

October - December
2025

 **Martin-Gatton**
College of Agriculture,
Food and Environment

AGRICULTURE/HORTICULTURE

Whitley County Extension Service



OPEN
MON - FRI
8:00 - 4:30



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OCTOBER 2025

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
5	6	7	1	2	3	4
				VA Briefing 5:30pm		***Small Animal Swap*** 10-2pm
12	13	14	8	9	10	11
	Beekeepers 6pm				Horticulture Hike (Berea Pinnacles) 8am	Farmers Market 10-5pm (Corbin)
19	20	21	15	16	17	18
	6pm	Small Farms @7pm				Hog Processing 10am
26	27	28	22	23	24	25
						Small Animal Swap 10-2pm
			29	30	31	
	BQCA 5pm			Cattlemen 7pm		

NOVEMBER 2025

SUNDAY MONDAY TUESDAY WEDNESDAY THURSDAY FRIDAY SATURDAY

						1  ***Small Animal Swap*** 10-2pm
2 DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME ENDS 	3	4	5	6  Cooking School 5pm	7	8
9	10	11  Veterans Day Dinner 1730 	12	13	14  Horticulture Hike (Pine Mountain State Park) 9am	15  ***Small Animal Swap*** 10-2pm
16	17  6pm	18  Small Farms @6pm	19	20	21	22
23  Holiday Market 10-5pm (Corbin)	24	25  Cattlemen 7pm	26	27  All Extension offices Statewide are closed. We will re-open Dec 1st	28  All Extension offices Statewide are closed. We will re-open Dec 1st	29
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DECEMBER 2025



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	1	2	3	4	5	6  ***Small Animal Swap*** Corbin 10-2pm Holiday Parade
7	8	9	10	11	12	13  Williamsburg Holiday Parade
14	15  Beekeepers 6pm	16  Small Farms @6pm	17	18	19  Cattlemen 7pm	20  ***Small Animal Swap*** 10-2pm
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Future Events

Jan 11-13, KY Fruit & Vegetable
Conference (Lex, KY)

Jan / Feb -
Vegetable & Plant
Sale

Feb 7th - Hay
Auction (Whitley
County
Fairgrounds)

Feb 27-28th -
Eastern Kentucky
Farmer Conference

HOG PROCESSING WORKSHOP



**SATURDAY
OCT 18 • 10AM**

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

**REGISTER TODAY
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**Join Lexington VA Healthcare and the
Post 9/11 Military2VA Program to learn
about VA healthcare and other
VA benefits!**

**Thursday, October 2, 2025 at
5:30 PM**

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

*Contact Andrew Modica 606-549-1430
with any questions about the event*

VA



U.S. Department
of Veterans Affairs

WHITLEY COUNTY COOPERATIVE EXTENSION
OFFICE PRESENTS



ANNUAL VETERANS DAY *Dinner*

*Join us as we celebrate our Veterans with a
Free Chili Dinner, Dessert and Drinks
Veterans and their families are invited to attend*



Call 606-549-1430 to register
Please communicate the total
number of guest coming in your
party

Registration opens October 1st



TUESDAY

11 NOV 2025

1730-1930

(5:30-7:30PM)



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H & C POULTRY AND SMALL ANIMAL SWAP

JOIN US FOR OUR BI-WEEKLY

SMALL ANIMAL SWAP

OCT 4TH & 18TH

NOV 1ST & 15TH

DEC 6TH & 20TH

10AM - 2PM

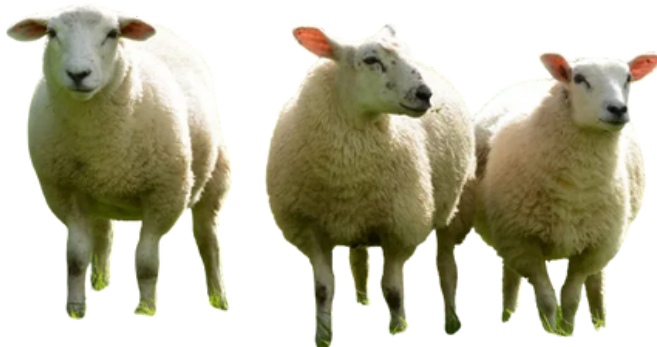
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WILLIAMSBURG, KY

IF YOU BRING ANY GOATS, SHEEP, OR PIGS

PLEASE MAKE SURE THEY HAVE SCRAPIE TAGS
IN AN EAR.



