

Sweet potatoes need 150 days

This southern crop is tropical by nature but can be grown successfully in Kentuckiana as long as we wait until it is warm (nighttime temperatures in the 60's). If they have 150 frost-free days and some steamy Ohio Valley weather, we will be knee deep in sweet potatoes by Thanksgiving. Homegrown sweet potatoes are far superior to anything you will find at the grocery store, so if you love this crop as much as I do you might consider planting a plot.



JENEEN WICHE

Sweet potatoes require very little attention-other than keeping the weed competition down. It takes me about 10 minutes to prep the row with some composted manure and a garden fork; and another 10 minutes to pop two dozen slips into the ground...they are watered in with a little fish emulsion and generally perk back up the following day; if it is hot, I will shade

them with a screen propped up on some blocks until they root out.

Ideally the bed should be a little on the sandy side so that drainage is maximized but average garden soil amended with composted manure is adequate. Unlike the potato, which is planted out in tuber form, the sweet potato is planted out as a little seedling called a slip. You can grow your own slips by cutting a sweet potato into several chunks, suspending them on toothpicks in a bowl and covering half the tuber with water; sprouts will form, and these are "harvested" as your slips for planting.

Plant your slips in mounds about 12 inches apart; sink the slip so that the top leaves are just sticking above the soil surface. Water in (and irrigate, when necessary, sweet potatoes will really plump up with adequate moisture) and wait. Many sweet potato growers

suggest fertilizing only a portion of your plants so you can be the judge: the general consensus is that unfertilized sweet potatoes taste better. Let your compost do the work instead!

Sweet potatoes are harvested after the first fall frost turns the foliage black. Carefully dig your sweet potatoes with a garden fork and let them dry in the sun for a couple of hours and then transfer them to a warm, shaded, well-ventilated area and spread them out on some screens or newspaper. Let them cure in the warm shade for another 2 weeks, dirt and all, before you put them in storage. Prior to storage use your hands to rub off residual dirt but do not wash them.

You can harvest "baby bakers" as they grow but the sweetness of the potato is enhanced if you wait until after frost and several weeks of curing. This process allows the starches to turn to sugar. I noticed last year it took about a month in storage before the sweetness really came forward.

Properly cured sweet potatoes can store for 6 months or more at about 50 degrees. Obviously our slightly warmer basement is adequate because we typically get up to 7 months of successful storage. Some old-time sweet potato growers are emphatic about not disturbing your sweet potatoes until you are ready to eat them. This is why, they say, homegrown sweet potatoes are better than store-bought. Store-bought sweet potatoes are on the move which causes the sugars to constantly move through the tuber hastening undetectable spoilage; the homegrown variety sits quietly in the basement which allows the sugars to settle to the bottom, keeping the tuber fresher and sweeter.

If you decide to grow sweet potatoes annually then be sure to rotate the crop to control potential insect problems. There are few pests, really, but if you plant in the same place year after year the sweet potato weevil may find itself a permanent home.



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SAT., MAY 17th - 10am



LOCATION: 166 Castleton Dr., Bardstown, KY
REASON FOR SALE: In order to settle, The Anthony and Judy Mattingly Estate, Stacey Kelty and Jewell Bryan have commissioned Bray Auction Services, LLC of Bardstown, to sell the following described personal property at absolute auction.

Furniture: (1) Dining Table with 6 Upholstered Chairs, (1) Dining Table with 6 Chairs, (1) Dining Table with 4 Chairs, (2) China Cabinets, {1} Buffet Cabinet, (1) Drop Leaf Tea Cart, (1) Bar Tap Table, (4) End Tables, (2) Grandfather Clocks, (3) Electric Fireplaces with Mantles, (2) Cabinets, (5) Curio Cabinets, (1) Corner Cabinet, (3) Entertainment Centers, (4) Entry Tables, (3) Coffee Tables, (6) Wood Bed Frames, (6) Bedside Tables, (1) Adjustable Bedside Table, (1) Wardrobe, (3) Chest of Drawers, (4) Dressers, (4) Dressers with Mirrors, (1) Vanity Makeup Table & Chair, (2) Secretaries, (2) Wooden Roll-top Desk, (1) Wooden Desk with Hutch, (2) Large Wooden Desk, (1) Small Desk, (1) Metal Desk, (1) Cube-shelf for Desk, (2) Office Chairs, (1) Sofa Sleeper, (1) Loveseat, (1) Regular Couch, (1) Sectional Couch, (2) Recliners, (1) Wingback Chair, (2) Glider Rocker Chairs, (1) Upholstered Chair, (1) Upholstered Bench, (1) Chest, (1) Burlap Storage Trunk, (1) Metal Corner Shelf, (1) Cube Organizer Cabinet, (1) Wire Drawer Organizer, (1) Outdoor Cast Metal Table and 2 Chairs, (2) Outdoor Wicker Loveseats, (2) Outdoor Wicker Chairs, (1) Outdoor Wicker Small Table, (1) Outdoor Wrought Iron Lounge Chair, (2) Outdoor Wrought Iron Chairs, & (1) Outdoor Storage Box. **Appliances:** (1) Speed Queen Washer, (1) Speed Queen Gas Dryers, (1) Maytag Gas Dryer, (1) Stacked Washer & Dryer, Sewing Machines, Dehumidifier, Humidifier, Robot Pool Cleaner, (2) Robot Vacuums, & Carpet Shampooer.

