

# AG UPDATE

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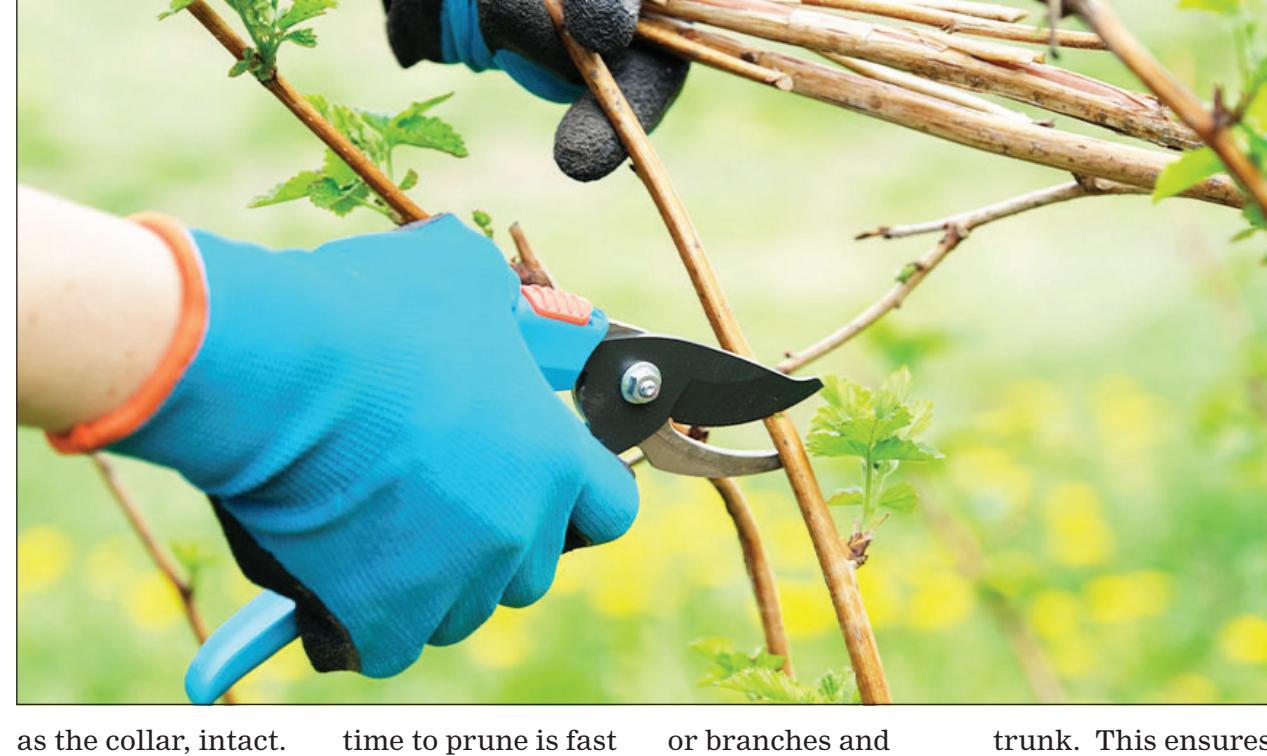
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As spring approaches, many homeowners begin to think about their yard's landscape. The winter months can be damaging to trees and shrubs. To ensure healthy spring plants, homeowners may want to prune the trees and shrubs around their home. But do not just prune for the sake of pruning, make sure you have a valid reason for pruning before you begin.

Pruning during the late winter months allows for the removal of damage caused by winter winds and precipitation. The wounds caused by pruning heal most quickly this time of year just as new growth is emerging on the plant.

Pruning also allows removal of diseased, crowded or hazardous branches. When pruning trees, the size of the tree does not need to be reduced too much in one season. Limit the pruning amount to one-fourth of the tree's volume. Start by thinning out branches by cutting them off close to the tree's trunk or a large limb.

Leave the base of the branch, known



as the collar, intact. Cutting the collar will prevent the plant from growing over the wound caused from pruning. Pruning in this manner allows for a healthy tree that is more open to sunlight and air movement. If the branch is cut back only part way, there will likely be a crowded regrowth of new branches where the cut was made. Do not seal or paint the wounds resulting from pruning because this will only delay the tree's healing process.

