



COLLEGE BOUND

MSU program gives high school students a head start

FFA students throughout the state are getting a taste of college while sitting in their high school, thanks to Murray State University's Racer Academy.

There are currently 56 schools involved in the program and more than 350 students are earning dual credit through the academy in the 2013-2014 school year.

Brittany Forgey, McCracken County High School FFA teacher, currently has around 15 students enrolled in the program.

"That number may not seem like a lot," Forgey said, "but that is quite a few students who took the initiative to sign up and take college courses."

Forgey said the program helps prepare her students for the real world.

"For some of my juniors who wanted to take the course but their test scores weren't high enough it seemed like it let them see that they needed to get that score up for college," Forgey said.

Forgey teaches the course to her students, who have a variety of future plans and backgrounds.

"It's not strictly ag kids," Forgey said.

Forgey goes through the online course with her students during class and answers any questions they may have.

"It's their first look into college," Forgey said, "but they have someone they are comfortable with to help them."

Russell County High School FFA teacher Bethany Garmon has several juniors and seniors involved in the class.

Her students do the course on laptops while she teaches her high school classes.

Russell County High School junior Ben Roy wasn't even thinking about college before becoming part of the Racer Academy.

"I hadn't even considered college until I took these classes," Roy said. "I was just going to farm. I might still do that but now I know I can do college courses."

Russell County senior Heather Flatt plans to attend college for a fashion merchandising degree; she is part



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Russell County High School students (from left), Heather Flatt, senior; Gared Dalton, senior; Dylan Hatcher, junior and Ben Roy, junior participate in Murray State University's Racer Academy during High School FFA teacher Bethany Garmon's class.

of the academy for not only the college credit but also the experience.

"It really prepares you for online classes at college," Flatt said.

Gared Dalton, a senior at Russell County, is going to Western Kentucky University with a major in military leadership and has almost a semester worth of credit hours under his belt through the Racer Academy and advanced classes his high school offers.

"I really liked the option of doing it on my own time," Dalton said. "There were a few weeks where I had a lot of work due and some sickness in the family and not

having to have my test in right then really helped take some of the stress off my shoulders."

Flatt said one of the best parts of the courses is the fact that it isn't the same thing every day.

"They switch it up a lot," Flatt said. "Some days we watch a video and others we do course work."

"They don't just bombard you with tests," Dalton added.

The Racer Academy is for high school juniors and seniors with a cumulative GPA of 3.0 or a rank in the

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Beef prices reach highest level since 1987

LUBBOCK, Texas (AP) – The highest beef prices in almost three decades have arrived just before the start of grilling season, causing sticker shock for both consumers and restaurant owners and relief isn't likely anytime soon.

A dwindling number of cattle and growing export demand from countries such as China and Japan have caused the average retail cost of fresh beef to climb to \$5.28 a pound in February, up almost a quarter from January and the highest price since 1987.

Everything that's produced is being consumed, said Kevin Good, an analyst at CattleFax, a Colorado-based information group. And prices likely will stay high for a couple of years as cattle producers start to rebuild their herds amid big questions about whether the Southwest and parts of the Midwest will see enough rain to replenish pastures.

Meanwhile, quick trips to the grocery store could drag on a little longer as shoppers search for cuts that won't break the budgets. Patrons at one market in Lubbock seemed resigned to the high prices, but not happy.

"I quit buying steaks a while ago when the price went up," said 59-year-old Lubbock resident Len Markham, who works at Texas Tech. She says she limits red meat purchases to hamburger, opting for chicken, pork and fish instead.

Fellow Lubbock resident Terry Olson says she buys chicken and eggs now.

"I don't buy (red) meat, period," the 67-year-old said, admitting there's an occasional hamburger purchase. "Not like I used to because of the price."

Restaurant owners, too, must deal with the high prices. Mark Hutchens, owner of the 50 Yard Line Steakhouse in Lubbock, raised his menu prices for beef items by about 5 percent in November. Since then,

the owner of the eatery has tried to make cuts elsewhere to avoid passing it on to customers.

"It really squeezes the small guys more," he said of non-chain restaurants. "You just can't keep going up on people forever. I just think you have to stay competitive and keep your costs low."

White-tablecloth restaurants have adjusted the size of their steaks, making them thinner to offset the price increases, says Jim Robb, director of the Colorado-based Livestock Marketing Information Center. Some places now serve a 6-ounce sirloin, compared to 8- or 10-ounce portions offered years ago, he said.

And fast-food restaurants are trimming costs by reducing the number of menu items and are offering other meat options, including turkey burgers, Robb said. Chain restaurants also try to buy in volume as much as they can, which essentially gives them a discount, Iowa State University assistant economics professor Lee Schulz said.

"That can help them when they're seeing these higher prices," he said. "They can't do anything with the high prices."

The high prices are welcome news for at least one group: ranchers, especially those in Texas who for years have struggled amid drought and high feed prices. Despite the most recent numbers that show the fewest head of cattle in the U.S. since 1951, prices for beef haven't declined along with the herd size as demand has remained strong.

But even as ranchers breathe a sigh of relief, some worry lasting high prices will prompt consumers to permanently change their buying habits switching to chicken or pork. Pete Bonds, a 62-year-old Texas rancher and president of the Texas and Southwestern Cattle Raisers Association, said that's a big concern, especially as younger consumers start to establish themselves.

But such fears may be unfounded, Robb said. Three years ago, economists thought consumers would start

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Mark Hutchens
Owner of the
50 Yard Line Steakhouse

finding substitutions for beef as the drought spread. "We're surprised we haven't seen more of that," he said.

South Dakota rancher Chuck O'Connor is optimistic that consumers won't abandon beef for good.

"I'm sure some are maybe going to cut back some, but to say that people aren't going to buy it anymore, I don't think that's going to happen," he said, adding, "I hope not."

Beef isn't the only meat with higher price tags. The price of pork also has climbed, largely due to a virus that has killed millions of young pigs. And composite retail prices for chicken in February were \$1.95 per pound, the highest since October.

"I think these higher food prices are here to stay, including beef," said Dale Spencer, a rancher in central Nebraska and the former president of the Nebraska Cattle Association. "As we grow the herd, we'll have more supplies and prices should drop some at the market. I would not say a drastic drop."

The long-term trend, Good said, is that more shoppers will choose cheaper hamburger over higher-priced steaks and roasts.

"There's concern for the future but what's the consumer to do?" he said. "Pay the price or do without."

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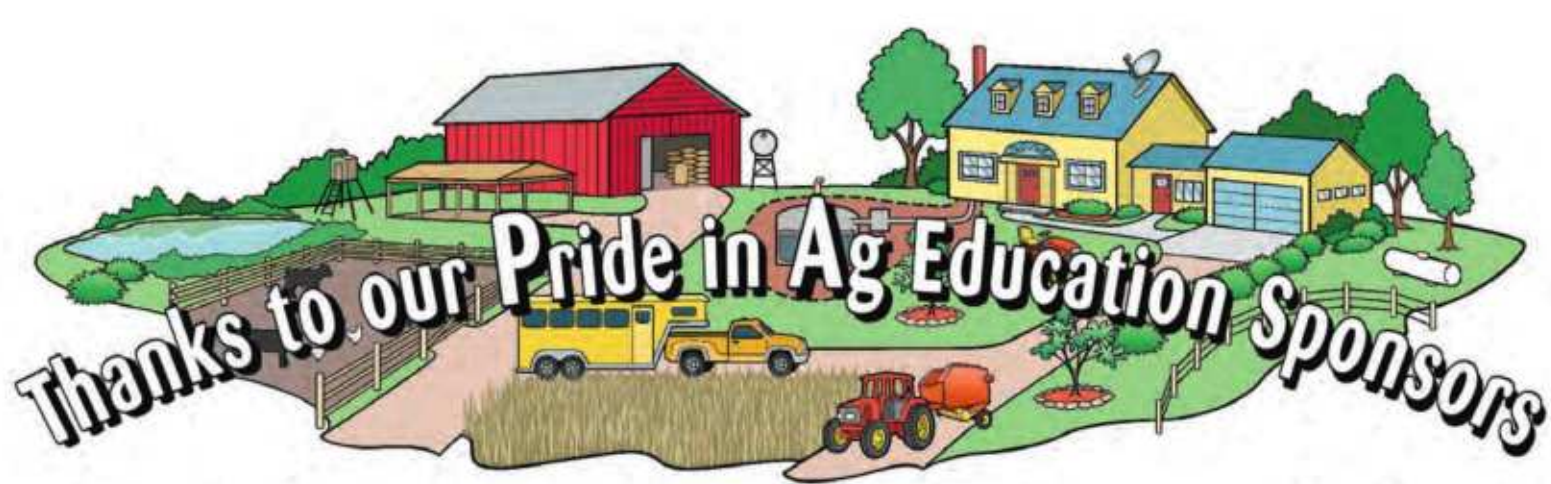
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Gov. Beshear signs cannabis oil bill

FRANKFORT (AP) – Kentucky farmers can grow hemp, and now Kentucky doctors can use it for medicine.

