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# The Grazing Gazette

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Hello Agrarians,

As we step into February, it's hard to believe that January felt like a year all on its own. It's been a month filled with challenges and loss for our community, reminding us just how precious our connections are—to each other, to the land, and to the legacy we build for the future.

But even in the coldest months, there is always hope on the horizon. As we look ahead, we have opportunities to grow, plan, and prepare for the seasons to come. That's why I'm excited to highlight two upcoming programs that focus on planting seeds—both in the ground and for the future.

🌱 **PLANT:** The Estate Planning Seminar – Whether you're thinking about passing down the family farm or securing your agricultural legacy, this session will provide guidance on planning for the next generation.

🌿 **Garden Extravaganza Week** (March 18-22) – A week filled with workshops, hands-on learning, and expert advice to help you kick off the growing season with confidence!

I hope you enjoy your winter edition of the Grazing Gazette, filled with more details on these events and other opportunities to keep learning and growing through the season.

Let's keep moving forward together, strengthening our farms, our families, and our community.

Wishing you a season of renewal, learning, and brighter days ahead.

Now happy farming folks, and I hope to see ya soon!

Lindie Huffman

📱 Never miss an educational opportunity or ag event—sign up for the email edition of The Grazing Gazette today by scanning the QR code! 🌱



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Harvest Peace of Mind  
and PLANT the Seeds of Security  
—Join Our Estate Planning Seminar



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## P.L.A.N.T.

Preparing Land & Assets for  
Next-Generation Transitions

Estate Planning Seminar



MAR 5

Planting the Future:  
The Importance of Estate Planning & Farmland Transition



MAR 12

Building a Strong Foundation:  
Understanding KY Estate Laws & Key Estate Planning Tools



MAR 19

Honoring Wishes:  
Navigating Difficult Conversation & Creating a Compassionate End-of-Life Plan



MAR 26

No More Guesswork:  
Why Documenting and Communicating Your Life's Details Matters

All programs will be at the Pendleton County Extension Office at 6:30 PM  
Participants who attend ALL sessions will receive a special gift.

Call the Pendleton County Extension Office to register 859.654.3395



# WINTER LIVESTOCK LOSS: RESOURCES AVAILABLE FOR PENDLETON COUNTY FARMERS

Lindie Huffman, Pendleton County Agricultural & Natural Resources Extension Agent

As winter temperatures drop, livestock producers in Kentucky face increased risks due to extreme cold, ice storms, and prolonged exposure to harsh weather conditions. The stress of winter weather can lead to higher mortality rates, particularly among young, weak, or older animals. When losses occur, Pendleton County farmers have two key resources available to help them recover:

1. The Livestock Indemnity Program (LIP), which provides financial assistance for livestock deaths caused by extreme weather.
2. The Pendleton County Dead Animal Removal Program, which assists with proper disposal and provides documentation of losses.

## Livestock Indemnity Program (LIP) Provides Financial Assistance

The Livestock Indemnity Program (LIP), administered by the USDA Farm Service Agency (FSA), provides compensation to eligible producers who experience excessive livestock losses due to extreme weather, disease, or federally protected predators. During the winter months, some of the most common causes of livestock loss include:

- Severe cold and wind chills leading to hypothermia and exposure-related deaths.
- Ice storms creating hazardous conditions that prevent livestock from accessing feed and water.
- Heavy snowfall causing stress, injury, or entrapment.

Producers enrolled in the program may receive compensation covering up to 75 percent of the market value for qualifying losses. To be eligible, farmers must report their losses to FSA within 30 days of the weather event and provide proper documentation. Pendleton County farmers who experience livestock losses due to extreme winter conditions should contact the USDA Farm Service Agency for more information and assistance with the application process.

**Pendleton County Dead Animal Removal Program**

This program is for Pendleton County Farmers with livestock.  
**Call Countryside Industries | 859.421.1867**

- ✓ Place the animal on a hard surface near front of your property.
- ✓ Provide clear directions to your farm.
- ✓ Indicate the type of animal.
- ✓ Leave your name and phone number.

This program provided by Pendleton County Conservation District  
859.654.3376 ext. 3

## Dead Animal Removal Services Help with Carcass Disposal

In addition to financial support through LIP, the Pendleton County Conservation District offers a Dead Animal Removal Program to assist local farmers in managing livestock losses. This service provides proper disposal options, reducing environmental concerns and biosecurity risks while helping farmers keep their operations running efficiently.

To use this service, producers must:

- Call Countryside Industries at 859.421.1867 to schedule removal.
- Place the animal on a hard surface near the front of the property for easy access.
- Provide clear directions to the farm.
- Indicate the type of animal being removed.
- Leave their name and phone number.

