

Mercer County Extension Office
1007 Lexington Road
Harrodsburg, KY 40330

RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED

upcoming events

October 2	Fort Harrod Backcountry Horsemen Meeting, 7 PM
October 4	Harvest, Home & Table Fair
October 13	Mercer County Agriculture Advisory Council Meeting, 6 PM
October 19	Mercer County Farm Bureau Federation Golf Scramble, Bright Leaf Golf Course
October 21	Kentucky Beef Conference, Fayette County Extension Office
October 23	Mercer County Cattlemen's Association Annual Meeting, 6:30 PM
October 24	Shaker Village Trick or Treat, 4:30-7:00pm
October 26-November 1	UK One Health Week
October 28	Grazing School, Clark County Extension Office
October 28	Mercer County Extension Council Meeting, 6 PM
October 29	Advanced Grazing School, Hardin County Extension Office
October 31	Mercer County YAIP application deadline
November 6	Fort Harrod Backcountry Horsemen Meeting, 7 PM
November 6-20	North American International Livestock Expo, Louisville
November 8	Mercer County 4-H One Stop Shop, The Stable
November 14	Paper Recycling Day, 1-4 PM
November 20-26	National Farm City Week
November 24	Central KY Hay Program, Fayette County Extension Office

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Agriculture & Natural Resources October, 2025 Newsletter



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Did you know...

More United States Presidents have been born in October than any other month. U.S. Presidents include - Jimmy Carter (October 1) - Rutherford B. Hayes (October 4) - Chester A. Arthur (October 5) - Dwight D. Eisenhower (October 14) - Theodore Roosevelt (October 27) - John Adams (October 30)



MERCER COUNTY 4-H YOUTH AGRICULTURAL INVESTMENT PROGRAM (YAIP)

- Money for on-farm investments available
- Applicants must be 9 years old & enrolled in elementary, middle or high school (includes home-schooled)
- Investment areas eligible:
 - Ag Diversification
 - Animal Production
 - Forage & Grain Improvement
 - Showmanship
 - Supervised Agriculture Experience (SAE)
 - Country Ham Projects

**APPLICATION PERIOD WILL BE
OCTOBER 1-31, 2025**

APPLICATIONS AVAILABLE FROM:
Mercer County Extension Service
1007 Lexington Road, Harrodsburg, KY 40330
8:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. Monday-Friday

FOR MORE INFORMATION:

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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.

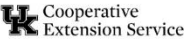
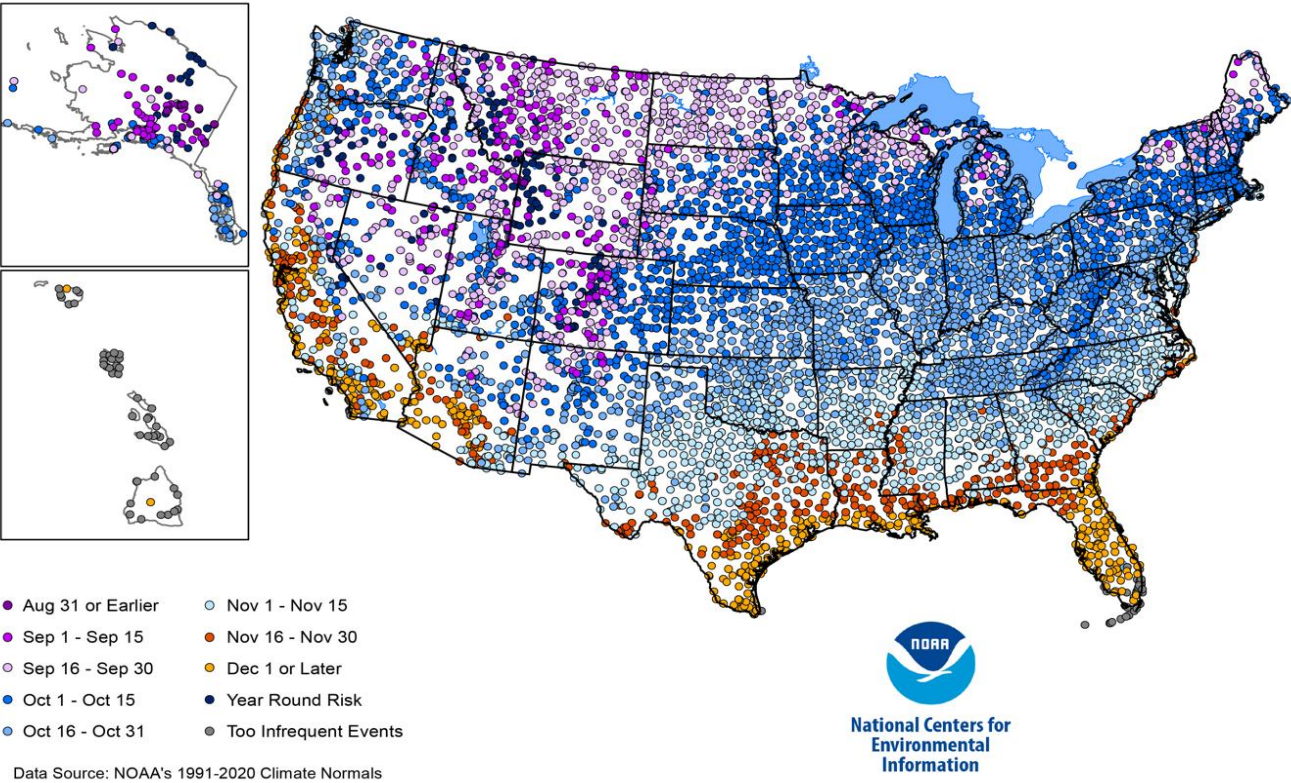
From the National Centers of Environmental Information (NCEI), a branch of the National Weather Service: “Using data from the 1991–2020 U.S. Climate Normals, we have a good idea of when to expect the first freeze of fall. The first freeze can be described as when the surface air temperature is expected 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 <= 32F temperatures