Gov. Steve Beshear signed into law last Thursday a bill that allows doctors at two Kentucky research hospitals to prescribe cannabidiol to treat patients. The oil gets a lot of attention because it comes from marijuana plants. But Kentucky plans to get its supply from industrial hemp crops that at least seven Kentucky farmers plan to plant next month.

The bill Beshear signed comes one year after the Kentucky legislature laid the groundwork for the state to begin growing hemp again marijuana’s less potent

cousin that once thrived in Kentucky before it was banned.

The federal farm bill signed into law in February allows states to grow hemp for research purposes. Next month, at least seven Kentucky farmers plan to plant hemp for various pilot projects in partnership with Kentucky research universities, according to Holly Harris VonLuehrte, chief of staff for Kentucky Agriculture Commissioner James Comer. Those projects include medical research.

Supporters of the bill note that cannabidiol has been particularly effective in treating seizures in children. That’s one of the main reasons state Sen. Julie

Denton, R-Louisville, sponsored the bill. Denton has a daughter who once suffered from epilepsy.

“People were having to move out of our state to go and live in Colorado or California just so they could get this. I thought that was crazy,” Denton said. “If it’s really great, we should have that available for our folks here in Kentucky.”

The law is effective immediately. But don’t expect Kentucky doctors to begin writing prescriptions. The law limits prescriptions only to doctors at the University of Louisville and University of Kentucky research hospitals. Gary Mans, a University of Louisville

spokesman, said doctors are just beginning to discuss when, how often and in what dosages to prescribe cannabidiol.

“I am confident that this law will provide the relief that these families seek, without creating complications for our law enforcement community,” Beshear said in a news release.

Denton said the law should not be misconstrued as a precursor to recreational marijuana use in Kentucky. But she said it could lead to laws allowing Kentucky research hospitals to study medical marijuana.

By Adam Beam
Associated Press

The time to control crabgrass is now

LEXINGTON –While the winter may have wreaked havoc on many desirable plants, it did little to affect crabgrass, the most common weed in Kentucky lawns.

“Crabgrass is an annual weed that outcompetes desirable grasses and then dies in the fall, leaving bare spots in yards for winter weeds to fill in,” said Gregg Munshaw, extension turf specialist in the University of Kentucky College of Agriculture, Food and Environment. “The cycle keeps repeating itself until the turf stand gets poorer and poorer.”

Munshaw said the best way to control summer annual grassy weeds, including crabgrass, is to apply a pre-emergent herbicide before the weed germinates.

“April 15 has traditionally been the latest date to apply pre-emergent herbicides in Central Kentucky,” Munshaw said. “Western Kentucky’s deadline is usually a few days earlier, and Eastern Kentucky’s time frame usually ends a few days later.”

While spring had a cooler-than-normal start, temperatures began rebounding the week of March 31. Forsythia is a fairly reliable indicator of when crabgrass will germinate. Individuals should apply pre-emergent herbicides before the forsythia blooms begin to drop.

“Forsythia buds usually mean you have 10 to 14 days to apply a pre-emergent herbicide,” Munshaw said. “If we use this as our time frame, April 15 would once

again be the deadline to shoot for to make a pre-emergent herbicide application.”

“Weed and feed” products and others containing nitrogen are not recommended for lawns with cool-season grasses, such as tall fescue and Kentucky bluegrass, during the spring or summer.

“Nitrogen encourages the growth of perennial and annual warm-season weeds to further outcompete cool-season grasses, as they grow really well during the hottest part of the year,” Munshaw said. “All fertilizer on cool-season lawns should be applied in the fall.”

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USDA still not saying when it will close FSA offices

Last month Agriculture Secretary Tom Vilsack announced plans under President Obama's 2015 budget plan to realign and consolidate as many as 250 Farm Service Agency offices to improve service and save costs. While the move would cut 815 non-federal workers from the payroll and reduce outlays by more than \$60 million, the U.S. Department of Agriculture still has not revealed which offices could be closed and where jobs will be cut, reports Agri-Pulse, a Washington newsletter. Cuts wouldn't take place until at least the end of the fiscal year, which concludes in September.

Administrator Juan Garcia told the House Agriculture Appropriations Subcommittee last week that "a 2008 farm bill provision, which is still in effect, mandates that the Agriculture Department must consider closing offices less than 20 miles away from a similar facility with two or fewer permanent, full-time employees before it can contemplate closing larger or more distant offices," writes Agri-Pulse. "Beyond that, FSA will place a priority on keeping open offices with heavy workloads—something the agency did not weight heavily when it made the last round of FSA closures after the passage of the 2008 farm bill."

"Garcia said FSA would also look at the physical location of offices and how many main and sub-offices surround them. Officials also agreed that closure decisions needed to take producers' opinions into account," Agri-Pulse writes. "Over the next three years, USDA will also work to implement what it calls the 'model service-center concept,' through which the department is hoping to streamline and modernize their field offices."

Offices will be reorganized into three tiers, Agri-Pulse writes. "Central offices will house FSA management and the bulk of agency staff; sub-offices will have fewer employees; and satellite offices will operate with even more limited staffing and hours. An improved IT system will also allow farmers to file some of their pa-

perwork from the web, obviating the need for regular truck rides to distant field offices." Most of the lawmakers attending the hearing expressed concern

about office closures.

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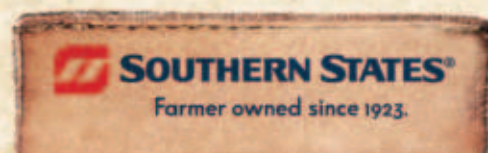


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News from the Kentucky Corn Growers Association and Kentucky Corn Promotion Council

Congressman Whitfield Introduces Safe and Accurate Food Labeling Act

Legislation Will Protect Food Producers and Consumers by Eliminating Confusion and Advancing Food Safety

The Kentucky Corn Growers Association applauded today the introduction of the Safe and Accurate Food Labeling Act, which would establish a federal standard for the safety and labeling of food and beverage products made with genetically modified ingredients (GMOs).

"The Safe and Accurate Food Labeling Act is a very important step to restoring certainty to America's food producer and eliminating the risks posed by an expensive patchwork of labeling laws," said Laura Knoth, KyCGA executive director. "Our family farm members work hard every day to ensure America's families have access to safe, abundant and affordable food. A federal solution on GMO labeling will bolster consumer confidence in the safety of American food by affirming the FDA's sole authority in food safety and labeling decisions. GMOs are safe, and many of our members use them every day to produce foods and crops that produce higher yields on less land, more easily withstand drought, and allow us to use fewer chemicals—which is better for families and the environment. Kentucky Corn applauds Congressman Ed Whitfield and the other cosponsors who introduced this legislation, for their work on behalf of families and food producers."

A federal GMO labeling solution is needed that will protect consumers and ensure the safety of food ingredients made through the use of modern agricultural biotechnology:

Eliminate Confusion: Remove the confusion and uncertainty of a 50 state patchwork of GMO safety and labeling laws and affirm the FDA as the nation's authority for the use and labeling of genetically modified food ingredients.

Advance Food Safety: Require the FDA to conduct a safety review of all new GMO traits before they are introduced into commerce. FDA will be empowered to mandate the labeling of GMO food ingredients if the agency determines there is a health, safety or nutrition issue with an ingredient derived from a GMO.

Inform Consumers: The FDA will establish federal standards for companies that want to voluntarily label their product for the absence-of or presence-of GMO food ingredients so that consumers clearly understand their choices in the marketplace.

Provide Consistency: The FDA will define the term "natural" for its use on food and beverage products so that food and beverage companies and consumers have a consistent legal framework that will guide food labels and inform consumer choice.

Facts About GMOs

Many of the most influential regulatory agencies and organizations that study the safety of the food supply, including the U.S. Food & Drug Administration, the American Medical Association, the World Health

Organization, Health Canada, the U.S. Department of Agriculture and the National Academy of Sciences, have found genetically modified food ingredients (GMOs) are safe and there are no negative health effects associated with their use.

GM technology adds desirable traits from nature, without introducing anything unnatural or using chemicals, so that food is more plentiful.

GM technology is not new. In fact, it has been around for the past 20 years, and today, 70-80% of the foods we eat in the United States, both at home and away from home, contain ingredients that have been genetically modified.