This program also provides documentation of the loss, which may be useful when applying for the Livestock Indemnity Program. Farmers needing assistance with removal services should contact the Pendleton County Conservation District at 859.654.3376 ext. 3 for more information.

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# PCEO WINTER UPCOMING AG EVENTS

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**STAY CONNECTED WITH THE GRAZING GAZETTE!**

The Grazing Gazette is your go-to source for agricultural updates, educational programs, and community events in Pendleton County. As the outreach arm of the University of Kentucky, we're here to bring you the latest in ag news and opportunities tailored to our local farming community.

Never miss an educational opportunity or ag event—sign up today by scanning the QR code!

TO SECURE YOUR SPOT, PLEASE CALL THE PENDLETON COUNTY EXTENSION OFFICE (859.654.3395) AT LEAST TWO DAYS BEFORE ANY PROGRAM.

SOME CLASSES HAVE SIZE LIMITS, SO DON'T WAIT TO RESERVE YOUR PLACE!

CLASSES WITH LOW OR NO REGISTRATIONS ARE SUBJECT TO CANCELLATION WITHOUT NOTICE.

✓ = CAIP EDUCATION APPROVED



Lexington, KY | Register Online  
**KY ALFALFA & STORED FORAGES CONFERENCE**

This conference is the premier event for forage producers, focusing on alfalfa and stored forage management strategies to maximize quality and profitability. Sessions include expert advice on harvesting, storage techniques, and innovative tools to improve forage systems.

FEB 25 2025



**PCEO · 4th Mondays at 6:30 PM**  
**PENDLETON COUNTY FARMERS' MARKET MEETINGS**

Looking to grow your farm or food business? The Pendleton County Farmers' Market offers a great opportunity to connect with local customers and expand your reach. Learn about vendor requirements and how to join by contacting the market or visiting the Extension Office for more details!

FEB 24  
MAR 24  
APR 28  
6:30 PM



**WEBINAR · Email dbullock@uky.edu to register**  
**BEEF MANAGEMENT WEBINARS**

- Feb. 11 – Marketing Opportunities for Spring – Dr. Kenny Burdine & Kevin Laurant
- Mar. 11 – Spring Breeding Prep – Dr. Les Anderson
- Apr. 8 – Health & Parasite Study Results – Dr. Michelle Arnold & Dr. Jeff Lehmkuhler

Join UK experts for key insights to improve herd success!

FEB 13  
MAR 11  
APR 8  
8:00 PM



**PCEO · Wednesdays in March**  
**PLANT: ESTATE PLANNING SEMINAR**

Join us for the P.L.A.N.T. Estate Planning Seminar, a four-part series designed to help families take control of their future. Through expert insights, legal guidance, and real-life stories from local families, you'll gain the tools to protect your assets, navigate difficult conversations, and ensure your wishes are honored. Don't let the law decide—plant the seeds of security today.

MAR 5  
MAR 12  
MAR 19  
MAR 26  
6:30 PM



**WEBINAR · Email dbullock@uky.edu to register**  
**GARDEN EXTRAVAGANZA WEEK**

Get ready for a week full of gardening fun at the Pendleton County Extension Office! Enjoy seminars, workshops, and exciting giveaways designed to inspire your green thumb. Event details will be released on March 3—stay tuned!

MAR 9-15  
TIMES WILL VARY  
WATCH FACEBOOK FOR UPDATES



**PCEO · Free in April**  
**BEEF QUALITY & CARE ASSURANCE (BQCA)**

The Beef Quality & Care Assurance (BQCA) program is a free, voluntary certification that helps farmers ensure the highest standards of beef production and animal care. During the month of April, BQCA registration is free. Take advantage of this opportunity to strengthen your beef production practices and maintain industry credibility.

APR 16  
1:00 PM



**PCEO & Kincaid Lake SP · Dinner at All**  
**HOOK & COOK**

Hook & Cook is a hands-on experience where you'll learn the basics of fishing, from rod and reel setup to fish cleaning. Enjoy educational sessions, recipe sampling, and a fishing day at Kincaid Conference Center. Dinner is served each night—perfect for all ages looking to learn and enjoy fresh-caught fish!

APR 8  
APR 15  
APR 22





# WITHOUT A PLAN, THE LAW DECIDES – TAKE CONTROL OF YOUR LEGACY

Lindie Huffman, Pendleton County Agricultural & Natural Resources Extension Agent

**The Business of Farming: P.L.A.N.T.**  
Wednesdays in March @ 6:30 PM

**PLANT Your Legacy:  
Plan for the Next  
Generation Transition  
with Estate Planning**

JOIN THE WORKSHOP SERIES TO  
HARVEST PEACE OF MIND &  
PLANT SEEDS OF SECURITY.

