

# Trimble County Extension April 2024 ~ Newsletter

4-H Youth Development  
Family & Consumer Sciences  
Agriculture and Natural Resources



Trimble County Cooperative Extension  
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## CAMPING



4-H SUMMER CAMP  
JULY 29- AUGUST 2

KENTUCKY 4-H CAMPING CENTER  
LAKE CUMBERLAND KENTUCKY

~ Canoeing ~Swimming ~Shooting Sports  
~High Ropes ~Hiking ~Endless Fun!

Now accepting camper applications for Youth ages  
9 - 14. Counselor in Training, teen leaders and  
adults applications also available.

Please call or stop by to reserve your spot!

**Cost: \$150.00 Financial aid available.**



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# 4-H Youth Development

Ralph R. Ham III



## KENTUCKY

SHOOTING



SPORTS



### Trimble County 4-H Shooting Sports

#### Practice Sessions

April 11, 18, 25 ~ 6:00 p.m.

#### Practice Range:

300 Trout Ridge Road  
Bedford, KY

Any interested Youth  
ages 9 - 18 welcome!  
Equipment supplied  
(502) 255-7188



Disciplines: Archery & Shotgun



## 4H PROJECT DAYS

JUNE 6 & 7: 12:00 - 3:00 PM

Trimble County Extension Service

3-5 projects suitable for county fair entry.  
Call to register by May 30: (502) 255-7188



### Trimble County 4-H Horse Club

April 9, 2024 6:30 p.m. Trimble County Extension Office  
Owners and non-horse owners welcome!

### 4-H Livestock Club

April 16, 2024 ~ 6:30p.m. Trimble County Park  
May 21, 2024 ~ 6:00 - 8:00 p.m. Vet Check at the County Park  
County Fair Livestock Shows: June 17 & 18, 2024

# Marketing Basics for Farmers

- \* **April 10, 2024 ~ 5:30 PM**  
**Accepting More than Just Cash**  
Trimble County Extension Office  
43 High Country Lane  
Bedford, KY 40006 (502) 255-7188
- \* **April 24, 2024 ~ 5:30 PM**  
**Photography & Social Media Tips**  
Henry County Extension Office  
2151 Campbellsburg Road  
New Castle, KY (502) 845-2811
- \* **April 30, 2024 ~ 5:30 PM**  
**Customer Retention & Engagement**  
Henry County Extension Office  
(502) 845-2811

Please call to rsvp for the sessions!

## Homesteading Series!

Trimble County Extension  
1:00 p.m. on the following dates:

Please RSVP  
(502) 255-7188

- April 23 -  
Raising Livestock
- May 14 -  
Food Preservation
- June 18 -  
Green Cleaning
- July 23 -  
Fabric Dying (10:00 am to 4:00 pm)



## TRIMBLE COUNTY FARMERS MARKET KICK-OFF

May 2, 2024 ~ 3:00 - 7:00 pm  
Courthouse Square, Bedford KY

- Food
- Fun
- Plants
- Flowers
- Bakery



Vendor  
Applications  
available at  
Trimble County  
Extension Service

Spring is here! With the temperatures still fluctuating, be careful with your gardens. If you have plants out, take caution in keeping them protected from frosts. I will be starting a quarterly Agriculture & Natural Resources mailing. If you would like to be added to the mailing please call (502) 255-7188 or email me at [regina.utz@uky.edu](mailto:regina.utz@uky.edu) with your information.

## Upcoming Events & Dates

**April 4th: Gardening Series - Transplanting & Moving Plants Outside**

Trimble County Extension Office, 6:00 p.m.

**April 17th: Farmers Market Vendor Training**

Trimble County Extension Office, 10:00-4:00 p.m. (Lunch provided - must rsvp)

**April 17th: Introduction to Equine Nutrition**

Carroll County Extension Office, 5:30 p.m. (must rsvp 502-732-7030)

**April 18th: Third Thursday Thing - Cattle and Poultry**

KY State Univ. Research Farm - Frankfort, 10:00 a.m.

**April 18th: Beekeeping - Enemies of the Hive (pt 1)**

Trimble County Extension Office, 6:00 p.m.

**April 23rd: Grower-Buyer Meetup**

Owen County Extension Office, 1:00 p.m.

**April 25th: Gardening Series - Common Disease & Pest**

Trimble County Extension Office, 6:00 p.m.

**April 29th: Trimble County Cattlemen Association Meeting**

Trimble County Extension Office, 6:30 p.m.

**May**


**May 15th: Beekeeping - Enemies of the Hive (pt 2)**

Trimble County Extension Office, 6:00 p.m.

**May 21st: Forage Field Day - Crouch Farm**

Bo & Dottie Crouch Farm - 8775 Ky 55, Campbellsburg KY 5:30 p.m.