With spring-flowering shrubs, rejuvenation pruning may be needed, and the

time to prune is fast approaching. The best time to prune these plants is right after they have flowered. If the shrub is pruned before it blooms, the buds have been removed before their flowers were enjoyed. When pruning is done after blooming, the flowers will have been enjoyed, and the plant can recover, grow and produce more buds for flowers next spring.

Rejuvenation pruning removes one-third of the shrub's oldest growth. This pruning entails selecting the thickest, darkest and unhealthiest stems

or branches and cutting them back.

trunk. This ensures that only the young-



Stems should be cut back to soil level and branches to the point of intersection with the shrub's main

est, most productive wood (that which produces the most/best flowers) remains a part of the

shrub. Shrubs that will bloom during the summer months can also be pruned during the early spring.

Pruning is not limited to a certain time of year. Homeowners can prune at any time if they notice branches and limbs that are damaged either from weather, disease or insects. Pruning is invigorating for the plants in a home landscape so one should not necessarily think of pruning as a means of size control. If you have a plant that has grown out-of-bounds, pruning may not be the answer –

you may need to consider replacing the plant with one that will reach a smaller size at maturity.

## FARM MACHINERY AUCTION

Saturday, February 21st, 2026 @ 10:00 AM

901 State Hwy 1181 • Bardwell, KY 42023

Warren & Diane Dunn Retirement Auction



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#### • TRACTORS

1998 John Deere 8300 Tractor: Rear Tires: Michelin 480/80R46 Duals • Front Tires: Firestone 420/90R30 • Features: Quick Hitch, (10) Front Weights • Ag Leader Auto Steer • SN# RW8300P022752 • Hours: 8,863

2012 Challenger MT655D Tractor: Model: MT655D • Type: K30G22KR313K • SN# B319045 • Hours: 4,852

• Monitor: Ag Leader Integra • Hydraulics: 4 Remotes • Add'l Equipment: Front Weights Included

Challenger MT675D Tractor: Model: MT675D • SN# Z08J0964 • Rear Tires: Goodyear 480/80R50 Duals • Front Tires: 420/85R34 • Guidance: Ag Leader Guidance • Weights: (12) Front Weights • Hours: 5,658

#### • HARVESTING EQUIPMENT

2011 Case IH 8120 Axial-Flow Combine: Drive: 2-Speed, 4WD • Monitor: Pro 700 • Front Tires: Dual 20.8R42 • Rear Tires: 28L26R • SN# YBG211038 • Engine Hours: 4,784 • Separator Hours: 3,457

2010 Drago 12-Row Corn Head: Rows: 12 • Row Spacing: 20" • Model: S12 • Compatibility: Case IH Flagship • SN# NMAT272410

2010 Case IH / MacDon 2162 Header: Width: 35 ft • SN# 2033965

#### • PLANTING EQUIPMENT

Case IH 1200 Pivot Planter: Rows: 24 • Row Spacing: 20" • Type: Pivot Planter • SN# CBJ036594

#### • APPLICATION & FERTILIZER EQUIPMENT

2008 John Deere 4730 Self-Propelled Sprayer: Hours: 4,261 • Tires: 90/90R46 • Booms: 90 ft • Nozzle Spacing: 15" • Plumbing: Stainless Piping • Tank Capacity: 800 Gallon • Fill: 3" Fill • Features: Section Control, Boom Height Control, Ride Control • SN# 4730X004649

DMI 15-Shank Nutri-Placer Anhydrous Applicator: Shanks: 15 • Equipped With: Yetter Shanks • Controls: Raven Controls

Tyler 6-Ton Fertilizer Spreader: Capacity: 6 Ton • Controls: Hydraulic Controls

H&S Model 270 Manure Spreader: Model: 270 • Features: Slop Gate

#### • TILLAGE EQUIPMENT

Great Plains Ultra-Till: Model: UT3030 • Width: 30 ft • Equipped With: Gandy Orbit Air • Hydraulics: Yes

McFarlane Dura-Reel: Working Width: 35 ft • Models: RD-4100 / RD-4135-RB • SN# 18484

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