Enjoy Our Final Markets of the Year in Downtown Corbin!



**The Market at
October Fest
Saturday Oct 11th
10am-5pm**

**A Holiday at
the Market
Sunday Nov 23rd
1pm-5pm**

Thank you to everyone who helped to make this season so spectacular!

Modica Family Farm
Knotts & Nails by Logan
Judy's SoStitch
Dragonfly Dreams Crochet
A Cottage Below
GoodThymes Organic Farm
Lazy Acre Farm
Bling Sisters Apparel
Sher's Sugar Shack
Rooted with Rosemary
Clover Hollow Farm
Prewitt Family Farms

Pork Chops Pit BBQ
Soap Made Simply
The Bakehouse
Doodle Dreamland
Kendall's Crafts
The Plant Lady
Olive & Oak Confections
Barbara Willingham
Meagan's Pottery
Enchanted Essentials
Jim Turley
The Deli Shop

Davidson Homemade
Deb's Whimsy
Dreamscape Crochet
Appalachian Phoenix Studio
Cuel Creations
Miller Berry Farm
KM Creations
Sophie's Blooms
Hodge Farm
Be.Leachcraft
Acorn Valley Art
Bears' Lemonade

The Red Dawg LLC
The Whitley Co. Ex. Office
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Andrew Modica our Host
The Market Board and their
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The Master Gardeners
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Corbin



Whitley County Master Gardeners

Fall Gardening Tips from the Whitley County Master Gardeners

Autumn is a perfect season to set your garden up for success next year! Cooler weather makes it easier to work outdoors, and many tasks done now will pay off in spring. Here are a few timely tips:

- **Plant spring bulbs such as daffodils, tulips, and hyacinths before the ground freezes.**
- **Clean up spent annuals and diseased plants to reduce pest and disease problems.**
 - **Add organic matter like compost or shredded leaves to enrich garden soil.**
 - **Plant cool-season crops (like spinach, kale, and lettuce) for a late harvest.**
 - **Protect perennials by mulching around their bases once the ground is cold.**

Taking these simple steps helps your garden rest well through winter and come back stronger in spring. Happy fall gardening!  

– Whitley County Master Gardeners

Did You Know?

Shredded fall leaves are sometimes called “nature’s mulch.” When added to garden beds, they not only insulate soil but also break down over winter to return valuable nutrients back to the ground. Instead of bagging up leaves, consider putting them to work in your landscape!





Monday ~ October 27th ~ 5pm

Joe Stevens Farm

1493 Springtown Road, Rockholds KY, 40759

NO COST TO ATTEND ~ FREE BQCA CERTIFICATION

Registration and Meal
Welcome and Housekeeping
BQCA Guidelines & Best Practices
Winter Feeding Strategies & Body Condition Scoring
Fall Market Outlook
Completion of BQCA Test

Pre-register: <https://ukywhitley.pacecommunity.net/>

Questions Call Stacy White @606-549-1430

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Whitley County
Beekeepers Association



2025 Education Programs

Mon. Oct 13—Business Meeting, 2026 Plans, Beekeeper of the Year

Mon. Dec 15—Holiday Party

Subject to Change. See [Whitley County Beekeepers Association Facebook](#) for updates



Whitley County
Beekeepers
Association
Facebook



KENTUCKY HUNTING & TRAPPING SEASONS 2025-26

DEER	Early Season	Late Season
Archery	Sept. 6, 2025 - Jan. 19, 2026	
Youth/Senior Crossbow		
Crossbow	Sept. 20, 2025 - Jan. 19, 2026	
Special season	Sept. 27-28, 2025, <i>visit fw.ky.gov for details</i>	
Youth-only Gun	Oct. 11-19, 2025	
Muzzleloader	Oct. 18-19, 2025	Dec. 13-21, 2025
Modern Gun	Nov. 8-23, 2025	
Free Youth Weekend	Dec. 27-28, 2025	

Buy your licenses and permits online here!



