



Panelists Mike Burchett, Jonathan Miller, Ryan Bivens and Larry Thomas, of the Kentucky Soybean Association, speak with members of the interim ag committee.

Producers host legislative committee

HODGENVILLE, Ky. – The Kentucky Soybean Association hosted the 2014 Kentucky General Assembly Interim Joint Committee on Agriculture July 9 at Fresh Start Farms in Hodgenville. Legislators were given an overview of many issues that affect Kentucky's soybean farmers, by Kentucky soybean farmers.

Ryan Bivens, president of KSA and owner (with his wife Misty) of Fresh Start Farms, explained the difference between the KSA (which is membership-based and deals with policy and legislation) and the Kentucky Soybean Board, which collects the soybean checkoff funds and invests that money in research and marketing projects. He also gave an overview of the soybean industry in Kentucky, including the financial impact of agri-

culture on our state.

According to the most recent National Agricultural Statistic Service data, the total annual economic impact of soy agriculture in Kentucky is \$1.475 billion.

Bivens explained the different parts of the bean (meal and oil) and shared with legislators how each part is used. Some expressed surprise at the importance of soybean meal to the animal agriculture sector, and how the success of a year's soy crop can affect prices at the supermarket.

KSA Vice President Mike Burchett spoke to the importance of infrastructure and getting soybeans from the field to the market safely. Rural road infrastructure, bridges and water-

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EPA, farmers at odds over water regs

Rules could impact creeks, streams

Kentucky has more than 49,000 miles of rivers, creeks, streams and tributaries. The commonwealth currently boasts 1,090 commercially navigable miles of water, more than any other state in the continental U.S., making up about 4 percent of the nation's 25,000 mile inland waterway system. That should make the term "navigable" pretty important to the Bluegrass State.

Yet, when the Environmental Protection Agency and the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers penned the new "Waters of The United States" (WOTUS) rule to alter the 1972 Clean Water Act, they dropped that term from the description of waters they oversee.

That has agriculture interests protesting what they see as an attempt by the Agency to control even more of the practices farmers and ranchers can engage in without seeking permits. Opponents say the new rule could impact activities as fundamental as building fences and repairing stock ponds.

The U.S. Supreme Court has not once but twice recently struck down attempts by EPA to interpret the Clean Water Act

more broadly.

EPA Administrator Gina McCarthy visited neighboring Missouri to try and debunk what she termed "myths" about the new rule, which the agency claims was proposed to "clarify protec-

'We think this is indicative of what the EPA has been doing in recent years at every turn.'

Mark Haney
President, Kentucky Farm Bureau

tion under the Clean Water Act for streams and wetlands." Agriculture leaders are countering that argument, saying the new rule is about as clear as mud.

Nebraska Rancher Anne Burkeholder thinks calling this

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Growing gardens, growing communities



Parkland Boys and Girls Club students join Louisville Mayor Greg Fischer, Boys and Girls Clubs of Kentuckiana CEO Jennifer Helgeson, Louisville councilwoman Attica Scott, Commissioner James Comer and Anthem Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Kentucky regional VP Kennan Wethington at the "Seed to Sale" groundbreaking.



Anthem Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Kentucky regional VP Kennan Wethington, Boys and Girls Clubs of Kentuckiana CEO Jennifer Helgeson, Commissioner James Comer, Louisville councilwoman Attica Scott, and Louisville Mayor Greg Fischer are joined by Parkland Boys and Girls Club students at the "Seed to Sale" groundbreaking.

A project being sponsored by the Kentucky Department of Agriculture will likely end up growing more than fruit and vegetables.

Commissioner James Comer joined Louisville Mayor Greg Fischer and other supporters July 2 to break ground for the new Urban Garden at the Parkland Boys and Girls Club in Louisville.

"We're so proud of all the hard work that has gone into this project," Comer said. "This is amazing, and you're doing something that is going to make a difference for this community and for many people for many years to come."

Students who participate in the project will get hands-on training in real world skills by planning, growing and marketing the produce from the garden. Along the way, they will learn about food preparation and proper nutrition.

Field trips to farmers' markets and local producers will support classroom and garden experience.

City councilwoman Attica Scott had praise for the project as well as the Parkland Community Garden, just down the

street from the Boys and Girls Club. "People come there not only to grow fresh fruits and herbs and vegetables, but to build community and to build relationships."

Last summer, the Franklin-Simpson Boys and Girls Club piloted a similar project, which Parkland CEO Jennifer Helgeson credited for laying the foundation for the Louisville garden. Four additional "Seed to Sale" projects are anticipated at Boys and Girls Clubs across the state.

In early May, rifles and knives that had been evidence in the corruption trial of former agriculture commissioner Richie Farmer were sold at auction.

The money collected from that sale was dedicated by Comer to help fund the urban garden project. Additionally, financial and technical assistance will be provided by Anthem (Blue Cross and Blue Shield) Foundation, University of Kentucky Cooperative Extension, Caudill Seed, The Green Building and Louisville Grows.

By Ray Bowman, field reporter



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WOODLAND OWNERS: Got questions? Get answers.

LEXINGTON – Woodland owners who are wondering how to get the most from their property should think about attending one of three Woodland Owners Short Courses being offered around the state this summer, said Billy Thomas, University of Kentucky Cooperative Extension forester.

When woodlands are managed properly, their health improves and they can produce a cash crop of valuable timber, as well as attract more wildlife and provide a place for family recreation. The 2014 Woodland Owners Short Course will cover all those aspects—for both novice and experienced landowners.

Woodland owners are sometimes not aware of the wide variety of organizations and programs available to help them care for their woodlands.

“It’s important to understand a property’s potential. And though there are plenty of people and organizations who

can help accomplish an owner’s objectives, people might not know where to find them,” Thomas said. “That’s where the Woodland Owners Short Course comes in. It puts landowners in contact with professionals who can help them achieve their particular management goals.”

The one-day course is offered once in each of the three geographical regions of the state. Planning committees have developed the regional programs with local needs in mind, so each region’s course will vary slightly from the others. In the West Region, the course is scheduled for Aug. 9 in the Crittenden County Ed Tech Center, 200 Industrial Dr., Marion. The Philip Sharp Farm will host the field site visit. The course in central Kentucky is scheduled for Aug. 16 at the Boone County Cooperative Extension office, 6028 Camp Ernst Rd., Burlington. The field site will be at the D.B. Farm. In

southeastern Kentucky the course on Aug. 23 will begin at the Knox County Extension office, 215 Treuhaft Blvd., Suite 7, Barbourville and move to the Burchel Blevins Farm. Organizers will provide transportation to all field sites.

Two concurrent tracks, Gold and Green, target either the seasoned woodland owner or those who are just beginning. Landowners who have just acquired woodlands or who are beginning to think about management and wondering what their options are should enroll in the Green Track, while more

experienced woodland managers can take advantage of the information available in the Gold Track. Past graduates of the short course will also find valuable information by returning to the course through the Gold Track.

Depending on the track and the region, sessions will cover such topics as tree identification; woodland management concepts; woodland rehabilitation, threatened and endangered species; management and control of deer and turkeys, wildlife food plots, woodland

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Two tracks will be held in each county. One for the more seasoned woodland owner (Gold track) and one for those who are just getting started (Green track).



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

KyCorn Releases New Agriculture Education Curriculum for Kentucky Teachers



cuss what they saw, and have the students complete activities that reinforce what they have learned. The curriculum aligns to current Kentucky Core Academic Standards, a feature that is critical for today's educators.

The program was introduced to teachers across the Commonwealth in June at the Kentucky Farm Bureau Regional Teacher Workshops.

Teachers were also introduced to a Corn in the Classroom economics game that provides students a lesson in supply, demand, and the risks of farming. Students must make decisions about a theoretical corn crop, as well as take risk cards on weather, market prices, and pests. Their cost per acre, yield, and price changes along the way. The object of the game is to have the highest net profit once it is delivered for sale. Because of factors farmers cannot control, producing a profitable crop is not as easy as it looks.

