

McLean County Extension News

DECEMBER 2025

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4-H Contest!

It is once again time for the Annual Piggy Bank Design Contest! This contest is open to all programming areas and is designed to promote savings information. Eligible participants include all Kentucky students in grades K-12. Contest entries are due to the McLean County County Extension Office December 15, 2025. For more details, please see the attached flyer

Cookbook Sale!

With Christmas just around the corner, it's time to find the perfect gift for your loved ones! The McLean County Homemakers have gathered their favorite recipes into a fantastic cookbook. Available at the McLean County Extension Office for just \$10.00 each!

Stop by today to grab one—it's sure to be everyone's favorite gift!

Ag Dates!

Dec 2 - 6:00 Farm to Fork
Dec 4 - 8-12 Rotem Training
Dec 9 - 8-12 Choretronics Training
Dec 11 - 8-12 Young Farmer Academy
PLEASE RSVP 270-273-3690

FCS EVENTS!

The due date for Kentucky Extension Homemakers Association (KEHA) dues depends on your local club's deadline, which is encouraged to be no later than December 1st, with the final state deadline being December 15th, 2025, to avoid being delinquent. County dues should be paid to the area and state treasurers by December 15th, 2025.

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Disabilities
accommodated
with prior notification.

Ag News!

CHORETRONICS CONTROLLER TRAINING

IN PARTNERSHIP WITH FAR-MOR



DEC 9

8:00AM-12:00PM

MR. JIM ROSE

MEAL PROVIDED
LIMIT 30 PARTICIPANTS

McLEAN COUNTY EXTENSION OFFICE
335 WEST 7TH STREET, CALHOUN, KY 42327

RSVP: 270-273-3690

YOUNG FARMER'S ACADEMY

ALL ARE WELCOME



**Ben Hayden, McLean
County Ag Agent is hosting
and excited for this event.**

**DECEMBER 11
8:00 - NOON**

PLEASE RSVP BY CALLING
**THE MCLEAN COUNTY
EXTENSION
270-273-3690**



Presenters:

**Jeff Hagan, Waters Lab – “Managing Soils
for Profitability”**

**Ronan Cummins, Agronomy One –
“Innovative Tools for Success”**

**Kierston Wise, UK Plant Pathologist –
“Optimal Fungicide Applications”**

LUNCH WILL BE PROVIDED

McLean County Extension is an equal opportunity
organization.

ROTEM CONTROLLER TRAINING

IN PARTNERSHIP WITH: FAR-MOR &
DIVERSIFIED



**Dec. 4th
8:00-Noon**

**Presenter:
Randy Davis**



MEAL PROVIDED

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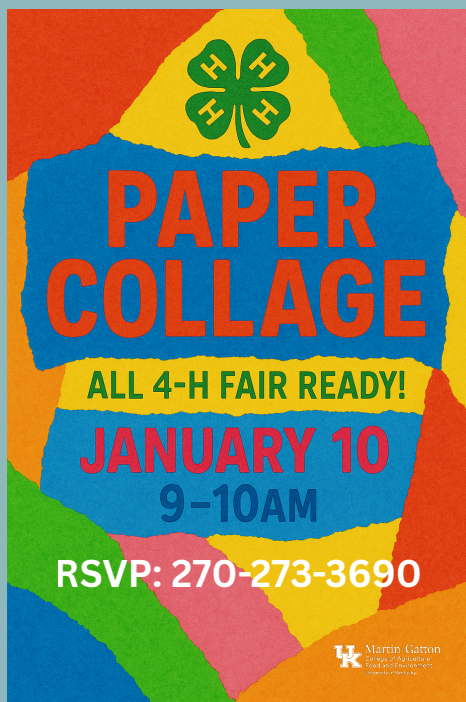
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Be Prepared!

Ben Hayden Ag Agent

As Mother Nature changes, field tasks are becoming complete and year-end summaries become a priority. Utilize cold, rainy days to tabulate accounting responsibilities. This year, I challenge you to be ahead of the ball and surprise your accountant by not waiting until the last minute to accomplish the dreaded tasks of summarizing income and expenses totals.

With tighter margins, possibly more December commodity contracts may need to be made to cover additional expenses. This can only be determined if accounting is completed timely.



**PAPER
COLLAGE**

ALL 4-H FAIR READY!

JANUARY 10
9-10AM

RSVP: 270-273-3690

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**WIRE
SCULPTURE**

ALL 4-H FAIR READY!

FEBRUARY 7
9-10AM



RSVP: 270-273-3690



**WOOD
WODWRING**

ALL 4-H FAIR READY!

MARCH 7
9-11AM



RSVP: 270-273-3690

4-H CAMP!



July 13th-17th 2026!

We are thrilled to share the camp dates with you! Camp offers an incredible opportunity for kids to have a fun filled week while also learning, making friends, and developing lifelong skills. We would greatly appreciate your feedback about the camp. Please scan the QR code to complete a brief form regarding your thoughts!



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KENTUCKY SAVES

2026 PIGGY BANK DESIGN CONTEST

MONEY SAVED IS A FUTURE EARNED

WHAT: The 2026 Piggy Bank Design Contest is a creative way for youth to learn the importance of saving money and reducing debt.

