

EXTENSION NOTES



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Berry Plants for Sale: Your Opportunity to Grow Delicious and Nutritious Fruits

Although it may not seem like it right now, spring is just around the corner, and it's the perfect time to start thinking about adding berry plants to your garden. The Carter County Extension Office is excited to announce its annual berry plant sale, offering a variety of high-quality berry plants to help you cultivate your own bountiful harvest.

Why Grow Your Own Berries? The numerous benefits include:

- **Freshness:** There's nothing quite like the taste of freshly picked berries straight from your garden.
- **Nutritional Value:** Berries are packed with vitamins, antioxidants, and fiber, making them a healthy addition to your diet.
- **Cost-Effective:** Once established, berry plants can provide a continuous supply of fruit, saving you money on store-bought produce.
- **Environmental Impact:** Growing your own berries reduces your carbon footprint by eliminating the need for transportation and packaging associated with store-bought fruits.

The extension office is offering a selection of popular bare-root berry plants, including:

- **Strawberries:** Choose from everbearing varieties like Seascape that produce fruit throughout the growing season or June-bearing varieties like Earliglow or Flavorfest that have a larger, concentrated harvest.
- **Jewel Black Raspberries:** The fruit ripens early and the harvest season is concentrated.
- **Triple Crown Blackberries:** A thornless variety named for its three crowning attributes – flavor, productivity, and vigor.

Order forms are available online at <https://carter.ca.uky.edu/berry2025> or at the Extension Office. All orders must be placed and paid for by February 10th.

In addition to offering high-quality berry plants, the extension office provides valuable resources and support to help you succeed in growing your own berries. Extension agents are also available to answer your questions and provide personalized advice.

Don't miss out on this opportunity to enhance your garden with delicious and nutritious berries. Whether you're a seasoned gardener or just starting out, the extension office's berry plant sale has something for everyone. Get ready to enjoy the fruits of your labor and savor the taste of homegrown berries this season.

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Upcoming Events:

- **Extension District Board** – Friday, January 31st @ 10:00 AM
- **Rootstock Orders Due** – Monday, February 3rd
- **Little Sandy Beekeepers** - Tuesday, February 4th @ 6:30 PM – Topic: Catching Swarms
- **Private Pesticide Applicator Training** – Thursday, February 6th from 9:00-12:00