KENTUCKY
DEPARTMENT of
FISH and WILDLIFE
RESOURCES
1-800-858-1549
fw.ky.gov

FALL TURKEY	Shotgun	Archery	Crossbow
	Oct. 25-31 and Dec. 6-12, 2025	Sept. 6, 2025 - Jan. 19, 2026	Oct. 1-19 and Nov. 8 - Dec. 31, 2025

QUOTA ELK	Bull (antlered)	Cow (antlerless)
Firearms	Week 1: Sept. 27 - Oct. 1, 2025 Week 2: Oct. 4-8, 2025	Week 1: Nov. 29 - Dec. 3, 2025 Week 2: Jan. 3-7, 2026
Archery/Crossbow (either sex)	Sept. 13-26 and Dec. 6-12, 2025	
Youth-only Quota (either sex)	All seasons as noted above	

SMALL GAME		Hunting	Trapping
Squirrel		Aug. 16 - Nov. 7 and Nov. 10, 2025 - Feb. 28, 2026	Nov. 10, 2025 - Feb. 28, 2026
Rabbit	Eastern Zone	Nov. 1-7 and Nov. 10, 2025 - Jan. 31, 2026	Nov. 10, 2025 - Jan. 31, 2026
	Western Zone	Nov. 10, 2025 - Feb. 10, 2026	Nov. 10, 2025 - Feb. 10, 2026
Quail	Eastern Zone	Nov. 1-7 and Nov. 10, 2025 - Jan. 31, 2026	No trapping
	Western Zone	Nov. 10, 2025 - Feb. 10, 2026	
Grouse		Nov. 1-7 and Nov. 10, 2025 - Feb. 28, 2026	
Falconry		Sept. 1, 2025 - March 30, 2026	
Free Youth Hunting & Trapping Week		Dec. 27, 2025 - Jan. 2, 2026	

FURBEARERS	Hunting	Trapping
Raccoon & Opossum	Oct. 1, 2025 - Feb. 28, 2026, day or night (exceptions apply)	Nov. 10, 2025 - Feb. 28, 2026
Coyote	Year-round, day or night (exceptions apply)	
Bobcat	Nov. 15, 2025 - Feb. 28, 2026 (daylight hours only)	
River Otter, Muskrat, Mink, Beaver, Red Fox, Gray Fox, Weasel & Striped Skunk	Nov. 10, 2025 - Feb. 28, 2026 (daylight hours only)	
Free Youth Hunting & Trapping Week	Dec. 27, 2025 - Jan. 2, 2026	

BEAR	Zone 1	Zone 2	Zone 3
Chase-Only	June 1 - Aug. 31 and Sept. 9-30, 2025		
Hunt with Dogs	Oct. 20-24, 2025	Oct. 20-24 and Oct. 30 - Nov. 7, 2025	Oct. 20-24 and Oct. 30 - Nov. 7, 2025
Archery/Crossbow	Oct. 25-27, 2025	Oct. 25-29, 2025	Sept. 20 - Oct. 3 and Oct. 25-29, 2025
Firearm	Dec. 13-15, 2025	Dec. 13-17, 2025	Dec. 13-17, 2025

WATERFOWL	Hunting
Teal & Wood Duck	Sept. 20-24, 2025
September Canada Goose, Western Zone	Sept. 1-15, 2025
September Canada Goose, Eastern Zone	Sept. 16-30, 2025
Duck, Coot & Merganser	Nov. 27-30 and Dec. 7, 2025 - Jan. 31, 2026
Canada/Cackling Goose, White-Fronted Goose, Brant & Snow Goose (including Ross' Goose)	Nov. 27, 2025 - Feb. 15, 2026
Light Goose Conservation Order	Feb. 16 - Mar. 31, 2026
Youth-only Days	Nov. 22, 2025; Feb. 14, 2026
Military/Veteran-only Days	Nov. 23, 2025; Feb. 8, 2026
Falconry (ducks, coots & mergansers)	Nov. 27, 2025 - Feb. 22, 2026
Falconry (geese)	Nov. 27, 2025 - Feb. 15, 2026

