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Sept. 5 - Scaling Up While Lessening the Work: Farmer Collaborations and Efficiencies. Flourishing Herbs Farm, Scottsville, KY. 1-4 p.m. CDT. Organic Association of Kentucky field day. for more information and to register, go to <https://www.oak-ky.org/field-days>.

Sept. 15 - Through Sept. 17. Ohio Pawpaw Festival, Lake Snowden, 5900 US-50, Albany, OH 45710. For details and to buy tickets, visit <https://ohiopawpaw-fest.com>.

Sept. 19 - CSA Production, Packing and Planning field day, Rains and Sun Hill-top Farm, Independence, KY, 1-4 p.m. EDT. Organic Association of Kentucky field day. For details and to register, go to <https://www.oak-ky.org/field-days>.

Other states are exploring UK CSA Voucher Program

*By Sarah Geurkink, Extension Associate,
University of Kentucky Department of Agricultural Economics*

The University of Kentucky's Department of Agricultural Economics hosted extension professionals from Michigan, West Virginia, and Kentucky in August for a two-day in-service about [UK's Community Supported Agriculture \(CSA\) Voucher Program](#). UK's CSA Voucher Program is a health and wellness benefit to UK employees and retirees that provides a \$200 discount applied to a season-long vegetable CSA subscription with participating local farms.

The in-service included farm tours of the UK CSA and Elmwood Stock Farm, partner farms in the CSA Voucher Program. In addition to growers, participants heard from researchers in entomology, horticulture, nursing, and dietetics; an academic administrator who has built curriculum around UK's Organic Farming Unit; health and wellness professionals who administer the program and see significant return and



Photo by Sarah Geurkink, UK

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Photo by Sarah Geurkink, UK

Mac Stone from Elmwood Stock Farm speaks to extension professionals from Michigan, West Virginia, and Kentucky.



Photo by Sarah Geurkink, UK

Participants were interested in creating similar CSA programs in their regions or states.

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value on the investment (ROI and VOI); and our partners at the Organic Association of Kentucky, who administer the Kentucky Farm Share Coalition. Discussions about benefits to human health, employee perception of the workplace, local investment in sustainable agriculture, and opportunities for teaching and research afforded by the program demonstrated broad direct and indirect benefits of offering a CSA Voucher Program in a university. Meals throughout the in-service featured local fare, including at the UK CSA's weekly community lunch and area restaurants that source ingredients locally.

The goal of the in-service was to generate interest in CSA programming at other institutions of higher education and beyond. Participants were interested in creating similar CSA programs in their regions or states and reported having benefited from the program. In a follow-up survey response, one participant said, "I feel equipped to create a strategy with colleagues for a similar effort at our university, as well as to support other employers considering CSA as an employee benefit."

Read more about the [UK Voucher Program's history and impact](#), our partners in the [Kentucky Farmshare Coalition](#), and [CSA Research at UK](#).

KNLA goes to Buffalo Trace Distillery for 2023 Summer Event

By Tara Watkins, UK Commercial Ornamentals Extension Associate

The Kentucky Nursery and Landscape Association (KNLA) held their annual Green Industry Summer Conference at Buffalo Trace Distillery in Frankfort on Wednesday, August 23rd. It was a wonderful event full of networking, new faces and old faces, learning, eating, and enjoying the grounds of one of the most historic distilleries in Kentucky. There were a little more than 100 attendees, including 13 vendors joining the event from Kentucky, Indiana, Ohio, and Illinois.

The event presented a variety of educational sessions given by industry professionals. The day



Jim Gottfried of Buffalo Trace leads a walking tour of the Buffalo Trace arboretum grounds.

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Kentucky Proud Fall CSA Week coming up in September

From the KY Farm Share Coalition Facebook page

Community Supported Agriculture (CSA) offers you the chance to connect and subscribe to your local farms and farmers – so you can have incredibly fresh, healthy, seasonal food weekly, biweekly, or monthly.

Join us this September 18th-22nd to explore CSA offerings from partner farms and find more local sourcing opportunities this October through December across Kentucky!

Follow KY Proud Fall CSA Week by becoming a member of the CSA in Kentucky Facebook Group, <https://www.facebook.com/groups/kycsafair>.

