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# August 2022 Horticulture Newsletter

*Find the latest Horticulture Program Newsletter from YOUR Pulaski County Cooperative Extension Service*

## Seed Saving 101

Learn how to:

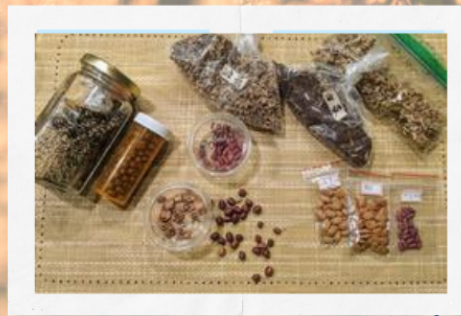
- save seed
- store seed
- treat for seed-borne diseases

**BRING SEEDS TO SWAP!**

**August 25**

**6pm**

**Pulaski Co  
Extension  
office basement**



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Horticulture



# August Classes

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**Register here:**

**<https://tinyurl.com/22augHWW>**



**[kentuckyhortnews.com](http://kentuckyhortnews.com)**

**In this month's newsletter (scroll down to see all the info):**

- What to Plant in August
- Fire Ants in Our Backyard
- Soil Solarization for Home Gardeners
- Horticulture Webinar Wednesdays for August
- Solanaceous Crop (tomatoes, peppers, etc) Scouting Guide
- Managing Mosquitoes
- Tick Surveillance Program
- August is Tree Check Month
- Farmer Market Week August 7-13 at the Lake Cumberland Farmers Market
- 4H Jr. Horticulture Team -- we're in training!
- Blackberry Peach Crumble recipe
- New Load of Pine Straw, NEW PRICES
- Pulaski County Horticulture YouTube Channel

**REMEMBER TO REGISTER FOR PROGRAMS YOU WILL BE**

ATTENDING. CANCELLATIONS OCCUR WITH LOW  
REGISTRATION NUMBERS.

UPCOMING EVENTS:

August 17 -- [Horticulture Webinar Wednesday](#), 12:30pm

August 24 -- [Horticulture Webinar Wednesday](#), 12:30pm

August 18-28 -- [Kentucky State Fair](#)

August 22 -- 4H Jr. Horticulture Team contest at KY State Fair, 10am

August 15 -- [Lake Cumberland Beekeepers Association](#) meeting, 7pm

August 25 -- [Seed Saving 101](#), Pulaski Co Extension office, 6pm

August 31 -- [Horticulture Webinar Wednesday](#), 12:30pm

Keep scrolling to see what's happening!





# **Beware! Fire Ant numbers are on the rise in Kentucky**

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***While Kentucky has not been fully listed as  
“invaded”, new mounds have been discovered  
in the state.***

***To Learn more about Fire Ants and what to do should  
you find a mound:***

***<https://kentuckypestnews.wordpress.com/2022/06/21/fire-ants-gaining-a-foothold-in-the-state/>  
or***

***Contact your local county extension office to learn more.***



**Lettuce**  
**Collards**  
**Beets**  
**Radishes**

**Carrots**  
**Turnips**  
**Kale**  
**Spinach**

**Request UK publication 'Home  
Vegetable Gardening in KY'**



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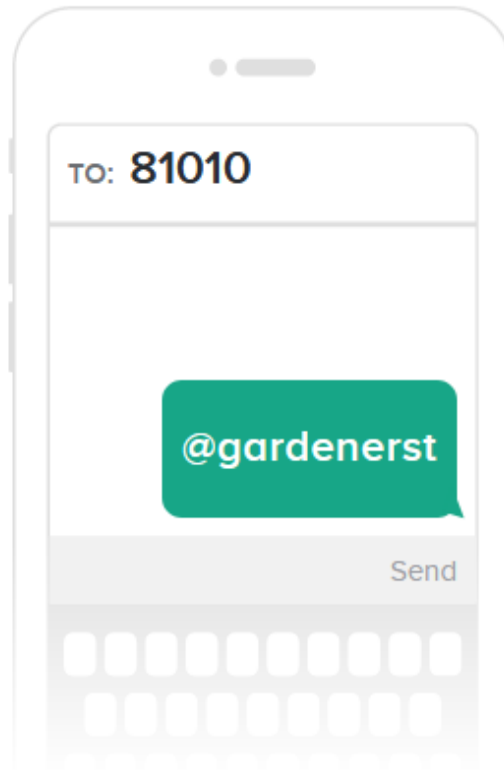
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To get text reminders about upcoming home horticulture programs,  
join our Remind list