OTHER MIGRATORY BIRDS	Hunting
Dove (Mourning or white-winged)	Sept. 1 - Oct. 26; Nov. 27-Dec. 7 and Dec. 20, 2025 - Jan. 11, 2026*
Virginia & Sora Rail	Sept. 1 - Nov. 9, 2025
American Woodcock	Oct. 25 - Nov. 7 and Nov. 10 - Dec. 10, 2025
Snipe	Sept. 17 - Oct. 26 and Nov. 27, 2025 - Feb. 1, 2026
Purple & Common Gallinule	Sept. 1 - Nov. 9, 2025
Sandhill Crane	Dec. 7, 2025 - Jan. 31, 2026
Crow	Sept. 1 - Nov. 7, 2025 and Jan. 4 - Feb. 28, 2026

OTHER SPECIES	Hunting
Bullfrog	Noon May 16 - Midnight Oct. 31, 2025
Groundhog	Year-round
Turtles	Year-round, day or night

NOTE: Seasons on Wildlife Management Areas and other public hunting lands not managed by Kentucky Fish & Wildlife may be different from those above. Go online to *fw.ky.gov* for details.



October - When the temperatures start "Fall"ing!

By Jane Marie Wix – National Weather Service Jackson, KY

After what seemed like a brutal summer across the Commonwealth, starting hot, humid, and wet - then ending abnormally dry with emerging drought conditions, it's a welcome site to see a change in the seasons. Now that we are officially in fall, it's time for the temperatures to cool, and even begin to drop below the freezing mark in this area of the country. While there are quite a few locations in the northern portion of the U.S. and the Rocky Mountain region who likely already saw their first below-freezing temperatures (climatologically), most communities in Kentucky should see their first freeze in October.

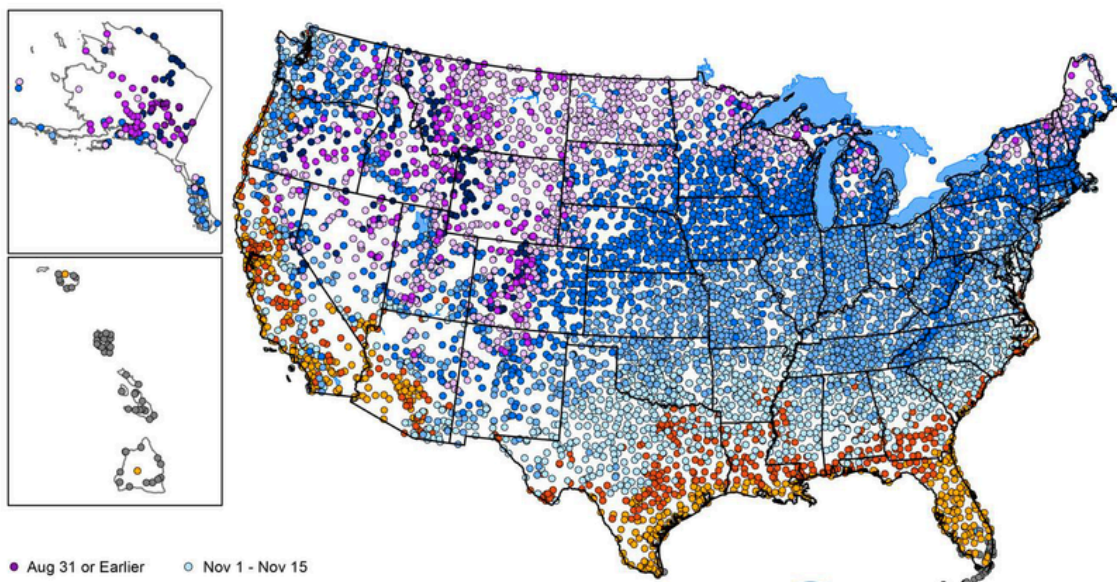
From the National Centers for Environmental Information (NCEI), a branch of the National Weather Service: "Using data from the 1991–2020 U.S. Climate Normals, we have a good idea of when to expect the first freeze of fall. The first freeze can be described as when the surface air temperature is expected to be 32°F or below over a widespread area for a climatologically significant period of time. According to the data, the first freeze in some high mountain and northern latitude locations can happen even earlier than August 31st. A few of the coldest places can even experience freezing temperatures in any month!