WHY: To creatively celebrate Kentucky Saves Week.



WHO: School students attending public, private, or home school located within the Commonwealth of Kentucky enrolled in kindergarten through twelfth grade.

WHEN: The contest begins on: **October 14, 2025**
and ends on: **December 15, 2025**

HOW: Participants submit an original piggy bank and entry form.

RECOGNITION: Winners will have their names, grades, counties, and winning piggy banks shared via social media. Winners also will receive a certificate.

Kentucky Saves Week:
April 6-10, 2026

Kentucky Saves:
[KentuckySaves.org](https://kysaves.org)

MoneyWi\$e:
<https://fcs.mgcafe.uky.edu/moneywise>

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MONEYWi\$E
VALUING PEOPLE. VALUING MONEY.

**Cooperative
Extension Service**

2026 Piggy Bank Design Contest Official Rules

ADMINISTRATOR: University of Kentucky, Family and Consumer Sciences Extension, c/o Kelly May, 112 Erikson Hall, Lexington, KY 40506. Email: kmay@uky.edu

CONTEST DESCRIPTION: Kentucky youth are asked to celebrate Kentucky Saves Week by using their creativity to make a piggy bank.

ELIGIBILITY: Contest is open only to school students attending public, private, or home school located within the Commonwealth of Kentucky enrolled in kindergarten through twelfth grade.

HOW TO ENTER: To enter the Contest, eligible youth ("Entrants") must:

1. Create an original piggy bank design as described under Contest Timing and Entry Requirements.
2. Submit Entry and Official Entry Form to Your Local County Cooperative Extension Office. Your County Extension Office Contact Information may be obtained at <http://extension.ca.uky.edu/county>. Entries must be delivered to the Cooperative Extension Office by: **December 15, 2025**
3. Winning Entries at the area level must be selected by February 9, 2026.

CONTEST TIMING:

Submit Entry by deadline. Must be submitted by: **December 15, 2025**
to your local county extension office. Each Entry must be accompanied by an official Entry Form.

One (1) Entry per person during the Contest period. In the event more than one (1) Entry is received from any one person, the first Entry processed will be considered the only valid Entry and subsequent Entries from the same person will be disqualified.

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS: Entries must meet the following requirements to be eligible for judging:

- a. The bank cannot exceed 12 inches X 12 inches X 12 inches (1 square foot).
- b. Piggy banks must be able to hold coins (i.e., include a slot that has been cut to insert coins).
- c. Piggy banks must be created or decorated by the youth contestant.
- d. Plastic or ceramic banks piggy banks may be used, but must be personally decorated.

- e. Piggy banks DO NOT have to be in the shape of a pig.
- f. You MAY use or repurpose other containers.
- g. Piggy banks must be submitted and judged through the local Cooperative Extension Office.

In addition, an Entry shall be void if it contains any material that sponsors or judges in their sole discretion deem patently offensive or inappropriate, such as, but not limited to, profanity. By submitting an Entry, the parent/legal guardian of the Entrant represents and warrants that the entire Entry is the original work of the Entrant, not previously submitted or distributed elsewhere for any other purpose. The parent/legal guardian of the Entrant further warrants that he/she has obtained the consent of any persons/parties portrayed in the Entry. Sponsors shall have the right to use/showcase the Entry in any manner, in any and all media, worldwide in perpetuity without further compensation or consent. Upon request of Sponsors, the parent/legal guardian of Entrant will provide a copy of any written consent as required above.

JUDGING CRITERIA/WINNER SELECTION

AND VERIFICATION: Entries will be judged within Extension Areas by a panel of judges coordinated by the Area piggy bank delegate. Each panel of judges will select one (1) winning Entry for a possible total of 12 winners statewide — 4 per Extension Region. The judges will review all Entries and select the winners based on the following criteria: originality, creativity, artistic design, and attractiveness. Judging of Entries and the determination of the winners will be completed by: **February**

Photos of the winning entry with a white background should be submitted to kmay@uky.edu along with the contest entry form by this date.

The winner's name, grade, county, and winning Entry may be shared via social media.

Any Entry, or portion of any Entry, which in the sole discretion of the judges (a) defames or infringes the right of privacy or publicity or other proprietary right of any person, living or deceased, or entity; and/or (b) is offensive, profane, obscene or not in keeping with the image of the Sponsors will be disqualified.



2026 Piggy Bank Design Contest Entry Form

Directions: Please complete entry form and submit with piggy bank entry. See Official Contest Rules for complete entry instructions.

Participant's Name: _____

County: _____ **Gender:** _____

Grade: _____ **School:** _____

Piggy Bank Name/Description: _____

Print Parent/Legal Guardian Name: _____

Signature: _____ **Date:** _____

Home Address: _____

City: _____ **County:** _____ **Zip:** _____

Email: _____

Parent Phone: _____

To be filled out by the Extension Agent accepting the entry:

County: _____ **Extension Area:** _____

Agent Name: _____ **Circle One:** FCS 4-H Other