*Regina Utz*  
Agent for Ag & Natural Resources

**Horticulture  
Webinar  
Wednesdays**  
12:30pm ET/11:30 am CT  
Visit [kentuckyhornews.com](http://kentuckyhornews.com)  
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Sciences

# APRIL CLASSES

Wednesdays  
12:30 p.m. ET/ 11:30 a.m. CT

**You must register  
before the class.**

[http://tinyurl.com/24  
APRHWW](http://tinyurl.com/24APRHWW)

**Click on the classes you  
want to attend.**

**You will get an email  
with the class link.**

**April 3 - Chaos Gardening**  
**April 10 - Hostas: Not What  
You Think**  
**April 17 - Cicadas**  
**April 24 - Beyond Begonias  
- New Plants for 2024**

## Improving Your Horse Pastures

May 9, 2024

5:30 PM

Carroll County  
Extension Service

500 Floyd Drive  
Carrollton, KY

RSVP  
by 5/6  
(502)  
732-7030

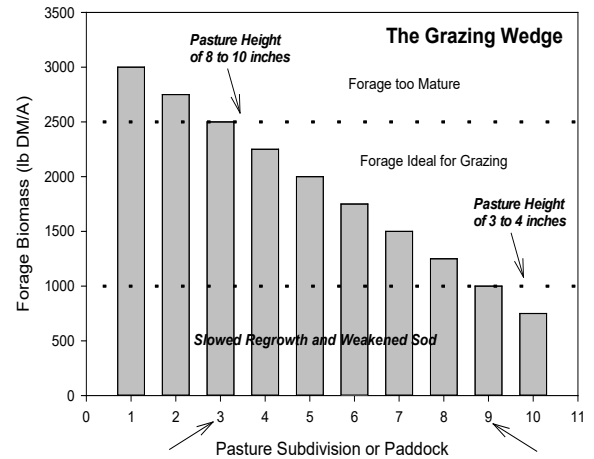


# Practical Considerations for Managing the Spring Flush

Dr. Chris D. Teutsch, University of Kentucky Research and Education Center at Princeton

In March we often find ourselves wringing our hands waiting for grass growth to start and a short time later our pastures are growing so quickly that we can't seem to keep up with them. This time of the year can often be one of the most challenging for graziers. Grass growth goes from nonexistent to excessive in a matter of weeks and if you are properly stocked, grazing livestock can have a hard time keeping up with it. The following suggestions can help you to control spring growth and get the most out of your spring pastures.

- **Implement rotational grazing.** In order to fully utilize the spring flush of pasture growth **YOU** must be in control of grazing. In a continuous grazing system, the cows are in charge. By utilizing rotational stocking, you start to make the decisions. Implementing a rotational stocking system may be as simple as closing some gates. The key is to just get started!
- **Start grazing before you think the pastures are ready.** One of the most common mistakes that graziers make is waiting too long to start grazing in the spring. If you wait until the first paddock is ready to graze, by the time you reach the last paddock it will be out of control. Starting early allows you to establish a "grazing wedge".
- **Rotate animals rapidly.** The general rule is that if grass is growing rapidly then your rotation should be rapid. This will allow you stay ahead of the grass by topping it off and keeping it in a vegetative state.
- **Do not apply spring nitrogen.** This should not be a problem this year since nitrogen prices are off the charts. Applying nitrogen in the spring will make the problem of too much grass at once even worse. In many cases you are better off to save your nitrogen for stockpiling in the fall.
- **Remove most productive paddocks from rotation and harvest for hay.** Graze all paddocks until the pasture growth is just about to get away from you and then remove those productive paddocks from your rotation and allow them to accumulate growth for hay harvest.
- **Increase stocking rate in the spring.** If it is possible, a good option for utilizing spring growth is to increase your stocking rate. This will allow you to harvest more of the available forage and convert it into a saleable product. This can be done by adding some stockers or thin cull cows to your rotation and then selling them when pasture growth slows. If you are in a fall calving system, you are better positioned to take advantage of spring forage growth since the calves will be larger.
- **Even out seasonal distribution of forage by adding a warm-season grass.** Adding a well-adapted warm-season grass that produces the majority of its growth in July and August would allow you to concentrate grazing on your cool-season paddocks during periods of rapid growth (spring flush). After cool-season grass growth is slowed by higher temperatures in late spring and early summer, animals can be shifted in the warm-season paddocks for summer grazing.
- **Bush-hog out of control pastures.** The benefits of clipping include maintaining pastures in a vegetative state, encouraging regrowth, and controlling weeds. Clipping pastures costs money, so make sure that the primary reason for bush-hogging is pasture management, not aesthetics.
- **Stockpile out of control pastures for summer grazing.** Although forage quality decreases as the plant matures, the quality of spring stockpiled pasture is sufficient for dry cows and in some cases can result in reasonable gains on growing animals during the summer months. This is especially true if using novel endophyte tall fescue and the pastures were clipped at the early boot stage to promote vegetative regrowth. This could be a cost-effective and simple way to provide additional grazing during the summer months.