Tell people to text @gardenerst to the number 81010

They'll receive a welcome text from RemInd.

If anyone has trouble with 81010, they can try texting @gardenerst to (606) 536-9692.



## Soil Solarization

An organic way to kill weed seeds, disease organisms, insects, and nematodes in your soil is to cover it with clear plastic during the hottest part of the year. Four to six weeks of baking the soil using the sun's energy is enough to increase soil temperatures to lethal.

See picture of spinach beds below.

### Useful Resources:

[Texas A & M](#)

[University of Tennessee](#)

[Univ of California](#)



*Figure 3. Fall spinach in non-solarized (a) and solarized (b) garden plots. Note the differences in the number of spinach seedlings and the number of emerging weeds.*

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# Solanaceous Crops Scouting Guide

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**Diseases**



**Herbicide Injury**



**Insects**



**Physiological &  
Nutrient Disorders**

Solanaceous crops include tomatoes, peppers, potatoes, and eggplant. Use [this handy guide](#) to figure out if something goes wrong

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## MANAGING MOSQUITOES IN KENTUCKY



You can learn more by contacting your local county extension office or at:

*Mosquitoes are a perennial nuisance for which there is no easy answer.*

*While there are lots of information (both good and bad) about what works and what doesn't. The following measures can afford some relief.*

- Eliminate Breeding Sites
- Larval Control
- Adult Control
- Exclusion
- Topically-Applied Repellents
- Other Control Possibilities

<https://kentuckypestnews.wordpress.com/2022/07/12/managing-mosquitoes-in-kentucky/>



Bug zappers and high-frequency ultrasonic sounds do not work. Read the UK publication [Mosquitoes: Practical Advice for Homeowners](#) for the best information.

Take part in UK's tick surveillance program. [Details here.](#)



# NATIONAL FARMERS MARKET WEEK 2022

August 7-13, 2022 

National Farmers Market Week.

Shop at the Lake Cumberland Farmers Market in downtown Somerset  
Wednesdays and Saturdays!

# Why Farmers Markets?



## Increase Access to Fresh Food

**Over \$100 million**

in federal nutrition benefits were redeemed at farmers markets and with direct marketing farmers in 2021.



**572,769 SNAP households** made at least one purchase at a farmers market or direct marketing farmer in 2021.

Many farmers markets run donation programs. In one year, the Grove Market in Greensboro, NC purchased **30k lbs** of fresh produce from farmers to donate.

**National Farmers Market Week, Aug 7-13, 2022**

#LoveMyMarket | [farmersmarketcoalition.org](http://farmersmarketcoalition.org) | @FMCorg





Open Saturdays and Wednesdays  
9am to 2pm

## AUGUST IS TREE CHECK MONTH!

You can help by checking trees for signs of the Asian longhorned beetle in August. Look for round exit holes, shallow scars in the bark, sawdust-like material on or around tree, and the beetle itself.

**AUGUST IS TREE CHECK MONTH**  
SPOT THE ASIAN LONGHORNED BEETLE BEFORE IT SPOTS YOUR TREES.

**CHECK YOUR TREES FOR THESE SIGNS**

- Dime-sized exit holes
- Shallow scars in bark
- Sawdust-like material on ground or tree branches
- Dead branches
- The beetle

The best line of defense against this devastating pest is you.  
**Take 10 minutes and check your trees** for the beetle and any signs of damage it causes.