Find CSA farms in your area by visiting the KY Proud CSA Directory, <https://www.kyproud.com>.



[com/campaigns/community-supported-agriculture](https://www.kyproud.com/campaigns/community-supported-agriculture).

This event is organized by Kentucky Proud and the Kentucky Department of Agriculture, Kentucky Horticulture Council, Organic Association of Kentucky, and The Food Connection at the University of Kentucky.

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began with a keynote presentation from Ryan McEnaney of Bailey Nurseries and continued with Aaron Boggs of The Parklands of Floyds Fork, Jacob Stidham of Yew Dell Botanical Gardens (also president of the KNLA), Dr. Jonathan Larson of the University of Kentucky, and Tara Watkins of the University of Kentucky. Attendees also had a choice of attending walking tours of Buffalo Trace's arboretum grounds throughout the day. In addition to all of the learning opportunities presented during the event, bourbon raffles occurred throughout the day, thanks to the generosity of Buffalo Trace.

KNLA would like to extend a big thank you to Jim Gottfried and Buffalo Trace Distillery for hosting, and to all of the event sponsors and vendors who played a big role in making the event a success.

Be on the lookout for details regarding the KY Green Industry Winter Conference in Louisville on January 31st-February 1st, 2024. If you are interested in joining or receiving more information about the Kentucky Nursery and Landscape Association, visit www.knla.org or email knla.org@gmail.com.

MarketReady Tennessee Food Buyer Tours set for September

From the Center for Profitable Agriculture website

Local producers and farm retailers are invited to connect with food buyers in their area in this unique tour of the Nashville and Knoxville farm-to-table scenes.

These tours are offered as part of a collaborative effort on behalf of the Southeast Dairy Business Innovation Initiative, and are scheduled for September 21st in Nashville and September 28th in Knoxville.

Registration is free, but preregistration is required. An individual registration form must be completed for each person attending the tour. If you plan to attend both tours, please indicate as such on your registration form. Please register at <https://tiny.utk.edu/MRTNReg>. The deadline to register for each tour is as follows:

Nashville – 9/14/23 AT 5 PM CENTRAL TIME
Knoxville – 9/21/23 AT 5 PM CENTRAL TIME

Participants should plan to meet the tour group at the starting locations listed below based on their tour choice. Carpooling is encouraged.

Each tour will include a total of three stops. One of the tour stops will be offering lunch. Specific location details and a detailed agenda will be provided to tour participants prior to the event.

MarketReady Buyer Tour scheduled for Louisville on October 12th

From the University of Kentucky MarketReady website

Join us for the MarketReady Buyer Tour in Louisville, KY on October 12th from 9 a.m.-3 p.m. EDT. During the tour, we will visit three or four buyers in the Louisville area to see what happens behind the back doors. The buyers are to-be-determined; however, they will include a restaurant, a grocery/retail market, and a farm-to-school buyer.

The Buyer Tour allows growers and producers to get a behind-the-scenes look at what happens at these various marketplaces. Growers and producers can ask questions, talk with buyers, and get first-hand experience with what it is like to sell

The graphic is a blue-bordered box with a white background. At the top, it says "MarketReady: Tennessee Food Buyer Tours". Below this are logos for "CENTER FOR PROFITABLE AGRICULTURE UEXTENSION INSTITUTE OF AGRICULTURE A UNIVERSITY OF TENNESSEE - FARM BUREAU PARTNERSHIP", "Farm Bureau", "MarketReady", and "SDBII". A central text block reads: "Connect with local food buyers in this unique tour of Tennessee's farm-to-table scene! Open to producers interested in working with local food buyers." Below this, it lists "Nashville: September 21st" and "Knoxville: September 28th". A blue button at the bottom says "Details coming soon to tiny.utk.edu/CPAEvents". At the very bottom, in smaller text, it says "Mark your calendars! Preregistration will be required as spaces are limited." and "Funding for this training was made possible by the U.S. Department of Agriculture's (USDA) Agricultural Marketing Service through grant AM2008TN002, AM2108TN005, AM2108TN1005, and AM2208TN1013. Its contents are solely the responsibility of the authors and do not necessarily represent the official views of the USDA."

