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Spring Weather Can Bring Heavy Rain and Risk of Flooding



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As we head deeper into spring, we wanted to talk to you about something that's on our minds this time of year: flash flooding. Now, we know Kentuckians are no strangers to heavy rain and overflowing creeks, but it's important to be prepared for the worst.

So, what can you do to stay safe during a flash flood? Here are a few tips to keep in mind:

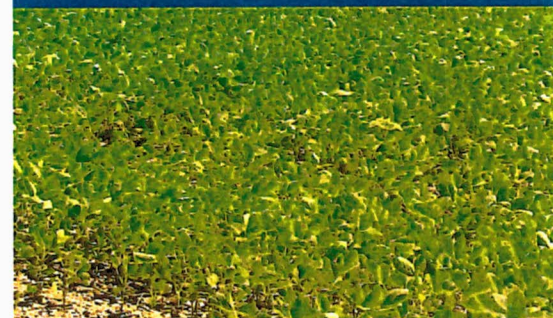
1. Keep your eyes and ears open: Listen for weather reports and stay alert for any signs of flooding in your area. If you see water starting to rise, don't wait until it's too late to take action.
2. Have a plan in place: Talk to your family about what you would do in case of a flood. Make sure everyone knows how to get to high ground and where to meet up if you get separated.
3. Don't take any chances: Never try to drive or walk through flooded areas. The water might look shallow, but it could be a lot deeper and faster than you realize. It only takes 12 inches of water to cause your vehicle to lose traction, and only 6 inches of water to sweep you off your feet.

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4. Get your homestead ready: If you live in a flood-prone area, make sure you have sandbags or other barriers on hand to protect your home. Keep your gutters clean and your downspouts pointed away from your house.

5. Stay safe during the flood: If a flood does happen, get to higher ground as quickly as possible. And if you have to wade through water, be sure to wear rubber boots and stay away from downed power lines.

But there's one more thing you can do to help keep your community safe during floods: report rainfall measurements to the National Weather Service. Measuring and reporting rainfall can help the Weather Service better predict and prepare for flash floods.

Here's how to do it:

1. Get a rain gauge: You can buy a rain gauge at a hardware store or online. Make sure it's placed in an open area away from trees or buildings. You can obtain a high-quality rain gauge by becoming an observer with a nationwide network known as the Community Collaborative Rain, Hail, and Snow Network (CoCoRaHS). Learn more at cocorahs.org or call your local National Weather Service (NWS) office.

2. Measure rainfall: After a rainfall event, go outside and check the gauge. Write down the amount of rainfall in inches, to the nearest hundredth of an inch. Don't forget to dump your gauge so it's ready for the next event!

3. Report the measurement: You can report the rainfall measurement to the NWS by calling your local weather office or by visiting their website. Be sure to include your name, location, and the amount of rainfall you measured, as well as the period for which you measured the rain.

Reporting rainfall is a simple and important way to help your community stay safe during floods. We hope you'll consider doing your part to keep everyone informed.

**3 SIMPLE STEPS FOR
FLASH FLOOD SAFETY**


During a flood, water levels and the rate at which the water is flowing can quickly change. Remain aware and monitor local radio and television.

1 GET TO HIGHER GROUND
Get out of the areas subject to Flooding

2 DO NOT DRIVE INTO WATER
Do NOT drive or walk into flooded areas. It only takes 6" of water to knock you off your feet.

3 STAY INFORMED
Monitor local radar, television, weather radio, internet or social media for updates.

WHEN FLOODED
TURN AROUND
DON'T
DROWN

 weather.gov/flood

Dates to Know

May

4th- Hatching Waterfowl Eggs in a Home Incubator Webinar

<https://connect.extension.org/event/hatching-waterfowl-eggs-in-a-home-incubator>

6th- 149th Kentucky Derby

9th- University of Kentucky Wheat Field Day

14th- Mother's Day!

14th-19th - 2023 International Grassland Congress at Northern Kentucky Convention Center in Covington KY.