Electronics & Collectibles: Jukebox, Lots of records, Elvis Collectors Plate, 1996 Kentucky Makers Mark, 2003 100 Year Anniversary Makers Mark, Crown Royal Special Additions, Bushnell Telescope, Lots of Monitor Screens, Sony PlayStation 1, VHS & DVD Player, CD Multi Disc Changer, Soundbar, Rock Bluetooth Speakers, DVDs, Books, Encyclopedia, John Wayne Decanter, Pope Decanter, Kentucky Wildcat Decanter, Lots of Porcelain Dolls, & Pictures. **Kitchen Appliances & Ware:** Portable Ice Maker, Mini Fridge, Coolers, Electric Wine Cooler, Bunn Coffee Makers, Ninja Blender, Blenders, Buffet Servers, Triple Pot Slow Cooker, Ice Cream Maker, Slow Cooker, Toaster, Crock Pots, Electric Skillet, Roaster Oven, Lunchboxes, Bladeless Fan, Serving Bowls, Serving Boards, Double Cast Iron Burner, Pancake Maker, Pressure Cookers, Silver Coffee & Tea Set, Cast iron Skillets, China Sets, Glassware, Cookware, Bakeware, Plates, Bowls, Coffee Cups, Canisters, Cookie Jars, & Canning Jars. **Lawn Maintenance & Tools:** MTD Pro 22560 60in. Cut Lawn Mower w/ 668.6hrs, Push Mower, Weedeaters, Leaf Blower, Seeders, Yard Tools, Wheelbarrows, Tow Cart, Shovels, Post Hole Diggers, Shop Brooms, Gardening Supplies, Troy-Bilt 2800 PSI Pressure Washer, Commercial Pressure Washer, (2) Electric Pressure Washers, Poulan Chainsaw, Ladders, Dolly, Concrete Tools & Floats, Multiple Bottle Jacks, Makita Battery Tools, Extension Cords, Carpentry Tools, Lots of Hand Tools, Portable Work Lamps, & Garage items too numerous to mention. **Misc:** Frames, Mirrors, Lamps, Oil Lamps, Clocks, (2) Vintage Wash Basin & Pitcher, Holiday Decor, Lots of Figurines, Artificial Flowers, Misc Pottery, Vases, Metal Train, Metal Car, Purses, Exercise Abdominal Machine, Exercise Air Bike, Salon Carts, Rolling Stools, Rolling Walker, Ironing Boards, Pet Groomer Table, Metal Chairs, Vintage Medical Scale, Cash Boxes, Lockboxes, Pool Floats, Wicker Trash Bin, Luggage, Commercial Mop Bucket, Central Vacuum System Power Unit, Fireplace Tool Set, Kerosene Heater, Space Heaters, Little Tikes Cozy Coupe, Bird Cage, Dog Pen, Angel Statues, Jesus Statue, Baby High Chair, Water Hoses, Grills, Camping Grill, Patio Umbrella Stands, Kids Foldable Picnic Table, Flower Pots, Electric Motor Scooters, 12V Batteries, Outdoor Chairs, Boat Anchor, Meter Base & Service Box, & many more household items.

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Late-season management tips for winter wheat

May is the prime time to scout and take action for wheat for diseases, insects and weeds.

While approximately 10,000 acres of wheat that were underwater for several days in April are lost, most farmers across Kentucky have reported only a small portion of their wheat fields were impacted. Further good news is that the condition of Kentucky's surviving wheat crop has improved, according to the May 5 USDA-NASS Crop Progress and Condition report.



CHELSEA SAPP

By May, wheat is typically flowering and developing seeds. This grain-filling period is critical for producing high yields because kernel size and weight are determined during this stage. Yields will be reduced by any stress (high temperatures, low soil moisture, nutrient deficiencies and pests) occurring during grain fill. Even though we have little control over weather scenarios, decisions can be made to address pest stressors.

Pre-harvest Weed Control

After wheat has headed, watch for emerging warm-season weeds. A preharvest treatment after the hard-dough stage, where the crop has 30% or less grain moisture, may be needed to control weeds and improve harvesting wheat efficiency, especially where wheat stands are poor and weed infestations are heavy. However, research has shown preharvest treatments are not effective in preventing the production of viable seed of winter annuals weeds such as Italian ryegrass.

