

RUSSELL COUNTY AGRICULTURE AND NATURAL RESOURCES MAY 2025 NEWSLETTER



UPCOMING EVENTS:

Beekeeper's Meeting

May 1st: 6:00 PM CST

Russell County Extension Office

Farmer's Market Meeting

May 8th: 5:00 PM CST

Russell County Extension Office

Sheep & Goat Meeting

May 13th: 6:00 PM CST

South Kentucky RECC

2405 N. Main St.


Jamestown, KY 42629

Timely Tips

Dr. Les Anderson, Beef Extension Professor, University of Kentucky
Spring Calving Cow Herd

- Watch cows and calves closely. Work hard to save every calf. Calves can be identified with an ear tag while they are young and easy to handle. Commercial male calves should be castrated and implanted. Registered calves should be weighed at birth.
- Cows that have calved need to be on an adequate nutritional level to rebreed. Increase their feed after calving. Do not let them lose body condition. Keep feeding them until pastures are adequate.
- Do not "rush to grass" although it can be really tempting. Be sure that grass has accumulated enough growth to support the cow's nutritional needs before depending solely upon it. Cows may walk the pastures looking for green grass instead of eating dry feed. This lush, watery grass is not adequate to support them. Keep them consuming dry feed until sufficient grass is available to sustain body condition. We've spent too much money keeping them in good condition to lose it now!
- Prevent grass tetany! Provide magnesium in the mineral mix until daytime temperatures are consistently above 60°F. Mineral supplement should always be available and contain a minimum of about 14% magnesium. Make sure that your mineral mix also contains adequate selenium, copper, and zinc. You can ask your feed dealer about the UK Beef IRM High Magnesium Mineral.
- Make final selection of heifer replacements. Strongly consider vaccinating with a modified-live BVD vaccine.
- Purchase replacement bulls at least 30 days before the breeding season starts. Have herd bulls evaluated for breeding soundness (10-20% of bulls are questionable or unsatisfactory breeders). Get all bulls in proper condition (BCS 6) for breeding.

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2024 Tax Deadlines for Kentucky Extended

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The deadline for filing many current Federal tax returns has been extended to November 3, 2025, for individuals and businesses in Kentucky. This comes as a result of a Federally declared disaster for the entire state.

The Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) declared every county in Kentucky to be affected by the severe storms that began on February 14, 2025. Every individual residing in Kentucky and everyone who has a business in Kentucky, including farming operations, is included in the declaration.

The IRS has extended the deadline for filing and paying individual and business income tax returns to November 3, 2025, for all who are covered by the FEMA disaster declaration. This includes returns and payments due between the February 14th storms and November 3rd.

Specifically included are:

- Individual income tax returns and payments normally due April 15.
 - Contributions to **2024** IRAs and health savings accounts included on those individual returns
 - Estimated tax payments due April 15, June 16, and September 15
 - Business tax returns for partnerships and S corporations normally due March 17
 - Business tax returns for C corporations normally due April 15
- Quarterly payroll and excise tax returns

According to an IRS announcement, "The IRS automatically identifies taxpayers located in the covered disaster area and applies filing and payment relief." The address on your return should identify these returns as qualifying. Affected individuals who reside or have a business outside of Kentucky "should call the IRS Special Services toll-free number at 866-562-5227 to request this tax relief."

Farmers whose tax returns were due and payable March 3, 2024, do not qualify for the extended deadline. These are farmers who qualified and elected to not make quarterly estimated tax payments,

but instead file and pay taxes due in full by March 1. Farmers who qualified and filed and paid their 2024 estimated tax payments by January 15, 2025, would normally be required to file income tax returns by April 15. These farmers are now qualified for the extended November 3 deadline.

Kentucky State Tax Deadlines

Governor Beshear announced that the Kentucky Department of Revenue will provide the same tax relief for state taxes. However, interest may be charged on late tax payments.

Casualty losses

Taxpayers in a Federally declared disaster area may report disaster-related casualty losses on their state and Federal income tax return for the year the casualty occurred, or they may elect to report the casualty loss by amending their previous-year return. Ask your tax advisor which option is most favorable for you.

