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Classes being offered by Madison County Cooperative Extension Office

Classes listed below will be held at the Madison County Cooperative Extension Service located at 230 Duncannon Lane. If you are interested in attending, please call and let us know at 859-623-4072 so we can have handouts and seats ready.

Growing Dry Beans

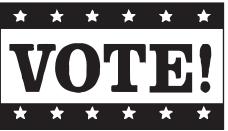
Tuesday, April 5, 12 noon to 2 pm Want to try something a little different in your garden this year? How about dried beans? Pinto, kidney, garbanzo, and black eyed peas are just a few of the many varieties out there. Not only are they easy to grow, they're just as easy to store and cook. Join Amanda Sears, Horticulture Agent, and Heather Cheek, FCS Intern, as they discuss how to grow, harvest, prepare, and store dry beans.

Disease Control in the Garden - Eat Local Grow Local Tuesday, April 12, from 10:00 am to 11:30 am Amanda Sears will discuss disease control in the vegetable garden but will also include fruit. The focus of the discussion will be on disease prevention, but controls will also be discussed. There will be a drawing for a garden or

cook book. Everyone welcome!

Growing Figs in Kentucky

Monday, May 2, 6:00 to 8:00 pm. This class will cover topics such as what varieties of figs to grow and how to maintain them. We will also discuss nutritional aspects of figs.



Hundreds of thousands of young Americans are serving our military to preserve our way of life, and yet fewer and fewer of our citizens are participating in our democracy. Tuesday May 17 is primary elections day when Kentuckians will be selecting candidates for President and other constitutional officers. Members of Madison County Farm Bureau hope every voter will make their voices heard by casting informed votes for our government leaders.

As Kentuckians, it is our responsibility to find out the ideas of each candidate. And, as Madison Countians, it is our responsibility to let the candidates know what issues are important to our community, and it's easy to do. It is critically important we have elected officials in office who understand the importance of agriculture and the issues confronting rural Kentucky. Be involved and attend the functions candidates attend and tell them what is important and ask them about their position on key issues. Campaigns select issues based on what voters tell them are important.

Your involvement will make a difference in the process. First, you must bring your issues to the front of the debate. Then, hold the candidates accountable by going to vote. Madison County Farm Bureau urges you to make an impact by voting in the May 17 Primary!

MCFB Recipe Corner Broccoli, Grapes & Pasta Salad

- 1 cup chopped pecan
- $\frac{1}{2}$ package bow tie pasta
- 1-pound fresh broccoli
- 1 cup mayonnaise
- 1/3 cup sugar
- 1/3 cup diced red onion 1/3 cup red wine vinegar
- 1 tsp salt
- 2 cups seedless red grapes, halved • 8 cooked bacon slices, crumbled

Preheat oven to 350 degrees, bake pecans in a single layer in a shallow pan 5-7 minutes or until lightly toasted and fragrant, stirring halfway.

Prepare pasta according to package directions.

Meanwhile, cut broccoli florets from stems, and separate into small pieces, whisk together mayo, and next 4 ingredients in a large bowl: add broccoli, hot cooked pasta, and grapes and stir to coat. Cover and chill 3 hrs. Stir in bacon and pecans into salad just before serving.





several pieces of equipment, Round Bale Wrapper, 7' No-Till Drill, Cattle Chute, Ag Feed Storage System and HS Manure Spreader for use to farmers in Madison County.



The most recent equipment available is the HS manure spreader for \$125.00/day. Contact Eddied Warren for more rental information at 859-625-2252.

Scheduling and rental of this machinery will be coordinated by Madison County Farm Bureau Federation Leasing Managers: Eddie Warren (859) 625-2252 (hay wrapper, and manure spreader) or Tim Brandenburg (859) 582-2895 (grain drill, silage. and cattle chute)

Rental cost of the 7' No-Till Drill is \$8 per acre with a \$100 minimum fee. The Madison County Soil Conservation District will refund \$3 per acre on the use of this drill. Be sure to keep your receipt and take it to their office at 1024 Ival James Boulevard, Richmond for reimbursement.