Nashville Tour Meeting Location:

Meet at University of Tennessee Central Region Extension Office
5201 Marchant Drive, Nashville, TN 37211

Knoxville Tour Meeting Location:

Meet at University of Tennessee Eastern Region Extension Office
1801 Downtown West Blvd., Knoxville, TN 37919

Questions?

Contact Alaina Boyd at 931-486-2777 ext 126 or acboyd@utk.edu.

to a restaurant, grocery/retail store, or farm-to-school buyer.

Producers as well as technical assistance providers are encouraged to participate

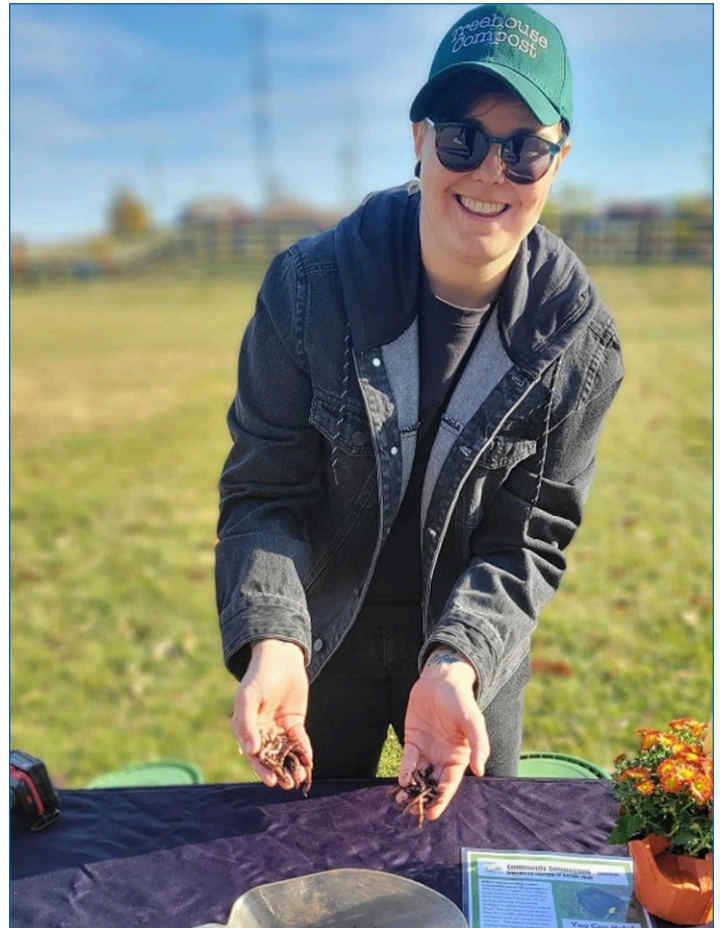
This event will be free-of-charge but does require an RSVP. Because this tour is limited on available seats -- make sure to secure your spot today. For more information and to RSVP, visit <https://marketready.uky.edu/events/buyertourlou2023>.

The tour will start at the Kentucky Farm Bureau Office at 9201 Bunsen Parkway, Louisville, KY 40220.

Byrd joins UK Horticulture's Controlled-Environment Ag team

Casey "Cee" Byrd is a proud Appalachian with a passion for education and sustainability. Casey, a former chef and EMT, holds a master's degree in Geography from UK, a bachelor's degree with Distinction in Environmental Studies and Sustainability from UMASS at Boston, and an associate degree in Natural Science from Bluegrass Community and Technical College at Lexington. Casey is the founder of Treehouse Compost LLC, Kentucky's first compost service located in Lexington. When Casey's boots aren't in the mud, they enjoy video gaming, reading, and cooking up Appalachian goodness from scratch.

Casey, UK's newest extension associate for controlled-environment agriculture, will be working with growers and agents across the state, but especially in Eastern Kentucky, providing technical support and developing educational materials and events related to greenhouse production of vegetable and ornamental crops. They can be reached at Casey.Byrd@uky.edu.



Call for agent participation – Kentucky Greenhouse Census

By Arundathi Sharma, Extension Associate for Controlled Environment Agriculture

The Controlled-Environment Agriculture (CEA) group in Horticulture Extension works to support commercial indoor/greenhouse growers with technical assistance and educational resources.

Our latest initiative aims to characterize the CEA industry in Kentucky by identifying greenhouses and greenhouse growers in each county. We hope this will help all of us in extension (from specialists to agents) better address our constituents' needs.

