



# College of Agriculture, Food and Environment



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*Monthly College Newsletter*

## Message from the dean



Welcome to the first issue of the college's e-newsletter. One of the things we heard during the development of the college's new strategic plan was the need for internal communication. With this monthly newsletter, we will highlight some of our faculty and staff who are in the news and share a spotlight on someone working in the college in teaching, research or extension. I also hope to share a few thoughts with you throughout the year. We are a vast and diverse college and we care a lot about Kentucky. We work hard. Students start their careers because of us. Families and communities gain strength because of us. We are collaborative and inclusive and we connect to the foundations of life. I hope this monthly newsletter provides you with a glimpse of some of the things our colleagues do to support our wonderful students and for Kentucky's farms, families and communities. For all of us associated with UK College of Agriculture, Food and Environment, I think you will agree: It Starts with Us.

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## News



Carrie Knott, UK grain crops extension specialist, talks with two farmers about the condition of their wheat.

## UK specialists team up to help farmers assess wheat freeze damage

When temperatures dropped below freezing in mid-March, colleagues from multiple departments knew wheat producers would need answers to help assess potential damage and to help them make appropriate management decisions. In less than a week, the group pulled together a program at the Research and Education Center that attracted more than 120 growers from Kentucky and four surrounding states with another 50 participants joining remotely. As one of the specialists noted: "it highlights what we can do in times of need." It just takes someone to start the process. It starts with us.

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## UK College of Agriculture, Food and Environment completes first comprehensive animal shelter study in more than 20 years

A study of Kentucky's animal shelters, by Cynthia Gaskill and Craig Carter with the UK Veterinary Diagnostic Laboratory, created some buzz when it was released and it continues to be featured in numerous media outlets.

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## Barren County Homemakers: serving soup to save lives

Kentucky's Extension Homemakers have raised more than \$1 million for ovarian cancer research at UK since the late 1970s. Spearheaded by the late Virginia McCandless, their work to raise money and awareness continues today. Here's a link to a recent story from the county where the idea first took shape. At the time, McCandless of Glasgow was the KEHA State Health Chairman.

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## UK students take to the sky to survey Ky. elk population

A group from one of John Cox's classes spent the day in the sky over Robinson Forest, surveying elk and whitetail deer in the region.

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## Spring is here so as you plant think about bee-friendly options

The Horticultural Research Institute released a new publication providing research-based tree and shrub recommendations for supporting bee health, titled "Plants Bees Like Best." This resource is the most recent addition to the ongoing pollinator-health tools provided by HRI. The plant lists were developed by CAFE's Bernadette M. Mach and Daniel A. Potter.

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## Spotlight



Krista Jacobsen, assistant professor in sustainable agriculture, talks about how diverse our programs really are, and how exciting it is to see the interest spread to students all over campus.

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## Calendar of Events

April 7

[First Friday: A Garden Grows Hope](#)

April 10-14

[UK BrAG Week](#)

**April 20**  
UK Field Day

**April 28**  
[Call to the Post Derby Bash](#)

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