

JUNE 2024

MCCREARY COUNTY EXTENSION

AGRICULTURE & NATURAL RESOURCES NEWSLETTER

Drought-stressed lawns

Kentucky routinely gets pretty dry during June. Even if we get a heavy rainfall during drought spells, it doesn't completely alleviate drought symptoms.

When a lawn becomes excessively dry, the soil surface develops some water repellency that prevents water from soaking in during a quick, hard rain event.

Here are some things you can do to help your thirsty grass and hopefully avoid having to completely reseed your lawn.

1. Water every other day or every third day until good, soaking rains begin.
2. Apply about two-thirds of an inch of water each time. You can check this by probing the soil with a knife or screwdriver to determine if the soil is wet 2 to 3 inches deep.
3. Water in the early morning to help reduce diseases, remove dew and reduce evaporative water loss.



MCCREARY COUNTY FAIR ENTRIES

We will begin taking County Fair Entries on **June 25th at 9am**, at the Sr. Citizens Building in Whitley City.

Adult and youth entries welcome! Premiums will be awarded for 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place in each category.

To view our complete Fair Catalog, visit our website at mccreary.ca.uky.edu OR scan the QR code



4. Water areas that have the earliest browning first. These are often on southern or western-facing slopes or areas with heavy clay soils, very compacted soil or rocks near the surface.

5. If possible, don't mow a drought-stricken yard until you can water it or you know a soaking rain is on the way. Weeds are still growing and flowering during summer droughts. Wait for the rain, then mow off the weeds.

6. Don't apply herbicides during a summer drought. They won't work when weeds are suffering and can damage drought-stressed grass more than weeds.

7. Wait for a soaking rain before applying nitrogen to the lawn in the fall. Nitrogen can greatly improve a lawn's drought recovery.

Source: Kenneth Clayton, plant and soil sciences extension associate professor

For more information on caring for home lawns, contact Tracie Goodman, McCreary County ANR Extension Agent.



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UPCOMING EVENTS MCCREARY CO. EXTENSION

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

June 5th, 11:30am
Sr. Center Lunch & Learn

June 7th, 10am-2pm
Community Resource Fair
McCreary Co. Park Gymnasium

June 25th, 9am-1pm
County Fair Project Check-in

June 26th, 9am-3pm
County Fair Project Display

June 27th, 5:30pm
Grow Appalachia
Food Preservation

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June Garden Notes



Crops such as corn, beans, squash, okra, pumpkins (for Jack-o-lanterns), peppers and tomatoes can continue to be planted in all parts of the state.

Some early-season crops such as lettuce, radish, and peas, will have matured and should be removed from the garden. This will make room for additional crops such as those listed above.

Tomatoes, potatoes, eggplant, and peppers are all related; they belong to the same family of plants. Planting these plants in the same location for several years in a row may allow diseases in the soil and can often build up and produce problems with future crops. It is best to move these plants around in the garden and not follow one plant with a related plant for a few years.



Visit planeatmove.com for more info & recipes!



Are you an active or aspiring homesteader who would like to learn more about topics such as: breadmaking, food preservation, gardening, wild game, etc?

McCreary County Extension's FCS and ANR agents are teaming up to offer a multi-class series covering all of these topics and more!

This series will begin Fall 2024.

Scan the QR code for more information as it becomes available!





MCCREARY EXTENSION AG SAFETY NIGHT

Ag Safety Night with McCreary County Cattlemen's Assoc. couldn't have turned out better.

Special thanks to Tony Miller and the crew at PHI Air Medical Services for displaying their aircraft, Dale Dobson from KDA and Cheryl Witt from UK for bringing a rollover tractor demo and representing Raising Hope. Also thanks to LCDHD for providing goodie bags.

Stay tuned for the next one!



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