



BRANDENBURG NOTES

Farmer Updates

The farmers tell us that the cold wet spring has slowed down the planting process. Planting has occurred, but there will be a delay to allow the vegetables to mature enough to harvest. With the later planting, our new start date for vegetable delivery is **June 18, 2015.**

Pick up day

Vegetable pick up will be at the UK Meade County Extension Office Pavilion, 1041 Old Ekron Road every other Thursday from 3 to 6 PM. You will also be able to place an order for the next delivery at that time. Our thanks to the team at the UK Meade County Extension Office for their assistance in promoting the Brandenburg Area Fresh Stop!

Ordering & Payment

Share orders can be purchased online at <https://squareup.com/market/brandenburg-area-fresh-stop> For orders using cash or SNAP benefits, payment can be arranged by contacting Marilyn at 270-422-7708 or 270-401-6669.



It's Strawberry Season

Brandenburg Area Fresh Stop will kick off the delivery season by providing an opportunity to purchase fresh picked, locally grown strawberries!! Prices are \$3/quart and \$12/gallon. Orders can be placed online at <https://squareup.com/market/brandenburg-area-fresh-stop> with debit or credit cards (a small processing fee will be charged) and orders using cash and SNAP benefits can arrange payment with Marilyn by calling 270-422-7708 or 270-401-6669 to arrange drop-off with payment. The deadline for this opportunity is **Saturday, May 30th.** Strawberries can be picked up on **Thursday, June 4th** at the Fresh Stop location - 1041 Old Ekron Road in Brandenburg. See you there!!

Volunteers Needed

Bringing you fresh, local produce for the share that you purchase requires work prior to the delivery day. If you are interested in helping in any way please contact: Donna Libby - (207) 756-9723 [Note - 207 IS the actual area code]. Remember: Many hands make light work for all!



Recipe Sharing

As we begin our vegetable season, we will offer in our newsletter a recipe or two to use the vegetables in your week's share. In addition, Teri King, from the UK Meade County Extension Office, will be on hand at the pavilion to offer recipes that she has prepared with the vegetables that you receive in your share.

Strawberry Festivals

Strawberries will be available through the Brandenburg Area Fresh Stop Thursday, June 4th at the UK Extension Office Pavilion, 1041 Old Ekron Road in Brandenburg.

The 4th Annual Shawnee Strawberry Jamm Festival will take place Thursday, May 21, 2015 from 4:30-6:30 PM.

The Strawberry Festival in Shively is Wednesday, June 3rd, 2015 from 4:30-6:30 PM.

Ordering for strawberry festivals is available online at www.newrootsproduce.org - why not order some strawberries to support a local farmer and enjoy a fresh strawberry salad using the recipe below.

Strawberry Kale Salad

Prep: 10 minutes, Total: 10 minutes

Enjoy this delicious salad with the wonderful, fresh strawberries from our Strawberry Festival!

Salad Ingredients

- 6 cups fresh baby kale
(*or see note below for using other kinds of kale)
- 1 pint strawberries, hulled and sliced
- 1-2 avocados, peeled, pitted and diced
- 4 ounces crumbled goat cheese
(or other soft cheese)
- 1/4 cup chopped pecans, toasted
- half a small red onion, thinly sliced
- white balsamic vinaigrette (recipe follows)

White Balsamic Vinaigrette Ingredients

- 1/2 cup extra virgin olive oil
- 1/4 cup white balsamic vinegar
- 3-4 tablespoons honey
- 1/2 teaspoon sea salt
- 1/4 teaspoon freshly-cracked black pepper

To make the salad: Toss all ingredients together with your desired amount of dressing until combined. Serve immediately.

To make the vinaigrette: Whisk all ingredients together until combined.

*If you choose to use traditional kale, pour an extra few teaspoons of oil onto the greens first and massage it into them with your hands for 1 minute to soften.