18th- Kentucky Agricultural Training School: Crop Scouting Clinic

18th- Kentucky State University Third Thursday Thing: Aquaculture

24th- Kentucky State University Beef Cattle Workshop at Bluegrass Stockyards, Lexington at 6:00 pm.

29th- Memorial Day! The Extension Office is closed.

June

3rd- Kentucky Sheep & Wool Producers Field Day at Winding Creek Farms
801 Muse Hollow Road, Tompkinsville, KY 42167.

7th-8th- KATS Drone Pilot Certification Prep Course

29th- Pest Management Field Day (Grain Crops IPM) at UKREC (Princeton)

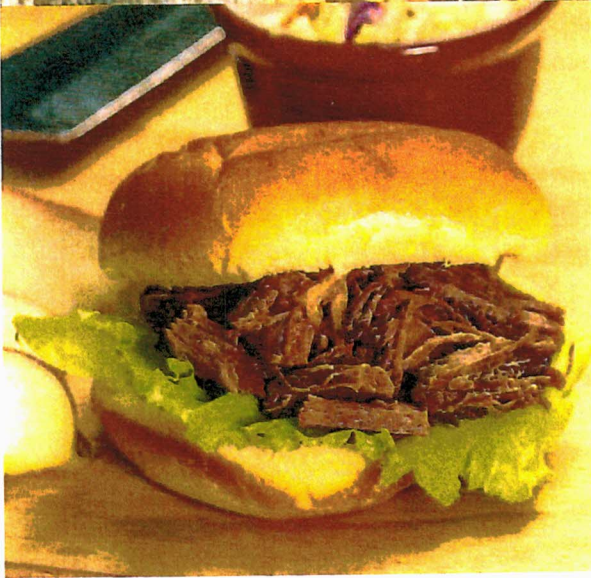
Announcements

Newsletter Update

Due to repeated issues with USPS, we are migrating to an e-newsletter. You will be receiving your monthly newsletter via email. Paper copies of the Newsletter will still be available. By migrating to an e-newsletter it allows more information to be shared and can be received more timely. Please call the office at (859)236-4484 to update your information. You can also sign up for the e-newsletter by scanning the QR Code on page 4.

Recipe

Slow Cooker BBQ Turkey Legs



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- 2 wild turkey legs with thighs
- 4 teaspoon ground pepper
- ½ cup ketchup
- 1 8-ounce can no-salt-added tomato sauce
- ½ cup water
- ¼ cup brown sugar
- 2 tablespoons prepared yellow mustard
- 3 tablespoons vinegar
- 2 teaspoons paprika

1. Wash hands with warm water and soap, scrubbing for at least 20 seconds, especially after handling raw meat.
2. Season turkey meat with pepper and place in 6-quart slow cooker.
3. To make sauce, combine the remaining ingredients and stir well.
4. Pour sauce over turkey.
5. Cook, covered, in slow cooker on low for 7 hours, or until meat is tender and falls off the bone or has reached an internal temperature of 165 degrees F.

Yield: 6 servings
Serving Size: 6 ounces of meat

Nutrition facts per serving:
370 calories; 4.5g total fat; 1g saturated fat; 0g trans fat; 170mg cholesterol; 470mg sodium; 12g total carbohydrate; 1g dietary fiber; 9g sugars; 7g added sugars; 72g protein; 0% Daily Value of vitamin D; 4% Daily Value of calcium; 15% Daily Value of iron; 15% Daily Value of potassium.

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Soil Testing

Just a reminder Boyle County Extension Office offers **FREE** soil testing to anyone in the county up to 40 samples per person per year. For soil sample bags or more information call the Boyle County Extension Office at (859)236-4484.

Dead Animal Removal

The Boyle County Conservation District and the Boyle County Fiscal Court sponsors the removal of deceased animals in Boyle County. If you have a deceased animal **call (859) 238-1137**, Monday through Friday from 8:00 am to 4:30 pm. The deceased animal needs to be in an accessible area for pick up.

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