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Kentucky One Health Week

Kentucky One Health Week 2025—observed Oct. 26 through Nov. 1—brings this mission to life with the theme, “Healthier Together: People. Animals. Planet.” Whether it’s clean water, safe food or strong communities, our well-being is deeply tied to the world around us. What affects one affects us all. One Health is more than a call to personal action—it’s a collaborative solution to complex challenges. By connecting people, animals and the environment, the initiative is laying the foundation for a stronger, more resilient Kentucky. Join the University of Kentucky One Health Initiative and Cooperative Extension in building healthier communities, together. Follow along on our Facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/MercerCountyExtension> during the week to see daily information and more details about one health. Learn more at: onehealth.ca.uky.edu.








FALL FENCE & DEMO SEMINAR

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 17, 2025 • 9:30AM - 2:00PM
Seminar Location: 1004 Jackson Pike, Harrodsburg, KY 40330

Come learn from the pros! Join us on Friday, October 17th for a hands-on Fall Fence & Demo Seminar featuring expert reps from Gallagher and Stay-Tuff. Gain valuable tips on building fences to keep your pastures safe and secure.

EVENT DETAILS:
Learn How to Build H-Braces
Run Hi-Tensile Wire/Electric Fence
Lunch and refreshments will be served.



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ATTENTION MEMBERS

As a valued member of the Mercer County Cattlemen's Association, you are invited to attend the annual membership dinner and meeting.

Thursday, October 23, 2025 @ 6:30 pm
Mercer County Extension Office

Highlights will include:

- **Steak Dinner with all the fixin's**
- **Displays by our Commercial Sponsors**
- **Election of Board Members and Officers**
- **Update on Cattlemen's Business and Industry Information**
- **Lots of door prizes**

Anyone paying their 2025 membership dues before the annual meeting or the night of the annual meeting will be entered in a special drawing.

This is the meeting you can't afford to miss! Over \$1,000 in door prizes will be given away!!!!

Including feed troughs, mineral feeders, gift cards and much more!

The dinner will be free to all paid members and their immediate family. There will be a \$15 charge for non-members, however, it will be free to anyone who joins that night. Please feel free to invite other interested cattle farmers. We would welcome their involvement.

Please call the Extension Office at 734-4378 by Oct. 21 for meal reservations, so we have enough food. Those with reservations will be served first.



MERCER COUNTY FARM BUREAU

BILL WAGGENER YOUNG FARMER SCHOLARSHIP

**BRIGHT LEAF GOLF RESORT
1742 DANVILLE RD.,
HARRODSBURG, KY 40330**



Golf Scramble

**SHOTGUN START | SUNDAY
@ 1:30 PM | OCTOBER
19TH**

\$75/PERSON • \$300/TEAM

- Entry Fee Includes: Cart, Green Fees, Food and Soft Drinks
- Check In and Lunch served 12:30-1:15 PM

PRIZES

- 1st Place **\$600 + round of golf @ Bright Leaf Golf Resort**
- 2nd Place **\$300**
- 3rd Place **Titleist True Feels Golf Balls**

4-person Best Ball

TEAM MEMBERS

Register Now
Contact Beth Kelly

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