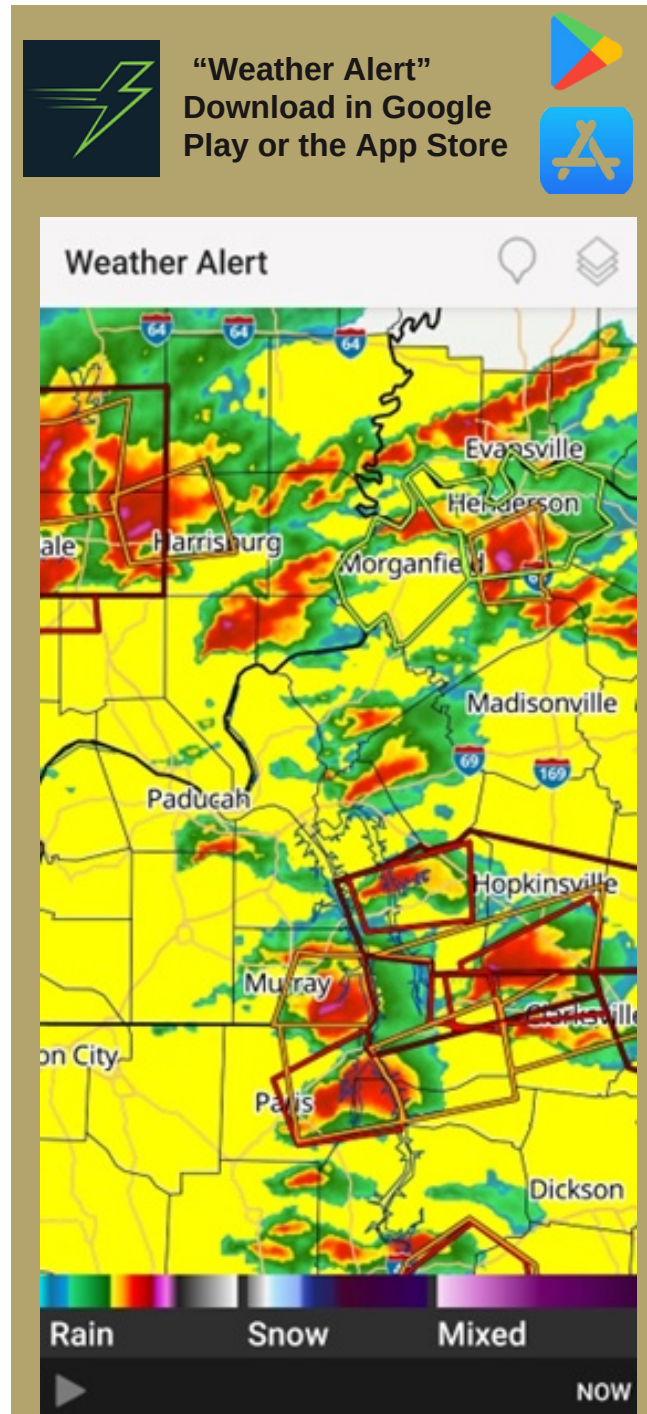
MCCREARY COUNTY EXTENSION

AGRICULTURE & NATURAL RESOURCES NEWSLETTER

UK launches new "Weather Alert" smartphone app

In a move to boost weather-related awareness and agricultural decision-making, the University of Kentucky Ag Weather Center, in partnership with the UK Department of Biosystems and Ag Engineering, UK Center for Computational Sciences and the Southeastern Center for Agricultural Health and Injury Prevention (SCAHIP), has announced the launch of "Weather Alert." The smartphone application aims to serve both Kentucky's farming community and other residents by providing critical weather updates and forecasts.

The app's first phase, now complete, offers a user-friendly design with access to current and forecasted weather data, high-resolution radar and timely warning and watch alerts. Users can receive alerts tailored to their specific GPS location or other designated areas, enhancing their ability to make informed management and production decisions.



Weather Alert radar screenshot.



Weather Alert is available at no cost and free from advertisements, ensuring a seamless and efficient user experience. While primarily designed for Kentucky, Weather Alert can be used nationwide. The app creators encourage feedback and invite users to send their suggestions and comments to weather.alert@uky.edu as they continue to develop and refine it.

Weather Alert is available for download on [iOS](#) and [Android](#), with plans to expand to other platforms.

Download Weather Alert in Google Play or the Apple App Store.

The development of Weather Alert was made possible through Smith-Lever/Land Grant Engagement funding, support from SCAHIP, and the UK Department of Biosystems & Ag Engineering.

Source: Jordan Strickler, UK College of Agriculture, Food, & Environment

For more information on Weather Alert and disaster preparedness, contact the McCreary County Extension Office.



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UPCOMING EVENTS MCCREARY CO. EXTENSION

**McCreary County
Farmers Market
Saturdays, 9am-1pm
299 Wilburn K Ross Hwy.
Stearns, KY 42647**

**Jr. Cattlemens Field Trip
Warner Fertilizer & Farm Tour
July 12th, 10am**

**Grow Appalachia
Healthy Cooking
July 25th, 5:30pm**

**McCreary Extension/4-H
Volunteer Appreciation
Banquet
Aug 2nd, 6pm**

**McCreary County Extension
will be CLOSED July 4th in
observance of Independence
Day.**

*Call 606-376-2524 for
more info*

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July Garden Notes



In July, many crops are beginning to mature. Corn is harvested over a shorter period of time than some other crops as all of the ears ripen at about the same time. This allows the crop to be removed after the harvest and another crop planted in its place. Other crops, like beans and tomatoes, produce over weeks or months and allow several harvests from the same plant.

Even though temperatures are warm, now is the time to think about planting for fall harvest. Carrots, beets, cabbage plants and parsnips planted in July will mature in early fall. July is also a good time for a second crop of beans or even corn if it matures quickly (75 days or less, check the seed package for maturity information often listed as “days to maturity”).



Visit planeatmove.com for more info & recipes!



SOUTH-CENTRAL KY

Hay Contest



Contact your local agriculture and natural resources extension agent for more information.

Deadline for sample submission is September 30th, 2024.

Hay & silage classes include: Alfalfa, Alfalfa/Grass, Mixed, Grass, Small Grain, Summer Annuals.

Each producer may submit as many samples as they wish in as many categories as they wish. Only the best sample from each considered for awards.

Samples may be collected at any time! Hay probes available for checkout at McCreary County Extension OR ANR agent can collect samples for you.



Disabilities accommodated with prior notification.





ANR Spotlight



GET HEALTHY MCCREARY LOCAL HIKING

Our Get Healthy McCreary Hiking group has trekked to the Natural Arch and Eagle Falls/Cumberland Falls so far this year.

Join us at 10am on the last Wednesday of August, September, and October for local hiking!

For more information, contact the McCreary County Extension Office.

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