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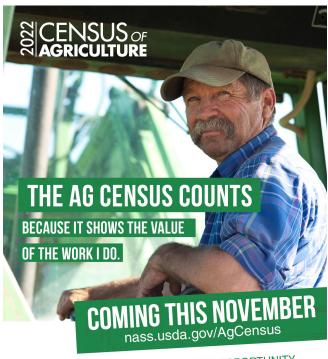
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Private Pesticide Applicator Changes—On January

- 1, 2023, several new rules related to Kentucky Certified Private Applicator Pesticide Licenses will take effect. Some of those changes will include:
- (1) Only persons 18 years and older are qualified to become private applicators.
- (2) <u>Persons attending applicator training will be</u> required to present a government issued photo ID so county agents can verify age and identity.
- (3) EPA now requires specialized training and certification for fumigation and aerial applications. Persons doing fumigation will need to certify in one of the commercial categories for fumigation depending on what they are treating: soil, non-soil, or structures.
- (4) Private Applicator Certifications will now be good for just 3 years. Previously, private applicators were given 3 years plus the year they were trained.
- (5) A new category of applicator has been created to work under the supervision of certified private applicators on farms. These "Non-certified Applicators" must be trained annually and be supervised while applying general use pesticides. They cannot apply restricted use pesticides. This new category of applicator would probably be most appropriate for our non English-speaking migrant workers who cannot be certified as Private Applicators.

2022 Census of Agriculture—Kentucky's farmers will soon be contacted about participating in the 2022 Census of Agriculture—the nation's only comprehensive and impartial tool for collecting agriculture data for every state and county. The U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) will mail the 2022 Census of Agriculture to 125,000 Kentucky ag producers this fall.



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The Census of Agriculture will be mailed in phases, starting with an invitation to respond online in November. Farm operations of all sizes, urban and rural, which produced and sold, or normally would have sold, \$1,000 or more of agricultural product in 2022 are included in the ag census. Collected in service to American agriculture since 1840, the Census of Agriculture tells the story and shows the value of Kentucky's agriculture. It highlights land use and ownership, producer characteristics, production practices, income and expenditures, among other

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topics. For more information visit www.nass.usda.gov/AgCensus

FSA's 2023 Crop Year ARC/PLC Program

Election/Enrollment Is Open--The election and enrollment period opened on Oct. 17, 2022 and runs through March 15, 2023. Producers can now make or change elections and enroll for 2023 ARC or PLC, providing future protections against market fluctuations.

December and February CPH Sales--The KY-TN

Livestock Market in Guthrie will be hosting CPH Advantage Sales Tuesday, December 13, and Tuesday, February 14, 2023. All calves offered for sale meet a strict set of management and health requirements designed to ensure that they are feedlot-ready. For additional information contact the Extension Office.

Backgrounding/Stocker Profitability Conference—

The UK Ag. Economics Department and Kentucky Beef Network are hosting this conference on Nov. 16th, 9:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Warren Co. Extension Office in Bowling Green. Topics discussed will include: understanding the current cattle market, cost of gain versus value of gain, budget scenarios, etc.

Registration is \$15 and lunch will be provided. Preregistration is required—pre-register by contacting the Warren Co. Ext. Office at 270-842-1681.

2022 SOKY Commercial Pesticide Training—For Certified Crop Advisors (CCAs) and commercial pesticide license holders, this is an opportunity to get continuing education credits (CEUs) necessary for renewal of your certification. The programs will be held November 28 and 29, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., at the Logan County Extension Office in Russellville.

The session on Monday, Nov. 28 is geared toward crop and farm supply employees. Three general and 3 specific KY pesticide CEU's will be provided for categories 1A, 4, 5, 10, 12, and 14; and CCA CEUs awarded will be SW 2, IPM 1, CM 1, PD 1, and PA 1.

The session on Tuesday, Nov. 29 is geared toward turf and ornamental workers. Call the Logan Co. Extension Office (270-726-6323) for more information. There is a fee for this training of \$50 per person per day.

Extension Office to Get New Home—A new Extension office/meeting facility is under construction at the intersection of Pond River Road and US 68-80. This building will house the Todd County Extension staff and have a meeting room that will accommodate over 100 people. This project has been in the planning stages for more than 8 years.

The building should be ready to be occupied sometime after the first of the year. The Todd County Extension District is in the process of raising funds to furnish the building—see the enclosed Legacy Campaign/Building Tree flyers for information on how to contribute and be a partner in this effort.



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