**TREES ATTACKED**

- ASH
- BIRCH
- ELM
- GOLDEN RAIN TREE
- HORSE CHESTNUT
- KATSURA
- MAPLE
- MIMOSA
- MOUNTAIN ASH
- LONDON PLANETREE
- POPLAR
- WILLOW

More than 130,000 trees lost

12 different types of trees are in jeopardy

Once the beetle infests a tree, there is no cure

3 states with regulations: Massachusetts, Ohio, New York

47 states at risk

Report your sightings at [AsianLonghornedBeetle.com](http://AsianLonghornedBeetle.com)

**FIND IT. REPORT IT. SAVE TREES.**

**ASIANLONGHORNEDBEETLE.COM**  
U.S. Department of Agriculture

# AUGUST IS TREE CHECK MONTH

Take 10 minutes and check your trees for the beetle and any signs of damage it causes.

The Asian longhorned beetle is an invasive insect that feeds on certain hardwood trees, eventually killing them.

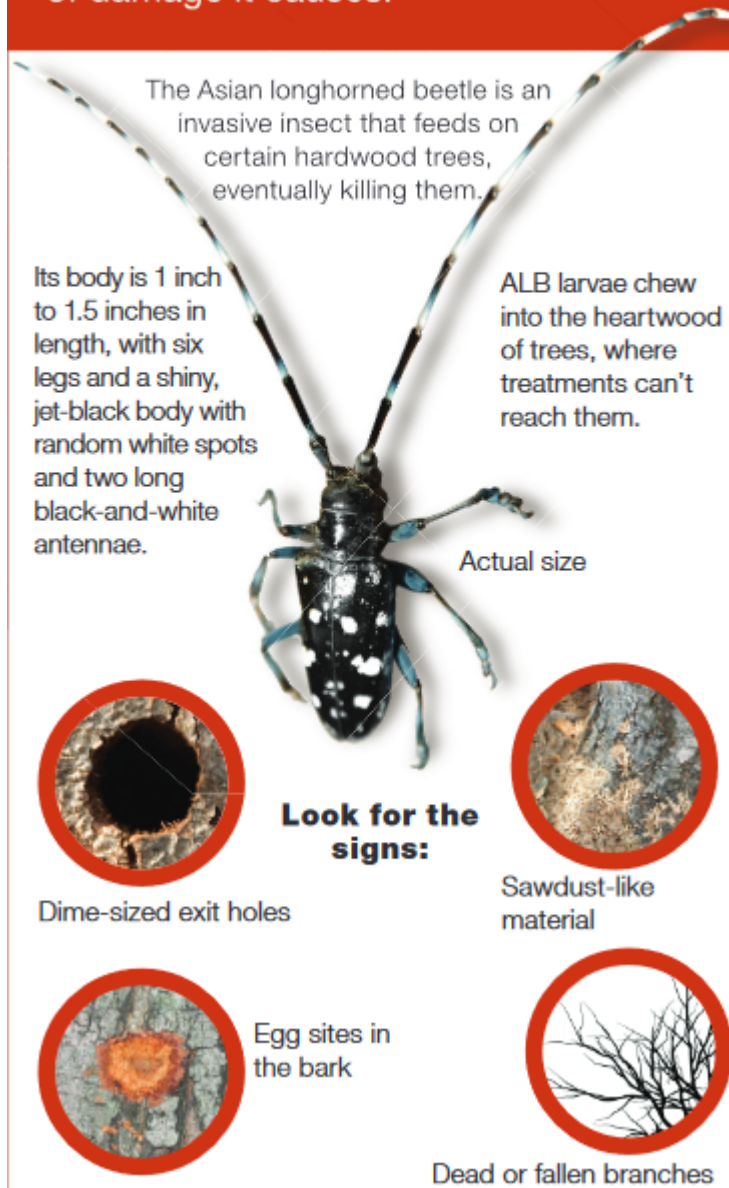
Its body is 1 inch to 1.5 inches in length, with six legs and a shiny, jet-black body with random white spots and two long black-and-white antennae.

