

Ohio County Farm & Home News

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KY WOODLAND OWNERS REGIONAL MEETING – AUG. 6TH



The KY Woodland Owners Association is hosting regionally focused meetings to provide woodland owners information which can help them manage their woodlands better. The KWOA is partnering with the Ohio County Extension Service, Ky Division of Forestry and U.K. Forestry & Natural Resources Extension to host this event.

The west regional meeting will be held Tuesday, August 6th at the Ohio Co. Extension Center, from 6:30 p.m. till 8:30 p.m. The meeting is free and open to anyone wanting to learn how to be a better steward of their woodlands.

Topics to be discussed include:

- What is the KWOA & What it does? (Ky Woodland Owners Association)
- Ky Division of Forestry will discuss forestry stewardship plans and controlled burns
- NRCS will discuss cost-share programs for woodland owners
- Information about the Woodland Owners Field Day in Hart Co. on August 10th

There will be plenty of time for answering any woodland questions you may have.

If you plan to attend, please contact the Ohio Co. Extension Office, at 270-298-7441 to register.

I hope you can join us for this program. It should be beneficial for established woodland owners or new woodland owners.

HOW TO CONTROL BLACK VULTURES ON YOUR FARM

As livestock producers, you are always looking to protect your livestock from black vulture attacks.

Even though black vultures are protected under the migratory bird guidelines, you can harass or scare the birds away from your livestock. The University of Missouri Black Vulture Project suggests the following scare tactics: Create loud noises. Use horns, starter pistols, shell crackers or propane cannons. Waving your arms, or banging pots and pans together, or driving near to them and beeping your horn have been effective. Agitate their roost. Some farmers spray water at a perch; others point lasers. Try animal control. Use a guard dog to frighten and chase away black vultures.

Use an effigy. This consists of placing either a dead black vulture or a vulture replica around livestock areas to scare away live vultures. Effigy use has been particularly effective in deterring black vultures.



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“Essentially, it is taking a dead black vulture and hanging it up on your pasture, from a tree branch or other highly visible object, upside down with the wings spread out,” says Dan McMurtry, North District supervisor and FAA Qualified Airport wildlife biologist with USDA’s Wildlife Services. “These work 24/7, while a farmer often cannot be with their livestock all day long.” They need to be seen from a distance as black vultures have better sight than smell. There are also other ways to procure black vulture replicas for your farm. Effigies can be ordered online through Amazon and Walmart, but it will cost you. One black vulture replica at:

- Amazon costs \$99, with an additional \$10 delivery fee.
- Walmart costs \$129, but shipping is free.

However, there are other options. If you need more than one black vulture effigy, consider constructing them. U.K. Extension created a video to explain the step-by-step process, including materials, tools and assembly:

<https://youtu.be/Sddf0VSZiis>

UK Extension also has a video of where to place the effigies around the farm:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=F9gE4QNezY>

KSU THIRD THURSDAY THING – AGROFORESTRY – AUG 15TH

Kentucky State University’s Third Thursday Thing will meet at the Harold R. Benson Research and Demonstration Farm on August 15th, from 10:00 - 2:00.

This year’s Agroforestry focus will present talks on several different agroforestry practices, such as alley cropping, forest farming and silvopasture. NRCS will speak about agroforestry opportunities under EQIP. The agroforestry team from KSU will talk about its current projects.

No registration is required and lunch is provided. The meeting center is located on the farm at 1525 Mills Lane, Frankfort.

KFGC FIELD DAY AT MAKER’S MARK FARM – AUGUST 13TH

The Kentucky Forage and Grassland Council and Marion County Extension Field Day will be held Tuesday, August 13 at Star Hill Farm from 4:30-7:45 p.m. ET in Loretto Kentucky.

Participants will see and learn about grazing warm season cover crops, rotational grazing, native warm

season grasses and pollinator production as well as sorghum production for syrup and silage. UK Extension Specialists, Maker’s Mark staff, and others will highlight forage production innovations at the farm at multiple tour stops.

Star Hill Farm is the home of Maker’s Mark Distillery. Star Hill consists of approximately 1200 acres near Loretto in Marion County Kentucky. Approximately 300 acres of the farm is utilized to grow wheat and barley for use in Maker’s Mark innovation products. Additionally, the farm is home to production of vegetables, fruit, lamb, Wagyu beef, sorghum, honey, mushrooms and truffles for use at the Distillery’s restaurant.

Makers Mark has a strong commitment to the environment and sustainability. An important part of this is practicing regenerative agriculture to improve and restore soil, as well as, capture carbon. The principles’ of regenerative agriculture includes utilization of no-till planting, planting cover crops on fields after harvest, and grazing the cover crops to cycle nutrients back into the soil. Star Hill Farm has been certified by “Regenified,” an international organization that conducts on-site audits to determine that an entity is meeting all of the standards for Regenerative Agriculture.



Come learn more about grazing strategies and regenerative agriculture! A meal will be provided for participants at the end of the field day at the restaurant. Field day cost is \$20 per person. Register for the Field Day on the link below:

<https://KFGCMakersMark.eventbrite.com>

Star Hill Farm at Maker’s Mark is located at: 3350 Burks Spring Road, Loretto, KY, 40037
For more information phone the Marion County extension office at 270-692-2421.

UPCOMING Events

- August 6 – Ky Woodland Owners Association - Regional Meeting; Ohio Co. Extension Center; 6:30 p.m.; Free and open to anyone interested!!
- August 9 – Ohio Co. Extension District Board Meeting; O.C. Extension Center; 8:00 a.m.
- August 13 – KFGC Field Day at Makers Mark; Star Hill Farm, Lorretta, KY; 4:30 p.m. till 7:30 p.m. ET
- August 15 – KSU Third Thursday Thing – Agroforestry; Harold R. Benson Research & Demonstration Farm, outside Frankfort; 10:00 a.m. till 2:00 p.m. ET
- August 29 - KATS Field Crop Pest Management & Spray Clinic; U.K. Research & Education Center
- October 16 – Heart of America Grazing Conference; Hardin Co. Extension Office, Elizabethtown