Ingredients grown using GM technology require fewer pesticides, less water and keep production costs down. In fact, GM technology helps reduce the price of crops used for food, such as corn, soybeans and sugar beets by as much as 15-30%.

One in eight people among the world's growing population of seven billion do not have enough to eat, and safe and effective methods of food production, like crops produced through GM technology, can help us feed the hungry and malnourished in developing nations around the world.

For more information about GMOs and the need for a federal labeling standard, visit www.kycorn.org.



Regulatory Overreach?

Proposed rule seeks to define waters protected under the Clean Water Act

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (Corps) jointly released a proposed rule recently that seeks to define the scope of waters protected under the Clean Water Act (CWA). The 370-page rule is intended to provide clarity to regulated entities as to whether individual water bodies are Waters of the U.S. (WOTUS) and discharges are subject to permitting. The proposed regulation was issued in light of conflicting Supreme Court cases that created uncertainty as to the jurisdictional reach of the CWA.

Along with the proposed rule, EPA and the Corps published an interpretive rule that seeks to clarify exemptions to CWA permitting for NRCS approved conservation practices.

Though the proposed rule promises continuation of existing exclusions and exemptions for farming practices, National Corn Growers Association as well as Kentucky Corn Growers will be reviewing the rule to ensure that it does not place additional regulatory burdens on agriculture, intentional or otherwise. The rule allows for a 90-day comment period once it is published in the Federal Register, which is expected to occur soon.

"The corn community is taking a careful, measured approach to this proposal," said Laura Knoth, KyCorn executive director. "We believe the effort to clarify regulatory reach is important, and we will be providing specific, scientifically-based responses to the proposal during the official comment period. While we don't want to overreact, we will be very diligent in ensuring EPA does not extend their authority beyond the confines of the Clean Water Act."

For more information on the proposed rule, visit www.kycorn.org and click on "Policy Center."

Economic Impact of Kentucky-Produced Grains: \$2 Billion

According to the National Agriculture Statistic Service (NASS) and IMPLAN data prepared by Community and Economic Development Initiative of Kentucky, corn and wheat produced in Kentucky had an economic impact of \$1.97 billion last year. The value of the 309.4 million bushels of grain produced in 2013 was \$1.41 billion. Production also supported 43,335 jobs, contributed \$379.4 million in employment compensation/proprietor income and \$639.6 million in GDP (value-added). Kentucky grain production also contributed \$63.6 million to federal taxes more than \$31 million in state and local taxes.



FORESTRY: Improved in 2013, looks better for 2014

LOUISVILLE – Kentucky's forests are a significant component of Kentucky's economy, and a University of Kentucky economic impact study by UK forestry experts found that 2014 looks bright for increased economic growth in the state's forestry industries.

Jeff Stringer, UK extension professor for hardwood silviculture and forest operations, Billy Thomas, extension associate for family forest education, Bobby Ammerman, extension associate for secondary forest industry, and Alison Davis, associate extension professor in the UK Department of Agricultural Economics, are the authors of the study released during a recent press conference at the Kentucky Forest Industries Association annual meeting at the Brown Hotel.

The forest and wood industry is made up of six sub-sectors: logging, primary wood manufacturing, pulp and paper manufacturing, secondary wood manufacturing, paper converters and wood residue manufacturing.

"The widespread economic impact of the forest and wood industries in Kentucky is considerable. Our analysis indicated it provided more than 59,000 jobs and a total economic impact of \$12.8 billion in 2013," Stringer said.

That number reflects an increase of 3.3 percent compared to 2011. The report estimates the industry provided \$7.9 billion in direct contributions to the

state's economy, an increase of 2.9 percent from 2011. Employment increased by 4.3 percent over the past two years. The report's authors estimate that sawmills and logging operations saw increases in direct revenues in 2013, \$826 million and \$717 million, respectively. Secondary wood industries had \$1.9 billion in direct revenues, also an increase.

"The increases in logging and milling are related to improvements in the overall U.S. economy and increased housing starts," Stringer said. "Kentucky currently is growing almost two times more trees than are being harvested, and timber supplies will allow steady sustainable growth in 2014."

Kentucky is among the top three hardwood sawlog producers in the nation and the leading producer in the South as well as being one of the leading producers of hardwood forest products in the South. Kentucky exports are strong, and the commonwealth's wood products can be found across the nation and around the world. Wooden barrels led exports through the first half of 2013, followed by oak lumber—which had a 71 percent increase—hardwood pulp, other lumber and railway ties. Of the exports, 40 percent went to Europe, 28 percent to Mexico and Canada and 20 percent to Asia.

Bob Bauer, executive director of Kentucky Forest Industries Association, sees the improvement in the

industry as encouraging.

"The latest economic figures show that the industry is expanding in all segments in Kentucky," Bauer said. "These figures show the importance of the wood industry to Kentucky's economy, and it is great to see things improving from recent hard times."

The full 2013-2014 Kentucky Forestry Economic Impact Report can be found at <http://www2.ca.uky.edu/forestryextension/economicreport.php>.

By Carol Lea Spence
University of Kentucky

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Essay winners honored at the Kentucky Agriculture Day Luncheon were, from left: front row — Sara Stults, Benjamin Wheat, Sayaka Church, Cyrus Bivens, Rory Shields, Kayla Wright, and Michael Brockman; back row Deputy Agriculture Commissioner Steve Kelly, Kolby Hunt, Chasity Bryant, Lilly Mooney, Hannah Mooney, and Kentucky Poultry Federation Jamie Guffey. Not pictured are Andy Peebles (fourth grade) and Evan Clark (10th grade), both of Daviess County.



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Ethan Carpenter, second from left, was the statewide digital art winner, and Lanta Willow Wright was the state runner-up digital winner in the Kentucky Department of Agriculture's Poster and Essay Contest. At left is Deputy Agriculture Commissioner Steve Kelly, and at right is Jamie Guffey, executive director of the Kentucky Poultry Federation and secretary-treasurer of Kentucky Agriculture and Environment in the Classroom Inc.



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Poster winners honored at the Kentucky Agriculture Day Luncheon were, from left: front row — Addison Carmack, Yaslynn Ponce, Miriam Moore, Raven King, and Lexi Tucker; back row — Steve Kelly, Courtney Hardin, Jason McCormick, Eliza Kate Moore, Morgan Johnson, and Jamie Guffey. Not pictured are Bryceson Bidwell (second grade) and Zoe Barker (fourth grade), both of Daviess County.

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Eighteen heifers awarded for the 'I Love Cows' memorial contest

Over 80 people from across the state gathered April 4 at the Mercer County Extension Office for the 15th Annual Dustin Worthington "I Love Cows" Essay Contest awards ceremony. This year's ceremony saw 18 heifers given away to students who participated in the contest. The contest is open to all FFA and 4-H members interested in the cattle industry in the state of Kentucky.

Over 83 entries from 32 counties were judged by local committee to select the winners. Again this year the program included at-large statewide awards in each 4-H organization and FFA organization. Any youth in Kentucky could apply with the exception of counties that have a county contest. For 2014, 17 heifers were awarded to 17 youth. The county contests were open to the youth in Breckinridge, Casey, Lincoln, Marion, Mason, McLean, Meade, Mercer, Taylor, and Washington counties.

The award was established after the death of Dustin Worthington, a Mercer County teen who was involved in the cattle industry. Worthington was killed along with his friend Dale Goodpaster in

an automobile accident on April 4th, 2000 near the community of Mayo in Mercer County. That year, two registered beef heifers were donated and given away. To date 216 animals have been awarded to 4-H/FFA youth across the state.

Over the last 14, a total of 87 counties have had essays submitted.

This program encourages but does not require youth to participate in a "chain program," this is when the first-born heifer is donated back to the program. To date, 74 past winners donate animals back to the program.

This year four heifers were purchased by the Dustin Worthington Memorial Fund.

Farms or individuals interested in donating a heifer of any beef breed can contact Dennis Worthington at 859-734-7533. FFA and 4-H students or leaders interested in participating can get information by calling Worthington at 859-734-7533 or by going to the Dustin Worthington Memorial web site at <http://www.dustinworthingtonmemorial.org>.



Award winners, front row from left, Stephanie Blackwood, Mallory Robertson, Bethany Cruse, Harley Hawkins, Samantha Garrett and Anna Porter, back row, Ben Taylor, Cole Clark, Kaleb Roy, Zach Smith, Jordan Lucas and Blake Woodrum.

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2014 membership; Kentucky Poultry Federation scholarship

Thank you to those of you who have either renewed or, for the first time, joined the Kentucky Poultry Federation. We appreciate the support you give the Kentucky Poultry Federation and Kentucky's poultry industry.