"Both programs have been very well received, and teachers are taking these resources to use in their classrooms for the next school year," said Jennifer Elwell,

KyCorn communications director. "I am extremely thankful that KFB provides these workshops to showcase how teachers can use agriculture to teach every school subject, from math and science, to social studies and practical living."

The workshops provided professional development to nearly 400 teachers. The Kentucky Department of Agriculture also showcased their education programs such as the Mobile Science Activity Centers and the Ready, Set, Grow program. Award-winning Louisville educator Darlene Horton headlined the workshops by giving teachers a wealth of agriculture-infused ideas for classrooms.

To learn more about the Kentucky Farms Feed Me Virtual Field Trip Series and curriculum, visit www.kyfarmsfeedme.com. The program is jointly funded by KyCorn and the Kentucky Small Grain Growers Association. The Kentucky Livestock Coalition provided funding support for the Passport Program materials.

Additional teaching resources can be found at www.kycorn.org.

Kycorn has released new curriculum to accompany the Kentucky Farms Feed Me Virtual Field Trips that were created in 2012. The curriculum, called the Kentucky Farms Feed Me Passport Program, encourages teachers to show each farm-related video in the classroom, dis-

KyCorn Showcases American Ethanol at Kentucky Speedway

With the help of the National and Iowa Corn Growers Associations, KyCorn had a successful end of June weekend educating Kentucky Speedway's NASCAR fans about American Ethanol.

Staff with the Biofuels Mobile Education Center exhibit answered many questions and provided a positive message about renewable ethanol. Owensboro Community and Technical College also brought their KyCorn sponsored, student-built E85 Cobra to promote the OCTC Alternative Fuels Program and flex fuel vehicles.

During the race, fans witnessed Sunoco Green E15 power every race vehicle with the clean burning, high-powered consistency that has been the hallmark of American Ethanol. To date, NASCAR race vehicles have driven more than six million trouble-free miles since the American Ethanol partnership began in 2010.



KyCorn President Russel Schwenke (left) and NCGA President Martin Barbre (right) presented Jamie McMurray the Green Flag Restart Award.



Corn Education Campaign Returns to DC Featuring Kentucky Couple

The nation's top crop and the farm families who grow it return to the U.S. capital this summer for the sixth year in a row as part of the Corn Farmers Coalition educational program. Coalition advertisements debuted across Washington on July 7 with a message of innovation, efficiency and productivity.

Quint and Leah Pottinger of New Haven, Ky. are one of six farm families representing corn farmers across the United States who will be featured in digital, print, and Metro Stations ads through September.

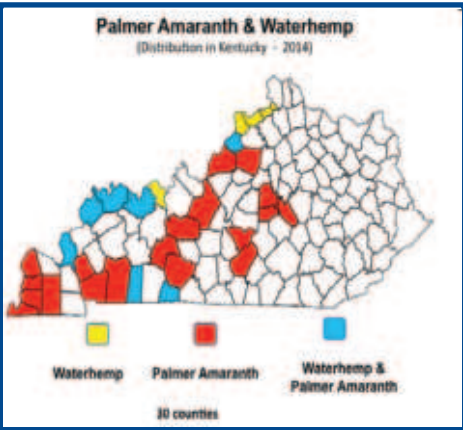
The goal of the campaign is to communicate a foundation of facts seen as essential to decision making, rather than directly influencing legislation and regulation.

"This direct outreach is putting a face on today's family farmers and raising overall awareness with legislators, leaders or governmental agencies from the Environmental Protection Agency to the Department of State, think tanks, lobbyists and environmental groups," said Martin Barbre, National Corn Growers Association president and a family farmer from Carmi, Illinois. "Awareness of the innovation, technology, and generations of accumulated knowledge on our farms today should be a part of our national dialogue about agriculture."

"As urban and suburban America gets further removed from the agricultural roots that made our nation strong, it becomes ever more important to reach out and maintain this connection," said Quint Pottinger. "Farming is something that we love. The dirt doesn't just stain our hands; it runs deep in our blood. We want to share our affinity for farming with our friends, neighbors, and community."

Web site: www.cornfarmerscoalition.org.

Palmer amaranth spreads east in Kentucky



New reports during the end of June confirmed the presence of Palmer amaranth in corn and soybean fields in Daviess, Adair, Taylor, Boyle, Shelby, Oldham, and Jefferson counties.

University of Kentucky Extension weed scientists JD Green and Jim Martin urged growers to make every effort possible to avoid its continued spread because it can be difficult to manage,

particularly since many of its sources of introduction are coming from areas of the country where it is already known to be resistant to glyphosate (i.e. Roundup).

Initially the weed was thought to be present primarily in the west end of the state (Purchase region), but sightings have been reported within several Kentucky counties that border Tennessee and the lower Ohio River in the past few years, Green and Martin reported in a UK newsletter, <http://graincrops.blogspot.com>.

Last year Palmer amaranth was found on a farm in Hardin County and two additional fields in Mercer and Garrard counties. In June, a population of this weed was discovered in a corn field in Shelby County. These sightings would indicate that Palmer amaranth is a growing threat to grain crop production within the state.

How this weed specifically arrived on all these farms is yet to be determined.

However, it is known that the seed of Palmer amaranth can be introduced when cotton hulls are fed to livestock and the subsequent manure spread on crop fields. Other possible routes for introduction can be from transport of farm equipment and trucks hauling supplies from the southern regions of the U.S. where Palmer amaranth is widespread.

Young Palmer amaranth plants can look similar to other pigweed species. This species has smooth stems and longer leaf petioles than other types of pigweeds. If you notice a plant that has this general appearance you may need to confirm its identification. You can contact your local county extension office for assistance or to report its occurrence. Catching the presence of this weed before large populations become established in crop fields can help minimize a larger economic impact in the future.

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2014 wheat harvest has mixed outcomes

PRINCETON, Ky. – Mother Nature threw some curve balls to the wheat crop over the growing season. Now at harvest time, some growers are finding out their crop safely weathered the season, while others are discovering they struck out.

The wheat growing season started off rocky for many producers when cool weather patterns during the fall delayed corn harvest and subsequent wheat planting. Record low temperatures dur-

ing the winter slowed crop development and threatened to potentially delay harvest, said Carrie Knott, grain crops specialist with the University of Kentucky College of Agriculture, Food and Environment.

Fortunately, harvest is only slightly behind. As of June 30, the Kentucky office of the National Agricultural Statistics Service reported that 71 percent of the crop was harvested. This is just below the five-year harvest average of 78

percent.

With yields averaging around 70 bushels per acre and good test weights, many growers thought they had dodged a bullet. While most did, others are learning their crop didn't come out of the season unscathed, as they are encountering high levels of the fungal toxin deoxynivalenol, also known as DON, in their crop.

"Typically, high levels of DON are correlated with high levels of Fusarium head blight," said Don Hershman, UK extension plant pathologist. "The appearance of head blight on heads is usually visible in the field, but this year, symptom expression was minimal in many cases."

So far, high levels of DON are in spotty locations across the state. Hershman said the high levels could be due to a combination of factors, many of which farmers could not control despite their best efforts.

Hershman said. "The very conditions which favor head scab development and demand a fungicide application are the same conditions that make it difficult or even impossible to spray."

The crop could also have been infected by the Fusarium pathogen later during grain fill.

"This is not an extremely common scenario, but when it does occur, it is usually associated with cool, wet weather during grain fill," he said. "These are exactly the conditions experienced during much of the grain fill period for many fields throughout Western Kentucky this spring."

Due to a lack of symptoms, many growers are not discovering the issue until they arrive at the mill or grain elevator.

"Numerous reports in the western part of the state, where the majority of the wheat has been harvested, indicate problems with DON levels exceeding industry allowances," Knott said. "There are several reports that DON levels are so high that loads are being rejected or penalized with significant price reductions."

Growers who have harvested their crop but have yet to market their grain can get their DON levels tested if they have concerns. They can contact their local UK Cooperative Extension Service office for details.

