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MCCREARY COUNTY EXTENSION

AGRICULTURE & NATURAL RESOURCES NEWSLETTER

Rejuvenating Your Kentucky Lawn: Fall Lawn Care

Taking care of your lawn during the fall is as important as it is during spring and summer, even more so for lawns with cool-season grasses such as Kentucky bluegrass and tall fescue. Nearly all fertilizers and broadleaf herbicides should be applied in the fall, and it is by far the best time for lawn renovations, such as seeding.

Here are some tips for cool-season grasses:

Fertilize – Cool-season grasses should be fertilized with nitrogen in the fall as temperatures begin to cool and days shorten. Applying later in the fall when cool-season grasses are actively growing can help rejuvenate the lawn after a stressful summer and improve competition over undesirable warm-season weeds such as bermudagrass. Use either farm fertilizers, such as urea or ammonium sulfate, or specialty fertilizers found in garden centers. The normal rate is 1 to 1.5 pounds of actual nitrogen per 1,000 square feet of lawn. Remember to spread it evenly over your lawn.

Control weeds – If broadleaf weeds such as clover, dandelion, plantain and chickweed are growing in your lawn, fall is the best time of year to get them under control. Almost all broadleaf weeds



2025 FALL FENCING SCHOOL

October 2nd
7:30am-4:30pm CT
Russell Springs, Ky
Cost: \$35

Fencing types and costs, electric fencing, law, and hands-on construction/demos.

Contact McCreary County Extension for
registration information.
606-376-2524



Kentucky Master Grazer
Educational Program



can be controlled selectively in turfgrass by applying a three-way mix of 2, 4-D, MCPP and Dicamba. Applications in late October through November, after winter annuals have emerged, often result in better control of winter annual broadleaves and perennial broadleaves compared to spring applications.

Renovate – Summer’s stresses often take a toll on your lawn. The best time to reseed your lawn is from late August through October. Seed a turf-type tall fescue at a rate of five to six pounds per 1,000 square feet. The best and quickest results are obtained if the seeded areas can be kept moist until the seeds germinate.

Remember to continue mowing your lawn as long as the grass is growing. You might want to lower the height in the fall to 1.5 to 2 inches. This tends to keep the grass greener longer in the winter and will help the lawn to green up earlier next spring.

For more information about Kentucky lawn care, contact the McCreary County Extension Service.



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UPCOMING EVENTS MCCREARY CO. EXTENSION

McCreary County Fun-Makers
Oct 2nd, 4pm

A Stitch in Time Sewing Group
Oct 8th, 10am

Composting 101
Oct 9th, 1pm
Eagle Community Center- CAP

McCreary Cattlemen’s Association
Oct 14th, 6pm

Big South Fork Beekeepers
Association Meeting
Oct 20th, 7pm

Cultivating Mushrooms
Oct 21st, 12pm
McCreary Co. Public Library

Scott/McCreary Grow Appalachia
Oct 23rd, 5:30pm
Scott Christian Care Center
Oneida, TN

McCreary Basket Guild
Oct 24th, 10am

Get Healthy McCreary Hiking
Buffalo Arch
Oct 29th, 10am

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Pick the Perfect Pumpkin

Avoid pumpkins that have cracks or splits, soft spots, or sunken areas.

Check for a firm, bright green stem, which indicates freshness. Carry your pumpkin in your arms, not by the stem. Once the stem breaks off, pumpkin decay is not far behind.

Match the pumpkin to its purpose. For a carved jack-o-lantern, select a large, uniform shaped pumpkin. For pumpkin pie or other recipes, choose small, heavy fruits (a.k.a. pie pumpkins or winter squash, which have more pulp).

Pumpkins store best under cooler conditions. Wipe them off with a 10% bleach solution (1-part bleach to 9 parts water) to reduce decay.



Check out planeatmove.com for garden info & seasonal recipes!



CATTLEMEN'S CORNER

OCTOBER TIMELY TIPS

Continue to sell cattle while market is high.

Seed cool season forages by mid-October. Soil test and apply necessary lime and fertilizer, applying nitrogen in late fall for better growth and stand density.

Allow time for pasture plants to establish before grazing - Overgrazing newly seeded areas is a major cause of seeding failures.



Ag Spotlight



COUNTRY HAM

A big thank you to Perkins Meat & Feed for partnering with our 4-H Country Ham Project members to process their hams!

Eight months of hard work paid off as these youth finished their projects with blue ribbons at the Kentucky State Fair.

Interested in joining the tradition?

Applications for the 2026
Country Ham Project open in
December!

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