Be looking in the mail for your 2014 membership directory. They will be mailed out in May. If you do not receive your directory please call the Kentucky Poultry Federation at 270-404-2277 or e-mail jguffey@kypoultry.org.

If you would still like to join the Kentucky Poultry Federation you can down-

load a membership application at our website www.kypoultry.org, from the homepage click on "2014 Membership Drive."

2014 Kentucky Poultry Federation Scholarship

The Kentucky Poultry Federation is looking for graduating high school seniors (spring 2014) or enrolled students who are attending a college, university, or technical training program to be re-

cipients of the KPF scholarships.

These students must have good character and determination to succeed.

Through the generosity of our members and allied companies, scholarships have been established to assist graduating high school students or students currently attending a college or university to continue their education.

These scholarships were created to benefit the children and grandchildren of our poultry complex employees, growers and allied members.

The Kentucky Poultry Federation

Board of Directors and members established this fund to help young students continue their academic careers or receive additional training in another area beyond high school.

The Kentucky Poultry Federation will four students \$1,000 scholarships each.

For consideration in the scholarship competition all application packets must be post marked or electronically submitted by Monday, June 30. No exceptions will be made.

The application can be found on-line at: www.kypoultry.org.

Kentucky 4-H poultry contests

The Kentucky 4-H Poultry program is in full swing this summer.

Five different competitions will be held with the senior division winners representing Kentucky at the National 4-H Poultry and Egg Conference in November at the Kentucky State Fairgrounds in Louisville.

The wide variety of activities provides opportunities for youth, no matter what their interest or ability.

The Kentucky 4-H egg demonstration contest will be held on Saturday, July 12. The contest will be held at the Fayette County Extension Office.

The first and second place individuals from each district competition are eligible to participate in the state competition.

The competitors will prepare an egg dish while discussing the nutrition, functionality and general knowledge of eggs. The first place winner in the junior division will receive a blue ribbon, a quiche dish, and a \$25 check. The first place winner in the senior division will receive a blue ribbon, a soufflé dish, a \$50 check, and a \$300 scholarship to attend the national competition in Novem-

ber.

All prizes are sponsored by the Kentucky Egg Council. Registration is through your local County 4-H extension office.

The Kentucky 4-H Poultry judging contest and Avian Bowl contests will be held on the first Friday of the Kentucky State Fair on Aug. 15.

Contestants can register online at the Kentucky State Fair website. Rules for both contests are posted on the 4-H website at ca.uky.edu/Agcollege/4H/projects_events/statefair.

Check with your local 4-H agent for the registration deadline and more information.

The 4-H turkey barbecue contest and the 4-H chicken barbecue contest will be held in October at a yet to be determined time and location.

There are junior and senior divisions in both the turkey and chicken barbecue contests. The contestants are judged on their skill in starting and maintaining a fire, food safety, cooking skills, and of course, their finished product.

The senior division winners, in both contests, will receive a \$300 scholarship



from the Kentucky Poultry Federation to attend the National Competition.

For more information on all poultry

contests, contact your local extension office or Tony Pescatore at 859-257-7529 or e-mail at apescato@email.uky.edu.

Sign up date for disaster assistance officialty announced

Enrollment now underway for a variety of programs

LEXINGTON - U.S. Department of Agriculture Farm Service Agency Administrator Juan M. Garcia announced that farmers and ranchers can sign up for disaster assistance programs, reestablished and strengthened by the 2014 farm bill.

"President Obama and Secretary Vilsack made it a priority to begin enrollment for these programs," said Garcia. "For farmers and ranchers who have been awaiting disaster assistance, help is on the way."

The Livestock Indemnity Program and the Livestock Forage Disaster Program will provide payments to eligible producers for livestock deaths and grazing losses that have occurred since the expiration of the livestock disaster assistance programs in 2011, and including calendar years 2012, 2013, and 2014.

Enrollment began on April 15 for producers with losses covered by the Emergency Assistance for Livestock, Honeybees, and Farm-Raised Fish Program (ELAP) and the Tree Assistance

Program (TAP) in 2011, when the programs expired, through 2014.

"These very important disaster assistance programs will help Kentucky producers that have been adversely affected by the extreme cold winter and past years drought," said John W. McCauley, state executive director.

ELAP provides emergency assistance to eligible producers of livestock, honeybees and farm-raised fish that have losses due to disease, adverse weather, or other conditions, such as wildfires. TAP provides financial assistance to qualifying orchardists and nursery tree growers to replant or rehabilitate eligible trees, bushes and vines damaged by natural disasters. LIP provides compensation to eligible livestock producers that have suffered livestock death losses in excess of normal mortality due to adverse weather and attacks by

Contact your local FSA service center for more information.

animals reintroduced into the wild by the federal government or protected by federal law. LFP provides compensation to eligible livestock producers that have suffered grazing losses due to drought or fire.

"To expedite applications, all producers who experienced losses are encouraged to bring records documenting those losses to their local FSA county office," said McCauley.

Producers also are encouraged to contact their county office ahead of time to schedule an appointment.

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Open Heifers: 200-300# Supreme 375.00-450.00, 300-400# Supreme 410.00-600.00, 400-500# 625.00-710.00, Approved 375.00-425.00, 500-600# Supreme 625.00-710.00, Approved 375.00-425.00, 600-700# Supreme 725.00-930.00.

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Hol. Bull Calves: Small 45.00-110.00, Medium and Large 145.00-230.00 per head.

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For our latest market report, visit www.kyagr.com/mcda.htm

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LEGISLATIVE SESSION: Hopeful bills will pass to make agriculture sector more competitive

As I prepare this update the legislative session in Frankfort is not yet complete, but as the 2014 legislative session continues, I want to update you on the bills which would allow Kentucky's agriculture sector to be more competitive with our neighboring states. These bills have yet to pass.

Tennessee and Indiana already have sales tax advantages over Kentucky on veterinarian supplies, pharmaceuticals and on livestock and poultry bedding.

Tennessee has even taken one step forward to say, "We want the jobs, tax revenue, and increased farm revenue." Tennessee also has positioned itself to feed the world's growing population by giving tax breaks to those who feed us but they have also allowed a 10 percent weight variance to haul poultry from the

farm to the processing plants.

There were three bills introduced in legislation this session that would start to level the playing field as Kentucky competes with other states like Tennessee, North Carolina and Missouri.

The bills would also help Kentucky to compete with countries such as China for agricultural jobs and farm income. If these bills do not pass this session, I strongly urge you to contact your local senator and representative and ask them why not.

There is still a chance that Sen. Hornback's Senate bill 44 will pass the session.

SB 44 would give a 10 percent weight variance for trucks hauling poultry from the farm to the processing plant.

Unfortunately, Rep. Meredith's House

Bill 193, which would remove the sales tax on pharmaceuticals used in production agricultural, and Rep. Heath's House Bill 477, which would remove the sales and use tax from livestock and poultry bedding are not likely to pass this year.

Gov. Beshear even included language that would remove the sales tax on pharmaceuticals for production agriculture in the budget he proposed this year.

The Kentucky Poultry Federation and the poultry industry in the state of Kentucky sincerely thank Sen. Hornback, Rep. Meredith and Rep. Heath for their efforts and diligent work to try and pass these bills.

The Kentucky Poultry Federation would also like to thank the Kentucky Farm Bureau, the Kentucky Soybean Board, the Kentucky Corn Growers Association, the Kentucky Cattleman's Association and other agricultural groups that have worked meticulously to help pass these and other bills that would positively affect agriculture in the commonwealth.

As our agricultural community continues to decrease and the population continues to increase, we all must continue to nurture and develop these partnerships to feed the world.

By Jamie Guffey
Kentucky Poultry Federation Director

Hard-boiling made easy



Still haven't mastered the art of hard-boiling? All it takes is a dozen eggs and three easy steps!

Three simple steps to properly hard-boil eggs:

Place eggs in a saucepan large enough to hold them in a single layer. Add enough cold water to cover eggs by one inch. Heat over high heat until water boils.

Remove from burner. Cover pan. Let eggs stand in hot water about 12 minutes for large eggs (9 minutes for medium eggs; 15 for extra large).

Cool completely under cold running water or in a bowl of ice water. Peel and eat eggs or refrigerate them in their shells to enjoy up to a week later.

Now grab the kids, open up the creativity and start decorating the Easter eggs. Below are some imaginative ideas to get you started.

Stick to It: Take rolls of craft tape and

start wrapping. Mix and match different colors and patterns of tape to give eggs a modern edge.

Helpful Hints: Also known as "Japanese Washi Tape," craft tape can be found in the scrapbooking section at a local home or craft store.

Egg Scramble: Create word scrambles by placing number or letter stickers on eggs before dipping then into egg dye. Remove eggs from dye once desired color is achieved, gently removing the stickers from the outside of the egg.