Rental cost of using the hay wrapper is \$3 per bale and there is a \$100 minimum fee. The user will need to provide their own plastic wrap. Two rolls of plastic will wrap approximately 60 rolls of hay that are 4' by 5' in size. Each roll of plastic costs about \$80. Plastic is available locally.

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RENTAL EOUIPMENT

The Madison County Phase I Board and Madison County Farm Bureau Federation have available to rent



Matt Collins Extension Agents Brandon Sears Amanda Sears

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Insurance Agents

Chris Hornsby **Richmond Office** 623-5254

David Mavo Berea Office 986-2318

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For-Most Cattle Chute

Cattle Chute rental fees: \$50.00/day or \$75.00 for 2 consecutive days

Chute sides are 30" wide at the top and taper in with 6 different adjustments from 22" wide to 9' ensuring any size animal will be held securely yet comfortably centered in the headgate. Contact: Eddie Warren (859) 625-2252

The Ag-Bag® Feed-Storage System: The Solution to your Storage Needs

The Ag-Bag system eliminates traditional feed storage problems, such as vertical silos, bunker silos and grain bins. Bag storage can achieve high density feeds in a completely sealed atmosphere. Contact: Tim Brandenburg (859)582-2895

If you have any questions concerning rental of any equipment please call leasing managers Tim Brandenburg at (859) 582-2895 or Eddie Warren 859-625-2252

2016 Spring Newsletter



Get Out and Vote

2016 Junior High School students have a great opportunity to attend IFAL

IFAL (Institute for Future Agricultural Leaders) is a unique five-day summer leadership conference that exposes students to college life and explores different fields of study for careers in agriculture. IFAL participants will live in university dormitories, eat in university dining facilities and become acquainted with the college campuses of Murray State University or the University of Kentucky. The conference will include special building recreation, fellowship and visits to research farms and agriculture-related industries. IFAL applications are available from your local County Farm Bureau office or may be downloaded at kyfb.com/IFAL, applications must be completed.

IFAL Conference @ MSU: June 12-16, 2016

IFAL Conference @ UK: June 19-23, 2016

Cost to attend IFAL is \$300 per participant to be paid by the County Farm Bureau or sponsoring organization.

2016 Annual County/City Official Appreciation Dinner



Madison County Farm Bureau Federation Annual County/City Official Appreciation dinner was held on March 15, 2016 at our new community room in the lower level of the Berea Farm Bureau office. With approximately 25 elected official present. Madison County Farm Bureau holds this annualevent as an opportunity to say "thank you" and discuss farming related issues and concerns in Madison County.

Madison County Farm Bureau Federation's Women's Committee participates in "Food Check Out Day" March 2. 2016



Pictured: Judge Executive Reagan Taylor, Francette Durbin, MCFB Women's chair Rose Ann House, Martha Cobb, and Janice Long, members of the MCFB Women's committee

... it takes the average American just 5 weeks, or 37 days, to earn enough disposable income to pay for his or her food supply for the entire year.

Food Check-Out Week" was started 20 years ago to remind consumers of how they benefit from the work of farmers. While that remains the primary message, Farm Bureau also is stressing nutrition and value in the food supply. At our local level Rose Ann House, MCFB Women's Chair, made a donation of \$200.00 to God's Pantry and a \$200.00 donation to Home Meals Delivery of Madison County, and also presented Judge Executive Reagan Taylor, Deputy Judge Coleen Chaney (not pictured), and Francette Durbin with baskets filled with local products from Madison and surrounding counties.

FOOD CHECK-OUT WEEK®





Berea Farmers' Market: http://bereafarmersmarket.org/

Madison County Farmers' Market: http://www.madisoncountyfarmersmarket.com