By Katie Pratt
University of Kentucky

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revenue options, hunting lease income, woodland certification, native warm season grass management and riparian buffers for water quality, to name some.

Each short course begins at 9 a.m. local time with registration at 8:30 a.m. and concludes around 4:30 p.m. Lunch is included. Preregistration is strongly encouraged as space is limited. When preregistering, sessions are \$20 for individuals and \$30 for couples. The day of the program, sessions are \$30 for individuals and \$40 for couples.

The 2014 Woodland Owners Short Course is the result of a partnership between UK Cooperative Extension Service, UK Department of Forestry, Kentucky Division of Forestry, Ken-

tucky Department of Fish and Wildlife Resources, Kentucky State University, Kentucky Tree Farm Committee, Kentucky Woodland Owners Association, U.S. Department of Agriculture's Natural Resources Conservation Service, Kentucky Forest Industries Association, Sustainable Forestry Initiative and the Kentucky Chapter of the Association of Consulting Foresters of America Inc.

For a detailed listing of course topics at each location and to register, visit the short course website at <http://www.uk-forestry.org>. Registration can also be done over the phone by calling 859-257-7597.

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Inc. donates eggs to serve from 7:30-10:30 a.m. each morning. Our volunteers will whip up an omelet on the spot, create an egg sandwich, tater tots or a glass of orange juice.

Lunch and dinner is a whole new menu, serving chicken nuggets donated by Cobb-Vantress, Inc.; Tyson Foods and chicken breast sandwiches donated by Keystone Foods LLC; Tyson Foods, Inc.; Pilgrim's, Inc.; and Perdue Farms, Inc. The Kentucky Poultry Federation is one of eight commodities under the "Great Kentucky Cookout Tent" promot-

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Poultry festival is Oct. 11

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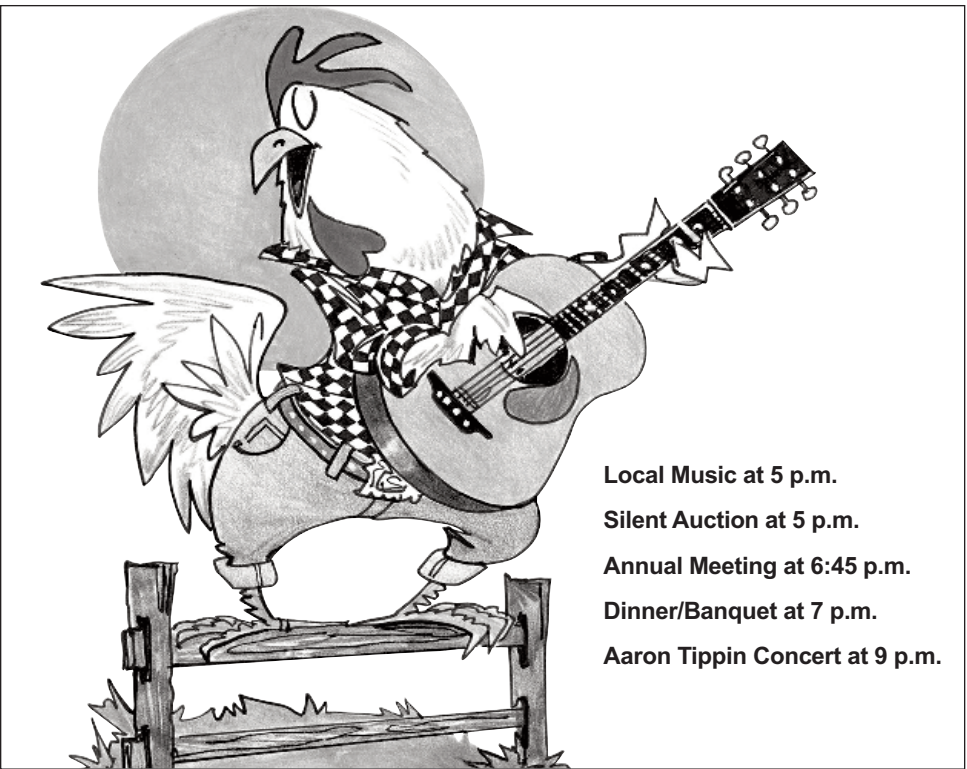
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Crosswinds Golf Course is the location for this year's best ball scramble on Saturday, Oct. 11. The course is located behind the University Plaza Holiday Inn. Wagoner Mill Road Sporting Clays is hosting this year's clay shoot on Saturday at 10:15 a.m. It is just a 30 minute drive from the hotel. Bring your own shotgun and ammunition will be provided.

An extension of the festival is the Kentucky Poultry Federation scholarship fund. On Saturday evening, we will host a silent auction where again all proceeds are designated for scholarships given to children and grandchildren of Kentucky's poultry families, employees and allied members. If you would like to donate an item for the silent auction please email Jamie Guffey at jguffey@kypoultry.org.

The day will conclude with the annual hall of fame banquet where we will recognize our hall of fame members, family farm environmental award winners, scholarship winners, and our ticket sales winners. After an evening of good food and recognizing the successes of friends the grand finale is a concert by Aaron Tippin.

Please make plans to attend our 16th annual Kentucky Poultry Festival in Bowling Green. If you are unable to attend the events, but would like to support Kentucky's poultry industry; we have many ways that you can get involved without actually being present. If



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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, Louisville. Kentucky had a National 4-H winner last year and we are hopeful for another one this year. There is a wide variety of activities that provides opportunities for youth, no matter what their interest or ability.

The Kentucky 4-H Poultry Judging Contest and Avian Bowl Contest will be held on the first Friday of the Kentucky State Fair, Aug. 15. Contestants can register online at the Kentucky State Fair website. Rules for both contests are posted on the 4-H website (www.ca.uky.edu/Agcollege/4H/projects_events/statefair). Check with your local 4-H agent for the registration dead-

line and additional information.

In the 4-H Poultry Judging Contest participants judge laying hens for past egg production, evaluate market eggs and ready to cook poultry. Participants learn to make decisions and to defend their decision with oral reasons. The top four senior contestants will compete at the national competition.

The Avian Bowl Competition is an academic quick recall competition that is based on information about poultry and eggs. There are both junior and senior divisions. Teams compete against each other in a double elimination tournament format. The top competitors in the senior division represent Kentucky at the National Avian Bowl Competition.

The 4-H Turkey Barbecue contest and the 4-H Chicken Barbeque contest will be held on the first week in October at a yet to be determined time and location. There are junior and senior divisions in both the turkey and chicken barbeque 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 additional information on all poultry contests contact your local extension office or Dr. Tony Pescatore at 859.257.7529 or via e-mail at apescato@email.uky.edu.

Ag teachers change lives

By **Jamie Guffey**
Kentucky Poultry Federation Director

Agricultural teachers are second behind the agricultural students' parents and some would say the most important influencer to that student in regards to advocacy and agriculture education. With FFA students coming to Kentucky's LTC (FFA camp) from all across this great state I've talked to some of them that have brought students for more than 25 years. Other new Ag teachers like Hannah Simmons, Woodford Middle School and Brian Jarvis, Ballard Memorial are bringing students for the first time.

The campgrounds have transformed from a calm peaceful oasis into a bustling hubbub of excitement and everything animated. Once again this year, the poultry companies in Kentucky have stepped up in a big way and led other commodity groups in donating almost \$20,000 in food to KY LTC. The staff takes the donated food and not only feeds the students the locally grown nutritional foods but also turns our donations into a learning opportunity. The students have breakout sessions to learn where their food comes from and how it is grown.

The paved areas and sidewalks around

camp are covered with ideals written in chalk from the students on how they can promote, advocate and tell the story of agriculture.