Helpful Hints: Number and letter stickers are available at any craft, home or office store.

Avoid numbers and letters that are paper stickers, to ensure stickers come off cleanly and don't dissolve in the egg dye.

Information from the Kentucky Egg Council and the American Egg Board

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From tradition to technology

My grandfather is one of my greatest role models and I have tried to follow in his footsteps. He has been telling the story of agriculture for over 90 years.

After returning from World War II, Jesse Guffey started his farming operation. By 1960, he had built a profitable dairy, hay, and tobacco farm. He was one of the first to install an electronic milking machine in South Central Kentucky. Being in the Army Air

Corps, grandpa saw how new technology helped to win the war and how it could help improve his operation and his way of life. He incorporated modern



By Jamie Guffey
Kentucky Poultry Federation
Director

technologies such as newer tractors, corn pickers and a refrigerated milk tank to keep his product fresh and to stay on the cutting edge. In the 60's, the American farmer was feeding roughly 25 people. My cousins are currently running the farming operation that my grandfather started according to farmersfeedus.org they are now feeding 155 people.

I have found that Apps can be a new way to educate the public about agriculture. I begin to educate and communicate in a way that would not have been possible or imaginable when my grandfather began his farming operation. We can all use agriculture

friendly games and Apps to educate and inform your friends and family, as well. In keeping with the spirit of my grandfather and embracing technology, I am telling my story one App and Facebook post at a time.

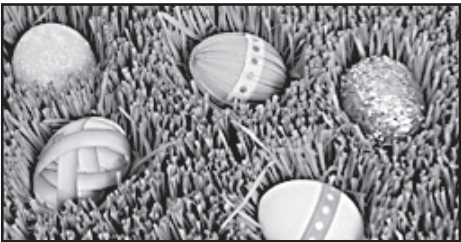
The Apps I am recommending for you to check out are as follows: Easter Egg Match, Egg A Sketch, Easter Egg Hunt Puzzles, and Recipe of the Day.

Easter Egg Match, in this seasonal matching game, you have to slide the very colorful eggs around until you can match 3 eggs. This re-creation of the very addictive candy crush game will keep you entertained for hours.

Egg A Sketch, is a 3-D Easter Egg design app. You and your kids can design, paint and draw the perfect Easter egg for hours. It's finger painting at its best without the mess.

Easter Egg Hunt Puzzles, this game includes different kid and toddler friendly puzzles. The jigsaw puzzles will become interactive with more challenges even after the puzzle is completed. The game starts out easy and increases with difficulty. This app is perfect for the little ones in your life that loves bunnies and hunting Easter eggs.

Recipe of the day, this app includes numerous recipes from appetizers to desserts. Each day has a brand new recipe to try along with the archived dishes.



Buffalo chicken potato skins

- 3 small Russet potatoes, baked and cooled
- 1 large boneless skinless chicken breast
- 4 cups water
- ¼ cup Frank's Red Hot Original Sauce
- 2 Tbsp. unsalted butter, melted
- 2 cups shredded cheddar cheese
- ½ cup blue cheese crumbles
- chives or green onion to garnish
- olive oil for brushing
- salt and pepper



Preheat oven to 350 degrees and cut baked potatoes in half lengthwise. Using a spoon, make shallow trough in cut side of potato to hold filling, leaving at least a ¼" border around edges. Be careful not to take too much potato out, just enough to keep filling from sliding off. Brush potatoes with olive oil, season lightly with salt and pepper. Place them on a baking sheet, bake 5 minutes, turn over and bake 5 minutes more. Remove from oven and set aside.

Put chicken and water in small saucepan and bring to simmer over medium heat. Cook 10 minutes until

chicken is cooked through. Remove chicken from water, cool slightly. Shred or chop chicken into small pieces. Place chicken, hot sauce and butter in small bowl, mix until well combined. Sprinkle cheddar cheese evenly among the potato skins. Divide chicken into 6 equal portions and top the potato skins and cheddar cheese. Bake 10 minutes until cheese is melted then remove from oven. Garnish with blue cheese crumbles and chives or green onion. Enjoy while still warm. <http://www.cherylstyle.com>



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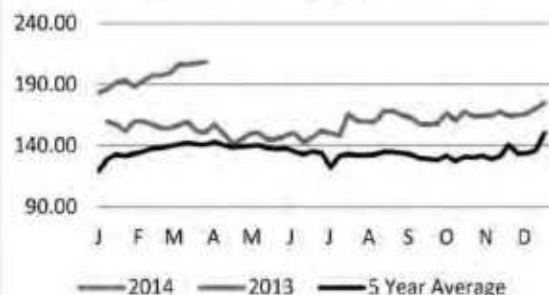
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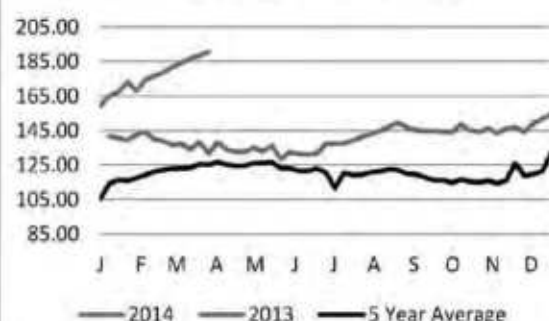
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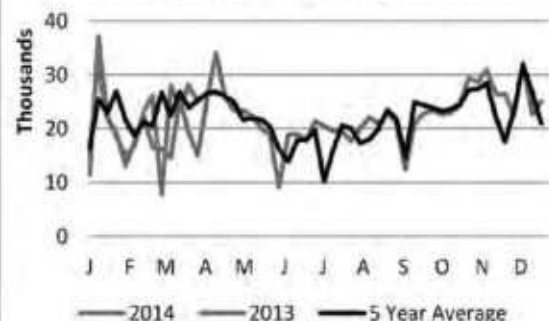
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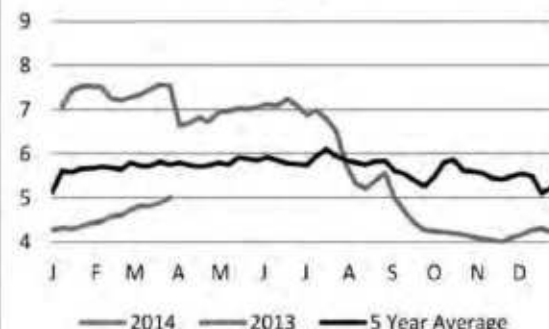
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Producers Livestock Auction Co., San Angelo, Texas April 2, 2014; Compared to last week slaughter lambs 10.00 to 20.00 lower. Slaughter ewes firm. Feeder Lambs 5.00 to 10.00 lower. Nannies 5.00-10.00 lower; kids 10.00-20.00 lower. Trading and demand moderate. All sheep and goats sold per hundred weight (CWT) unless otherwise specified.

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TRACT 3 contains 10.85 ± acres with 555' of road frontage.

TRACT 4 contains 29.473 ± acres with 498' of road frontage.

TRACT 5 contains 7.671 ± acres with 735' of road frontage.

The 80.25 ± acre tract is improved by a like new 7 bent tobacco barn (over 200 rails), 2 livestock barns and a garage. This tract fronts on both sides of Craintown Road.

All the tracts have good building sites with city water available.
Immediately after the sale of the real estate, we will sell the following:

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February 17, 2014

Holstein Steers: Large 3

21 hd. 340# 162.50

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20 hd. 649# 184.50 blk-char-red
21 hd. 700# 171.50 blk-char-red
50 hd. 770# 168.50 blk-charx
79 hd. 831# 166.50 blk-char-red
86 hd. 855# 162.00 blk-char-red

Holstein Steers: Large 3

67 hd. 803# 135.50

Feeder Heifers: Medium & Large 1-2

22 hd. 414# 208.00 blk
52 hd. 506# 197.50 blk-charx
84 hd. 608# 184.80 blk-char-red
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40 hd. 611# 200.75 blk-smokes
40 hd. 762# 172.00 blk-charx
49 hd. 922# 157.75 bbwf
56 hd. 929# 151.50 blk-charx
49 hd. 930# 156.75 blk-smokes
58 hd. 958# 154.00 blk-charx