It is important to take into consideration that this map is a generalization and not absolute, as many factors go into the first freeze of the year based on location. NOAA's National Weather Service will issue frost and freeze watches and warnings for your area. "

As we creep closer to the coldest time of the year, use this time to begin planning your spring bulbs. Hardier green vegetables, such as cabbage, brussels sprouts, and kale can be safely planted in some areas as they are cold tolerant. Be sure to keep the first freeze dates in mind and check with your local National Weather Service office for the forecast so you know when to cover your plants to keep them safe from the frosts and freezes of fall.

Historical Date of First Freeze: Median Date

Date by which 50% of years have experienced their first instance of $\leq 32^{\circ}\text{F}$ temperatures



- Aug 31 or Earlier
- Sep 1 - Sep 15
- Sep 16 - Sep 30
- Oct 1 - Oct 15
- Oct 16 - Oct 31
- Nov 1 - Nov 15
- Nov 16 - Nov 30
- Dec 1 or Later
- Year Round Risk
- Too Infrequent Events

Data Source: NOAA's 1991-2020 Climate Normals



Kentucky horse owners urged to plan ahead as weather challenges hay supply



Horse owners need to be ready for this winter as the state's hay supply is off from previous years. Photo by Matt Barton.

**Equine specialists
are stressing
the importance of
purchasing hay
earlier this year**

Horse owners across Kentucky should start planning now for their winter hay needs as this year's supply is shaping up to be highly variable.

Bob Coleman, equine extension associate professor with the University of Kentucky Martin-Gatton College of Agriculture, Food and Environment said that weather has been the driving force behind uneven conditions.

"Some areas have gotten plenty of rain, while others have been extremely dry," Coleman said. "That means the hay crop is going to look different depending on where you're buying it. To expect it to be the same as last year or years ago is not a good assumption. Where inventories are smaller, some people are keeping hay back to sell later, or they just don't have as much to begin with."

The result is a hay supply that varies not only in availability but also in quality. In some fields, hay was cut later than usual because of wet conditions. While it may be free of dust and mold, the crop is more mature and less nutrient-rich than horse owners might expect. Coleman noted that this does not make the hay unusable, it simply means horse owners need to be realistic about what they are buying.

"People may find that their hay isn't as green as they're used to, or that the nutrient profile doesn't quite match past years," Coleman said. "That doesn't mean it isn't safe to feed. It just means you need to know what you're dealing with."

To avoid guesswork, it is strongly encouraged horse owners get their hay tested. Local Cooperative Extension Service offices can provide the tools and advice for collecting a sample and will help interpret the results from the horse perspective. This allows owners to balance their animals' diets properly and make the most of the hay's nutrients.

In addition to nutrition concerns, weeds are another issue. Coleman said that foxtail has been showing up in more hay fields. This plant can cause irritation and mouth sores in horses, making it a problem in the hay. He urged horse owners to closely inspect hay before purchase.

Knowing the weight of the bales one is buying is just as important as knowing the type of hay.

"If you're purchasing 100 bales, there's a big difference between 50-pound bales and 40-pound bales," Coleman said. "That's 5,000 pounds of hay versus 4,000 pounds. If your horses require 4,500 pounds of hay, using the heavier bales would result in a slight surplus, while the lighter bales would leave you short. You really need to know what you're getting, both in quality and in weight."

Coleman also recommends more controlled feeding practices.