Call 859-654-3395 to Register | lindie.huffman@uky.edu | #Kentuckyextension

No one likes to think about the inevitable, but avoiding estate planning doesn't stop life's realities from unfolding. The hard truth? If you don't make a plan, the law will decide for you. Whether you own farmland, a family business, or simply want to ensure your loved ones are taken care of, estate planning is a critical step in protecting your legacy.

Too often, families are left scrambling when a loved one passes without a clear plan. Disputes over property, confusion about final wishes, and unexpected legal fees can turn an already difficult time into a financial and emotional nightmare. A well-prepared estate plan isn't just about dividing assets—it's about providing clarity, security, and peace of mind for the people you care about most.

**More Than Just a Will**  
Many people assume estate planning is only for the wealthy or that a simple will is enough. But the process goes far beyond that. Key documents like power of attorney, living wills, and trusts help ensure your wishes

are carried out in case of disability, illness, or death. Clear documentation and communication can prevent court battles, protect family relationships, and safeguard farmland or business assets from unintended consequences.

**Navigating Tough Conversations**  
One of the biggest barriers to estate planning isn't paperwork—it's conversation. Talking about the future, especially about end-of-life wishes, can be uncomfortable. However, open discussions now can prevent heartache and conflict later. Families who take the time to address these tough topics find reassurance in knowing that their loved ones won't be left guessing.

**Join Us for the P.L.A.N.T. Estate Planning Seminar**  
To help families prepare for the future, the Pendleton County Extension Office is hosting a four-part estate planning seminar in March. The P.L.A.N.T. (Preparing Land & Assets for Next-Generation Transitions) Estate Planning Seminar will feature expert speakers, real-life stories, and actionable steps to help you build a strong foundation.

- Topics include:
- Estate laws and legal tools to protect your assets
  - Strategies for farmland transition and family business planning
  - Navigating difficult conversations and ensuring your wishes are honored
  - The importance of documenting and communicating critical details

Each session will feature compelling stories from local families who have navigated estate planning—both the successes and the struggles. If you're interested in sharing your experience, please reach out to the Extension Office. Don't leave your family's future up to chance. Join us and start planting the seeds of security today.

For more details or to register, contact the Pendleton County Extension Office at 859-654-3395.

# THE AGENT'S CORNER

*Cost-Share Update*

**97 Applicants have been approved for the 2024-2025 CAIP year.**  
**Project & Paperwork Deadline**  
**May 30, 2025 by 3 PM.**

Questions about the program?  
PC Ag Agent: Lindie Huffman - 859.813.2944  
PC CAIP Admin: Martha Gosney - 859.743.8733

**What is CAIP?**  
The County Agriculture Investment Program is a Cost-share program for farmers to receive funding for farm production expansion and improvements.

**The next application window for 2025-2026 is expected in Oct/Nov 2025.**

*Plate it up!*

## RECIPE of the SEASON

### Butternut Squash Health Bars

$\frac{3}{4}$ cup all-purpose flour	$\frac{1}{4}$ teaspoon salt	$\frac{1}{2}$ cup unsalted butter, softened
$\frac{3}{4}$ cup whole-wheat flour	$1\frac{1}{2}$ cups cubed butternut squash	$1$ cup light brown sugar
$1\frac{1}{2}$ cups old fashioned oats	$2$ teaspoons pumpkin pie spice	$\frac{3}{4}$ cup semi-sweet chocolate chips
$\frac{1}{2}$ cup sliced almonds		
$1$ teaspoon baking soda		

**Preheat** oven to 425 degrees F. Lightly **spray** a 13-by-9-inch baking dish with non-stick spray. In a medium bowl **combine** flours, old fashioned oats, sliced almonds, baking soda and salt. **Set aside.** **Place** squash cubes in a medium saucepan and **cover** with water. **Boil** squash for 20 minutes, or until tender. **Remove** from heat, **drain** and **puree** in a food processor. In a small bowl, **mix** the pureed squash and the pumpkin pie spice. In a large bowl, use a hand mixer to **beat** the butter and brown sugar until creamy. **Add** squash mixture and **blend** with the mixer. **Add** the dry ingredients to the squash mixture and continue to **beat** until fully blended. **Spread** mixture into prepared baking dish. **Bake** for 20-25 minutes or until the top is a light golden brown. Allow to **cool** and **cut** into bars. **Melt** the chocolate chips by placing them in a microwave-safe container. **Microwave** on low power for 30 second increments until smooth, **stirring** often. **Drizzle** chocolate over top of bars.

