

Todd County Extension Agriculture Newsletter



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New Agriculture & Natural Resources Agent

My name is Traci Johnson. I began work here on January 2. Following Curt Judy is not going to be easy, but I've always liked a challenge. I look forward to meeting you and learning about the community.

I grew up on a small family farm in McLean County. I went to school at Murray State University for an agronomy degree. My first hands-on ag job was at the UK Research Center in Princeton. I worked in dark tobacco research, spray technology, and tobacco mechanization. From there I worked for fertilizer and seed companies in sales, marketing, and research.

I spent the past 19 years as the Oldham County Agriculture Agent. While there, I partnered with farmers in grain crop and forage research studies; helped start a county cattlemen's association; and offered many cattle and horse programs.



I am grateful for the opportunity to serve Todd County farmers and residents. My door is always open for a visit or questions.

Winter Tobacco Meeting – Todd County's winter tobacco production meeting is set for **Tuesday, January 30, 6:00 p.m.** at the **Extension Office, 240 Pond River Road, Elkton.** UK Tobacco Specialist, Dr. Andy Bailey, will be here to cover dark, burley, and wrapper production topics. Supper for adults will be served. Please call the Extension Office (270-265-5659) by January 26 to reserve your meal.

Private Applicator Pesticide Meetings—There are two opportunities to get your pesticide card/license this winter before cropping season begins: **Thursday, February 22, 6:00 p.m. or Friday, February 23, 8:30 a.m.** Both meetings will be held at the **Todd County Extension Office, 240 Pond River Road, Elkton.** We have already sent a postcard notice to everyone whose license expired in 2023.

KY-TN Grain Day—Area grain producers should mark your calendars for the KY/TN Grain Day to be held **Friday, February 2 at the Logan County Extension Office** in Russellville. This joint Kentucky and Tennessee Extension program will include a trade show with local ag businesses and farm input suppliers. Presentation topics include grain market updates; weed management; use of

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drones for pesticide applications; and weather extremes and their impact on agriculture. The program will run from 7:30 a.m. to 1:45 p.m. Lunch will be provided by B.R. Knuckles Insurance Agency. CCA and Commercial Pesticide Credits have been applied for.

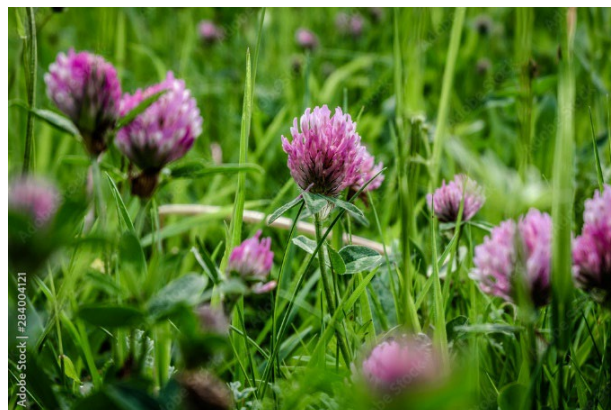
UK Winter Wheat Meeting – will be held **Thursday, February 1, 8:30 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. at the James Bruce Convention Center in Hopkinsville.** Presentations will include carbon markets, soil pH management; disease update; cereal aphids; capitalizing on price volatility; annual grassy weed management; and herbicide resistance screening.

The Tennessee-Kentucky Tobacco Expo is scheduled for **Tuesday, February 6,** at the **Robertson County Fairgrounds in Springfield, TN,** from 7:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. The Fairgrounds is located at: 4635 Hwy 41 North, Springfield, TN 37172. There will be educational sessions and a trade show with tobacco-related vendors.



UK Beef Management Webinar: What's the Cost of Cheap Mineral? – Tuesday, February 13 at 7:00 p.m. **Presented online** by UK Beef Specialist Dr. Katie VanValin. Send an email to dbullock@uky.edu with Beef Webinar Series in the subject line and include your name and county in the email message. This gets you registered, and you will receive an email reply with the link and password to join the meeting.

Todd County Extension Agriculture is on Facebook – Check out news and event updates at <https://www.facebook.com/toddcountyag/>



Frost Seeding Clover—Clover adds value to pastures by improving nutritional value, lessening the effect of tall fescue toxicosis in cattle, and fixing nitrogen from the air into plant available forms. The following information is taken from AGR-71 Frost Seeding Clover: A Recipe for Success, available at <https://forages.ca.uky.edu/>.

- Frost seeding is the simplest method for reintroducing clover back into pastures.
- Control broadleaf weeds prior to frost seeding.
- Soil test and apply any needed lime or fertilizer before frost seeding.
- Suppress the existing sod and reduce residue with hard grazing in the fall and winter.
- Choose well-adapted varieties of red and white clover using UK forage variety testing data.
- Calibrate seeder and check spread pattern.
- Broadcast 6-8 lbs/A of red clover and 1-2 lbs/A of white clover that has been inoculated in February or early March.
- Control post seeding competition by grazing pastures until clover seedlings become tall enough to be grazed off.
- Put pasture back into rotation once seedlings reach a height of 6-8 inches.

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Traci Johnson
Todd Co. Agriculture & Natural Resources Agent



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KY-TN GRAIN DAY

FEBRUARY 2

7:30 AM - 1:45 PM

CCA, KY & TN COMMERCIAL PESTICIDE
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LOGAN COUNTY EXTENSION OFFICE
255 JOHN PAUL RD RUSSELLVILLE, KY
270-726-6323

- 7:30 - 8:10 am **Registration & Refreshments**
- 8:10 - 9:00 am **Grain Market Update & Risk Management Insights**
Dr. Aaron Smith, UT Agriculture Economics
- 9:00 - 9:50 am **Weed Management: 5 Keys to Profitability in Corn & Soybeans**
Dr. Larry Steckel, UT Weeds
- 9:50 - 10:15 am **Break Visit Trade Show**
- 10:15 - 11:05 am **Use of Drones In Pesticide Applications**
Dr. Josh Jackson, UK Agriculture Engineering
- 11:05 - 11:55 am **KY & TN Farm Transportation Regulations**
Sargent Jason Morris, KY State Police
- 11:55 - 12:10 **Break Visit Trade Show**
- 12:10 - 1:30 pm **Lunch** *Sponsored by B.R. Knuckles Insurance Agency*
- Weather Extremes & Weather Impacts on Agriculture**
Mr. Lelan Statom, News Channel 5
- 1:30 - 1:45 pm **Evaluations & Door Prizes**

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TRADE SHOW OPEN UNTIL 1PM