"Rather than offering free-choice hay, measure out what your horses need each day," he said. "That helps reduce waste and makes your supply last longer. Also remember that hay from a second or third cutting could be different than the first. This makes it important for horse owners to make gradual changes to give horses time to adapt the same as if you were switching them from hay to grain."

Due to all of these factors, Coleman advises horse owners to act early.

"If you know you're going to need hay, don't wait," he said. "Line up your supply now and be prepared to work with more than one seller if necessary."

For those who cannot secure enough hay, alternatives are available. Processed forage products such as alfalfa cubes, alfalfa-grass cubes or commercial hay pellets can help fill the gap.

For more information about hay testing and feeding strategies, contact your local county extension office 606-549-1430

Whitley County Beekeepers Association

Flowers Are Food for Bees and Pollinators

By: Theresa Martin, President of the Whitley County Beekeepers Association

Whenever a non-beekeeper meets a beekeeper, they will often ask the beekeeper three questions:

1. "Do you get stung?" – The answer is yes. All beekeepers get stung. Even when well suited up, getting stung is part of keeping bees. The research is unclear on if beekeepers build up immunity to the pain of bee stings. I can tell you that it still hurts! But we beekeepers learn to "take a sting." We scrape out the stinger as quickly as possible and keep going. It's not a big deal and is a minor aspect of beekeeping, one most of us don't focus on very much.
2. "Do you make a lot of honey?" – The answer is sometimes. First, it takes several years of keeping bees for most beekeepers to make a lot of honey. Bees cannot make excess honey for the beekeeper to harvest until the bees have drawn out excess wax in which to store that excess honey. Drawing wax is energetically expensive, as bees must consume 6-8 pounds of honey or syrup to draw just one pound of wax.

Making lots of honey is also dependent on the practices the beekeeper uses to take care of their bees. Beekeepers focused on bee health as their top priority tend to make more honey in the long run. The bees have to be alive to make honey! Keeping a colony alive for many years tends to be hard for many beekeepers.

3. "The getting stung part doesn't sound fun and making lots of honey sounds difficult. I don't think beekeeping is for me, but I like honey, and I want to help pollinators. What can I do to help?" - This is my favorite question. Beekeeping is not for everyone. It's hot. The boxes are heavy. It's hard to keep the bees alive and healthy. It's not easy to make a lot of honey reliably year after year. And you get stung.

We can **all** do our part to help pollinators, honeybees and beekeepers. It's actually pretty easy and involves **not** doing several things. We are told we must **do** so many things to be part of the solution. In this case, we need to **stop** doing several things. How great is that!

The first thing to do is stop mowing so much. I often say, "If it's green or brown, it's the equivalent of a desert to pollinators. Bees and pollinators need **flowers** to survive and to make honey. Leave your lawn to grow for a few more weeks, especially when the dandelion and clover are blooming.

The second thing is to stop spraying pesticides. While pesticides may not kill pollinators outright, multiple studies show pesticides act synergistically and cause detrimental sublethal effects to pollinators, such as reducing foraging efficiency, reduced reproduction and reduced overwintering survival. Just because we don't see a pile of dead bees outside a colony does not mean pesticide exposure is not harmful to bees. What beekeepers **will** eventually see is a colony that dies out in winter, because the sublethal effects combined and eventually, the colony dies when it can handle no more.

The third thing to do is to stop bush hogging our fields in the fall. As a rural community, we can let our fields go fallow. Bush hog your fields not being used for other agriculture only **once a year in late winter**. After just a few years, you will have the most beautiful, diverse wildflower fields you have ever seen. Nature will provide far better wildflower forage than you could ever plant. And all you had to do was almost nothing! Leave the field along and bush hog once a year in late winter. That's it!

Right now, in September, start your wildflower fields. Leave those fall wildflowers to grow and be food for pollinators, such as goldenrod, ironweed, yellow crown beard, and aster. We have a habit of bush hogging now, in September, right when pollinators are trying to store up enough honey to make it through our 5 months of winter. Do your part and leave your fields as food for bees. We can also plant pollinator-friendly plants. Anything flower or tree you like that blooms and is native to the area is a good choice. Many tree species such as maple, dogwood, apple, alder, tulip poplar, and willow are good choices. There is an old saying "The best time to plant a tree is 20 years ago. The next best time is today."