Feeder Heifers: Medium & Large 1

81 hd. 589# 186.30 blk-smokes
36 hd. 626# 172.50 bbwf

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Somerset, KY

March 29, 2014

Feeder Steers: Medium & Large 1-2

30 hd. 583# 203.50 mixed
58 hd. 932# 156.40 blk-charx

Holstein Steers: Large 3

65 hd. 684# 141.75

Feeder Heifers: Medium & Large 1-2

75 hd. 733# 166.10 blk-charx

Blue Grass East

Mt. Sterling, KY

April 2, 2014

Feeder Steers: Medium & Large 1

25 hd. 413# 234.50 mixed

20 hd. 605# 196.00 blk

Feeder Bulls: Medium & Large 1

24 hd. 396# 215.00 mixed

Blue Grass Maysville

Maysville, KY

April 1, 2014

Feeder Steers: Medium & Large 1-2

40 hd. 606# 195.75 blk-charx

40 hd. 688# 187.00 blk

40 hd. 746# 174.00 blk-charx

Feeder Heifers: Medium & Large 1-2

77 hd. 681# 174.75 blk-charx

70 hd. 753# 168.25 charx

Stanford, KY

March 31 & April 3, 2014

Feeder Steers: Medium & Large 1-2

48 hd. 498# 208.00 mixed
46 hd. 518# 221.25 blk
24 hd. 851# 158.75 charx few blk
61 hd. 853# 166.80 charx
59 hd. 879# 163.10 blk-charx
57 hd. 919# 159.25 blk-charx
55 hd. 998# 153.95 blk-charx
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Feeder Heifers: Medium & Large 1-2

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72 hd. 588# 187.50 blk-charx
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20 hd. 415# 210.00 blk

56 hd. 603# 196.30 mixed

Feeder Heifers: Medium & Large 1-2

26 hd. 456# 196.00 blk

25 hd. 562# 180.00 blk

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Glasgow, KY

March 31, 2014

Feeder Steers: Medium & Large 1-2

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30 hd. 520# 209.50 blk
25 hd. 618# 194.50 blk
20 hd. 690# 175.00 blk

Feeder Heifers: Medium & Large 1-2

31 hd. 377# 205.50 blk
23 hd. 397# 203.50 mixed
35 hd. 437# 187.50 mixed
55 hd. 446# 197.50 blk
62 hd. 511# 189.75 blk

Feeder Bulls: Medium & Large 1-2

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April 3, 2014

Feeder Steers: Medium & Large 1-2

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43 hd. 543# 210.00 bbwf

Feeder Heifers: Medium & Large 1-2

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Feeder Bulls: Medium & Large 1-2

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Corn #2 Yellow	5.03-5.05	4.95-5.05	5.00-5.05	4.41-4.85	5.05	5.09
Corn #2 White	14.29-14.72	14.50-14.70	14.75-14.83	14.10-14.75	14.70	14.77
Soybeans #1 Y	5.99-6.53	6.51-6.76	NA	NA	NA	6.71
Wheat #2 SRW						
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Corn #2 Yellow	4.72-4.75	4.77-4.87	4.82-4.93	4.77	4.87	4.71
Corn #2 White	11.46-11.81	11.79-11.84	12.04-12.09	11.74	11.99	11.90
Soybeans #1 Y	6.78-6.58	6.47-6.67	6.57-6.75	NA	6.47	6.62
Wheat #2 SRW		3.00				
Barley						

Eastern Cornbelt Ethanol Plant Report 4/04/2014

Yellow Corn Spot Bid 4.60-5.25

Dried Distillers Grain (\$/ton)
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Kentucky Weekly Cattle Receipts

03/20/14	23,866
03/27/14	28,052
04/03/14	24,980

Weekly Feed Ingredient Price

Wholesale prices, \$ per ton
Rail or Truck FOB Location

Owensboro Grain	Commonwealth Agri-Energy Hopkinsville 4/04/2014
4/04/2014	
Soybean Meal 48% Sol	539.00
Soybean Hulls	210.00
Corn Distillers Grain Dried	—
Distillers Grain Modified	24.00
Distillers Grain Wet	139.00
Corn Condensed Solubles	87.00
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Year Ago (act)	113,000	3,000	415,000	6,000
Week to Date (est)	572,000	13,000	2,007,000	38,000
Same Pd Lt Week (est)	577,000	13,000	2,011,000	41,000
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Legislation would put GMO labeling on federal level

WASHINGTON (AP) – Large food companies are trying to head off state efforts to enact mandatory labeling of genetically modified ingredients by proposing new voluntary labels nationwide.

The food industry and farm groups are pushing Congress to pass legislation that would require the Food and Drug Administration to create guidelines for the new labels, which food manufacturers could use.

A federal standard for voluntary labels would get food manufacturers off the hook if any states pass laws requiring mandatory labeling. Recent ballot initiatives in California and Washington failed, but several state legislatures are considering labeling requirements and opponents of engineered ingredients are aggressively pushing new laws in several states.

There's very little science that says genetically engineered foods are unsafe. But opponents say there's too much unknown about the seeds that are altered in labs to have certain traits, and consumers have a right to know if they are eating them. The seeds are engineered for a variety of reasons, many of them to resist herbicides or insects.

Pamela Bailey, president and CEO of the Grocery Manufacturers Association, the food industry's main trade group, said the decision on labels should rest with the Food and Drug Administration, which is set up to assess the safety of foods.

"It does not serve national food safety policy to leave these issues to political campaigns," she said.

The grocery manufacturers announced a partnership with 28 farm and food industry groups to push for the legislation. The groups include the National Corn Growers Association, the National Restaurant Association and the National Beverage Association, all industries that have seen pushback from consumers over modified ingredients.

The groups say mandatory labels would cause confusion, misleading consumers into thinking that the in-

gredients are unsafe. The labels could also be inconsistent from state to state, the groups said.

The industries are lobbying members of Congress to introduce and pass a bill that would require FDA to do a safety review of new genetically engineered ingredients before they are sold in food. So far, FDA has not found safety issues with modified ingredients.

The companies are facing pressure from retailers as the conversation about modified ingredients has grown louder. Whole Foods announced last year that it plans to label GMO products in all its U.S. and Canadian stores within five years.

And some companies have decided to just remove the ingredients altogether, so no labels will be necessary. General Mills recently announced it would no longer use GMOs in its original Cheerios recipe.

The recently passed farm bill does not weigh in on genetically modified ingredients.

Opponents of the modified ingredients say the sentiment may change in Congress as more states wade into the labeling debate. Scott Faber of the Environmental Working Group, a Washington advocacy

'It does not serve national food safety policy to leave these issues to political campaigns.'

Pamela Bailey
President and CEO of the Grocery Manufacturers Association

group that supports labeling, says he expects around 30 state legislatures to consider the issue this year.

Maine and Connecticut have already enacted labeling laws for engineered foods, but they won't go into effect until other states in the region follow suit. And Oregon may be the next state to consider a ballot measure on the issue.

Faber says momentum is building across the country for labeling, "not because consumers are concerned about the technology, but because consumers are demanding to know more and more about their food."

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It's a luxury of the private sector, completely legal and usually good business.

If someone were to try to determine my political leanings by the emails I receive, they would have a difficult time. I like to consider differing views so I request mail from various interests to see how they present an issue. It's interesting to see how a single issue can be presented in completely different ways depending on the email sender's agenda.

I also get emails from President Obama. Why depend on the media to tell me what the president is doing when he offers to tell me himself with daily emails, right? Okay, I don't really believe that, but I do want to see what his view is on the reason he does what he does. I also believe the critical eye of the watchdog press is important, too.

An email last week from the president riled me so badly I took to Facebook to show my irritation.

The email came as the "Daily Snapshot" from the White House and featured an article entitled, "It's Nice to Have a Day, But It's Even Better to Have Equal Pay."

It was all about women making less money than men. Anyone who has been anywhere near any propaganda dispenser lately knows the Democrats are claiming the Republicans are waging a war on women. I won't even get into that debate, except to say that gender bias is not partisan.

The article goes on to say that "51 percent of women report that they are either discouraged or forbidden from discussing their wages."

I'd say most men are in the same place, since the private sector likes to keep wages private. It's a luxury of the private sector, completely legal and usually good business.

Well, it was completely legal, but then the president decided to do something about this great travesty.

The article says that "President Obama's making it illegal for federal contractors to retaliate against employees who talk about their pay."

That's what started my Facebook rant. First of all, I thought it was the job of Congress to make things il-

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The food evangelists

Most likely you have heard someone telling you about the latest diet they are trying or food they are excluding. Should it provide benefits to their health, they will most likely try to encourage you to do the same.

Go vegan. Gluten free for me. Stay away from GMOs. Nix the processed foods. Avoid sugar. Don't get grain brain. Only eat grass-fed, pastured-raised meat for optimal health.

While I often provide my opinion on such matters, I am silently screaming, "Leave me alone! I'm thrilled that works for you, but I'm not interested!"

In a world where many of us have moved away from trying to evangelize our friends and neighbors for fear of offending them, a growing number of people are preaching their food religion on every street corner, or Facebook post, as if it were Gospel.