Glyphosate and specific formulations of 2,4-D are examples of herbicides registered for preharvest weed control in wheat and should be applied as a weed control tactic and not as a harvest aid to reduce wheat grain moisture. Preharvest applications of glyphosate or 2,4-D require a 7-to-14-day preharvest interval. Preharvest treatments can also injure wheat or reduce seed germination or seedling vigor and are not recommended for wheat grown for seed production.

Late Season Insect

Pests
Scouting for insect pests, such as aphids, armyworms, and the cereal leaf beetle, should continue through May. Early detection, correct identification, and assessment of pest problems allow appropriate management decisions to be made. Regular field monitoring is the best means of getting the information needed to follow the recommended treatment guidelines.

Late-season disease
The risk of Fusarium head blight (FHB) has increased due to rains and generally cloudy weather that occurred in early May. According to the FHB risk map (www.wheatcab.psu.edu), large differences in risk can be observed for susceptible varieties compared to moderately resistant varieties. In May, wheat is generally beyond the time where a fungicide application can be made several days past early anthesis, except for a few exceptions with later-maturing wheat varieties. It will be important to start monitoring for symptoms of FHB in wheat fields over the coming weeks to determine if adjustments to combine fan speeds

should be made, which can help blow out the lightweight "tombstone" kernels, which may have the highest levels of vomitoxin.

Other diseases that have been observed this year include Stagonospora and Septoria leaf blotch, leaf rust, and symptoms that resemble viral diseases. Other diseases that may be present include powdery mildew, glume blotch, black chaff, bacterial leaf streak, and stripe rust.

In general, management of important wheat diseases includes an integrated approach such as planting the most disease-resistant varieties available and applying an effective fungicide at the appropriate wheat growth stage if warranted from disease risk and/or scouting observations.

Additional recommendations on managing late-season wheat and preparing equipment for harvest can be found at <https://grain-crops.ca.uky.edu> or contact your local Marion County Extension office for more information.

Source: Chad Lee, Grain and Forage Center of Excellence director

Slone named to Dean's List for Spring 2025

WILLIAMSBURG -- In recognition of academic performance, the Office of Academic Affairs at University of the Cumberlands has announced that Leah Slone of Gravel Switch, Kentucky, has been named to the Dean's List for the spring 2025 semester.

To be eligible for the Dean's List, students must be enrolled in at least 12 credit hours (a full course load), maintain a minimum cumulative GPA of 3.50 for the semester, and be in good academic standing.

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11TH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
MARION CIRCUIT COURT
DIVISION II
CASE NO. 25-CI-00024

KENTUCKY HOUSING CORPORATION PLAINTIFF

v. **NOTICE OF MASTER COMMISSIONER'S SALE**

KATELYN STUMPH A/K/A KATELYN MARIE STUMPH DEFENDANT

In order to comply with the In Rem Judgment and Order of Sale entered on April 28, 2025, in the Marion County Circuit Court, Division II, Case No. 25-CI-00024, I will sell at public outcry to the highest bidder at the Marion County Judicial Center, 121 N. Spalding Avenue, Lebanon, Kentucky, on Friday, May 23, 2025 at 10:30 a.m., the hereinafter described property, according to the following terms and conditions to raise \$142,069.55 for the plaintiff plus interest, charges, costs and attorney fees.

Property Address: 346 Lake Avenue, Lebanon, KY 40033
Parcel No. LE-02-02-09

LEGAL DESCRIPTION
A certain parcel of land located on the west side of Lake Avenue in Lebanon, Marion County, Kentucky, and beginning at a stake in the right of way line of said Lake Avenue corner to a lot owned by Goldie Lanham, thence in a western direction with the line of said lot a distance of 110 feet, more or less, to a point in the line of said Leona Mills; thence in a southern direction with the line of said lot a distance of 81 feet, more or less, to a point in her line and corner to Richard Thomas, thence with the line of Richard Thomas, in an eastern direction a distance of 110 feet, more or less, to a point of the right of way line of Lake Avenue thence with the right of way line of Lake Ave., in a Northern direction of 81 feet, more or less, to the point of beginning.

Being the same property conveyed to Katelyn Stumph, unmarried, by Deed dated April 14, 2023, and recorded in Deed Book 356, Page 527, in the Office of the Clerk of Marion County, Kentucky.

At the time of the sale the successful bidder shall either pay full cash or make a deposit of 10% of the purchase price with the balance on credit for 30 days. If the purchase price is not paid in full, the successful bidder shall execute a bond at the time of the sale with sufficient surety approved by the master commissioner prior to the sale to secure the unpaid balance of the purchase price. The bond shall bear interest at the rate of 6.75% per annum from the date of sale until paid, and shall have the force and effect of a judgment. In the event the successful bidder is the plaintiff, then in lieu of the deposit the plaintiff shall be allowed to bid on credit up to the judgment amount. The successful bidder is responsible for all real property and unpaid ad valorem taxes assessed for the current year and all subsequent years. This property sales "as is" "where is" with no warranty of title.

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MARION CIRCUIT COURT
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