The "grazing wedge" simply refers to having pasture subdivisions or paddocks at varying stages of regrowth from just grazed to ready to graze.

What works on your farm may not work on your neighbor's. One of the most important features to build into your grazing system is flexibility. This will allow you to adapt as conditions change!

# Savor the Flavor



## Building Flavor with Herbs

April 9, 2024 ~ 6:00 p.m.

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Call to rsvp (502) 255-7188

## Trimble Thimbles Sewing Group

Trimble County Extension Service

9:00 a.m. ~ 2nd & 4th Saturday of each month

(April dates: 4/13 & 4/27)

New or experienced all are welcome!



## Simply Sharing Group

### Field trip to Lanthier Winery

Wednesday, April 17, 2024 ~ 10:30 a.m.

Meet at Trimble County Extension Service

Lunch is on your own! Please rsvp to (502) 255-7188 by April 15, 2024

## Taste of Puerto Rico

May 22, 2024

11:00 a.m.

Trimble Extension Service

Presented by

**Carolina Robles,**

Jefferson County FCS Agent

Call to rsvp by 5/20

(502) 255-7188



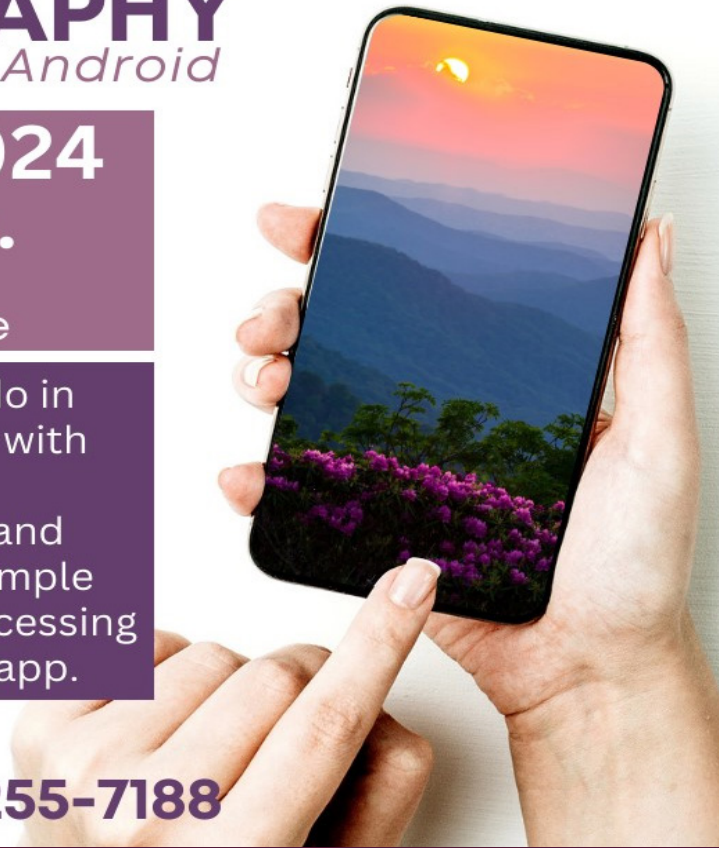
# SMARTPHONE PHOTOGRAPHY

*iPhone and Android*

**April 30, 2024**  
**6:00 p.m.**  
Trimble County  
Extension Service

Everything you need to do in photography you can do with your smartphone. Learn the basics of light and composition as well as simple on-your-phone post-processing using the free Snapseed app.

**Call to Register**  
**by 4/26 (502) 255-7188**



## Walking Kentucky Program

May 1 - July 1, 2024

Walking is a great physical activity and can be done anywhere, anytime. Walking Kentucky is a program for everyone interested in taking steps for a healthier lifestyle. Keep track of your activity per week with a goal of 150 minutes each week!

**All Ages are welcome!**

**We'll start you off with these "steps":**

- Participants will receive a weekly newsletter
- All physical activity types count as "steps."
- Register by April 24th online at: <https://tinyurl.com/TCwalkky>
  - call (502) 255-7188
  - scan qr code at right
  - or register in-person at the Trimble County Extension Service



**An incentive prize will be awarded to those turning in a completed activity log.**



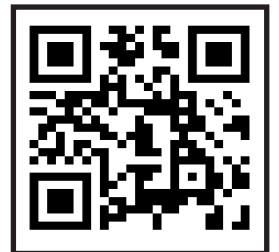
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