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May the holidays bring peace, love, and joy to you this season.

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MINERAL OPTIONS

UK IRM High Mag

UK's formula that was developed for cow/calf producers in mind with high mag added to accommodate spring grass time.

\$20/bag

UK IRM Basic

UK's formula that was developed for cow/calf producers in mind to meet the basic needs of those cattle.

\$17/bag

UK IRM High Mag W/Fly Control

UK's formula that was developed for cow/calf producers in mind with high mag added to accommodate spring grass time with added protection to aide with flies.

\$24/bag

UK Basic with Fly Control

UK's formula that was developed for cow/calf producers in mind added to accommodate later summer needs with protection to aide with flies.

\$21/bag

**NOT USED FOR SHEEP, GOATS, HORSES & JERSEY COWS

ORDERS DUE: MONDAY DEC 2

WOLFE COUNTY EXTENSION OFFICE

606-668-3712

PAYMENT MUST BE RECEIVED BY DEC 2, 2025

CHECKS PAYABLE TO:

MOUNTAIN CATTLEMENS ASSOCIATION

Mineral will be delivered to the Robinson Center





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BEST TIME TO USE GUIDE

SPRING CALVING HERDS

Jan - Mid May - High Magnesium Mineral

Supplement with high magnesium mineral at least 30 days prior to calving. Cows need 20 grams of magnesium daily or 40 oz/day of a 15% magnesium mineral mix. Continue providing magnesium in the mineral mix until daytime temperatures are consistently above 60 F. (For calculating/planning purposes roughly 135 days)

Mid May - December - Basic Cow/Calf Mineral

Provide a free-chaice mineral mix containing adequate levels of phosphorus, vitamin A, selenium, copper, zinc and other trace minerals at all times. (For calculating/planning purposes roughly 230

FALL CALVING HERDS

August - October - High Magnesium Mineral

Supplement with high magnesium. If the temperature is unseasonably warm, continue using a high magnesium mineral through November. (For calculating/planning purposes roughly 90 days)

November -July - Basic Cow/Calf Mineral

Provide a free-choice mineral mix containing adequate levels of phosphorus, vitamin A, selenium, copper, zinc, and other trace minerals at all times. (For calculating/planning purposes roughly 275 days)

How much will I use in a year?

1.A typical intake is 2 ounces (0.125 pounds) of mineral per cow per day.

2.Multiply the daily intake by the number of head and then by days going to be fed to get the total pounds a. Example: A 100-cow herd needs 100 cows x 0.125 lbs. /day x 365 days = 4,562.5 pounds of mineral per

use above underlined numbers to calculate based on different herd needs

3. Since mineral is often sold in 50-pound bags, divide the total annual need by 50 to find the number of

a. Example: 4,562.5 pounds / 50 pounds/bag = 91.25 bags

____# of cows X 0.125lbs./day X ____ days = ____ total lbs needed by herd during that time

__ total lbs needed during that period of time / 50 lb bag = ____ total number of bags n

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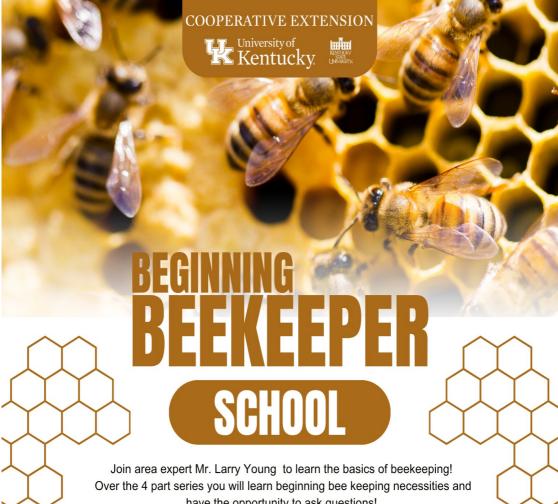
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have the opportunity to ask questions!