**Yield:** 20 servings  
**Nutritional Analysis:** 190 calories, 8 g fat, 4 g saturated fat, 10 mg cholesterol, 95 mg sodium, 28 g carbohydrate, 2 g fiber, 15 g sugar, 3 g protein.

**Shop for local ingredients with local farmers.**

*Everyday I'm BRUSSELIN'*

#Extensionbehindthescenes, what has #lindiecountyagent been up to...

Left: December was busy with 3 wreath making workshops with our newly built wreath tables! Center: We cured 46 hams at our Country Ham Workshop, here we are wrapping it and placing one its sock to hang until September; 7 adults & 17 youth participated. Right: It was pencil to paper at the Ag Water Quality Plan Workshop with over 18 updated or written.



# NEW FIELD GUIDE OFFERS TOOLS TO COMBAT KENTUCKY’S INVASIVE PLANTS

Source: Ellen Crocker, Department of Forestry and Natural Resources assistant professor

The University of Kentucky Department of Forestry and Natural Resources has released a Field Guide to Kentucky's Invasive Plants, a comprehensive resource aimed at helping landowners, conservationists and forestry professionals identify and manage invasive plant species across the state.

This guide provides detailed profiles of the most prevalent invasive trees, shrubs, vines, grasses and herbaceous plants that threaten Kentucky's ecosystems. Each species is presented with full-color photographs, information about its origins, distribution, threats to native biodiversity and effective control methods. From the hardy callery pear to the pervasive kudzu vine, the guide highlights the threats these species pose to forests, fields and waterways.

The book also emphasizes practical management techniques, offering guidance on hand removal, herbicide application and integrated approaches tailored to site-specific conditions. Special attention is given to balancing ecological health with practical land management goals, ensuring that users can address invasive species responsibly and effectively.

The Field Guide draws on a wealth of expertise from contributors across specific regions, including the board members of the Kentucky Invasive Plant Council. It builds on an earlier pocket guide with updated content and new species profiles, reflecting the evolving landscape of invasive plant management.

Key features include:

- Species profiles: Clear descriptions and images to help with identification.
- Control strategies: Step-by-step recommendations, from manual removal to chemical treatments.
- Regional relevance: Focused on the invasive plants most common to Kentucky and neighboring states.

Whether you’re a landowner grappling with autumn olive or a forest manager tackling multiflora rose, this guide serves as a practical reference for maintaining healthy ecosystems. As invasive plants spread, these resources are critical in equipping communities with the knowledge and tools to protect their natural heritage.



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## Act Quickly to Protect Your Operation

Winter weather-related livestock losses can take a financial toll on farming operations. However, by utilizing the Livestock Indemnity Program and the Dead Animal Removal Program, farmers can mitigate the impact of these losses and access valuable support. If you experience livestock deaths due to extreme cold or severe winter weather, report them promptly to both FSA and the Pendleton County Conservation District to ensure you receive the assistance available.

These programs provide important resources to help farmers recover from unexpected losses and continue their operations through the challenges of winter.

# EXTENSION GROWS COMMUNITY



**Open Application Season at the PCFM**  
Want to take your business to the next level? Consider Joining the Pendleton County Farmers' Market

**Informational Meeting:**  
**February 24 - 6:30 PM**  
call the PCEO to register 859.654.3395



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Join Our Shared-Use Program Today!

**Training:**

**Annual Training Requirement:** To ensure safe and effective use of the equipment, all renters must attend an annual training class held at the Pendleton County Extension Office. This training covers proper operation, maintenance, and safety protocols.

**Rental:**

- No Reservations: Equipment is available on a first-come, first-served basis, eliminating the hassle of booking in advance.
- Rental Rates:
  - PCBCA Members: \$100 per day
  - Non-Members: \$125 per day
- Deposit Requirement: A refundable deposit of \$200 is required to rent equipment. This ensures accountability and covers potential damages.

Call the PCEO to check availability 859.654.3395 | Check or Exact Change ONLY | Checks payable: PCBCA | Rental Period is 24 Hour | Must Sign Rental Agreement



Equipment Available for Rental:  
**No-till Seed Drill (2)**  
**6 Ton Lime Spreader (3)**  
**4 Ton Lime Spreader (1)**

## GARDEN EXTRAVAGANZA WEEK

Join Us for the Ultimate Garden Starter Giveaway & Gardening Seminars!

**GARDEN STARTER KITS!**

- Veggie & Flower Seeds
- Rain Gauges & Spades
- Gardening Guides
- Door Prizes: Fertilizer, Soil, Raised Bed, & More!

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**GET YOUR GARDEN GROWING MARCH 9-15, 2025**