

— January - March 2026 —



AGRICULTURE/HORTICULTURE

Whitley County Extension Service



**OPEN
MON - FRI
8:00 - 4:30**



**Cooperative
Extension Service**

Agriculture and Natural Resources
Family and Consumer Sciences
4-H Youth Development
Community and Economic Development



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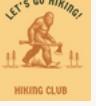
JANUARY

S	M	T	W	T	F	S
				1  All Extension offices Statewide are closed. We will re-open Jan 5 th	Swap Meet 5-9pm   All Extension offices Statewide are closed. We will re-open Jan 5 th	3 
4	5	6	7	8 5:30pm  Maple Syrup Workshop 5:30pm	9  North America Honeybee Expo (Louisville)	10  
11	12 Fruit & Vegetable Conference (Bowling Green)	13	14	15	16 10am Princess Falls & Arch 	17 
18	19  All Extension offices Statewide are closed. We will re-open Jan 20th	20  Small Farms 6pm	21	22	23	24 
25	26 	27 	28	29  Cattlemen 7pm	30 OAK Conference (Frankfort) 	31  

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FEBRUARY 2026

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
1	2	3	4	5	6  Swap Meet 5-9pm	7  Hay Auction 9am (Whitley County Fairgrounds)  
8	9  Beekeepers 6pm	10	11	12	13 8:30am Blue Heron Loop 	14  
15	16	17  Small Farms 6pm	18	19	20	21 
22	23	24  6pm Master Logger CE 	25	26	27	28 Eastern Kentucky Farmer Conference (Corbin)  

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MARCH

SUN MON TUE WED THU FRI SAT

1	2	3	4	5  Beginning Gardening Workshop 6pm	6  Swap Meet 5-9pm	7  WCFM Vendors Meeting 5pm 
8  Daylight Savings Time (Begins)	9  Beekeepers 6pm	10	11	12  6pm	13	14  Hunter Education 9am
15	16	17  Small Farms 7pm	18	19	20	21
22	23	24	25	26  Cattlemen 7pm	27	28  08:30am Sheltowee Trace & Dog Slaughter Falls
29	30  6pm	31				

FUTURE PROGRAMS

 April 3 - Swap Meet 5-9pm

April 3-4 - Snaring Workshop



April 28 - Farmers Market Opening Day (Corbin) 5-8pm



April 10-11 - KSU Small Farms Conference

May 9th - Farmers Market Opening Day (Goldbug) 10am-1pm

April 17 - Hike Buffalo Canyon 9am



Sept 4th Farm Field Day



April 17 - SEKSPA Annual Meeting



Agriculture & Natural Resources / Horticulture

SWAP MEET

**Discover vintage treasures, and great deals
from local vendors.**



2ND JAN 5-9PM

**4275 N. HWY 25W
WILLIAMSBURG, KY 40769
606-549-1430**

Questions give us a call

**Stacy White
606-521-1705**

**Andrew Modica
317-739-9497**

**Ben Prewitt
606-521-0511**

**Did you know?
The Swap Meet is the First Friday of
every month from 5-9pm**



**Jan 2
Feb 6
March 6
April 3rd**



MAPLE SYRUP WORKSHOP



Thursday January 8th @ 5:30PM

Learn how, why & when trees
produce sap. Plus how to tap
and cook it up!



Whitley County Extension Office
4275 N. HWY 25W
Williamsburg, KY 40701

Questions give us a call
549-1430



Hay



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Auction

Average
Bale
Weight will
be
Calculated
Before the
Sale!

February 7th - 9 am

Whitley County Fairgrounds

We expect the following types of hay to
be available: Mixed Grass in Small
Squares & Round bales

Hay will be accepted February 6th
from 9-5pm

The auction will be held rain, snow or shine
at the PAVILLION at The Whitley County
Fairgrounds, 860 Savoy-Clear Creek Rd,
Williamsburg, KY 40769

For more information contact Stacy White at
(606) 521-1705 or the Whitley County Extension
office (606) 549-1430



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HUNTERS EDUCATION COURSE

THIS TRAINING COURSE INCLUDES EDUCATION AND RANGE PRACTICE ALL IN ONE EVENT!