ALB larvae chew into the heartwood of trees, where treatments can't reach them.

Actual size

**Look for the signs:**

- Dime-sized exit holes
- Sawdust-like material
- Egg sites in the bark
- Dead or fallen branches



## Bring your kids or grandkids and join the team!

Kids will be trained during the year for the competition in August. Kids can compete as individuals and as a team. Lake Cumberland Master Gardeners are assisting in the training.



# **PULASKI COUNTY 4-H JR. HORTICULTURE JUDGING TEAM**

YOUTH WILL LEARN TO IDENTIFY FLOWERS,  
INDOOR PLANTS, FRUITS, NUTS AND BERRIES,  
LANDSCAPE ORNAMENTALS AND VEGETABLES.  
YOUTH WILL ALSO LEARN HOW TO JUDGE  
PLANTS, FRUITS & VEGETABLES.

**Youth will be preparing to compete  
at the KY State Fair Horticulture  
Contest in August 2022!**

When: 3rd Monday of each month @ 5:30pm  
Where: Pulaski County Extension Office

**Contact Jennifer Cole or Beth Wilson  
for more information!  
606-679-6361**



## **Horticulture Webinar Wednesday**

Register for [August sessions here.](#)

We have a multitude of presentations on our [YouTube Channel.](#)



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Soil test for your vegetable gardens, trees, shrubs, perennials, annuals, turf, anything! It can be done at any time of the year. Each resident of Pulaski Co gets up to 25 tests for free!

[How to Take a Soil Sample](#)

[Soil Testing: What It Is and What It Does](#)



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**Wanna great vegetable garden  
next year? Then...**

**test your soil now**

Contact the Pulaski Co Extension office to find out how  
606-679-6361 or [beth.wilson@uky.edu](mailto:beth.wilson@uky.edu)

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Get ready for more From the Woods Today webinars each Wednesday morning at 11am from the UK Department of Forestry and Natural Resources!





[www.FromTheWoodsToday.com](http://www.FromTheWoodsToday.com)

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UK's Horticulture  
Webinar Wednesdays  
are archived on this  
[YouTube channel.](#)



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## **PINE STRAW AVAILABLE**

### **NEW PRICES**

**\$8 per bale for 49 or less bales**

**\$7 per bale for 50 or more bales**

Pine straw comes to Pulaski County courtesy of the [Lake Cumberland Master Gardener](#) Association.



## Blackberry Peach Crumble

**2 cups** fresh blackberries  
**2 cups** peeled and sliced fresh peaches or 1 (16 ounce) bag frozen peach slices, thawed  
**1 teaspoon** grated lemon peel  
**2 tablespoons** cornstarch  
**½ cup**, plus **½ cup** packed brown sugar

**½ cup** all-purpose flour  
**½ cup** chopped blanched almonds, (optional)  
**¼ teaspoon** salt  
**6 tablespoons** butter, cut into pieces

**Combine** blackberries, peaches, lemon peel, cornstarch and  $\frac{1}{3}$  cup brown sugar in a large bowl.

**Pour** ingredients into a lightly greased 8 inch baking dish.

**Mix** together flour, almonds, salt, and remaining  $\frac{1}{2}$  cup brown sugar. With pastry blender or two knives, cut in the butter until the mixture resembles coarse meal.

**Sprinkle** flour mixture over fruit.

**Bake** in a pre-heated 400° F oven for 30 minutes.

**Cool** 10 minutes prior to serving.

**Yield:** 8,  $\frac{1}{2}$  cup servings

**Nutritional Analysis:** 270 calories, 14 g fat, 25 mg cholesterol, 135 mg sodium, 35 g carbohydrate, 2 g protein, 3 g fiber.  
*Without almonds:* 220 calories, 9 g fat, 25 mg cholesterol, 135 mg sodium, 35 g carbohydrate, 2 g protein, 3 g fiber.

Buying Kentucky Proud is easy. Look for the label at your grocery store, farmers' market, or roadside stand.







You can go back and look at old newsletters from 2018 through 2020.

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