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# Nicholas County Extension Ag and Natural Resources Newsletter

## Soil Samples

It's that time of year again and Spring is in the air. The Nicholas County Soil Conservation has agreed to pay for (5) samples per Nicholas County resident. After (5) they are \$6 each cash or check only.

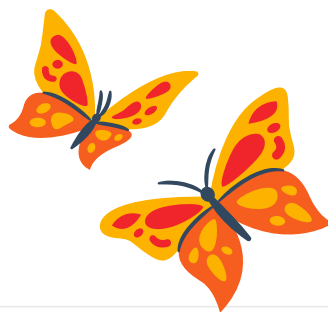
**CAIP Deadline to have everything turned into the Nicholas County Soil Conservation (115 West Main Street, Carlisle) is April 15th.**

If you have not completed your education for CAIP please call 859-289-2312 to get a time to come in. Time is limited as to when we can do it. For anyone that is still needing their BQCA certification I will be holding one more BQCA class on April 11th at 5PM.

I won't be offering an in-person BQCA after this day until the fall.

## Upcoming Events:

- April 9th Cattle Grading Farmers Stockyards Fleming County 6PM
- April 11th @ 5PM BQCA Certification Training at the extension office
- April 13th Predator Control workshop at the Madison County Ext. Office 9AM-3PM
- April 15th CAIP Deadline
- April 29th Fencing School at Morehead State University Farm



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Lexington, KY 40506



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# BQCA Certification

At the Nicholas County Extension Office 368 East Main Street

- ~~January 22 @ 10AM~~
- ~~February 20 @ 10AM~~
- **April 11 @ 5PM**

**LAST CHANCE**

Please call our office  
(859)289-2312 if you  
have any questions or  
would like to attend

**Cost \$5 for  
in person classes  
Make check  
payable to KBN**

Friendly reminder, if you're planning on using CAIP funds for large animal and you do NOT have an updated BQCA you will have to have one before receiving funds and they do NOT count towards your educational component!

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**Sat. April 13<sup>th</sup> - 9:00am to 3:00pm**  
Madison Co Extension Office  
230 Duncannon Lane, Richmond

# Predator Control & Guard Animal Management for Livestock Owners Workshop & Lunch

**Who:** Madison, Garrard and Surrounding County Extension Offices, the Southeast Kentucky Sheep Producers Association (SEKSPA), Kentucky State University, and University of Kentucky Forestry Extension |

**What:** Learn how to protect your livestock from predators

**When: Saturday, April 13, 2024.** Registration 8:30-9:00. Luncheon starts at 12 noon

**Where:** Madison Co Extension Office at 230 Duncannon Lane, Richmond, KY 40475

**Featured Speakers:** UK Wildlife Specialist Dr. Matt Springer, KSV Veterinarian Dr. Jessie Lay, SEKSPA President Dr. Patrick Angel and experts in guard animal management, predator hunting/snaring and coyote/bobcat trapping from United Trappers of Kentucky

**Registration Required. Please register by calling the Madison  
County Extension Office at 859-623-4072**

**\$10.00 per family. Your registration fee will include a  
delicious lamb burger and beef burger luncheon with sides  
and a One-Year Membership to SEKSPA**

**[This workshop qualifies for CAIP education credits](#)**

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**Organized and Sponsored by the Kentucky Forage and Grassland Council, UK Cooperative Extension Service, and the Master Grazer Program**

*This program is designed for producers and agricultural professionals to learn the newest fencing methods and sound fencing construction through a combination of classroom and hands-on learning*

**WHEN:** April 23-Morehead, KY  
April 25-Mayfield, KY

**WHERE:** Derrickson Agricultural Complex  
Richardson Arena  
25 MSU Farm Drive  
Morehead, KY 40351

Graves County Extension Office  
4200 State Route 45 N  
Mayfield, KY 42066



**COST:** \$35/participant -- includes notebook, refreshments, safety glasses, hearing protection, and catered lunch

**Registration DEADLINE: 2 weeks prior to workshop**

**ONLINE Registration with Credit Card:**

Morehead, KY <https://Spring24FencingMorehead.eventbrite.com>  
Mayfield, KY <https://Spring24FencingGraves.eventbrite.com>

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**Registration by U.S. Mail:**

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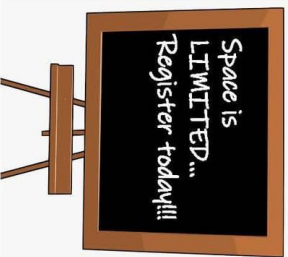
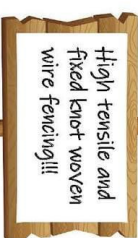
Street: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip code: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_ Call Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Number of participants \_\_\_\_\_ x \$35 per participant = **Total Cost**

