

# New Ground

*Barren County Agriculture Newsletter*

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**Chris Schalk**

Barren County Extension Agent for  
Agriculture

## A Message from Your Agriculture Agent

Happy New Year! Now that the holidays are over, our attention turns to the 2024 growing season. One thing is for sure, input costs are still higher than we would like. This means that careful planning and allocation of resources will be at the forefront as we seek profitability. The free soil analysis offered by the Barren County Cooperative Extension Service will be your first line of defense against skyrocketing input costs. Once those soils analysis are complete, making sure that soil pH is correct will not only be the least expensive crop input, but the most important. If soil pH is not within the correct range, then plants will not be able to take up the nutrients provided by the fertilizer. After we have tested the soil and amended the pH, then we need to turn our attention to weed control. Spend your fertilizers dollars to fertilize the crop, not the weeds. Finally producers will need to set a fertilizer budget. During times of high input costs it is easy to say, "I'll just use triple 19." Too many years of "just triple 19" will pull down our soil potash levels. This will effect plant health, weaken stands, and decrease yields. Please feel free to reach out to me to discuss your fertilization plan for 2024.

Inside this issue of New Ground you will find several educational opportunities. Most programs will be in person, but virtual options are generally available. Remember that you can drop off your soil sample via our convenient drive thru window. Please give us a call as you develop your 2024 cropping and garden plans.

# HAY AND STRAW AUCTION

## SATURDAY, JANUARY 27, 2024 @10:00 AM

The Annual Hay and Straw Auction will be held at the Metcalfe County Fairgrounds. Proceeds from commission will go to benefit the Metcalfe County Fair. Large squares, rolls, and small squares. All hay will be weighed and tested for nutritional value NO COMMISSION! Five percent buyer's premium-To consign hay or straw, call your local extension office

- Metcalfe: Brandon Bell 270-432-3561
- Barren: Chris Schalk 270-651-3818
- Monroe: Kevin Lyons 270-487-5504
- Hart: Adam Estes 270-524-2451
- Allen: Adam Huber 270-237-3146



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## BQCA & FORAGE TESTING

Complete Beef Quality and Care Assurance (BQCA) - Certification to fulfill CAIP requirements

**January 16, 2024**

**9:00 AM**

**OR**

**6:00 PM**



Call 270-651-3818 to reserve your spot!

**February 27, 2024**

**9:00 AM**

**OR**

**6:00 PM**

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## PRIVATE PESTICIDE APPLICATOR TRAINING

**JANUARY 30, 2024 @ 6:00 PM**

**FEBRUARY 26, 2024 @ 9:00 AM**

**FEBRUARY 26, 2024 @ 6:00 PM**

**TRAININGS HELD AT THE BARREN COUNTY EXTENSION OFFICE**

**CALL TO REGISTER: 270-651-3818**



# Fruit Tree Pruning Workshop



Brought to you by Allen, Barren, Hart, Metcalfe and Monroe County ANR Agents

February 27th, 2024 @1 PM  
Dennison's Farm  
5824 South Jackson Hwy.  
Horse Cave, KY 42749

Please contact your local county extension office to register

**Annual Grain Production Update**

January 30, 2024  
9:00 AM  
Barren Co. Extension Office  
1463 West Main Street  
Glasgow KY 42141  
RSVP @ 270.651.3818

**LUNCH PROVIDED**

2024 Dicamba Training

Economic Outlook Presented by: Dr. Grant Gardner

Marketing Beyond the Elevator

Private Pesticide Applicator Training (optional)

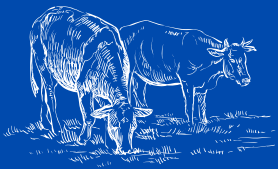
**PRESENTED BY:**  
Adam Huber, Allen County ANR  
Chris Schalk, Barren County ANR  
Adam Estes, Hart County ANR  
Brandon Bell, Metcalfe County ANR  
Kevin Lyons, Monroe County ANR

## DO YOU WANT TO BE A MASTER?

Coming in September and October 2024 Barren Co Cooperative Extension will be offering courses in Master Cattlemen, Master Gardener, and Master Logger. If you are interested in any of these programs please contact the Barren Co Extension office so your name can be put on the contact list as details become available.



**Master Logger—September 24, 25, & 26**  
8AM to 4PM  
No meal provided



**Master Cattlemen—October 15, 17, 22, 24, 29, 31**  
6-8:30 PM  
Meal provided



**Master Gardener--October 15, 17, 22, 24, 29, 31**  
6-8:30PM  
Meal Provided



# Tobacco GAP Training 2024



**March 4, 2024**



**6:00 PM**



**Barren County  
Trojan Academy**

**Happy  
NEW  
Year**

## UK Beef Management Webinar Series

To register for this webinar series, please send an email to [dbullock@uky.edu](mailto:dbullock@uky.edu) with Beef Webinar in the subject line and your name and county in the message.

You will receive the direct link with a password the morning of each meeting. This invitation will directly link you to the site and you will be asked for the password which can be found just below the link.

Each session will be recorded and posted for later viewing. All meeting times are 8:00pm ET/7:00pm CT.

### January 9, 2024

Management decisions that impact reproductive efficiency in beef herds - George Perry, Professor, Texas A&M University

### February 13, 2024

What's the Cost of a Cheap Mineral - Katie VanValin, Assistant Extension Professor, University of Kentucky

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## Educational Programs

Please call the Barren County Cooperative Extension for more information. 270-651-3818

KY Fruit & Vegetable Conference	Bowling Green	January 3-4
KY Cattlemen's Association Annual Meeting	Lexington	January 11-12
Stretching Forage When Supply is Short	Metcalfe Co Extension office	January 11 @ 6PM
BQCA & Forage Testing	Barren Co Extension office	January 16 @ 9AM
BQCA & Forage Testing	Extension office	January 16 @ 6PM
KY Commodity Conference	Bowling Green	January 18
Forage Improvement	Hart Co Extension office	January 22 @ 5:30PM
First Aid for Farmers	Metcalfe Co Extension office	January 22 @ 6PM
Tri-County Hay & Straw Auction	Metcalfe Co Fairgrounds	January 27 @ 10AM
Forage Improvement	Metcalfe Co Extension office	January 29 @ 6PM
Grain Meeting—Marketing Beyond the Elevator	Extension office	January 30 @ 9AM
Private Pesticide Applicator Training	Extension office	January 30 @ 6PM
Alfalfa Conference	Warren Co Extension office	February 8 @ 8:30AM
Private Pesticide Applicator Training	Extension office	February 26 @ 9AM
Private Pesticide Applicator Training	Extension office	February 26 @ 6PM
KY Dairy Partners Conference	Bowling Green	February 27-28
BQCA & Forage Testing	Extension office	February 27 @ 9AM
Fruit Tree Pruning Field Day	Dennison's Roadside Mkt	February 27 @ 1PM
BQCA & Forage Testing	Extension office	February 27 @ 6PM
Tobacco GAP Annual Training	Barren Co Trojan Academy	March 4 @ 6PM

### ***Coming Fall of 2024***

- Master Cattlemen
- Master Logger
- Master Gardener