

SEPTEMBER 2024

MCCREARY COUNTY EXTENSION

AGRICULTURE & NATURAL RESOURCES NEWSLETTER

Intermediate Grazing School – Sept 25-26

The 2024 Fall Kentucky Intermediate Grazing School's goal is to help livestock producers improve profitability with hands-on and classroom learning. The school is Sept. 25-26 at the Woodford County Extension office in Versailles, KY and at the UK C. Oran Little Research Farm.

"While this school targets those that have been using improved grazing for some time, the topics and discussion will benefit producers along all segments of their grazing journey" says Chris Teutsch, UK Forage Specialist.

The school will begin each morning at 7:30 a.m. EDT with refreshments and ends by 5:00pm. Topics on the first day include introduction to soils, rotational grazing, meeting nutritional needs on pasture, grazing math concepts, travel to a local grazing operation, portable/seasonal water systems, methods to access pasture production and determine stocking rate, hands-on small paddock set-up demonstrations. After lunch at the farm, more topics include electric fencing to control grazing, offsets, soil and hay sampling, forage plant grown and grazing



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Programs will begin in the classroom, then move to the hands-on portion. Each school is limited to 10 participants.

CAIP qualified class!

September 12th

10am-4pm CST

Russell Co. Extension Office

270-866-4477

September 30th

10am-4pm EST

Pulaski Co. Extension Office

606-679-6361

**Spots must be claimed by
calling to register.**

*For more information,
contact the McCreary County
Extension Office*



management and choosing forage species for a comprehensive grazing system. Topics on the second day include fence types and costs, a grazing system design case study and exercise, grazing myths that impact profitability and a discussion on how to reinvigorate a rundown farm. A local producer will discuss how they made grazing work on their farm. The day culminates with a trip back to the research farm to observe and discuss the hands-on grazing exercise from the previous day. Students will also have the opportunity to calibrate a grain drill and try a simple GPS unit that attaches to an ATV. Registration is \$60 per participant and ends September 20th. Register soon since spots are limited. To register and pay online go to the UK Forage Website under Events or mail \$60 to Dr. Ray Smith, 1100 S. Limestone, N222 Agric North, University of Kentucky, Lexington, KY 40546-0091. Make your check to KFGC and specify "2024 Fall Grazing School." Contact the McCreary County Extension Office for more information.



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UPCOMING EVENTS MCCREARY CO. EXTENSION

Beef Quality Care & Assurance (BQCA)
 Sept 5th, 10am or 5pm

McCreary CAIP deadline
 Sept 10th
Applications available at McCreary County Extension or McCreary Farm Bureau

Library Lunch & Learn:
 Small-Scale Hydroponics
 Sept 10th, 12pm

Sausage Making Part 1: Summer Sausage
 Sept 17th, 5pm

Sausage Making Part 2: Chorizo
 Sept 24th, 5pm

Get Healthy McCreary Hiking
 Princess Falls
 Sept 25th, 10am

Grow Appalachia
 Edible Landscaping
 Sept 26th, 5:30pm

McCreary Cattlemen's Association
 Annual Meeting @
 Vernsway Farms
 Sept 28th, noon

Call 606-376-2524 for
 more info

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September Garden Notes

Quick growing crops are what you should plan for with your September plantings. Crops like radishes, spinach and lettuce mature very quickly and also hold up against light frost so they can be planted with a good chance of maturing. Turnips may be planted in early September in areas where other crops have matured and will provide roots and greens for much of the fall and early winter. Mustard greens may be inserted among the turnips.

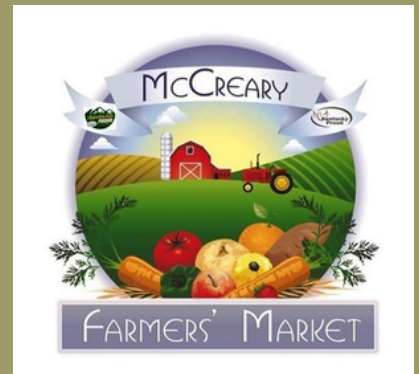
In the absence of vegetable crops in September, consider planting a cover crop such as ryegrass, winter rye, or winter wheat. These plants grow during the fall and winter and capture nutrients from the soil. They are tilled under in spring several weeks before planting the garden, and slowly release nutrients to the soil during the growing season. Cover crops are always a good option when your garden is bare for a few months.



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**McCreary County Farmers
Market!**

**229 Wilburn K. Ross Hwy
Stearns, KY**

**Open every Saturday
through the end of
September
9am to 1pm**



MCHS 4-H WHEP & FORESTRY NATIONAL TEAMS

Our MCHS 4-H WHEP & Forestry Teams competed in their National Competitions in Brownwood, Texas and Weston, West Virginia, respectively, this summer.

We are extremely proud of their accomplishments and their representation of McCreary County and Kentucky 4-H!



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