**Make CHECKS payable to: KEGC**



# 2024 Kentucky Fencing Schools

## 2024 Kentucky Fencing School Agenda

- 7:30** Registration and Refreshments
- 8:15** Welcome and Overview of the Day – *Chris Teutsch, UK*
- 8:30** Fencing Types and Costs - *Morgan Hayes, UK*
- 9:00** Fence Construction Basics – *Eric Miller and Payton Rushing, Stay-Tuff*
  - Perimeter fences vs. cross fences
  - Fencing options on rented farms
  - Proper brace construction
  - Line posts and fence construction
- 9:45** Break – visit with sponsors and presenters
- 10:15** Electric Fencing Basics - *Jeremy McGill, Gallagher*
  - Proper energizer selection and grounding
  - Proper high tensile fence construction and wire insulation
  - Electric offset wires for non-electric fences
  - Underground wires and jumper wires
- 11:00** Innovations in Fencing Technologies - *Josh Jackson, UK*
  - Wireless fences, fence monitoring, fence mapping
- 11:30** Overview of Kentucky Fence Law - *Clint Quarles, KDA*
- 12:15** Catered Lunch - visit with sponsors and presenters
- 1:00** Hands-on Fence Building
  - Safety, fence layout, and post driving demo - *Jody Watson and Tucker LaForce, ACI*
  - H-brace construction - *Jeremy McGill, Gallagher & Eric Miller and Payton Rushing, Stay-Tuff*
  - Knot tying, splices, and insulator installation - *Jeremy McGill, Gallagher & Eric Miller and Payton Rushing, Stay-Tuff*
  - Installation of Stay-Tuff Fixed Knot Fence - *Eric Miller and Payton Rushing, Stay-Tuff*
  - Installation of High Tensile Fencing - *Jeremy McGill, Gallagher*
- 4:30** Questions, Survey and Wrap-up



For more information contact [Caroline Roper](mailto:Caroline.Roper@uky.edu) at 270-704-2254 or [Caroline.Roper@uky.edu](mailto:Caroline.Roper@uky.edu)



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# Grow smart with SOW: Kentucky gardeners' ultimate app for planting success

Kentucky gardeners can download a free tool in the Apple and Google Play app stores to help them decide what to plant and harvest in their home garden.

The app SOW—A Planting Companion is largely based on ID-128 Home Vegetable Gardening in Kentucky from the University of Kentucky Cooperative Extension. The app also has information from the Cooperative Extension services in Alabama and North Carolina for users in those states. The app provides growing information for Plant Hardiness Zones 6a–9a. Some parts of Kentucky are in zones 6a or 7a, but most of the state is in zone 6b.

When you get the app, enter your state and county for plant information specific to your hardiness zone. You can always go back to the settings menu and change the information if you are interested in looking at data specific for other hardiness zones.

The app has three main parts: Library, My Garden and Journal.

## Library:

- The library has informational sheets and pictures of almost 40 common home garden vegetables. You can arrange the vegetables by planting date, vegetable name or harvest date.
- When you click on a vegetable in the library, more information about that vegetable will appear. This information includes how many plants you need to grow for a good harvest, how far apart you should plant them, how deep you should plant them, and the range of pH levels in the soil.
- There are also specific cultivars of each crop recommended for Kentucky gardens.

## My Garden:

- You can also add plants to the My Garden area. You can design more than one garden at the same time. For example, you could have a spring garden, a summer garden and a fall garden. My Garden helps you remember when you planted, whether you used seeds or transplants, what cultivar or variety you planted and when you should be able to harvest it.
- You can also plan and enter a date to plant in the future. This is beneficial when you are planning transitions from the spring to summer garden, or from summer to fall. The app will then let you add that scheduled planting date to your phone's calendar as a reminder.

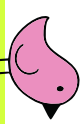
## Journal:

- Once a crop is harvested, use the Journal section to write down the yield, the harvest date and any other information that might help you plan your garden for next year.









# April



  
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## 2024

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 April Fools Day 	2 National PB&J Day 	3	4	5	6
7	8	9 Cattle Grading Farmers Stockyards Fleming Co. 6PM (CAIP Education)	10	11 BOCA Class at the office at 5PM 	12	13 Predator Control Workshop at Madison County Ext Office. 9-3
14 National Gardening Day 	15 CAIP Deadline	16	17	18	19	20
21	22 Earth Day 	23 Fencing School at MSU Farm 	24	25	26	27
28	29	30				





# Green Beans with Ham and Basil

**¾ cup** low-fat sun dried tomato dressing

**1 pound** fresh green beans

**1** red onion, sliced

**2 cloves** garlic, minced

**1 cup** chopped ham

**3 tablespoons** chopped fresh basil

**1 teaspoon** garlic salt

**Heat** dressing in a large skillet over medium heat for 3 to 5 minutes.

**Add** fresh green beans that have been washed and trimmed, red onion, garlic, and ham.

**Cover** and cook 5 minutes or until the beans are crisp-tender and ham is cooked.

**Top** with basil and garlic salt, stir, cover and continue to cook for 1 to 3 minutes.

**Yield:** 8, ½ cup servings

**Nutrition Analysis:** 120 calories, 6 g fat, 15 mg cholesterol, 860 mg sodium, 8 g carbohydrates, 5 g protein.

Buying Kentucky Proud is easy. Look for the label at your grocery store, farmers' market, or roadside stand.

