

Cucumbers and beans wilt

As the summer season progresses it is a good idea to keep a close watch on your vegetable garden. Disease and insect problems seem to culminate during the month of August. Certainly, the heat and humidity can make some plants weary but that is a weak argument for some summer vegetables because many like the heat. Mostly, my vegetable garden anxiety comes from the threat of rust, wilt, anthracnose, mildew and chewing insects.

While I am working in the garden or harvesting vegetables I watch for the beginning of any abnormality and try to nip it in the bud. Often, I find little beetles that are easily picked off and destroyed; sometimes they slide by undetected. Some problems are not easily picked off and destroyed, however. Diseases usually don't show themselves until it is too late to control. And it is hard to determine bacterial brown spot from a mosaic virus if you are not sure what you are looking for. Some of the most common problems faced by the most common garden vegetables can be treated easily, others spell

doom. If we can note the symptoms, we can take the proper steps to control or eliminate the problem.

Cucumbers and beans are some of the most popular vegetables for the home gardener. I usually grow pole beans, mostly because I like the varieties but also because they are easier to pick, and they typically resist disease. The vertical growth allows for good air circulation, which cuts down on rust, mildew, and aphids. It is easier to pick off offending insects as they grow vertically, as well. I do not use garden insecticides unless things really get out-of-hand. Biological controls include insecticidal soaps, Spinosad and pyrethrin, all of which can be used on soft-bodied insects. For the control methods to be most effective catch your problems at the earliest stage possible.

Bean mosaic is a little more threatening to bean plants. If the foliage appears to be stunted, with raised brown splotches along the central vein and the leaves pucker and curl around the margins then you likely have bean mosaic. The plant's growth and bean production are compromised, and you

might as well pull it up and destroy the debris. There is nothing you can do once the disease is present. More common, but less problematic, for beans is bacterial spot which first appears as yellow flecks on the leaves, changing to irregular shaped brown spots. Simply remove infected leaves as they appear to slow the spread.

Mexican bean beetles and bean leaf beetles can cause the decline of bean plants because they not only chew on leaves and pods but the developing larvae feed on roots and stems, weakening or killing the plants. The Mexican bean beetle looks like a copper-colored ladybug with 16 black spots. They skeletonize foliage as they feed, creating a lace-like effect. If you choose to use an insecticide a pyrethrin-based biological control will kill adult beetles and summer horticultural oil can be used to smother eggs and larvae of additional generations (usually four each year).

Like my beans, I select climbing varieties of cucumbers so that I can grow them vertically as well. I find that mildew is greatly reduced, however, air circulation doesn't keep the cucumber beetle away. Considered public enemy #1 of the cucurbit family (cucumbers, summer and

winter squash, melons...) the cucumber beetle, both spotted and striped, is a chewing insect that spreads disease. It is especially troublesome because it spreads mosaic viruses and bacterial wilt, both of which have no remedy. I have

had a terrible time with cucumbers this year because of this little beetle. I had one flush of cucumbers early on and then nothing because the beetles ate the blooms; now the vines are in a wilting decline!

Mosaic viruses can infect plants at any time because the disease winters over in perennial weeds (therefore, keep the garden clean and weed-free) and is spread to your cucurbits by aphids or cucumber beetles. If the plants are healthy and the fruit is at least half grown it will not affect the quality. If the disease is spread earlier in the season stunts plant growth, discolors the foliage, and causes the fruit to become bitter and tough. Bacterial wilt is characterized by randomly wilting foliage; fruit stops maturing and everything eventually just shrivels up and dies. Cucumber beetles carry the bacteria in their mouths and infect the plant as they feed.

Packing lunches for happy, energetic kids

Lunch is a nice break from the work and play happening at school. It is also an important time for children to refuel for the rest of the day.

Here are some tips for packing a delicious and nutritious lunchbox.