All Horticulture/ANR agents should have received an email with a rough-draft list of greenhouse enterprises in their county. We hope the list is valuable to you and helps you reach growers that you may not have worked with before. Your feedback is also vital in ensuring that the census is representative of what happens on the ground in your community, which will help us provide more relevant support to you and your clients.

Please reach out to CEA team members Arundathi

Next GET scheduled for Sept. 25th

The latest installment of Greenhouse Educators' Training (GET) has been scheduled for Monday, September 25th at 2 PM (Eastern). Educators and agents are encouraged to join and hear our guest speaker, Brian Prewitt (Agriculture instructor at Whitley County High School), give his perspective on teaching in greenhouses. There will be a live Q&A, and the full webinar will be recorded and posted for the public to watch. The live session will be available on KERS for training credit. Please reach out to Arundathi Sharma and Casey Byrd (arundathi.sharma@uky.edu, casey.byrd@uky.edu) with any questions or suggestions concerning this event, or greenhouse trainings more broadly.

Sharma and Casey Byrd (arundathi.sharma@uky.edu, casey.byrd@uky.edu) if you have any questions regarding the census, or any ideas/requests for greenhouse workshops in your county. We look forward to your responses!



2023 Kentucky Christmas Tree Association Fall Meeting

October 14, 2023



Sherwood Acres Christmas Trees
9 a.m.-3 p.m.
1263 Paradise Camp Rd.
Harrodsburg, KY 40330



- Building and setting up an irrigation system with David Yount, Sherwood Acres
- Programs for marketing your trees with Sharon Spencer, KDA
- Tree shearing and correction demonstration
- Round table discussion (gift shops, photography sessions and extra income ideas)

\$20 per person. Lunch provided by Jersey Mike's Subs

To register mail the attached form with payment by Sept. 30.
We look forward to seeing everyone!

Kentucky Christmas Tree Association Fall Meeting

Reservation Form

October 14, 2023 Meeting date

Hosted by: Sherwood Acres Christmas Trees

1263 Paradise Camp Road, Harrodsburg KY 40330

Name(s) of individuals attending: _____

Farm name: _____

Address: _____

Phone number: _____

Email address: _____

Cost is \$20 per person and covers lunch and meeting expenses.

Make payable to KCTA.

Send completed form and payment to:

Kenney Gulley

5060 Old Maysville Road

Mount Sterling KY 40353

Please submit by September 30th to allow adequate time for postal delivery and to make meal preparations.

Sept. 7th field day - Marketing Cut Flowers at SOKY Floral Exchange

By Kristin Hildabrand, Warren Co. Horticulture Extension Agent

Wanting to explore or expand your market for commercial cut flower production? If located in the South-Central Kentucky area, there is an upcoming opportunity to receive a behind the scenes view of the SOKY Floral Exchange this fall in a fun-filled, field day format! The Southern Kentucky Floral Exchange is housed in Morgantown, KY to help connect local cut flower growers with floral designers and other buyers in the southern Kentucky, northern and central Tennessee areas.

On Thursday, September 7th, there will be a field day to learn more about Marketing Cut Flowers at the SOKY Floral Exchange. Interested participants will learn more details about the SOKY Floral Exchange and how it operates, how to grow hardy annual flowers this fall, as well as resources and upcoming programs for commercial cut flower production in Kentucky. Registration begins at 3:30 p.m. with the program to start promptly at 4 p.m. Central Time. Following the educational program, a meal will be served.

Thanks to sponsorship through Farm Credit of Mid-America, this fall cut flower field day is free and open to the public. Pre-registration is required.



The poster features a green and white color scheme. At the top, the text 'Marketing Cuts at SOKY Floral Exchange FIELD DAY' is written in a mix of cursive and bold sans-serif fonts. Below this is the SOKY Floral Exchange logo. The event details are listed under three sections: 'When' (Thursday, September 7th, registration at 3:30pm, program starts at 4:00pm), 'Location' (410 Hunt Lane, Morgantown, KY 42261), and 'Register' (with a QR code and a request to RSVP by Tuesday, September 5th). The 'Field Day Description' section at the bottom encourages learning about marketing cut flowers and growing hardy annuals. On the right side, there are three overlapping photos of flowers: sunflowers, red dahlias, and purple roses. The University of Kentucky logo and 'College of Agriculture, Food and Environment Cooperative Extension Service' are in the top right corner. The Farm Credit Mid-America logo is in the bottom left corner.

