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# MCCREARY COUNTY EXTENSION

AGRICULTURE & NATURAL RESOURCES NEWSLETTER



## Get More Animals to Call Your Woodland Home

Woodlands may already be home to birds, bats, snakes, salamanders, turkeys, white-tailed deer, and many other types of wildlife. But how can woodlands be improved to make them more attractive to wildlife?

In general, all wildlife need three basic things: food, cover, and water.

Woodlands provide various types of food for animals. Berries and fruits (referred to as 'soft' mast) and nuts and acorns ('hard' mast) are produced by numerous shrub and tree species. Thus, having a wide variety of these food producing plants in the canopy and understory of woodlands can attract a wide range of wildlife. Proper timber management and wildlife management usually go hand in hand. Consider thinning young stands with an emphasis on enhancing the dominance of a variety of mast-producing species in the main canopy. Thinning also opens the canopy allowing light to reach the forest floor. This light will allow for the development of more abundant cover and food in the understory.

'Cover' refers to any type of habitat that an animal considers their temporary or permanent home. Salamanders need streams, golden-winged warblers need open shrubby areas, frogs need ponds, and white-tailed deer can

## SUMMER SAUSAGE WORKSHOP

Learn how to make your own  
summer sausage at home!



Nov 7th, 5pm EST @  
McCreary County Extension  
Class fee: \$15

\*All supplies provided. Each participant  
receives 2-3 rolls of summer sausage after  
fermentation & smoking.

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thrive in varying types of habitats. To attract a wide variety of animals to a woodlands, a wide variety of cover is required. If a specific animal is desired, increase that species' specific habitat.

Whether it is vital for survival (fish) or necessary for drinking (deer), water is an important factor when attracting wildlife.

Constructing a large pond or lake could attract a huge amount of wildlife, but they're expensive to construct and may fall under government regulations particularly where wetlands are concerned. Constructing a small, shallow pond, one that only holds water in spring, can be valuable breeding habitat for numerous amphibians.

Woodlands are already a great place for wildlife to live. Small woodland owners should review what habitats are present in their woodlands and compare them to their neighbors. By focusing on improving access to food, cover, or water, landowner's can attract even more of their favorite birds, frogs, bats, deer, or any other animals.

-Christopher Reeves, UK Forestry

Contact Tracie Goodman, McCreary County Agriculture & Natural Resources Extension Agent, for more information.



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## UPCOMING EVENTS MCCREARY CO. EXTENSION

Get Healthy McCreary Hiking  
Three Forks of Beaver  
*Oct 30th, 10am*

Summer Sausage Workshop  
*Nov 7th, 5pm*

Country Ham Show & Sale  
*Nov 6th-8th*

McCreary Co. Fun-Makers  
*Nov 12th, 4pm*

Forage Testing & Supplementation  
Burkmann Nutrition  
McCreary Cattlemen's Association  
*Nov 12th, 6pm*

*McCreary County Extension will be closed Nov 5th for Election Day, and Nov 28th & 29th in observance of the Thanksgiving holiday.*

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more info

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## October Garden Notes

*Most late season crops will be finishing up in October.*

*As crops are harvested, remove the leftover plants and add to the compost pile or dispose of them.*

*Continue to think about planting a cover crop, such as rye, winter wheat, oats, vetch, or clover; though it will be less helpful the longer you wait to sow.*

*If you planted turnips last month, they will continue to grow. Harvest them as the roots get to a size for eating or leave some in the garden. They will continue to grow into the winter and can be harvested anytime.*



Check out [planeatmove.com](http://planeatmove.com) for garden info & seasonal recipes!



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## LAKE CUMBERLAND AREA CATTLE SCHOOLS

McCreary, Pulaski, Casey, and Russell counties recently hosted a series of schools focusing on chute-side pregnancy testing and breeding through artificial insemination.

Thank you Lake Cumberland Livestock Market and R&S Farms for hosting.

For pregnancy testing supplies or information, contact Tracie Goodman at McCreary County Extension.



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