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Kentucky's been pretty dry the past few weeks. gin. September and October months. Even if we get a heavy rainfall in the near future, it won't completely alleviate drought symptoms.

Seven ways to help a drought-stressed lawn According to UK Turf excessively dry lawns diseases, remove dew and and can damage droughtdeveloped some water re- loss. pellency that prevents water from soaking in during have the earliest brown- rain before applying nia quick, hard rain event.

you can do to help your reseed your lawn.

1. Water every other til good, soaking rains be- yard until you can water

are usually our driest thirds of an inch of water are still growing and flowwith a knife or screwdriver then mow off the weeds. to determine if the soil is wet 2 to 3 inches deep.

Leave your lawn messy

4. Water areas that Here are some things on southern or western fall. Nitrogen can greatly thirsty grass and hopefully heavy clay soils, very com-recovery. avoid having to completely pacted soil or rocks near the surface.

day or every third day un- mow a drought-stricken Cooperative Extension it or you know a soaking 2. Apply about two- rain is on the way. Weeds each time. You can check ering during summer this by probing the soil droughts. Wait for the rain,

> 6. Don't apply herbicides during a summer

3. Water in the early drought. They won't work specialist Gregg Munshaw, morning to help reduce when weeds are suffering means the soil surface has reduce evaporative water stressed grass more than weeds.

> 7. Wait for a soaking ing first. These are often trogen to the lawn in the facing slopes or areas with improve a lawn's drought

For more information on caring for your lawn, 5. If possible, don't contact the Estill County Service at 723-4557.

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HERE IS A PLEASANT LITTLE GAME that will give you a message every day. It's a numerical puzzle designed to spell out your fortune. Count the letters in your first name. If the number of letters is 6 or more, subtract 4. If the number is less than 6, add 3. The result is your key number. Start at the upper left-hand corner and check one of your key numbers, left to right. Then read the message the letters under the checked figures give you.

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CryptoQuip

This is a simple substitution cipher in which each letter used stands for another. If you think that X equals O, it will equal O throughout the puzzle. Solution is accomplished by trial and error.

Clue: H equals S

Z FEDM R KYI MND'H

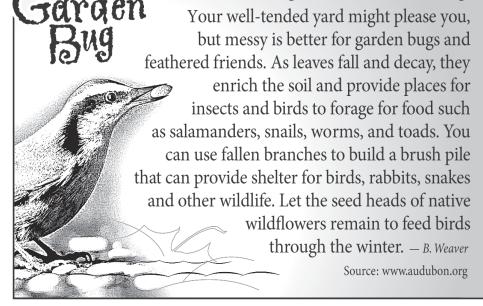
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UK Beef Bash is Sept. 26th

Beef Bash 2019, a unique field day for Kentucky beef cattle producers, will take place September 26 at the University of Kentucky's C. Oran Little Research Farm in Versailles. UK College of Agriculture, Food and Environment, the Kentucky Beef Integrated Resource Management Program, and the Kentucky Cattlemen's Association will host the event. Since 2008, the bash has been at the UK Research and Education Center in Princeton, but organizers wanted to reach more producers. Going forward, Beef Bash will annually rotate between the Western and Central Kentucky locations. "Research and outreach efforts such as Beef Bash are an important means of providing up-to-date information to cattle producers," said Benjamin Crites, UK Beef IRM program coordinator. "This is Kentucky's premier beef field day, and wewill have something for all producers, from those just starting out to those who've been in the industry for decades." Participants will have a chance to see all the beef research facilities at the UK farm and eniov an interactive, lightly structured, come-and-go field day. Hands-on activities, demonstrations and educational exhibits will be scattered around the beef research unit. A large tent will house commercial exhib-

its and serve as a focal point for activities. Research and extension specialists, extension agents and industry representatives will be on hand to answer auestions.

"This field day is a great opportunity to learn more about current issues and to talk with fellow beef cattle producers," Crites said. "We will have various howto demonstrations related to extending the grazing season, evaluating cattle feet/leg structure, utilizing co-product feeds, mineral interactions, composting management and infrastructure design. We'll spend more time doing than talking."

Registration begins at 8:30 a.m. EDT, and programs and tours start at 9 a.m. No preregistration is required, and lunch will be available for purchase. The bash concludes at 3 p.m.

Cindv Brook **Brown Thrasher Facts** • Same family as catbirds and mockingbirds. • Love to sing. They have a repertoire of more than 1,000

songs. • While more of ground feeder, thrashers will come to a tray feeder for sunflower heart chips and nuts.

• Males and females will incubate eggs and feed their young.

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Rinse & Return Program is Sept. 30th

The Rinse and Return Plastic Pesticide Container Recycling Program will be offered once again in Estill County this fall. This Kentucky Department of Agriculture program collects triple-rinsed, plastic pesticide containers for recycling. All farmers are encouraged to participate. Please remember, pesticide containers must be triple-rinsed, label packets removed, and no lids should be present. All containers received will be inspected.

The 2019 Rinse and Return collection date is Monday, September 30th, 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. at the Estill County Extension Office, 76 Golden Court (off Stacy Lane) in Irvine. For more information, call 723-4557.





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