

Spencer County Agriculture & Horticulture Newsletter

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I cannot believe that November is here. It is hard to believe, isn't it? Fortunately, we've had some actual fall weather over the last few days with cool mornings and warm afternoons.

As we come closer to the holiday season, I hope everyone gets a chance to slow down and enjoy time with your family. It's important that we cherish the time that each of us have with all of our families.

I hope you have a safe and happy Thanksgiving holiday.

As always, feel free to call or email me if you have any questions.

Sincerely,



Bryce Roberts,
Spencer County Extension Agent for
Agriculture and Natural Resources

More Information

As always, if you need more information, feel free to **call me** at 477-2217.

You can also **email me** at broberts@uky.edu or you can **visit my website** to view archived newsletters and news articles. The web address is: www.spencerextension.com



Soil Sample Now

This is a reminder that once your crops or gardens are finished for this year, it is a great time to sample your fields, gardens, or lawns to see what type and how much fertilizer you need to make the soil as productive as possible.

For each sample you want to submit, we need at least one pint (sandwich bag) of dry soil 4-8 inches below the soil surface. Please put your name and sample ID (north lawn, hayfield 2, etc.) on each bag. During this time of the year, the lab is not as busy as it is in the spring, so we can get your results back to you usually a few days sooner than other times during the year.

This is a free service provided by the Spencer Co. Conservation District. Thanks to them for sponsoring the soil sampling program.

Our office is open normal business hours (8 am until 4:30 pm), but you have the option to drop off your samples anytime you like.

As you pull into our parking lot, please go to the right to the back of our building. You will then see our pavilion and on the pavilion, you will see a black tub with a yellow top to the right of the double doors. Inside the tub, you will find some paperwork that you will need to fill out so that we can properly test your soil. Place the paperwork and samples back into the tub. I'll review the results and mail or email them to you in 2-3 weeks.

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Autumn Winds

Christine Aiena- National Weather Service, Wilmington, Ohio



Autumn is widely recognized as the "season of change," as the environment undergoes visible transformations, including the alteration of leaf colors, the shortening and cooling of days, which in turn instigates shifts in animal migration patterns and concludes the growing season. Concurrently, the dog days of stagnant summer air are replaced by cool and breezy conditions. As we head into the autumn months, it's a good time to review wind and wind-related products the National Weather Service can issue.

Larger differences in air masses during autumn can lead to stronger frontal passages and storm systems; it's not uncommon for a strong low pressure system to move through with howling winds, only to depart leaving the trees bare of any color and leaves! These strong systems can cause structural damage and even injuries or, in rare circumstances, deaths. When wind speeds are sustained around 40 to 50 MPH, isolated wind damage is possible, like downed trees or branches, missing shingles or siding to homes, and downed power poles/lines. However, when higher wind speeds occur, even more significant damage is possible. A great example of this is when the remnants of Hurricane Helene moved through the Tennessee and Ohio Valleys last year. When a system like this moves through, the National Weather Service will issue Wind Advisories or High Wind Watches/Warnings. We'll break down the differences in the wind related products below:

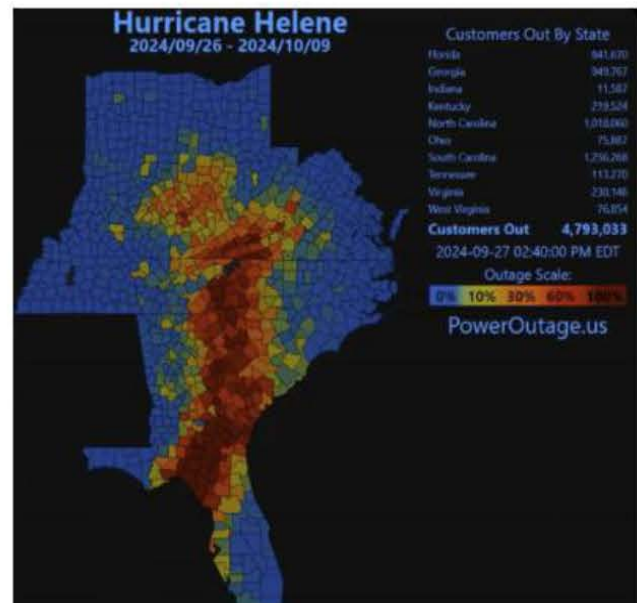
High Wind Watch: Be Prepared! Sustained, strong winds are possible. Secure loose outdoor items and adjust plans as necessary so you're not caught outside.

Wind Advisory: Take Action! Strong winds are occurring but are not so strong as to warrant a High Wind Warning. Objects that are outdoors should be secured and caution should be taken if driving.

High Wind Warning: Take Action! Sustained, strong winds with even stronger gusts are happening. Seek shelter. If you are driving, keep both hands on the wheels and slow down.

You can prepare for the strong winds ahead and hopefully prevent damage to your property, or worse, by taking the following steps:

- Trim tree branches away from your home and powerlines; secure loose gutters/shingles.
- Identify an interior room, such as a basement or interior bathroom, where you can take shelter during high wind events.
- Make a list of items outside of your home that you may need to bring inside or tie down so they don't blow away or fly through a window. Additionally, have a plan for your livestock and any outdoor pets for high wind events.
- Have an emergency kit ready! Include items such as spare food, water, and medication to last up to three days for each person in your home: remember, roads may be impassible due to debris making pharmacy or grocery trips difficult or impossible. Plan to have a light source in case power goes out, such as a flashlight or candles.



Power outages from Hurricane Helene. Courtesy of PowerOutage.us

Louisville Area Beef Cattle Association
Fall Beef Cattle Management
Meeting and Supper

COOPERATIVE EXTENSION



Thursday, November 20, 5:30 p.m. Registration (Fee: \$5 Payable at Registration)

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CAIP Educational Forms Available



RSVP by Monday, November 17, 12 p.m., by calling 477-2217 so that we can accurately prepare for our sponsored meal. You can also register by going to this link bit.ly/FallBeef25 or by scanning the QR Code:



NO REGISTRATIONS ACCEPTED AFTER NOVEMBER 17!

Program Begins with Meal at 6:00 p.m.

"Reducing or Eliminating Fertilizer Use on Cattle Farms ," Dr. Greg Halich

"Updates from KCA," Allan Bryant, KCA President-Elect

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Blueberry Cream Cheese Pound Cake

1 (8 ounce) package
fat free cream cheese
½ cup canola oil
1 (18 ounce) package
yellow butter cake mix

1 (5 ounce) package
instant vanilla pudding
mix
2 large egg whites
2 large eggs

2 teaspoons vanilla
extract
2 cups fresh
blueberries

1. Preheat oven to 325° F.

2. Lightly spray Bundt pan with nonstick cooking spray and dust with flour.

3. Combine cream cheese and oil in a medium bowl; beat with mixer at high speed until smooth and creamy.

4. Add cake mix, pudding mix, egg whites, eggs, and vanilla extract. Beat at medium speed until blended.

5. Fold in berries.

6. Spoon batter into prepared pan.

7. Bake 60 minutes or until wooden toothpick inserted in center comes out clean.

8. Cool cake in pan for 20 minutes. Remove from pan and cool completely.

Yield: 16 slices.

Nutrition Analysis: 260 calories; 10g fat; 1.5g saturated fat; 0g trans fat; 30 mg cholesterol; 390mg sodium; 38g carbohydrate; 1g fiber; 23g sugar; 4g protein.

Buying Kentucky Proud is easy. Look for the label at your grocery store, farmers' market, or roadside stand.