Like I indicated earlier, ag teachers are expected to do a lot of the heavy lifting when it comes to teaching the next generation of farmers, consumers and agriculture employees. That is one of the reasons the award "Ag Teachers Change Lives" was created. The cafeteria's walls are full of plaques of former winners of this prestigious award. One of the new plaques that adorns the wall bears the name of the ag teacher that has had a huge impact on me and I can sincerely say that he changed my life. That plaque is engraved with the name of the late Dr. David Coffey. Dr. Coffey was one of the best classroom teachers I ever had the opportunity to experience and was also my landlord while I was in college. Additionally, I had the opportunity to travel on four study abroad trips with the man I simply called "Doc." Even for someone like me, a former U.S. Marine that has been around the world and experienced a variety of interesting things, Doc was able to show me more. On each of the study abroad trips, we would make a personal connection with



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What apps do you have?



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I have found four new apps for you to try, as a reminder the apps must meet the following criteria: it must be free, it must be entertaining or helpful around the farm, and it must be agriculture and poultry friendly. The four apps I am reviewing this time are: Farm Sage, Kailey's Ag Adventures, Farmville 2: Country Escape and Farm Heroes Saga. Enjoy!

Farm Sage is a handy app that will help you around the farm. This app will help you manage your farming operations records at your convenience.

For the techies out there this app is a must

have. The app can track inventories, fuel usage, equipment maintenance and can follow your crop's growth with your voice recording and pictures. It can even help you calculate field profitability.

Kailey's Ag Adventures is an app developed by the Kansas Farm Bureau.

The app is an eBook that follows Kailey (a city girl) as she tours a dairy farm and learns that milk comes from cows not the grocery store.

This is a great idea and could easily be duplicated by other organizations to tell a similar story about eggs, chickens, corn, turkeys

and other ag commodities.

Farmville 2 is the sequel to the smash hit Farmville.

This version has new adventures and can be played online or offline.

You can start running your small farming operation today.

Farm Heroes Saga is from the same makers as the wildly addictive game Candy Crush.

The game play is simple as you match the right amounts of sun, water, fruits and veggies.

As you clear levels you move around the farm to start a new chore.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Aug. 14- 24: Kentucky State Fair, Louisville

Committee Meeting

Aug. 15: 4-H Avian Bowl and Poultry Judging Contest, Kentucky State Fairgrounds

Sept. 6: University of Kentucky College of Agriculture Alumni Event – "Roundup," Lexington

Aug. 27: Kentucky Farm Bureau Poultry Advisory

Oct. 11: Kentucky Poultry Festival, Bowling Green

Ag teachers change lives

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farmers as we toured their farms and learned how they farm. It's just like going on a farm tour with Kentucky Farm Bureau, where we saw the passion and love that these farmers put into their work and family.

I believe the award has the perfect title because ag teachers change lives every day. That may not be any more prevalent than it is here; you can see

flocks of ag teachers roaming the camp talking about days gone by and those times yet to come. At times, we ask too much of our ag teachers; as they often carry the heavy burden of shaping the next generation of agriculture leaders. For their selflessness and professionalism, the Kentucky Poultry Federation and I are extremely grateful for their efforts.

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USDA provides progress update on disaster assistance

WASHINGTON – Agriculture Secretary Tom Vilsack provided a 12-week progress report on U.S. Department of Agriculture disaster assistance programs, announcing that USDA has processed 106,000 payments to farmers in 40 states across the country who suffered livestock and grazing losses between October 2011 and passage of the 2014 farm bill.

“Farmers and ranchers who waited two and a half years for a farm bill are now getting some relief,” said Vilsack. “We met the very ambitious goal to get these programs up and running in just 60 days. Now, thanks to our dedicated staff in offices across the country, we’ve provided more than 106,000 payments to farmers and ranchers in 40 states who suffered drought, blizzard, and other weather related losses.”

A quick implementation of the disaster assistance programs has been a top priority for USDA. In February, the Farm Service Agency announced that enrollment for four disaster assistance programs would begin April 15, 60 days from the date the programs were reestablished by the 2014 farm bill. After the 2008 farm bill, it took over one year for the programs to get up and run-

ning.

Since then, full-time FSA staff, and temporary employees hired to expedite the application process have processed over \$1.2 billion in payments to qualifying farmers and ranchers. The first payments were sent out to farmers and ranchers within two weeks of enrollment. USDA estimated that roughly \$2.5 billion would be provided in disaster relief to cover losses from October 2011 through September 2014. If those estimates prove accurate, it would mean nearly half of all disaster payments have already been provided.

While disaster relief is a critical lifeline that can prevent farmers and ranchers who do not have access to crop insurance from being wiped out by weather-related losses beyond their control, most producers only receive support equal to 60 percent of their actual losses.

USDA disaster programs include:

The Livestock Forage Disaster Program (LFP) and the Livestock Indemnity Program (LIP) provides payments for grazing losses due to drought and livestock deaths due to adverse weather.

The Emergency Assistance for Livestock, Honeybees, and Farm-Raised

Fish Program (ELAP) provides assistance for livestock, honeybees and farm-raised fish losses due to disease (including cattle tick fever), weather, wildfires and colony collapse disorder, or for losses not covered under other disaster assistance programs established by the 2014 farm bill.

The Tree Assistance Program (TAP) provides financial assistance to eligible orchardists and nursery tree growers to replant or rehabilitate trees, bushes and vines that were lost or damaged by natural disasters.

Specific program deadlines are as follows:

2011-2013 ELAP – Friday, Aug. 1, 2014

2011-2014 LFP – Friday, Jan. 30, 2015

2011-2014 LIP – Friday, Jan. 30, 2015

2011-2014 TAP – Monday, Feb. 2, 2015

Producers affected by adverse weather should contact their FSA county office to make an appointment and learn if they are eligible for disaster assistance. For more information, producers

may review the 2014 Farm Bill Fact Sheet, and the LIP, LFP, ELAP and TAP fact sheets online, or visit any local FSA office.

Vilsack also highlighted that more than \$270 million in disaster assistance has been paid to farmers and ranchers in USDA StrikeForce counties experiencing chronic poverty. “Farmers and ranchers in these counties have extraordinary challenges. Through USDA’s StrikeForce initiative, we can get federal support to areas that need it the most,” said Vilsack.

The StrikeForce for Rural Growth and Opportunity initiative works to address the unique set of challenges faced by many of America’s rural communities. Through the StrikeForce, USDA is leveraging resources and collaborating with more than 400 community organizations, businesses, foundations, universities and other groups to support 80,300 projects with more than \$9.7 billion in USDA investments into rural America.

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Corn #2 White		NA				
Soybeans #1 Y	12.71-13.35	12.78	12.93-13.07	12.90-13.17	13.08	13.26
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Corn #2 Yellow	3.61-3.66	3.73-3.78	3.69-3.78	3.53	3.85	3.66
Corn #2 White		4.18				
Soybeans #1 Y	10.36-10.79	10.66-10.73	10.93	10.58	10.88	10.86
Wheat #2 SRW	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Barley		2.75				