To register for the upcoming SOKY Floral Exchange Field Day, please contact Kristin Hildabrand at the Warren County Extension Office at (270) 842-1681 or use the link listed here: https://uky.az1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_4J9yOaQIIRb28AK?Q_CHL=qr.

CCD adds Western KY Produce Auction to price reports

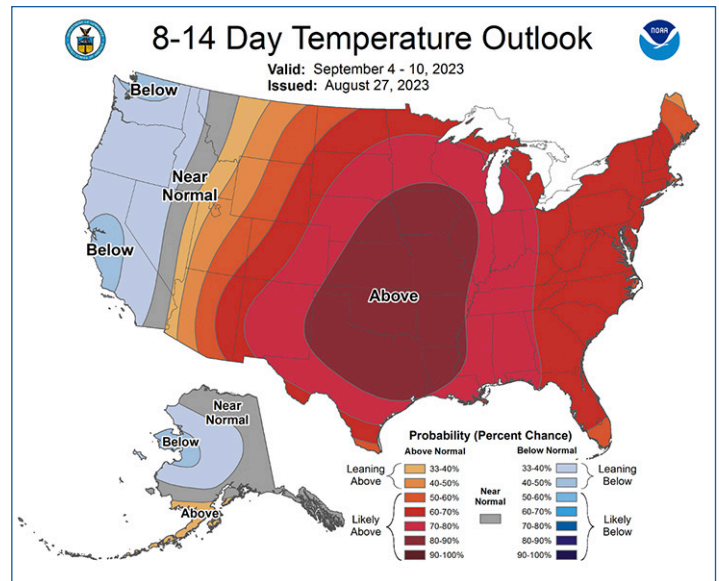
The Western Kentucky Produce Auction in Cadiz (Trigg County) is reporting prices through the Center for Crop Diversification. Auctions are held on Wednesdays at 10 a.m. Central Time. To see prices from produce auctions around Kentucky, go to <https://www.uky.edu/ccd/pricereports/KYPA>.

Warmer and drier than average start to September in Kentucky

By Joshua Knight, Sr. Extension Associate, Horticulture

After this brief relief from the very warm days in the last week of August, the commonwealth is heading right back into warmer than average conditions for the first weeks of September. The NOAA's Climate Prediction Center is forecasting a near certainty for above average temperatures for most of the U.S., with a very high likelihood of above average temperatures for the entire Midwest down into Texas. Warmer than average conditions are likely to continue until late September, though a cooler weather pattern to the north may provide some small chance of relief.

This warmer weather is expected to bring below average rates of precipitation in September, increasing the need for supplemental irrigation.



The likelihood of drier than average conditions falls off moving into the second half of the month, with some longer range models indicating a slight possibility of increased precipitation in late September.

Skillshare
FOREST PROPAGATION TECHNIQUES HANDS-ON SKILLSHARE AND MEDICINAL PLANT NURSERY COLLECTIVE PANEL
Date & Location (Rain or Shine):
 September 9th 2023, 10AM-4:30PM
 Fantasy Forest in Dolly Graham Park
 125-199 Logan St, Frankfort, KY 40601
Details:
 10am-10:30: Arrival and introductions
 10am-12pm: **Backyard Forest Gardening** taught by Nachie Braga
 12-1:30: lunch break (simple meal may be provided but BYO)
 2-3:30: **PANEL** with **Miranda Brown, Laura Greenfield, of taproot nursery and Sarah Nuñez of Alflorar Herb Collective**
 4-4:30: Plant Distribution and cleanup!

SPACE IS LIMITED!
 RSVP by email:
melissalouisecalhoun@gmail.com

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OEFFA Pitching Your Farm Dream workshop

From the OEFFA website

A Pitching Your Farm Dream workshop will be held from 2-4 p.m. EDT on Sunday, September 24th in-person at the Ohio Ecological Food & Farm Association (OEFFA) office (41 Crosswell Road Columbus, OH 43214) or virtually. For more information and to register, [click here](#). Registration closes September 20th.

Thanks for reading!

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