Resources:

<https://www.fema.gov/disaster/declarations>

<https://www.irs.gov/newsroom/irs-announces-tax-relief-for-taxpayers-impacted-by-severe-storms-straight-line-winds-flooding-and-landslides-in-kentucky-various-deadlines-postponed-to-nov-3>

https://www.facebook.com/watch/live/?ref=watch_permalink&v=645879877989715

<https://extension.usu.edu/ruraltax/disaster-tax-info>

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Unlucky Kentucky?



By Jane Marie Wix – National Weather Service Jackson, KY

This article was originally supposed to be centered around flash flooding safety - but I think the state has seen its fair share of both flash and river flooding over these past few months. Does it ever feel like Kentucky needs a break from all this crazy and impactful weather!? It seems like if one side of the state isn't being impacted, the other side is. Just since February, Kentucky has seen a major flash flood event, an impactful snow storm, another historic river flooding event, and a tornado/severe thunderstorm outbreak. I'm likely missing some smaller events that occurred in between as well.

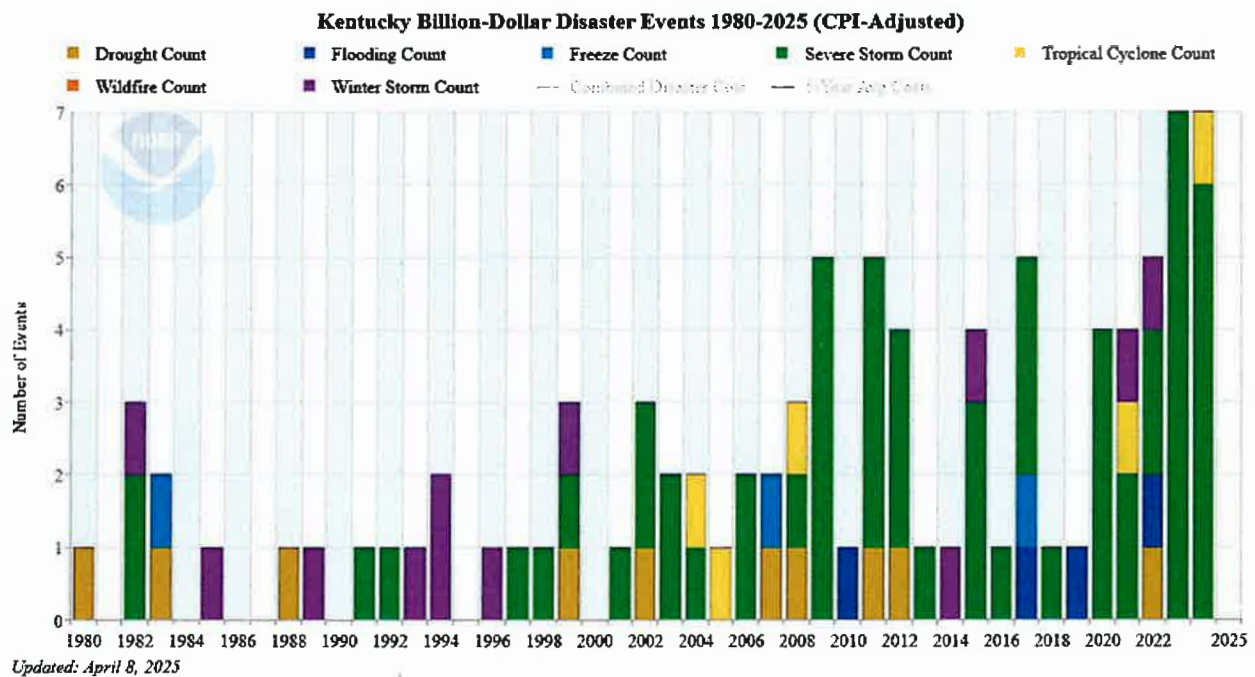
If you're thinking that the amount of impactful weather events has gone up - you aren't wrong! In fact, a recent Acuweather article renamed us as "Unlucky Kentucky". Between tornadoes, flash flooding, river flooding, winter storms, ice storms, and high wind events - we've seen just about every weather type over the last few years. We even had widespread damage on the eastern side of the state due to the remnants of a hurricane (Irene) last fall!