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7/10/2014
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Rail or Truck FOB Location				Barrows & Gilts
	7/11/2014	7/11/2014		Receipts: 7,617
				Base Price:
Soybean Meal 48% Sol	485.00	—	Thurs 7/10/2014 (est)	\$120.00-\$134.00
Soybean Hulls	200.00	—	Week Ago (est)	Wt Avg. \$130.90
Corn Distillers Grain Dried	—	170.00	Year Ago (act)	Compared to
Distillers Grain Modified	—	99.00	Week to Date (est)	prior day, the avg.
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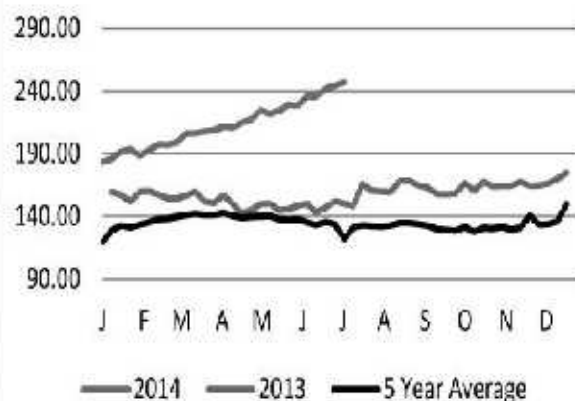
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FARM EQUIP: 1966 Farmall 806 gas tractor Ser#jc3134; 1971 IH 1066, turbo diesel w/row guard, Ser#9455; AC 200 diesel tractor w/Woods 3100 loader, w/bucket and spear and dual remote, Ser#7134; MF 750 combine ser# 169-01634; MF 6-30" corn head; MF 15' mod 1859 grain table, Ser#1859-12628; 1979 Chevy C60 w/14' grain bed, single axle, 97k; 8' 2 basket hay tedder; 2003 Agco 4865 New Idea round baler ser#15298; Grain wagon; dump wagon; Artway feed grinder; 12' IH 510 grain drill; 4160 New Idea side delivery rake; NH 488 Haybine; JD 7000 6-30" no-till planter, dry fert; Prieffer Portable cattle chute; Delta 18' gooseneck stock trailer; 13' springtooth cultivator; 10' Brillion packer; 13' Rotary hoe; 18' pasture harrow; 8' pull type disc; 14' pull type disc; 18' manual fold disc; Chem farm 12' chisel plow; 3pt 10' chisel plow; 4' harrow; pull type 1 shank ripper; 3pt 1 bot plow; 5 bot plow; M&W 6 bot plow; cattle feeders; hay rings; water troughs; round and square bales of hay; other misc farm pieces; a whole lineup of shop tools and any other farm related items. Farm Equipment & vehicles will be sold after the Real Estate after 11AM.

VEHICLES: 2000 Red Ford F250XL 4x4 diesel ext cab, auto trans, w/135k; 1994 Blue Chevy Cheyenne 2500 diesel 6.5 liter, 182k; 2007 Blue/grey Buick Lacrosse CX car w/ 60k

GUNS: Marlin 30.30 mod. 336CS Lever action rifle w/scope; Remington 12 ga. 870 single bbl shotgun; Remington Mod 550 .22 rifle; JC Higgins Mod 30 semi auto .22 rifle; Stevens Mod 940 single shot 12 ga; 2-Remington 870 Wingmaster Magnum 12 ga; Remington Mod 870 12 ga pump; Remington 870 Woodmaster 12 ga. w/scope; Harrington & Richardson Topper 15, .22 rifle; 30.06 rifle w/strap (older gun); GR BSAC (1916) Bolt action, 222 Military rifle; Winchester Mod 67 bolt action SS .22 rifle; Marlin Mod 60 semi auto .22 rifle; Remington Mod 552 Speedmaster Auto .22 rifle; Harrington & Richardson Mod 88 SS12 ga; Browning Mod A-500G semi auto 12 ga; Guns will be sold around 10:30 AM.

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There is no comparison available due to the holiday last week. However, after the off week, trading was active. Demand was good to very good for all classes of Steers and Heifers and good to very good for Slaughter Cows and Bulls.

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STATE AVERAGES

	<u>This Week</u>	<u>Prior Week</u>	<u>Last Year</u>
Steers (M&L 1-2)			
350-400 lbs	283.70		167.72
400-450 lbs	256.51		150.36
450-500 lbs	254.09		148.17
500-550 lbs	247.75		145.66
550-600 lbs	238.08		145.78
600-650 lbs	227.54		142.09
650-700 lbs	222.92		138.54
700-750 lbs	212.12		140.15
750-800 lbs	211.60		139.14
800-850 lbs	207.74		134.81
850-900 lbs	207.08		134.00
Heifers (M&L 1-2)			
300-350 lbs	239.02		147.24
350-400 lbs	244.79		146.49
400-450 lbs	234.56		140.18
450-500 lbs	239.63		140.71
500-550 lbs	222.73		136.09
550-600 lbs	218.82		135.03
600-650 lbs	211.55		133.14
650-700 lbs	209.28		137.45
700-750 lbs	202.27		132.72
750-800 lbs	204.39		132.60

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WEEKLY COW SUMMARY

Slaughter Cows	<u>Average</u>	<u>High</u>	<u>Low</u>
Breakers	102.50-108.50	110.50-115.50	97.00-100.00
Boners	100.00-106.00	110.00-115.00	92.50-97.00
Lean	92.00-98.00	103.00-105.50	83.00-87.50
Slaughter Bulls	<u>Average</u>	<u>High</u>	<u>Low</u>
Yield Grade 1&2	119.50-126.50	130.00-134.00	114.00-117.50

SV LS551

July 10, 2014

Bowling Green

SLAUGHTER GOATS: 217

Kids: Selection 2 30-45 lbs 177.50; 45-60 lbs 228.00; 60-80 lbs 132.50.

Selection 3 30-45 lbs 147.50; 45-60 lbs 190.00.

SHEEP: 170

Slaughter Lambs: Wool Prime and Choice YG 2-3 80-90 lbs 170.00.

Hair Prime and Choice YG 2-3 50-65 lbs 180.00; few 210.00-212.50

(late in sale); 65-75 lbs 160.00-162.50. Low Choice 40-50 lbs 145.00.

Slaughter Ewes: Hair Choice YG 3 110-130 lbs 70.00.

SV GR110

GRAINS	<u>This Week</u>	<u>Prior Week</u>	<u>Last Year</u>
Corn	3.75-4.72	3.92-4.77	6.34-8.34
Soybeans	11.28-13.84	11.36-14.64	14.95-17.73
Red Winter Wheat	4.48-5.61	4.96-5.90	5.93-6.95

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Blue Grass Stockyard

Lexington, KY

July 7 & 8, 2014

Feeder Steers: Medium & Large 1

56 hd. 729# 217.50 charx
62 hd. 789# 221.00 bbwf
64 hd. 790# 220.85 bbwf
50 hd. 826# 205.50 blk-mixed
63 hd. 852# 215.00 blk-charx
50 hd. 853# 217.85 bbwf
41 hd. 878# 210.00 bbwf-charx
61 hd. 884# 211.00 bbwf-charx

Feeder Heifers: Medium & Large 1

40 hd. 584# 222.50 blk
76 hd. 662# 218.75 blk-charx
108 hd. 720# 208.60 blk-charx

Holstein Steers: Large 3

61 hd. 827# 179.25

Mid-KY Livestock Market

Upton, KY

July 8, 2014

Feeder Steers: Medium & Large 1-2

20 hd. 504# 242.50 mixed
21 hd. 549# 241.50 blk-charx
20 hd. 695# 217.25 blk-charx
20 hd. 947# 194.50 blk-charx

Feeder Heifers: Medium & Large 2-3

23 hd. 365# 249.00 blk-charx
23 hd. 401# 225.00 blk-charx
28 hd. 464# 232.50 blk
40 hd. 517# 227.00 blk
26 hd. 556# 213.50 blk

Feeder Bulls: Medium & Large 1-2

24 hd. 408# 250.00 blk

Russell County Stockyards

Russell Springs, KY

July 9, 2014

Feeder Steers: Medium & Large 1-2

20 hd. 786# 214.75 blk-charx
56 hd. 848# 206.95 blk-charx
Feeder Bulls: Medium & Large 1-2
22 hd. 384# 279.00 blk

Washington Co. Livestock

Springfield, KY

July 7, 2014

Holstein Steers: Large 3

61 hd. 861# 164.70

Feeder Heifers: Medium & Large 1-2

25 hd. 487# 238.50 blk
22 hd. 570# 214.95 mixed

Blue Grass of Albany

Albany, KY

July 9, 2014

Feeder Heifers: Medium & Large 1-2

82 hd. 502# 236.75

Video Receipts:

72 hd. 700# 206.00 blk heifers
70 hd. 735# 207.75 blk heifers
68 hd. 750# 206.75 blk heifers
64 hd. 785# 218.00 blk steers
62 hd. 800# 217.30 blk steers
174 hd. 875# 208.80 blk steers