Balance is key. Children need a mix of protein, carbohydrates and fats throughout the day. This variety fills their belly, fuels their mind and helps regulate energy and emotions during the day. Even more importantly, this combination is the recipe for a tasty lunch.

Protein Power. Protein in the lunchbox is key for helping children feel satisfied throughout the day. Include something like a hardboiled egg, beans, roasted turkey or chicken, nut butter, yogurt or cottage cheese.

Colorful carbohydrates. Fruit and vegetables are colorful ways to add energy and flavor. Whole grains are another great source of energy. These include foods like oats, brown rice, quinoa, popcorn, and whole-grain pasta, bread and crackers. These higher-fiber carbohydrate choices will provide a steady release of energy, keeping your child energized throughout the day.

Flavorful fats. Flavor makes food tasty to eat. Fat is one important part of flavor, and a little goes a long way. Oils, dips and dressings are great flavor boosters for vegetables and whole grains. Nuts, seeds, cheese, yogurt and avocado also have nutritious and delicious fats.

Pull it together with a theme. Now that you know the parts and pieces of a lunch, how do you put it all together? Having a go-to list of ideas can make it easy to pull together what you have in the kitchen. Tex Mex, snack platter, pizza and breakfast are a few ways to piece together foods. For example, breakfast for lunch could include a hard-boiled egg with pep-

pers, string cheese, grapes and whole-grain crackers. It could also be a whole-grain waffle with nut butter or yogurt, banana and cucumber.

Pack at your peak. Are mornings hectic? Pack lunches the night before. Does it work better to do everything at once? Take extra time on Sundays to pack lunches for the week. This makes it a grab

and-go in the morning rather than a back and forth of figuring out what to pack.

Have children take the lead. With some guidance about what kinds of food to include, children can pack their lunches. Consider laying out all the ingredients and guiding them through putting it together. For older children, you can provide a menu of lunch options, and they can assemble everything. To give children even more independence, you can give them a checklist of healthy options. Provide structure by telling them how many choices to pick from each category. Younger children will need help, but they will enjoy being part of the process.

Once you have a delicious and nutritious lunch packed, make sure to include an ice pack. This keeps food safe until it is time to eat.

Source: Courtney Luecking, Extension specialist for nutrition and health

Resources: Academy Nutrition Information Services Team. (2021, May 1). Banning Brown Bag Boredom. Kids eat right. <https://www.eatright.org/food/planning/away-from-home/banning-brown-bag-boredom>

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'Ag Tag' donations set another record in 2025

FRANKFORT – Kentucky farmers donated nearly a million dollars for the Ag Tag Program in 2025. The total, \$995,440.74, is the largest amount ever donated in a single year, topping last year's total by more than \$60,000, Commissioner of Agriculture Jonathan Shell announced.

“For the last three years the Ag Tag Program has seen new record-breaking amounts every year,” Commissioner Shell said. “This couldn't be possible without the wonderful support from our Kentucky farmers. They see value in supporting the next generation of farmers through their donations to the Ag Tag fund. It's that generosity that will help ensure Kentucky agriculture has a bright future.”

The voluntary donations are divided equally among Kentucky 4-H, Kentucky FFA, and the Kentucky Department of Agriculture (KDA). This year, each group will receive \$331,813.58 Since 2016, Kentucky FFA and Kentucky 4-H have received, collectively, more than \$4 million from donations made by ag producers renewing their vehicles each year.

Half of the 4-H and FFA donations are returned to local councils and chapters, meaning leaders in the donating community can use those funds to cover the cost of 4-H and FFA camp and other leadership programs for youth. County 4-H councils regularly use Ag Tag dollars to provide 4-H camp scholarships and travel for life-changing, educational experiences to enable local 4-H youth to grow as leaders and engaged citizens. FFA chapters were free to use the money to meet the greatest needs in their community, such as FFA jackets for students in need or helping cover travel costs to leadership events.

The KDA uses its share of

the Ag Tag funds for various programs such as the Ag Athlete of the Year awards, the Kentucky Leopold Conservation Award, Kentucky Women in Agriculture, and the University of Kentucky Grain and Forage Center of Excellence.