In just the last two years, the state has been part of 14 separate billion-dollar disasters, according to NOAA (<https://www.ncei.noaa.gov/access/billions/mapping>) with 2023 and 2024 tying for the highest number on record since tracking began in 1980. That's not taking into account any of the historic flooding and severe weather that has taken place so far in April, which impacted large portions of this state and neighboring states.

A study published in the journal "npj Climate and Atmospheric Science" in 2018 showed that the ingredients required for producing long-lived tornadoes were flourishing more in the Mississippi River Valley in the last 20 years, compared to parts of the original "Tornado Alley". In other words, "Tornado Alley" once located through the Great Plains is shifting south and east, and it now includes parts of western Kentucky.

On the east side of the state, residents are well aware that so long as heavy rains occur in the hills of eastern Kentucky, so too will the flash flood threat. And while it is harder to get tornadoes in the mountains, recent history shows us that even the mountains can't protect us when Mother Nature decides to intervene. The heavily forested areas of this area of the state can also be prone to forest fires when dry periods and droughts occur, especially when coupled with high winds.

One of the main reasons we started creating these articles is to help people in communities across Kentucky become more weather aware and weather prepared in the face of these events. Unfortunately, there is no guarantee that these large-scale/high-impact events will be letting up any time soon. While we all agree we need a break after these last few years, ultimately the weather is out of anyone's control. So the best thing we can do is try to become more resilient in the face of these disasters.



Join us for our May

BEEKEEPER'S MEETING

WHAT:

Join us for our April meeting with guest speaker
**Tim Sheehan, President, Kentucky State
Beekeeper's Association**

WHERE:

Russell County Extension Office
2688 U.S 127, Russell Springs, KY 42642

WHEN:

Thursday, May 1st | 6:00 PM CST

ALL ARE WELCOME!

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Scrumptious Strawberry Salad

5 cups spinach	Dressing	3 tablespoons
½ large cabbage head, chopped	¾ cup plain non-fat	olive oil
1 cup golden raisins	Greek yogurt or	½ teaspoon
1 cup halved red grapes	plain regular yogurt	Dijon mustard
1 pint sliced strawberries	3 tablespoons	1 teaspoon
½ small red onion, sliced	honey	poppy seeds
½ cup toasted and chopped	6 tablespoons	1 teaspoon salt
pecans (optional)	apple cider vinegar	½ teaspoon pepper

Combine all salad ingredients together in a large bowl. Prepare salad dressing by **mixing** all ingredients together in a jar, **cover**, and **shake** well to combine. **Pour** dressing over salad mixture and **toss** to combine.

Yield: 8, 2-cup servings

Nutritional Analysis:

240 calories, 10g fat, 1g saturated fat, 0mg cholesterol, 340mg sodium, 33g carbohydrate, 4g fiber, 27g sugar, 6g added sugars, 5g protein

Kentucky Strawberries

SEASON: May through June

NUTRITION FACTS:

Strawberries are low in calories and high in nutrients. One cup contains 55 calories. They are a great source of vitamin C and also contain vitamin A, iron, fiber, and folic acid.

SELECTION: Choose fully ripened, bright red berries. Berries should be plump and have a natural shine with bright green, fresh-looking caps.

STORAGE: Store strawberries in the refrigerator, covered, unwashed, with the caps on. Do not crowd, and use within 2 to 3 days. Wash just before serving.

HANDLING: Handle gently. Never remove the caps before washing. To wash, cover berries in cold water and lift gently out of the water to drain. Dry by placing in a single layer on paper towels. After washing, remove the caps. Give the cap a gentle twist or use the point of a sharp paring knife.