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Bee **Biology** **Now What do** I do?

Pest Management

Hive Management

Each Sessions will be from 6:00PM - 8:00PM



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HCEB Broccoli Salad

Ingredients:

- 6 cups broccoli, chopped
- 1 cup raisins
- 1 medium red onion, diced
- 2 tablespoons sugar
- 8 reduced-sodium turkey bacon slices, cooked & crumbled
- 2 tablespoons lemon juice



Directions:

- 1. Combine all ingredients in a medium bowl, mix well.
- 2. Chill for 1 to 2 hours.

Make it a Meal

Pair this salad with a BBQ sandwich on whole wheat bread, apple sauce, and milk.

Source: United States Department of Agriculture, What's Cooking USDA Mixing Bowl, March 2015. www.usda.gov/whatscooking

Lasagna Soup : Ingredients:

- 1 pound lean ground beef
- 1/4 teaspoon salt
- 1/8 teaspoon ground black pepper
- 1 jar (24 ounces) marinara sauce
- 1 box (32 ounces) low-sodium chicken, vegetable, or beef broth
- 12 ounces water (fill half of the marinara jar)
- 6 sheets lasagna noodles, broken into bite-size pieces (NOT oven-ready noodles)
- 1 container (10 ounces) frozen, chopped spinach
- 1. Wash hands with soap and warm water, scrubbing for at least 20 seconds.
- 2. Heat a large pot over medium high heat. Add beef to pot and break into fine crumbles. Season with salt and pepper. Cook beef until it's no longer pink and it reaches 160 degrees F using a food thermometer. Drain any fat.
- 3. Add marinara sauce, broth, and water to the pot with beef. Increase heat to high, place lid on the pot and bring to a boil, about 6 minutes.
- 4. Once boiling, add lasagna noodles and lower heat to medium-high. Stir occasionally so noodles do not stick to the bottom of the pot. Cook uncovered for about 6 minutes, or until noodles are close to being done.
- 5. Add frozen spinach. Cook until noodles have a bit of firmness left and until spinach is heated through, about 2 to 3 minutes.
- 6. Ladle into bowls and add desired toppings.
- 7. Refrigerate leftovers within 2 hours.

Notes

Any short-shaped pasta will work for this soup.

Optional toppings: a scoop of ricotta or cottage cheese, a sprinkle of parmesan or mozzarella cheese

Source: Jeannie Noble, RD, Extension Specialist for Nutrition, University of Kentucky Cooperative Extension Service

Nutrition facts per serving: 310 calories; 8g total fat; 3g saturated fat; 0g trans fat; 60mg cholesterol; 590mg sodium; 29g total carbohydrate; 4g dietary fiber; 6g total sugars; 0g added sugars; 28g protein; 0% Daily Value of vitamin D; 8% Daily Value of calcium; 20% Daily Value of iron; 25% Daily Value of potassium



BUYERS AND SELLERS

UK MARTIN-GATTON COLLEGE OF AGRICULTURE, FOOD AND ENVIRONMENT KSU COLLEGE OF AGRICULTURE, HEALTH, AND NATURAL RESOURCES

East KY

AUCTION 10:00am

December 13th at The Robinson Research Station 130 Robinson Road Jackson, KY 41339

Accepting Hay December 11th and 12th by appointment 8:00am -4:30pm

- NO BUYERS PREMIUM
- 10% CONSIGNMENT FEE
- WEIGHT AS RECEIVED

Nutrient analysis and average bale weight will be listed for each lot prior to sale.

Reed Graham **Breathitt County ANR Agent** 606-666-8812

Call 606-666-2438 to No stored outside hay

schedule your drop-off

Auctioneer: Jonathan Montgomery with Montgomery Auction Company 606-496-6530



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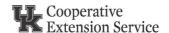
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HEALTH BULLETIN



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THIS MONTH'S TOPIC

KEEPING KIDS ACTIVE IS GOOD FOR EVERYONE



The holidays are a busy time for families. They are filled with celebrations, travel, and time at home. Kids look forward to taking a break from school. However, long days off can also mean more time sitting, watching screens, or being less active than usual. Keeping kids physically active during the holiday break helps them stay healthy, happy, and ready to return to school feeling their best.