March 14th, 2026
9:00AM-4:00PM



WHITLEY COUNTY COOPERATIVE EXTENSION
4275 N. HWY 25W WILLIAMSBURG, KY 40769

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Lexington, KY 40506



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United Trappers of Kentucky
April 3 @ 6pm
April 4 @ 9am



Sharing Workshop

Instructor: Mr. Doug McKenzie

- Education on:
 - Types of snares
 - Material and construction
 - Setting Techniques
 - Preparation
 - Ethics and legality
 - Effective skills for wildlife management



Contact Stacy White ANR Agent
office: 606-549-1430
cell: 606-521-1705

Whitley County Extension
4275 N. Hwy 25W
Williamsburg, KY 40769

Basic Gardening

Workshop

Open to anyone who wants to
learn how to grow a garden!

5 MARCH

📍 4275 N. Hwy 25W
Williamsburg Ky 40769

🕒 6 PM

Call 606-549-1430 to Register

Free
Gardening
Workshop

Please plan to attend,
Participants will receive a
free beginners gardening
book, a trowel and other
goodies!



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January 16th : Princess Falls & Arch @ 10am

February 13th : Blue Heron Loop @ 830am

March 28th : Sheltowee Trace / Dog Slaughter Falls @ 830am

April 17th : Buffalo Canyon Trail @ 9am



Notes: Pack a lunch & water

Registration will open month of the Hike

Transportation to the trailhead will be coordinated through carpooling; however, participants may choose to drive separately if preferred. This program is open to all ages. Participants should be aware that hiking is undertaken at their own risk.

We will Meet at the
Whitley County
Extension office
located
4275 N. Hwy 25W
Williamsburg, Ky
40769



Explore movement
and nature on
these guided hikes
led by our
Horticulture
and
Fine Arts Agent.

KENTUCKY

Fruit & Vegetable Conference 2026



BOWLING GREEN, KY | JANUARY 11-13
SLOAN CONVENTION CENTER

REGISTER TODAY



<https://kentuckyhorticulturecouncil.ticketspice.com/2026kyfvattendee>



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KENTUCKY
DEPARTMENT OF
AGRICULTURE

Winter conference season is **ALMOST HERE!**

If you're a grower or **farmer**, you may be eligible for **FREE** conference registration and a travel reimbursement to the **2026 KY Fruit & Vegetable Conference**.



APPLY FOR A
BEGINNING FARMER SCHOLARSHIP!

Takes less than 5 minutes to sign up!

Sign up HERE



bit.ly/greenworksform

Free registration for those farming for less than 10 years

KENTUCKY
Fruit & 2026
Vegetable
Conference

BOWLING GREEN, KY | JANUARY 11-13



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Conference

Bowling Green, KY
January 11-13
CEUs available
Categories 1A, 10





Join us this March for our
Spring Gardening Workshop
Details coming Soon



Whitley County Master Gardeners

“Winter into Early Spring”

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Even though the garden is quieter this time of year, there's still plenty we can do between December and early spring to get ready for a great growing season.

Winter is the perfect time to clean and sharpen tools, organize garden supplies, and look back through notes from last season. If you haven't already, now's a great time to order seeds and make plans for what you'd like to try this year. Soil testing and garden planning go hand in hand and can save time (and money) later.

As we move closer to spring, pruning becomes a focus. Dormant trees, shrubs, roses, and fruit trees can be pruned on mild days, but hold off on spring-blooming plants until after they flower. Ornamental grasses can be cut back before new growth appears, and perennials can be divided once the soil is workable.

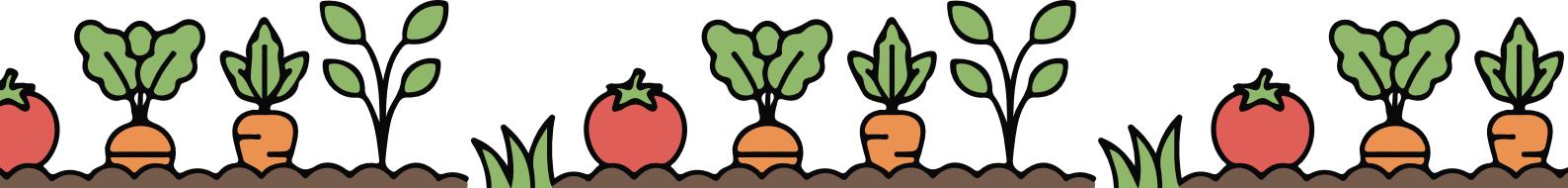
Seed starting picks up as the days get longer. Cool-season vegetables and flowers can be started indoors or direct sown as conditions allow. March is also a great time to refresh garden beds with compost, clean up winter debris, and prepare for planting while still leaving some stems and leaf litter for beneficial insects when possible.