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Kentucky Proud Project

County Extension Agents for Family and Consumer Sciences

University of Kentucky, Extension and Human Nutrition students

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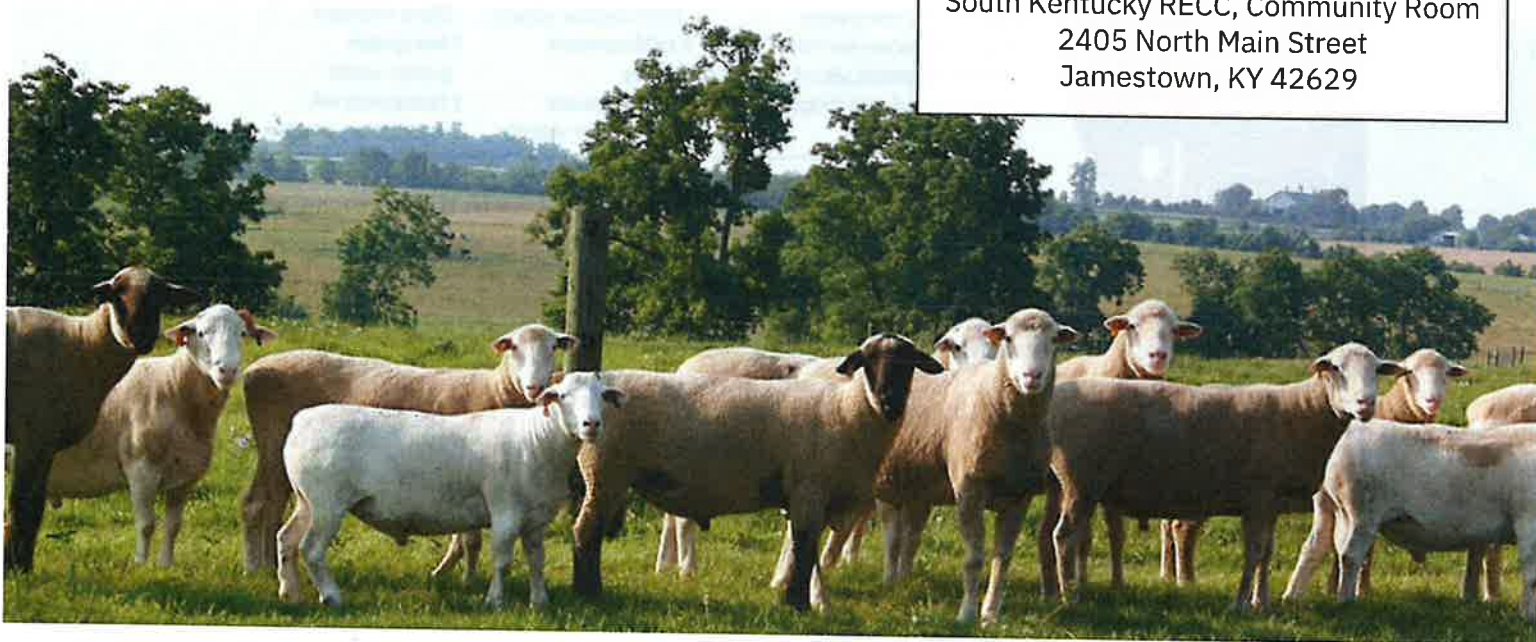
SHEEP & GOAT

Parasitology & Fecal Egg Count

Workshop & Lamb Dinner



May 13 (Tuesday) – 6:00 pm CST
Russell County Extension Office
South Kentucky RECC, Community Room
2405 North Main Street
Jamestown, KY 42629



Who: Russell County Extension Office; Russell County Sheep and Goat Producers Association (RCSGPA); University of Kentucky, Martin-Gatton College of Agriculture, Food and Environment; Southeast Kentucky Sheep Producers Association (SEKSPA)

What: You will learn how to do tests to determine types of parasites you have, how many, and if dewormer resistance is developing.

When: Tuesday, May 13th, 2025. Registration is from 5:30-6:00 pm CST. Lamb Dinner starts at 6:00 with the educational program to follow

Where: Registration, dinner, and program will be held at the South Central RECC, Community Room, 2405 North Main Street, Jamestown, Kentucky 42629

Speakers: Dr. Jessie Lay, DVM, Extension Animal Health Veterinarian, Agriculture and Natural Resources, University of Kentucky; Dr. Patrick Angel, President, SEKSPA

Registration is \$20 per family which includes your RCSGPA & SEKSPA membership for 2025, program, CAIP credits, and a delicious LAMB DINNER! Please register by calling 270-866-4477

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