“Kentucky FFA celebrates the continued success of the Ag Tag Program,” said Sheldon McKinney, executive director of the Kentucky FFA Foundation. “As donations grow, the opportunities we can provide our members in FFA chapters across Kentucky grow. We have a record-breaking number of Kentucky FFA members, young people who are desiring a career in agriculture. It's so special that they've found champions in Kentucky farmers supporting the Ag Tag program.”

“We are so grateful for the Ag Tag Program and the opportunities 4-H youth are being exposed to through these funds gaining new experiences, leadership training, and personal development, positively impacting their confidence, skills and long-term success,” said Melissa Miller, executive director of the Kentucky 4-H Foundation. “Looking ahead, I hope to see continued growth in the Ag Tag Program. The funds raised are not just donations – they are investments in Kentucky 4-H's future. The program is helping youth build skills, gain leadership experience and thrive in their communities.”

Kentucky motorists who buy or renew farm vehicle license plates, or “ag tags,” may make a voluntary donation of up to \$10 to the Ag Tag Fund. Half of the 4-H and FFA funds go back to the county where the tag is purchased, where both organizations use the funds to support local programming, awards, and scholarships.

Marion County Conservation District accepting applications for state cost share program

LEBANON — The Marion County Conservation District is accepting requests for cost share funding under the Kentucky Soil Erosion and Water Quality Cost Share Program. This program was created to assist agricultural operations in protecting the soil and water resources of Kentucky. This program allows funds to be admin-

istered through conservation districts with priority given to animal waste related problems. This program contains best management practices that include rotational grazing systems, alternative watering systems, heavy use feeding areas, sinkhole protection, grassed

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Request For Bids

Replacement of Columns for the David Hourigan Building

Marion County Fiscal Court will accept sealed bids for the installation of columns on the David Hourigan Building at 223 North Spalding Avenue, Lebanon, Kentucky. Specifications will be available at the Marion County Fiscal Court, located at 223 North Spalding Avenue, Suite 201, Lebanon, Kentucky. Sealed bids will be opened on September 4, 2025, at 4:00 pm. Marion County Fiscal Court reserves the right to reject any and/or all bids.

Marion County Judge Executive
David R. Daugherty

LEGAL NOTICE

The Marion County Public Library, established under KRS 173.720, provides library services to citizens in Marion County, Kentucky. In accordance with Chapter 65A and 424 of the Kentucky Revised Statutes, the financial records of the Marion County Public Library District for the Period of July 1, 2024 through June 30, 2025 may be inspected at the Marion County Public Library, 201 E. Main St., Lebanon, Kentucky during administrative office hours; Monday through Friday 10:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. Inquiries should be made to the library director, Jamie Collins. Records can also be viewed online at the library's website: www.marioncopublic.org.



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LEGAL NOTICE

Public Hearing

The Comprehensive Agency Plan of the Lebanon Housing Authority will be on display for public review and comment at the Lebanon Housing Authority for a period of 45 days beginning Friday, August 1, 2025 through Monday, September 15, 2025. The Agency Plan can be viewed at 101 Hamilton Heights, Lebanon, KY 40033 by appointment only.

Notice is hereby given that the Board of Commissioners of the Lebanon Housing Authority is announcing a public hearing to be held on Friday, September 19, 2025 at 10:00 A.M. at the main office located at 101 Hamilton Heights, Lebanon, KY 40033. Anyone wishing to participate in the public hearing but unable to attend should contact the Lebanon Housing Authority for other options. The purpose of the hearing is to discuss the Comprehensive Agency Plan.

Ordinance Number 2025-1

Ordinance Fixing the Tax Rate and Levying an Ad Valorem Tax for the City Purposes for the Calendar year 2025 and Providing How the Funds So Raised Shall be Expended

Be it Ordained by the Board of Commissioners of the city of Bradfordsville, Kentucky

Section 1.