Farmers Livestock

Flemingsburg, KY

July 7, 2014

Feeder Steers: Medium & Large 1-2

60 hd. 858# 213.70 blk-mixed
41 hd. 931# 204.75 blk-mixed

Blue Grass South

Stanford, KY

July 7 & 10, 2014

Feeder Steers: Medium & Large 1-2

86 hd. 514# 255.00 blk-charx
113 hd. 581# 237.25 blk-charx
21 hd. 619# 225.50 mixed
20 hd. 694# 224.50 blk
75 hd. 741# 220.75 blk-charx
65 hd. 788# 207.75 mixed
58 hd. 846# 215.00 blk-charx-red
62 hd. 849# 207.40 blk-charx
116 hd. 867# 215.00 blk-charx
63 hd. 872# 206.25 blk-charx
117 hd. 878# 206.00 mixed
59 hd. 895# 195.00 blk-charx
55 hd. 873# 193.00 blk-charx
54 hd. 1043# 191.00 charx-blk
Medium & Large 2-3
81 hd. 593# 207.75 mixed

Feeder Heifers: Medium & Large 1-2

166 hd. 490# 250.00 blk-charx
40 hd. 551# 211.00 mixed
23 hd. 562# 216.00 blk-charx
93 hd. 576# 228.00 blk-charx
88 hd. 580# 224.75 blk-charx
42 hd. 596# 218.00 blk-charx
40 hd. 615# 217.00 blk-charx
74 hd. 647# 212.00 blk-charx
78 hd. 653# 214.75 blk-charx-red
75 hd. 667# 212.25 blk-charx
72 hd. 738# 209.10 blk
72 hd. 749# 204.75 charx
70 hd. 755# 207.60 blk-charx

KY-TN Livestock Auction

Guthrie, KY

July 10, 2014

Feeder Steers: Medium & Large 1-2

32 hd. 468# 256.25 bbwf
64 hd. 547# 240.00 bbwf
44 hd. 634# 214.25 bbwf
23 hd. 735# 200.50 mixed
65 hd. 789# 212.00 blk
60 hd. 850# 204.00 blk

Feeder Heifers: Medium & Large 1-2

55 hd. 642# 236.75 bbwf
21 hd. 463# 230.00 bbwf
86 hd. 540# 214.50 bbwf
32 hd. 632# 204.50 bbwf
21 hd. 648# 199.75 blk

Feeder Bulls: Medium & Large 1-2

24 hd. 383# 285.00 blk
41 hd. 465# 253.00 bbwf
53 hd. 541# 239.00 bbwf
33 hd. 631# 203.00 blk

Blue Grass East

Mt. Sterling, KY

July 9, 2014

Feeder Heifers: Medium & Large 1

49 hd. 536# 234.50 blk
146 hd. 632# 221.25 blk

United Producers Bowling Green

Bowling Green, KY

July 8, 2014

Feeder Steers: Medium & Large 1-2

20 hd. 562# 244.00 blk

Feeder Bulls: Medium & Large 1-2

20 hd. 519# 241.00 blk

Blue Grass of Campbellsville

Campbellsville, KY

July 9, 2014

Holstein Steers: Large 3

44 hd. 863# 166.00
45 hd. 867# 168.30
54 hd. 980# 161.95
25 hd. 1436# 134.00

United Producers Owenton

Owenton, KY

July 9, 2014

Feeder Steers: Medium & Large 1-2

20 hd. 515# 256.00 blk

Feeder Heifers: Medium & Large 1-2

23 hd. 447# 237.00 blk
25 hd. 569# 223.50 blk

Cattlemen's Livestock

Bowling Green, KY

July 7, 2014

Feeder Heifers: Medium & Large 1-2

20 hd. 570# 213.50 blk

Christian Co. Livestock Auction

Hopkinsville, KY

July 9, 2014

Feeder Heifers: Medium & Large 1-2

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EPA, farmers at odds about water regs

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rule environmental protection is the real myth. She says that McCarthy's explanation of the intentions of the rule don't hold water. She says the regulation is based on the words on the paper, and in this case those words may be open to considerable interpretation.

"When it comes to regulatory bodies of the government, we're not regulated on intent, we're regulated by the words on the paper and on the way our legal system interprets those words," she

"We think this is indicative of what the EPA has been doing in recent years at every turn," says Kentucky Farm Bureau Federation president Mark Haney. "People want to be good stewards, they want to do the right thing, but I think they're saying 'enough is enough.'"

He says the state Federation fully supports the Amer-

ican Farm Bureau Federation "Ditch the Rule" campaign, launched to get the rule withdrawn. "There seems to be a lot of ambiguity in what EPA is saying."

Sen. Mitch McConnell says the rule is not just bad for farmers.

"I have heard from Kentuckians across the state and from various different industries on this issue. All are concerned this is another power-grab by the EPA to essentially regulate every ditch and pothole in our state," McConnell said.

McConnell and Sen. Rand Paul, along with more than 30 other U.S. senators, are co-sponsoring a bill introduced by Wyoming Senator John Barrasso which seeks to block finalization of the rule.

As Haney notes, the proposed rule is ambiguous – and long. However, if you'd like to read it for yourself



you can find it on-line at <http://www2.epa.gov/uswaters>.

There's also a link to allow comment on the rule. The comment period has been extended to Oct. 20. The American Farm Bureau Federation's "Ditch the Rule" campaign web site can be found at <http://ditchtherule.fb.org/>

By Ray Bowman
Field Reporter



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"I'm checking my crops," she said. Shortly thereafter she asked me, "What does 'crops' mean?"

My husband and our granddaughter Emma love to work the garden together and spend a lot of time outdoors.

They keep a close eye on the apple and cherry trees in the yard and recently have been busy picking (and eating) blackberries.

For Father's Day, Emma gave her Papa a pot with tomato, basil and oregano seeds. Together they planted them and have watched their latest project grow.

Recently Emma came to visit and headed straight to the pot. "I'm checking my crops," she said.

Shortly thereafter she asked me, "What does 'crops' mean?"

She always amazes me at her interest in words. She often asks about a word's definition and then uses the word in a sentence.

I explained to her that farmers call the plants they grow their crops. They usually sell them to make money, I said.

She said, "Yep, I'm checking my crops."

I'm not sure if she will soon be selling tomatoes, basil and oregano, but she may have farming in her future.

I know my grandchild is not the only one interested in the meaning of words. A couple of weeks ago while helping out our children's class at church, a little girl came up to me and said someone told her "there is such a thing as a holy *ghost*." It was obvious from the big, bright eyes she was having visions of some kind of ghost, perhaps straight from Scooby-Doo or whatever shows children watch these days.

I tried to explain it to her and she seemed content, but I'm not sure I helped. It's really difficult to explain complex things to small children.

Sometimes it's difficult to explain things to adults as well. In the front page article about the Kentucky Soybean Association hosting the interim ag committee on agriculture, I enjoyed Jonathan Miller's comment, "Whoever thought, when they became a farmer, that they'd have to do marketing and public relations?"

Sometimes consumers are like a 5-year-old struggling to understand a new word. Just like a 5-year-old, they often accept the first explanation they receive. That's why the public relations you do is just as important as the crops you grow.

SHARON BURTON is the Editor of *The Farmer's Pride*.

Sharing the modern farm story

While pondering what I wanted to write about this month, I was riding on a tour bus with my Kentucky Agricultural Leadership Program class throughout Pennsylvania and the Finger Lakes region of New York. We toured a number of successful farms and agri-businesses, learning about their operations, their values, and how they have grown or changed over the years.

One of the most interesting farms we visited was Lakeview Organic Grain in Penn Yan, N.Y. I walked in having a preconceived notion of what I was going to hear, but was amazed at the much different narrative I received. In fact, I was mesmerized, as were many of my classmates, by everything owner Klass Martens had to say.

The Martens family began as conventional farmers but considered organic because of growing demand and higher returns. Slowly, they began to educate themselves and conduct on-farm research to see if they could make it work, and the farm has prospered.