Regular physical activity supports children's physical health. It helps build strong bones and muscles, manage weight, and strengthen hearts. It also helps reduce stress and improve mood. This can be especially important during the excitement and changes of the holiday season. When kids move their bodies, they release energy. This can make it easier for them to focus, sleep

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well, and handle emotions in positive ways.

Staying active does not have to mean a strict exercise routine. Making physical activity part of holiday traditions can help kids to be healthy and create lasting family memories. Encouraging your family to stay active during the holidays can be simple and fun. Start by spending time outdoors together. Go for a family walk around the neighborhood, take a hike, or visit a local park.

If you live in a colder area, activities like sledding, ice skating, or building a snowman can be a great way for kids and adults to get exercise while enjoying the season. When the weather is not ideal, you can still find creative ways to move indoors. Turn on some music for a family dance party. Play active games like freeze dance or Simon Says. Create an indoor obstacle course or fort using pillows, blankets and chairs.

Household activities can also help kids stay active. Decorating, cooking, and cleaning together can keep everyone moving while building family teamwork and holiday spirit. You can even make chores more engaging by turning them into friendly challenges. See who can hang the most decorations or clear the driveway the fastest!

It is common for kids to spend more time on screens during school breaks, so try to balance

screen time with physical activity. Encourage short activity breaks between shows or games. Plan family outings like walking the dog, going for a bike ride, or visiting a recreation center for open gyms or indoor swimming.

The holiday season is also a great time to try something new as a family, such as yoga, martial arts, or bowling. You can include physical activity as a regular part of your holiday routine to help everyone stay energized, reduce stress, and feel their best as they head into the new year.

Encouraging kids to stay active during holiday breaks helps balance relaxation with movement. It also helps to keep routines on track and supports their overall wellbeing, both now and in the new year.

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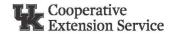
December

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed
	1 Mineral orders due	2 Wreath making for those	3
		who are registered	
7	8	9	10
		Sewing with Kids 3 to 5 PM	4-H Art Club 3 PM to 4:30
14	15	16 Cloverbud Club at 3	17
	Cooking Class at 3 PM to 4;30	PM to 4:30 Commodities for Wolfe Co Residents over age 60 and pre-approved	
21	22	23	24
			Holiday Break Begins
28	29	30	31

Reminder: in case of inclement weather, please check ahead, classes may be cancelled or rescheduled.

Activities are at the Wolfe Co Extension unless otherwise notes by **

Thu	Fri	Sat
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4	5	6
11	12	13
Sit & Sew 2:00 to 5:00 PM		Hay Auction **
FM		At Robinson Research Station
18	19	20
	Clover Patch Pals	
25	26	27





VALUING PEOPLE. VALUING MONEY.

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THIS MONTH'S TOPIC: USE A VISION BOARD TO REALIZE YOUR GOALS

Are you looking to jump-start your motivation to work toward a goal? Try creating a vision board. A vision board is a collage of images and words that depict your goals in ways that are meant to inspire or motivate you to achieve them.

ENVISION YOUR FUTURE

Researchers agree that writing down goals increases our chances of success. Similarly, creating a vision board brings goals to life in a visual way, upping the likelihood of turning them into reality. Vision boards often contain positive images and words that represent desired outcomes. A vision board can help motivate us to take action steps toward achieving our dreams.

MAKE YOUR GOALS SMART

Vision boards and goal setting go hand-inhand. Goals provide purpose and give us something to strive toward. Also, having a specific plan can help us persist through setbacks. Goals can be short-term (less than one year), medium-term (one to five years), or long-term (more than five years).