There is hereby levied for the year 2025 an add valorem tax of 0.25 of each one hundred dollars (\$100.00) of tangible property assessed and assessable of every kind, other than tangible personal property and bank shares, liable to taxation in the City of Bradfordsville, Kentucky, said levy and all taxes realized therefrom to be used for and solely devoted to the general municipal purposes and expenses of said City.

Section II.,

If any section, sub-section, sentence, clause or phrase or portion of this ordinance is for any reason held invalid or unconstitutional by any court of competent jurisdiction, such portion shall be deemed a separate, distinct, and independent provision and such holdings shall not affect the validity of the remaining portions hereof.

Section III.

This Ordinance shall take affect upon its second reading, passage, and publication.

City of Bradfordsville, Kentucky
By: *David Edelen*
Mayor of Board of Commissioners

Attest:

Megan Zellwies

This ordinance received its first reading on the 9th day of July, 2025, and received its second reading and passage on the 13th day of August, 2025. Published in the Lebanon Enterprise on the 20th day of August, 2025.

In accordance with Chapters 65 and 424 of the Kentucky Revised Statutes, the financial report and supporting data for the Marion County Conservation District may be inspected by the general public at the office of the Marion County Conservation District located at 682 Metts Drive, Lebanon, Ky. between the hours 9a.m. & 4p.m. on Tuesday, August 26, 2025. Public Monthly Meeting Dates- 4th Tuesday at 7p.m, except in February, meeting is held on 4th Tuesday at 10a.m. No meeting in July & December, subject to change. Location of meetings- Office, subject to change. A 24-hour notice will be posted on the office door if there is a time and/or location change for the meeting. Our budget and audit reports can be accessed on the Department of Local Government [website: http://kydlgweb.ky.gov](http://kydlgweb.ky.gov) This advertisement was paid for by the Marion County Conservation District using tax paper dollars of \$ 82.50

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ORDINANCE NO. 2025-07

AN ORDINANCE DESIGNATING NO PARKING AREAS ON SHUCK AVENUE WITHIN THE CITY OF LEBANON, KENTUCKY.

WHEREAS, the City of Lebanon has been presented with a request to remove parking on the East Side of Shuck Avenue from Mulberry Street to Chandler Street in the City of Lebanon;

WHEREAS, the City Council deems it desirable to promote the safety of its citizens and guests as well as the commercial interests of businesses located within the City and to eliminate parking spaces on the East Side of Shuck Avenue from Mulberry Street to Chandler Street for safety purposes and visibility when entering and exiting driveways along Shuck Avenue and;

WHEREAS, City Council finds that all residences along Shuck Avenue are adequately served by off-street parking.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LEBANON, KENTUCKY:

SECTION I: Parking for purposes other than loading/unloading shall henceforth be prohibited on the East Side of Shuck Avenue from Mulberry Street to Chandler Street.

SECTION II:

(A) That signage will be posted prohibiting parking on the East Side of Shuck Avenue from Mulberry Street to Chandler Street.

SECTION III: That the City Clerk and/or other City officials are hereby authorized and directed to take such action as shall be necessary in order to amend the City map, post no parking, loading/unloading and/or other required signs, and such other action as may be necessary and desirable as a result of these changes to said parking spaces in the above designated areas.

SECTION IV: All Ordinances or parts of Ordinances in conflict herewith are expressly repealed, but only to the extent of such conflict.

SECTION V: If any section, subsection, sentence, clause, phrase or portion of this Ordinance is for any reason held invalid or unconstitutional by any Court of competent jurisdiction, such portion shall be deemed a separate, distinct and independent provision and such holding shall not affect the validity of the remaining portions hereof.

SECTION VI: This Ordinance shall become effective upon its second reading, passage and publication.

CITY OF LEBANON, KENTUCKY – GARY D. CRENSHAW, Mayor
ATTEST: GINA N. WHEATLEY, CLERK