We learned about their view on soil health, natural weed control, endophytes, and biotechnology. The grain farmers in the group asked question after question, and we decided that we could have spent all day at that one stop soaking up their vast knowledge. While I often considered organic a step backwards in technology, I viewed this farm as an innovator well ahead of the times. I also appreciated that Martens realized that we have different conditions and soil types in Kentucky, and did not expect that we could be using the exact same practices with the same success. I am certain, however, that my classmates will be considering some of the information and may conduct some of their own on-farm trials.

Lately, when people ask about my views on agriculture's future, I tell them I see the lines between different production methods melding together. I don't think anyone can argue that there are benefits and risks to any system, but instead of pigeon-holing farms into either organic or conventional, industrial or niche, I believe we should be publicizing how we are coming together to use the

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The life of a cattleman



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Right now, the main hot button issue with our state and national cattlemen associations is the proposed new EPA regulations concerning Waters of the United States definition.

My wife, Miss Peggy, is always getting frustrated with me when I ask her to turn the TV channel over to the news to catch the weather.

"But you just watched it on the other channel, you have been checking the radar on your laptop and you are always checking the forecast on your iPhone! How many times do you need to see the weather forecast?"

I wonder how many other farmers/cattlemen are guilty of the same offense? A friend of mine says he has got the timing worked out so that he can usually catch all three local channel forecasts and then he goes with the one he likes best. In July, that usually means liking the one with the highest rain chances.

Probably, no other occupation is as dependent on the weather as is agriculture. We in the cattle business are always concerned with not having enough rain to keep our pastures growing and hay fields turning out enough hay to get us through next winter. But hold on, if we have hay down waiting to be baled, we are praying for the next rain to hold off till we get the crop baled. Dry weather can make for short grain crops as well, and as we found out a couple of years ago, short crops mean high feed prices and lead to lower cattle prices.

Lower cattle prices are something that we have not heard much of lately, thanks to record high market prices. Each week seems to bring a new market high that is surpassed the next week. We are now hearing reports of 300-400 pound steer calves bringing over \$3 per pound. Wow! We are seeing calves coming right off their mommas bringing \$1000 to \$1200 per calf. What a great time to be in the cattle business!

With every silver lining, a dark cloud has to hover above. Our dark cloud is that with the record high cattle prices, our consumers are facing record high beef prices at the grocery store. It is now more important than ever, for us as cattlemen, to be promoting our end product to our customers.

The Kentucky Beef Council does an outstanding job of spending our check-off dollars to keep beef on the family dinner table. Not only that, but they work with restaurants, dieticians, food service providers, the Heart Association, school lunch managers, medical field representatives, social media and a host of other groups to get out the good news of how beef fits into a healthy diet. If we don't promote our products and our livelihoods, who will?

Right now, the main hot button issue with our state and national cattlemen associations is the proposed new EPA regulations concerning Waters of the United States definition. As of now, EPA has oversight over "navigable" waters, such as larger rivers and lakes.

The EPA is proposing to drop the word "navigable" from their definition, thereby giving them potential power over every pond, stream, water hole or mud puddle on your farm!

You can easily imagine how that could be construed into having to obtain a permit from EPA for your cattle to drink from your pond.

Outrageous, you think? Stranger things have happened when governmental regulators with no ag experience start

Silly season, again

The Washington Nationals are the only team in the nation's capital that's anywhere close to league-leading this season. The Nats have been either in first or second place in the National League's Eastern Division most of the year.

Meanwhile up on Capitol Hill, a 15-minute walk north of Nats Park, Congress is putting together another horrible summer. It's so awful that on June 19 a Gallup poll pegged Congress's public approval rating at a lower-than-dirt seven percent.

In baseball terms that's a .070 batting average. (Links to all supporting documents are posted at <http://farmand-foodfile.com/in-the-news/>.)

You'd think a team with 21 times more players and 535 more self-described power hitters than the neighboring major league nine might reach the fences—or even first base—at least as often as, say, a blind sow finds an acorn. Golly, even Nat pitchers—pitchers!—are batting a collective .124, going into the All Star break.

Not so for this gang of trash-talking strikeout artists. Rusty gates swing better. When they swing.

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When they do swing, however, the result is mostly long foul balls: more than 50 failed House votes to repeal the Affordable Care Act but not one move on immigration reform, 2015 ag appropriations funding, personal and corporate tax reform, the nation's fast-crumbling roads, bridges and waterways or needed new funding for the swamped, drowning Veterans Administration.

So what's keeping Congress from taking up these overripe issues this summer?

Right now it's a tea-powered effort to kill the 80-year-old Export/Import Bank, the government agency that borrows money from the U.S. Treasury to finance low-cost loans to American firms selling wares around the world. The bank's operating charter expires Sept. 30 and must be renewed for it to continue to operate.

But that's in doubt. Conservative House Republicans claim the Ex/Im is little more than "crony capitalism" because it provides government assistance to less-than-needy Big Biz that then interferes with global free markets.

One of those taking dead aim at Ex/Im is Texas Republican Jeb Hensarling, chairman of the House Financial Services Committee. His committee must vote to renew the bank's charter before the rest of Congress can act. Hensarling's boss, newly-elected House Majority Leader Kevin McCarthy, who voted to renew the bank's charter in 2012, now opposes renewal, also.

Big and small business alike, however, can't explain the opposition. Yes, Ex/Im is a "government program," but it's one that works.

For example, in fiscal year 2013 Ex/Im provided \$27 billion of government backing for about \$37.5 billion of over-



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The bulls are hiding



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However, because of excessive rainfall in the upper Midwest, one cannot overlook the possibility of harvested acres being less than expected.

Expectations for a record corn crop have emboldened the bears and forced the bulls into hiding.

As a result, prices have fallen to a four-year low. With the crop rated 75 percent in good-to-excellent condition in early July, it is difficult to argue against producing a 14 billion bushels crop with ending stocks near 2 billion bushels this fall.

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This will be addressed later by the USDA. Although the bears are firmly in control now, the boat is becoming overloaded.

In other developments, export inspections were 42.5 million bushels and below the average needed to reach USDA's target of 1.9 billion bushels. The trend following funds continue to exit their long position, selling 120 million bushels prior to the July 4th holiday. This leaves them long 130 million bushels.

There is not a lot of fresh news in soybeans other than the bulls have lost their appetite. Since late June, the market has fallen slightly over 10 percent. Last week, the trend following funds sold 135 million bushels, putting them short 140 million bushels.

In April, when the bulls were looking for prices rising to the heavens, they were long 765 million bushels, which is a sizeable swing in sentiment.

Currently, we appear to be staring at a record crop that is being followed by record production in South America. As of

last week, 72 percent of the crop was rated in good-to-excellent condition with 24 percent in the bloom stage.

Meanwhile, weather for the next couple of weeks is forecast to be favorable for development supporting the case for a record crop.

In other developments, export inspections are nothing to be excited about with inspections last week at 2.2 million bushels. China has made only one appearance in nine weeks.

Wheat continues to struggle from the perception that larger global supplies will offset poor production in the U.S. Meanwhile, harvest is progressing at 57 percent complete, slightly below the average of 60 percent.

Seventy percent of the spring wheat crop is rated in good-to-excellent condition, unchanged from last week and down 2 percent from a year ago. Exports for the season are off to a slow start with inspections last week at 15.5 million bushels.

This is below the pace needed to reach USDA's projection of 925 million bushels. The trend following funds maintain a bearish stance with a short position of 310 million bushels, unchanged from a week ago.

Right now, the market needs a bullish stimulus to change the prevailing bearish sentiment.

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Sharing the modern farm story

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seas sales by U.S. firms. Those loans, 89 percent of which went to small businesses, says the bank, underwrote 205,000 American jobs.

Even at that, U.S. efforts are small potatoes compared to the collective might American sellers face around the world. According to June 2014 numbers, dozens of nations offer nearly \$260 billion in government-backed export credit to U.S. competitors.

Moreover, Ex/Im not only doesn't cost American taxpayers a nickel; its profits—nearly \$1.1 billion in fiscal 2013—go straight into the U.S. Treasury.