Goals should be exciting and tangible (i.e., something specific that is worth working



toward). General goals such as "financial security" may be difficult to plan or to track progress. Creating SMART goals will help you set milestones you can reach.

Specific: Strong goals should be clear and precise. It should answer who, what, when, where, why. What are the specific details once you break down the goal?

Measurable: Know exactly "how much" you need to reach your goal. This allows you to track your progress. For example, saving for a vacation? What is the total cost of the trip, and how much money should you set aside each month to reach this amount?

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YOUR GOAL SHOULD BE ATTAINABLE AND REALISTIC, EVEN IF IT IS CHALLENGING



SPECIFIC MEASURABLE ACHIEVABLE RELEVANT TIME-BOUND

Achievable: Your goal should be attainable and realistic, even if it is challenging. *Is it possible to reach this goal within your budget?*

Relevant: A goal should be important to you, and it should support or complement other priorities in your life. Is it worth putting in the effort and hard work?

Time-Bound: Have a clear deadline (i.e., a finish line) for accomplishing a goal. When do you need to reach this goal?

Once you have created at least one SMART goal, you are ready to design a vision board.

CREATE A VISION BOARD

Your board should be a visual display of the goal you want to achieve. Each item you place in the collage should represent something that will help you go from dream to reality. You can use computer software to create a digital vision board, or you can use paper materials to cut-and-paste your collage. Consider using items such as photographs, images from websites or magazines, inspirational quotes, poems, stickers, graphics, or draw or write your own.

In addition, you could write out and include a goal statement. If needed, a quick internet search may offer examples of vision boards.

Your collage should be positive and personal to you. Display the board prominently where it can be a regular reminder of the SMART goal(s) you want to achieve. Hang a paper vision board where you will see it daily, or set a digital vision board as the wallpaper on your computer or phone. Envisioning your future each day can help you make choices that match your goals without even thinking about it.

EXPAND YOUR "VISION"

You can apply these principles to your life in other ways besides financial goals. You could create a vision board for self-improvement in areas such as leadership, career/skill building, family life, and more. There are many other aspects of your life you can "envision" and improve.

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December 11, 2025 2:00 to 5:00 PM







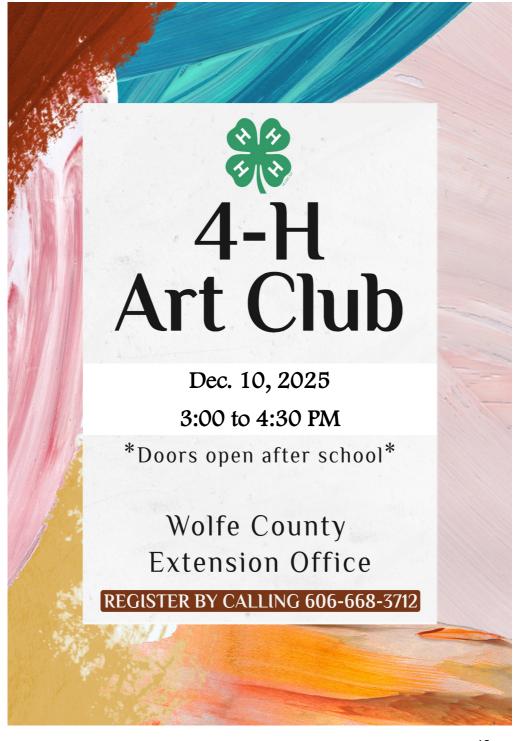
Youth Sewing Class

Youth will learn to sew a felt ornament for the holidays

December 9th; 3-5 PM at Wolfe Extension, ages 9 plus Supplies are limited please text or call 5065604480 to reserve your child's spot.









For Wolfe County kids ages 3-8 to socialize and explore the world through play and interactive lessons. Guardians must attend with children under 6.

DEC. 16th

3:00pm-5:00pm

Please text 6065604480 or email bethany.kirby@uky.edu to register your child.



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