It is amazing how easily I can parallel my work life—talking about food and farming—with my church life. I often think that I should use my training and experience for having agriculture conversations and translate that into having conversations about the soul-cleansing blood of the lamb.

I occasionally lead the lesson in my ladies Sunday school class, and I usually always have a work example to share with them. We just started a lesson on atonement, and I began thinking about psychology and why some do not want to turn away from their sins. Maybe it is because they do not have an immediate, problematic consequence, let alone a fear of God.

I held up my can of diet soda and said I had been trying to remove it from my diet for a long while. Some say they are one of the worst things you can consume, but I have not experienced any type of ill effect from drinking them, so it is not a priority. The group quickly shared their own stories about soda, then other foods and additives. It was amazing how quickly the conversation shifted and how easily everyone engaged.

Why? We have to eat, and food is an emotional subject. Since most of us are not hungry or starving, our food choices are based on how we are feeling. And we have so many choices these days. We also have an increased awareness of our health. Should we have a problem or illness, it is so much more gratifying to point a finger at a specific cause rather than bad genetics, dumb luck or a lifetime of poor choices. It is even more gratifying and empowering to find a group of people who have the same issues and set of beliefs about food.

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2014 looks good for hog records



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It seems like it has been winter forever, but hopefully spring is just around the corner with planting getting started on a good corn and soybean crop. In the last 12 months we have seen unheard of high prices for corn and soybeans due mainly to the drought of 2012. These feed prices played havoc on pork producers to make a profit.

How quickly things can change, with feed prices moderating and pork supply in short order, because of 2013 cutbacks, the bottom line looks good this year. The price of hogs now is at record highs and looks to be going even higher. As it appears now, 2014 could be one of the best in the past 30 years.

With prices being high and feed costs moderate profits are looking good, if we can avoid the threat of disease. As many of you know PED virus is taking its toll on the pig supply, even more than the planned cut back for the high feed prices.

If you have not had PED virus then you are some of the lucky ones or you have been on top of your biosecurity. It is even more important to be extra careful to keep from bringing in any new diseases or to carry out any diseases you may have had. The need for a strategic plan of action for disease outbreak or some other type of emergency is critical to all in this day and time. If you need help in developing an emergency plan, contact the office.

The fall and winter have been busy with several political agendas. First, we had our annual trip to Washington DC; it was one of the best that I had ever attended. We personally met with Sen. Mitch McConnell, Sen. Rand Paul and Congressman Brett Guthrie.

We discussed the farm bill and foreign trade issues and our concerns for animal care and animal safety. They seemed glad we made the effort to meet with them and were interested in what we had to say. It was a very productive trip. Then later in the fall we met with the Farm Bureau swine advisory committee and representatives from the state ag committee. Again the farm bill and the Affordable Health Care Act were discussed. It was interesting to hear Farm Bureau's opinion on the Health Care Act.

In January at our annual meeting, Ag Commissioner James Comer spoke at our Saturday night banquet. I was very impressed with his ideas and view of farming and animal care. He is doing a good job for us.

As spring planting begins and summer will be here before we know it, mark your calendar for our summer meeting that will be on July 24 at the Holiday Inn in Bowling Green. Also if you have not become a paid member of KPPA this would be a good time to do so. Hope to see you in July.

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Letters to the Editor

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Just the facts, ma'am

As this space has often noted, facts, figures and data are as essential to journalism as verbs, nouns and dangling participles. In fact, journalism without facts is a cup of tea without tea.

We also understand that erudite farm and food conversationalists—like you, for instance—are often on the prowl for convincing evidence and fresh facts to inform the unknowing and inspire the faithful. We can help by offering some facts and figures that recently caught our jaundiced eye.

For example, while New Zealand is but the world's 75th largest country by size, it is the world's fifth largest beef exporter.

According to the U.S. Department of Agriculture's Foreign Agricultural Service, New Zealand exported 529,000 metric tons of the 620,000 metric tons of beef it produced in 2013. Forty-six percent of all those exports, or about 244,000 metric tons, went to the U.S.

That's 536.8 million pounds of New Zealand beef imported by the U.S., the world's largest beef producer, when we grew 11.7 million metric tons of beef ourselves, or nearly 19 times the total production of New Zealand. (Links to supporting documents posted at <http://farmand-foodfile.com/in-the-news/>.)

What's more, according to USDA, America's cattle numbers were so low last year that we also imported 989,406 head of cattle from Mexico and 1,038,584 head from Canada. (Neither was a record: In 1995, the U.S. imported 1.7 million head from Mexico; in 2002 it imported a similar 1.7 million head from Canada.)

In fact, predicts USDA, as U.S. ranchers hold back young stock to rebuild breeding herds this year, total American beef production will decline another 684,000 metric tons, or more than all of New Zealand's 2014 production.

Declines are also forecast for American ethanol production as the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency works on new rules to balance today's smaller American gasoline market with previously enacted mandates for increased use of biofuels. As might be expected, farmers who grow corn, the main feedstock of ethanol, aren't happy.

At a recent Senate ag committee hearing on "advanced biofuels," however, Chairwoman Debbie Stabenow, D-MI, cited Iowa State University research to support expanding, not cutting, ethanol use.

According to Iowa State, related Stabenow, in 2010, "(E)thanol reduced the cost of gas by 89 cents (per gallon) across the country—and by as much as \$1.37 in the Midwest." Since the average American family used 892 gallons of gasoline that year, the average American "family would have saved \$794 in 2010 because of biofuels."

A May 2012 update by Iowa State, however, put those dramatic numbers into a broader context. The report's "results indicate that over the period of January 2000 to December 2011, the growth in ethanol production reduced wholesale gasoline prices by 29 cents per gallon on average across all regions."



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Soybeans – a tale of two crops



MARKET WATCH

Dewey Strickler

The USDA has lowered its 2013-14 ending stocks estimate for soybeans 10 million bushels to 135 million bushels.

Field preparation and planting have gotten off to a slow start this season because of wet, cold conditions. While weather is expected to improve in the western Corn Belt, the east may dodge rain drops another week. USDA delivered a friendly 2013-14 ending stocks estimate for corn by lowering it to 1.331 billion bushels from 1.456 billion bushels in March. Exports were raised 125 million bushels to 1.750 billion bushels.

Meanwhile, world stocks were unchanged at 158.4 billion bushels. Export inspections were strong last week at 51.5 million bushels with shipments showing significant improvement over the past three weeks.

In other developments, the long position of the trend following funds is getting dicey as it rose 160 million bushels last week to 950 million bushels. This is short of the high set in December 2012 at 1.015 billion bushels. With lower ending stocks, the market will focus on weather and planting progress in the weeks ahead.

Soybeans are the tale of two crops. One is of extremely tight old crop supplies, while the other points to record planting this spring that could result in ending stocks exceeding 350 million bushels this fall. In an attempt to reduce old crop tightness, sales originally slated from Brazil to China are being diverted to the East coast. As a result, scorching exports from the U.S. to China have cooled in recent weeks. Inspections last week were 18.7 million bushels with China taking 7.1 million bushels or 38 per-

cent of shipments. Earlier this season, they were taking 60-70 percent of shipments.

The USDA has lowered its 2013-14 ending stocks estimate for soybeans 10 million bushels to 135 million bushels. World ending stocks fell 1 million tons to 69.4 million because of Brazil's crop being lowered 1 million tons to 87.5 million. Argentina's crop was unchanged at 54 million tons. In other developments, the trend following funds bought 55 million bushels last week, increasing their long futures position to 765 million bushels.

Wheat has struggled the past few weeks, but remains underpinned from dryness in the southern Plains and tensions between Russia and the Ukraine. Meanwhile, there have been no disruption of shipments in that region.

USDA increased its 2013-14 wheat ending stocks estimate 15 million bushels this month to 583 million bushels. World ending stocks rose 2.9 million tons to 186.7 million. Export inspections were better than expected last week at 22.2 million bushels.

In the first crop progress report of the season, 35 percent of the winter wheat crop is rated in good-to-excellent condition. This is down from 62 percent in late November. The trend following funds continue to abandon their short futures position and have whittled it down to 20 million bushels.

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The food evangelists

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I admit that my notions of psychology, nutrition and even religion are based primarily on experience. I know I don't have all the answers, but I do know we need to consider the experiences and values of others in our quest to share more about agriculture. Don't always assume that a person makes a particular food or diet decision because they have not been "educated" or have been fed bad information.

I know it is tough to hear people chastise your production methods or the food you are producing. My advice is not to keep your beliefs to yourself, but approach the subject in a personal way. Tell people why you farm. Tell people why you choose certain methods while sharing your values.

