Farmers Can Connect to MU Extension Specialists Weekly in Public Town Hall Meeting Format

The need to abide by Spring's timetable and produce food for the table doesn't wait for crisis to pass. Continued vegetable and fruit, field crop, forage, and animal production are essential not only for the nutrients they provide, but also for the economic, mental and spiritual health they return to us and our communities. During this crisis, MU Extension is dedicated to continuing its service through the safety directives of social distancing and stay at home orders.

To bridge the distance divide of our regular in-person activities, such as site visits, plant diagnostic lab submissions, seminars, and field days and demonstrations, two weekly "Town Hall" meetings focused on Missouri production agriculture will be held using the Zoom remote conferencing platform.

The first meeting will be this Wednesday, April 15:

11:00 am - 12:00 pm – Home Horticulture

The second meeting will take place as follows:

12:00 - 1:00 pm – Commercial Horticulture: Fruits and Vegetables.

The third meeting will follow from:

1:30 - 2:30 pm – Forage/Livestock Production.

The fourth meeting will follow from:

2:30 - 3:30 pm – Field Crops

Starting April 8, MU regional and state specialists will present the most current information while more importantly conducting a Question & Answer session regarding seeding and growing practices, fertility & pest management, and operating safely in this COVID-19 environment.

Register for the weekly conference by providing your Name, County, Email Address, and Question (optional) at https://ipm.missouri.edu/TownHalls. You will be emailed directions on how to attend, either through a URL linking to the Zoom platform or with a call-in phone number. Questions should be submitted beforehand during registration, in an email sent to the regional extension specialist/county office, or while in the meeting via the Zoom chat interface.

While grounded to the basement or wherever our home office may be, we hope to still help in keeping your farm operations running successfully during these difficult times.