

Kentucky Nursery LISTSERV Bulletin

University of Kentucky Nursery Crops Team

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Welcome back!

At the end of January, the Nursery Crops team were all quite busy with the KNLA's Spring Training & Showplace in Louisville, KY... so busy we were unable to put out an end of the month bulletin for January. Now we're back and pleased to start offering timely articles to supply nursery growers and support staff with some resources to assist in management decisions.

Click here for UK Ag Weather - Long Range Forecast

Long range forecasts are showing average temperatures over the next to be "above normal", but we shouldn't let a false spring fool us. In this month's short bulletin, historic low temperatures show just how variable temperatures are across the commonwealth. For example, in March of 1960, a temperature of -14°F was recorded in Bonnieville, KY!

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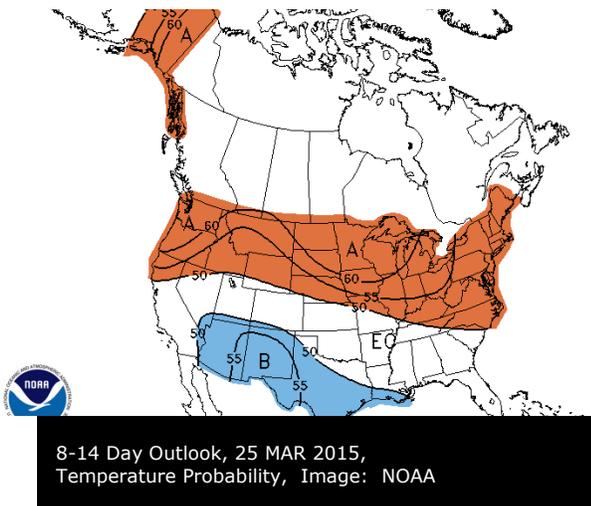
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• Past Low Temperatures across Kentucky

Late Winter Overwintering Protection

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As we move into the month of March, some growers may be tempted to begin dismantling their overwintering structures in anticipation of warmer weather. What is important to keep in mind when doing this is that Kentucky has a transitional climate.



This is important to the nursery industry because of the seemingly random weather

patterns we can experience in this state. Late freezes are a real possibility in Kentucky. I'm sure we all remember well April of 2007. Keep an eye on the temperature in your structures, and adjust them accordingly. Wait as long as is practical to make unreparable modifications such as removing the end walls and cutting holes in the side walls.

Kentucky Historic Lows

Month	Day	Year	Record Low(F)	Location
January	19	1994	-37	Shelbyville
February	2	1951	-32	Princeton
March	6	1960	-14	Bonnieville
April	2	1857	10	Millersburg
May	10	1966	20	Falmouth
June	1	1966	29	Cumberland
July	1	1988	34	Ashland
August	31	1946	36	Clermont
September	26	1928	24	Farmers
October	27	1962	10	Dewey Dam
November	30	1929	-9	Shelbyville
December	24	1989	-24	Farmers

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