It's a big deal in American ag circles, too. According to bank data, Ex/Im supplied credit for \$714 million of overseas ag-related sales in fiscal 2013. Most went to small, rural ag businesses like Hudson Pecan Co. of Ocilla, Ga., or Healthy Oilseeds, LLC, of Carrington, N.D.

Given the need for the Ex/Im at both the local and global level and its no-cost, highly profitable operation, why is Congress, again, wasting taxpayer time and money doing what shouldn't be done—trying to kill the Ex/Im bank?

Because reason and fact, like Congress's low batting average, play no role in today's politics. It's all about spitting bile and getting re-elected, not playing ball getting the work done.

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The life of a cattleman

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STEVE DOWNS is the president of the Kentucky Cattlemen's Association.

SOYBEAN TALK: KSA shares industry story with legislators



Interim ag committee members include (from left) Sen. Walter Blevins, Legislative Research Commission staffer Lowell Atchley, Interim Agriculture Committee Chair Rep. Tom McKee, LRC staffer Susan Spoonamore, Sen. Paul Hornback and LRC staffer Kelly Ludwig.

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ways are all crucial to farmers getting beans to domestic and international customers.

“The demand for U.S. soy is high,” Burchett said, “and it’s important that we are able to get the product to the customer on time through reliable transportation systems.”

He shared the farmers’ thoughts about shipping capacities of semi trucks and rail/barge transportation as well as concerns about vehicle enforcement and weight exemption.

Burchett spoke about the success of biodiesel and its role as a renewable, sustainable fuel source for the present day and for the future. He noted that Minnesota has implemented a state mandate of 10 percent

biodiesel in its diesel fuel in the summer, five percent in the winter.

Jonathan Miller, who also serves on the KSA board, addressed food system challenges, including the debate about genetically modified organisms (GMOs) and the repercussions of misconceptions.

“We have a generation of people who want to make a difference, and they want to get onto the farmers, but they don’t bother to educate themselves,” he said. “When more people understood farming and were involved with agriculture, we didn’t have all these problems. Now that 2 percent of the population understands agriculture, about 98 percent wants to demonize the farming industry.”

Miller maintains that the pro-GMO faction is simply

doing a better job with marketing its position than are farmers.

“Whoever thought, when they became a farmer, that they’d have to do marketing and public relations?” he asked. “Before the explosion of social media, if you wanted to know something about farming, you probably knew some farmers and you just asked one. Now, people are so quick to click the ‘share’ button on Facebook to spread a bunch of lies, but I find it funny that they don’t take the time to scroll down and read what they are actually sending on.”

KSA secretary/treasurer Larry Thomas and Kori Andrews spoke about the importance of water quality, and about how farmers care for the land not just because it supports them now, but because it will support future generations and because it’s the right thing to do.

“Farmers want to do the right thing,” Thomas said, “we just need to know what the right thing is.” He talked about the importance of the use of no-till planting and cover crops, as well as The Kentucky Agriculture Water Quality Act, which requires landowners with 10 or more acres in agriculture to have a water quality plan.

Thomas and Andrews fielded a variety of questions on water issues and the Environmental Protection Agency’s role in regulating rivers and streams.

By Rae Wagoner
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2 pounds (1/2 tray) fully cooked pulled pork BBQ
1 cup mayonnaise
1/4 cup red wine vinegar
2 tablespoons sugar

Heat pork BBQ according to package directions and keep warm. Preheat oven to 350°F. Line baking sheet with parchment paper and set aside.

In small mixing bowl, whisk together mayonnaise, vinegar and sugar. Set aside.

In medium mixing bowl, toss together coleslaw mix and grated apples. Stir in mayonnaise mixture and toss to coat.

1 package (12 ounces) coleslaw mix
2 Granny Smith apples, washed and grated
8 six-inch corn tortillas
Chopped cilantro for garnish (optional)

Place corn tortillas on prepared baking sheet and bake about one minute until edges begin to get crispy, but tortillas are still pliable.

To serve, divide warm BBQ evenly among tortillas and top with apple-slaw mixture. Garnish with cilantro, if desired.

Strawberry & Watermelon Salad

2 cups quartered and cleaned strawberries
2 cups diced watermelon (yellow and red, if available)
1/4 cup sliced fresh basil
1 handful arugula
Sherry vinaigrette (see recipe below)
Salt and pepper, to taste
1/3 cup candied walnuts or pecans
1/3 cup blue or goat cheese
1 tablespoon pomegranate molasses or balsamic syrup

Sherry vinaigrette:
1/2 cup sherry vinegar
1 tablespoon honey
1 shallot, cut in half and sliced thinly
1/2 cup extra virgin olive oil
Salt and pepper, to taste

To make vinaigrette, bring sherry vinegar and honey to a boil in small sauce pan. In small mixing bowl, pour hot sherry mixture over shallots and let cool to room temperature. Once cooled, whisk olive oil with shallots and add salt and pepper to taste.

In a large mixing bowl add strawberries, watermelon, basil and arugula. Gently add drizzle of mixed vinaigrette over strawberries, watermelon, basil and arugula mixture. Toss and season with salt and pepper, plate on desired serving platter or into bowls, then top with nuts, cheese and syrup to serve.

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Farmland in Kentucky shrinking, USDA says

LEXINGTON (AP) – Farms and land devoted to farming in Kentucky has drastically decreased in recent years, according to a report by the U.S. Department of Agriculture.

The Census of Agriculture says between 2007 and 2012, Kentucky had the greatest percentage decrease in farmland of any state in the U.S., losing nearly a million acres.

Farmland declined in the state over that time by 943,000 acres, or 6.7 percent, The *Lexington Herald-Leader* reported. The number of farms in Kentucky also declined, from 85,260 in 2007 to 77,064 in 2012.

“There’s a growing demand among consumers for locally grown products,” said Jennifer Dempsey, director of the American Farmland Trust’s Information Center. “And if at the same time you have a significant decline in your land in farms, I would say that’s a problem. You’ve lost almost 944,000 acres almost in one clip. That’s pretty significant.”

But the general trend statewide and around the country over time is that fewer acres are devoted to farms, said David Knopf, regional director of the National Agricultural Statistics Service office in Louisville. The service is the agency that conducts the census and distributes its results. The latest census was released by the USDA in May.

“Within any given year, you could have someone in (farming) one year and out the next,” Knopf said. “It tends to be the relatively small farms, either in size or in

the value of sales, who report in one census that they are a farm and they report in the next census that they’re not a farm.”

A farm is defined by the government as “any place that produced and sold, or normally would produce and sell, \$1,000 or more of agricultural products during the census year.”

Knopf said one operation may raise livestock and have 100 acres in one census, “so they get counted as a farm,” Knopf said. “Well, in the next census, they’re not raising any livestock and so there goes 100 acres of land in one farm. So it goes like that from one census to the next.”

Kentucky probably saw a decline because some land was unproductive and some was intentionally rotated out of production, Daniel Smaldone, a spokesman for Kentucky Farm Bureau, wrote in an email.

John-Mark Hack of Versailles suspects the drop is “a lingering aftereffect of the demise of the tobacco program that no one has taken notice of.” Hack is executive director of the Local Food Association, a national trade association.

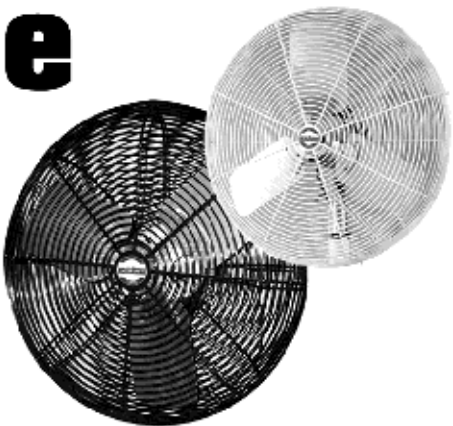
“My perception is that we have a tremendous asset in productive farmland in Kentucky that is being underutilized,” he said.

Other states with the largest percentage declines in farmland were Alaska (5.4 percent), Georgia (5.2 percent), Mississippi (4.6 percent) and Wisconsin (4.1 percent).



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