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Farm & Family Field Day

The Carter County Cooperative Extension Service and the Carter County Soil Conservation Service are pleased to be hosting the annual Farm & Family Field Day at Wells Farm in Hitchins on Tuesday, September 26th. Registration will start at 5:00 PM and the farm tour will begin at 6:00 PM. The tour will include presentations by Tony Burnett, NRCS Supervisory District Conservationist, and University of Kentucky Extension specialists Dr. Ric Bessin and Dr. Kenny Burdine. Tour topics will include soil health and sustainability, garden insect pests, and cattle marketing. Participants can receive CAIP cost share educational credit for attending the tour.

A dinner by the East Carter & West Carter FFA chapters will be provided after the farm tour. Attendees are encouraged to bring a dessert to accompany the meal and as an entry for the dessert contest. Categories include cakes, pies, cookies, KY Proud (must be made with an item grown in Kentucky), youth, and other. Prizes will be awarded to the winner in each category.

The Kentucky Department of Agriculture will have their pesticide recycling trailer at the event, so farmers are encouraged to bring any empty pesticide containers they have for recycling. Containers should be triple rinsed and then punctured before drop off.

Additionally, a variety of local businesses and community organizations will have informational booths set up. Currently over a dozen businesses and organizations have committed to attending the Farm & Family Field Day to share their services with local farmers. Door prizes will be given out after the meal.

A variety of activities are also being planned for youth that night. 4-H Livestock Club members will be able to earn 4-H livestock credit for participating in the event.

Everyone is invited to bring a lawn chair and enjoy the fun at the field day. For more information contact the Carter County Extension Office at 474-6686 or the Soil Conservation District at 474-5184 ext 3.

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