A recent study conducted by the Center for Food Integrity found that people are more likely to put trust in someone whom has similar values over vocational expertise. That is profound. As a Type A personality, I have a hard time wrapping my head around that, but I

realize that I may need to alter my approach to reach more people unlike myself.

My goal is not to be the annoying food evangelist. While I want consumers to believe in what my farmers do, I need to realize some may have personal issues that weigh heavily on their food choices. Let's be positive. Let's be understanding. Let's not condemn. Some will have their minds made up no matter what we say, but if we stay the course, the food "lost" may look to us for answers and peace of mind.

Looking to join in the food conversation? Be sure to visit www.kyfoodandfarm.com and click on the CommonGround logo. Jennifer Elwell is the communications director for the Kentucky Corn Growers Association and co-coordinator of the CommonGround program in Kentucky.

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legal. Once again, however, Obama just typed up an executive order and changed the rules, bypassing the constitutional process that defines the purposes of the executive, legislative and judicial branches of government.

Obama has mastered the executive order process to create laws. He is also really good at dictating policy where the federal government doesn't belong by strong-arming either states or the private sector. He did not invent this process, of course, but he does seem to enjoy it.

In this instance the executive order is directed at the private sector. The president has declared that businesses cannot "retaliate against employees who talk about their pay" if they receive federal contracts.

It's a small thing, really, but it is just another example of a federal government sticking its nose where it doesn't belong, in a way that it shouldn't even be doing business.

I guess my response to the president's self-promoting email was not what his emailing staff had hoped for. Like I said, it's a good idea to welcome information from numerous sources. You never know what you might learn.

Just the facts

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Stabenow's numbers aren't wrong; they just focus on the "marginal impacts on gasoline prices" that "are found to be substantially higher given the dramatic increase in ethanol production and higher crude oil prices" in recent years.

The chairwomen did, however, use very favorable corn-based ethanol numbers to kick off a Senate hearing to examine a "move to non-food"—in other words, non-corn—"based advanced biofuels."

The most hog-wild mixed message coming from the winter, though, has been the impact of PEDv, or Porcine Epidemic Diarrhea, a pig-only virus that has infected hog herds in 28 states. The virus, when it strikes, is deadly. Mid-winter estimates pegged baby pig losses nationwide since May 2013 at 2.7 million to 6 million head, or between 5 and 10 percent of the U.S. herd.

USDA's March 28 Quarterly Hogs and Pigs Report saw the number closer to the low end of the low end, or about 5 percent. That means, says Purdue University's Chris Hurt, an extension economist, for producers "not heavily affected by PEDv," record high hog prices will rule and 2014 will be "a record profit year."

That's a fact. Here's another: buy the bacon for those summertime BLTs now.

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KFB 'Farmer of the Year' applications now being accepted

LOUISVILLE – The 2014 Kentucky Farm Bureau “Farmer of the Year” application process is now open, and the organization is seeking the commonwealth’s finest nominees for this prestigious award.

KFB initiated a “Farmer of the Year” awards program as a way to recognize its members for their commitment to excellence in agriculture, efficiency in farming practices, sound financial management and outstanding leadership in their county Farm Bureau and other civic organizations. Eligibility and guidelines are included with the application, and can be downloaded at kyfb.com/federation/. All applications must be postmarked by July 1.

Entries will be narrowed down to the top three applicants over the summer, and finalists will be announced in mid-August. Judges will visit the three finalists in mid-September to conduct interviews and see their operations in action. The winner will be announced at the organization’s 2014 state annual meeting in Louisville on Dec. 5.

KFB’s “Farmer of the Year” will receive \$1,000 from Kentucky Farm Bureau Federation and will be presented with a commemorative award during the organization’s annual meeting in December. State finalists will receive \$250 from Kentucky Farm Bureau Federation.

In addition to the statewide recognition and prizes, KFB’s “Farmer of the Year” winner will represent Kentucky in the Swisher Sweets/Sunbelt Ag Expo Southeastern “Farmer of the Year” contest, the South’s most prestigious agricultural award, in Moultrie, Ga., Oct. 20-22, 2015. The state winner will also receive \$2,500 from Swisher International, a \$500 gift certificate from Southern States Cooperative, the choice of either \$1,000 in PhytoGen cottonseed or a \$500 donation to a designated charity from Dow AgroSciences, and a Columbia vest from Ivey’s Outdoor and Farm Supply. Kentucky’s winner will compete against nine other state winners for the chance to win a \$15,000 award from Swisher International and several other sponsor-based prizes.

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1. Why are agriculture groups in favor of legislation that would put GMO label regulations in the hands of FDA?
2. Why have beef prices reached the highest level since 1987?
3. How are consumers and producers responding to increased beef prices?
4. Gov. Beshear has signed a cannabis oil bill. What is the purpose of the bill and what potential does it have for Kentucky farmers?
5. Why is the Kentucky Corn Growers Association interested in a proposed rule to define the scope of waters protected under the Clean Water Act? What current exclusions protect farmers from an overreaching federal government?
6. What is the total economic impact of the forest and wood industries in Kentucky in 2013?
7. Look through the various livestock sale advertisements in this issue. Are there any producers in your area represented? Name them. What type of cattle do they produce? If there are none in your county, search for the ones closest to you and list them.
8. Who is Jamie Guffey? In his article in the Sunny Side, he quotes some statistics on how many people a single farmer feeds. What are those statistics and how has that number changed in the past 50 years?
9. Several of Kentucky’s commodity groups have either a newsletter or an advertisement in this issue. List them and tell something about each one of them.

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Lo, there was a great earthquake, for the angel of the Lord descended from heaven, and came and rolled away the stone and sat upon it; his appearance was as lightening and his clothes were as white as snow. For fear of him, the guards trembled and became as dead men.

And the angel said to the women, “Be not afraid. I know that you seek Jesus of Nazareth who was crucified. He is risen. He is not here. Why seek the living among the dead? Remember how He spoke to you while He was still in Galilee, saying, ‘The Son of Man must be delivered up into the hands of sinful man and be crucified and on the third day rise again.’ Come now and see that place where He lay. (Then they remembered His words.)”

“Go quickly and tell His disciples and Peter that He is risen from the dead, and lo, He goes before you into Galilee. There, you will see Him as He told you.”

Some went away with fear and trembling and said nothing because they were afraid. Others went away quickly with fear and great joy and ran to tell the disciples.

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Easter brunch made easy

8 slices bacon
1 medium onion, chopped (1 cup)
1 loaf (8 ounces) Italian bread, cut into 1-inch cubes (5 cups)
2 cups (8 ounces) shredded Cheddar cheese
1 cup shredded mozzarella cheese

1 cup cottage cheese
5 eggs
1 1/2 cups milk*
2 teaspoons ground mustard
1 teaspoon ground black pepper
1/2 teaspoon ground nutmeg

Preheat oven to 350°F. Cook bacon in large skillet until crisp. Drain bacon on paper towels; crumble and set aside. Remove all but 2 tablespoons drippings from skillet. Add onion to skillet; cook and stir 3 minutes or until softened.

Spread 1/2 of the bread cubes in 13x9-inch baking dish. Layer with 1/2 each of the onion, bacon, Cheddar cheese and mozzarella cheese. Spread evenly with cottage cheese. Top with remaining bread cubes, onion, bacon, Cheddar cheese and mozzarella cheese.

Beat eggs in medium bowl with wire whisk. Add milk, mustard, pepper and nutmeg; mix well. Gradually pour into baking dish. Press bread cubes lightly into egg mixture until completely covered. Let stand 10 minutes. (*To prep the night before, add an extra 1/2 cup of milk and refrigerate overnight.)

Bake 40 to 50 minutes or until center is set and top is golden brown.

Recipe courtesy of www.familyfeatures.com

Individual cheese and herb stratas

8 thin slices prosciutto or deli ham
2 cups French or Italian bread pieces (1-inch pieces)
2 tablespoons melted butter
1/2 cup crumbled goat cheese (see note)
1/4 cup chopped fresh herbs (see note)

Preheat oven to 400°F. Butter bottom and sides of four 10 to 12 ounce ramekins or spray with nonstick cooking spray

Line each ramekin with 2 slices prosciutto or ham with some extending over sides.

In large bowl, toss bread pieces and melted butter together. Stir in cheese and herbs. Divide mixture evenly among ramekins pressing down lightly. Break 2 eggs into

8 Eggs
Salt
Coarse ground black pepper
Minced bell pepper (optional)
Chopped fresh herbs (optional)

each ramekin. Add salt and pepper, as desired. Sprinkle bell pepper around eggs, if desired.

Place ramekins on rimmed baking sheet. Bake 25 to 30 minutes, until whites are set and yolks begin to firm, or to desired doneness.

Garnish with additional herbs, if desired.

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Tommy Williams