Don't forget that winter is also a great season for learning and service. Educational programs, planning meetings, and early spring projects are wonderful opportunities to earn continuing education and volunteer hours.

Spring will be here before we know it, let's be ready!



Photos from the
Christmas Parade,
where the Master
Gardeners' float
placed 3rd



2026 Plant / Rootstock Sales



Please note, the plant sale will be a little different this year. We will not be taking pre-orders. Plants can be purchased when they arrive and will be sold on a first-come, first-served basis. Expected delivery is early April.

Rootstock Sales are the same you can start placing orders for them immediately. Availability Limited so get those orders in.

**All checks will be made payable
to Whitley County Extension**
For more information, please call the office
at 606-549-1430



Register Here

JAN. 30-31 | FRANKFORT

oak-ky.org/registration



**REGISTER
TODAY!**

Newest piece of Shared Use Equipment



**Grain Mill
(Must schedule
with Mill Manager
and use on site)**

Capable of processing up to 150 pounds per hour



Seeder



Scalder



**Chicken
Plucker**



Incubator



Tiller



**Raised Bed
Tiller**



**Lime Spreader
(Pellet Only)**



Aerator



Manure Spreader



Potato Planter



Potato Harvester



**Mulch Layer
(Small)**



Sprayer

Potato Hiller



**Mini Mulch Layer
(Medium)**

Mulch Lifter



**Mulch Layer
(Large)**



**Vegetable
Planter**



Grain Mill

(Must schedule
with Mill Manager
and use on site)

Join Our Farmers Market as a Vendor in 2026

Attend our Vendor Meeting!



Saturday March 7th at 5pm

At the Whitley County Extension Office
4275 N. HWY 25W Williamsburg, KY 40769

This meeting is a great chance to learn about
vending at a farmers market, ask questions, and get
signed up for the 2026 season.



Can't make it? Need to be in the know? Email us!
wcfarmermarket@gmail.com



The following adjacent counties have upcoming HBM Workshops in 2026.

Laurel - February 5th 9am

Knox - March 12th 9am

Knox - April 13th 9am

*registration is required on HBM Workshops

Need HELP registering give us a call 606-549-1430

Interested in attending in another county? Explore other counties here:
<https://fcs.mgcafe.uky.edu/areas-focus/nutrition-food-safety-quality-and-availability/homebased-processing-and-microprocessing>

HOME-BASED PROCESSORS VS. HOME-BASED MICROPROCESSORS KNOW THE DIFFERENCE

	PROCESSORS	MICROPROCESSORS
Kentucky resident	YES	YES
Grow an ingredient	NO	YES
Approved water source	NO	YES
Attend training	NO	YES -Home-based Microprocessor Workshop
Recipe approval	NO	YES- \$5 per recipe
Sell from a KY Registered Farmer's Market	YES	YES
Sell from a KY Farm Bureau Certified Farm Market	YES	YES
Sell from their home/farm	YES	YES
Sell from fairs, festivals and community events	YES	NO
Sell products online (pick up or delivery only)	YES	NO
Sell products to restaurants and grocery stores	NO	NO
Sell products outside of Kentucky	NO	NO
Refrigerated products	NO	NO
Permit required	YES, annual registration \$50 to KY Food Safety Branch	YES, annual certification \$50 to KY Food Safety Branch



KENTUCKY

Master Logger

Continuing Education

Continuing Education Required For Master Loggers

In order to maintain your Master Logger designation, the Kentucky Forest Conservation Act requires Kentucky Master Loggers to obtain six hours of Continuing Education (CE) before the expiration date listed on your Master Logger card. Master Logger designations are valid for three years from the date the card was issued. If the required six hours are not obtained prior to your expiration date, then your designation will be revoked and your name will be removed from the active Master Logger list. At that point, the only way to regain your Master Logger status is by re-attending a 3-Day Master Logger Class. Pay close attention to your expiration date and schedule to attend a CE Class before that date in order to renew your designation for another three-year period.

February 24th

Register here: <https://masterlogger.mgcafe.uky.edu/CEU>



For weekly updates tune into **104.3 FM** every Tuesday around 7:15 am for the weekly AG report by ***Agriculture Agent Stacy White*** and ***Horticulture Agent Ben Prewitt***

Individual Assistance

The Whitley County Extension Office can assist individuals with questions on many topics. Do you have an animal that has a disease or an insect and you don't know what it is or what to do with it? A tree or weed you need identified or information on? We can help you find the answer to many of these questions. Feel free to contact us by phone (606-549-1430), email, or stop by the office.

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