In terms of plantings in your yard, plant anything you like that is native. Big clumps of bee balm, coneflowers, goldenrod, aster, milkweed, columbine, sunflowers, joe-pye weed, and zinnias will help not only honeybees but all pollinators, including hummingbirds, butterflies and moths. Note the more wildflower-like, the better. Showy, cultivated flowers like daffodils and day lilies are not very useful to most pollinators.

One final thought. Your neighbors may stop by and ask, "Why is your field not mowed, is your bush hog broken?" Or they may ask, "Why is your lawn so high and full of dandelion and clover, don't you care about how your lawn looks?" That is a great sign you have done the right things! Congratulations! You might put up a sign in your yard or at the edge of your field that says, "Pollinator habitat." Or "Food for bees." Tell your neighbors, "I'm doing my part for pollinators. Those aren't weeds. They are wildflowers, which are food for bees. And... I like honey!"



Bees do not hibernate. Dandelions are one of the first flowers that provide life-saving nectar and pollen in very early spring.



Leave fields of wildflowers for pollinators and bush hog them only once a year in late winter.

WHITLEY COUNTY SMALL FARMS

Comprised of roughly forty-five local families, the Whitley County Small Farm group is designed to help beginner and seasoned farmers alike. From backyard hobby farms to cattle farms, WCSF is a group of individuals with an alike spirit as such: a desire to help others, a passion for farming, and a love for God. Farming is often viewed as a dated practice, and much of the heritage associated with the skill is rapidly fading away in today's fast-paced society. A hard day's work tilling, sowing, planting, and harvesting would soon be forgotten if not for organizations such as ours. The WCSF community believes in working together, supporting each other, and sharing blessings with those around.

Anyone is welcome to become a member of WCSF after attending two meetings and paying the once-annual membership fee. This fee includes membership for your entire household family and gives access to various equipment our group shares. In efforts to promote farming and start next-generation farmers, WCSF has a special livestock program that comes at no cost for members.

STEP 1: WCSF places bred animals on farms with the intent of growing a new herd or improving an existing one.

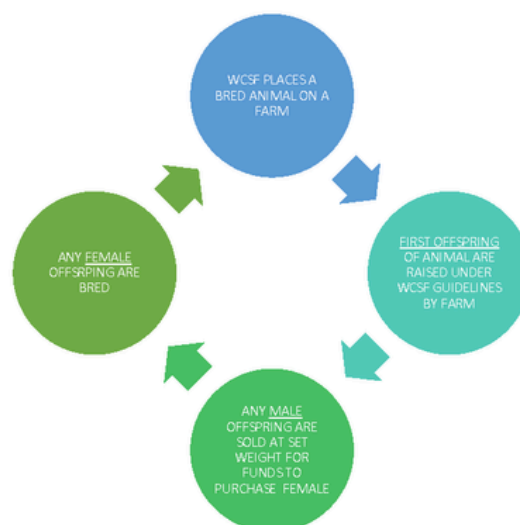
**** Members may receive as many as five head of livestock per species. (Ex. Five cows, five, pigs, five sheep, etc.) ****

STEP 2: Once the offspring are born, and raised under group guidelines, they are passed off to another farm to start the process again. (As for the original animals provided, they are for the members to keep.)

STEP 3: Any females born, when at age, are bred back to be placed with another home.

-OR-

Any males born are raised to a specific weight and sold to provide funds to purchase more donor livestock (female) for the group.



WCSF often participates in community service opportunities and has various seasonal celebration dinners/meetings. Our board of directors are non-paid, volunteer positions, reserved for those who have the primary goal of seeing the growth and continuation of WCSF. WCSF joins together on the third Tuesday of every month at the Whitley County Cooperative Extension office located at 4275 N. Hwy 25W Williamsburg, KY 40769. Meetings begin at 7:00 p.m. (NOTE: Due to the fall time change, starting in November, the group will begin to meet at 6:00 p.m. until the spring time change.)

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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