



Photo by Sharon Burton

## KCA gets OK to hold referendum

LOUISVILLE – The Kentucky Cattlemen's Association has jumped the final hurdle required to hold a referendum for a \$1 checkoff on Kentucky cattle.

KCA asked for and got authority from the Kentucky Board of Agriculture on Aug. 21 to hold a referendum. Kentucky law requires the board's approval and requires the agriculture commissioner to set the referendum date and locations.

State law allows KCA to call for a referendum that would allow producers of bovine animals to decide if they want to levy an assessment on animals sold in Kentucky for the

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purpose of research, market development and education to increase the domestic and foreign consumption, use, sale and markets for bovine animal products.

The \$1 assessment, if approved, would be in addition to a \$1 checkoff currently assessed in Kentucky. Half of the current checkoff goes toward state programs and the other half goes to federal programs.

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A strategic planning group has met and decided the Beef Council board would be ex-

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## SENATE CANDIDATES TALK AG ISSUES

### Ky. Farm Bureau hosts McConnell, Grimes forum

LOUISVILLE – An overflow crowd of news media watched as Kentucky Farm Bureau board members asked questions about federal policy affecting farmers that were sometimes answered by candidates for U.S. Senate.

U.S. Sen. Mitch McConnell, a Republican, took an informal pose as he answered questions from his chair in front of the KFB board of directors. Challenger Democrat Alison Lundergan Grimes made her way to the podium each time it became her turn to answer a question.

The forum, aired live on KET, started with Grimes pulling out her campaign rhetoric, saying Kentucky needs a senator "who will show up." She accused McConnell of missing nearly every agriculture committee meeting for the past three years.

Grimes said anxiety swept across the farm community

as the farm bill lapsed and quoted McConnell from last year's KFB ham breakfast when he said "there is plenty of time to solve that problem."

After McConnell responded with a description of the political process it took to get a farm bill and said nobody was disadvantaged by its delay, Grimes followed up saying she took issue with his comments.

"You see, I've been in the western part of the state and seen the eyes of a burly farmer swell up with tears at the idea of not having crop insurance," she said. "I've talked with farmers...who were worried that the lapse that happened under Mitch McConnell's watch on the farm bill would have a negative impact on their ability to plant in the upcoming season."

McConnell opened with comments about his chance to

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# RECORD BREAKER

## Grand champion ham fetches \$2 million charitable bid

LOUISVILLE – The Kentucky State Fair's grand champion ham is a hot commodity, earning a record-high \$2 million charitable bid during Kentucky Farm Bureau's 51st annual Country Ham Breakfast and Auction during the Kentucky State Fair.

After bidding against one another at the auction's opening and watching the prices climb higher and higher, Republic Bank and Trust Company paired with Hermitage Farms and Bridgeman Foods to present the record-shattering \$2 million bid. The 15.89-pound grand champion ham produced by Broadbent's B and B Foods of Kuttawa was therefore worth approximately \$125,865 per pound.

The previous record high was another joint bid of \$1.6 million from Republic Bank and Trust Company and Dr. Mark Lynn and Associates in 2010.

"I'm proud to share this moment with the Bridgeman and Hermitage Farm folks," said Steve Trager of Republic Bank and Trust Company after the auction's conclusion. "It's \$2 million. Now we can do some really good things in the community, and that's what it's all about."

Nearly 1,600 people gathered for KFB's 51st annual Country Ham Breakfast and Auction. Local, state and national elected officials spoke prior to the auction about current agricultural and political conditions in Kentucky and across the nation, but the event hit a fever pitch as the audience watched bidders duel in seven-figure amounts for the Grand Champion Ham.

Trager announced at the Ham Breakfast that the charitable donation from the Republic Bank and Trust Company would be steered towards institutes supporting health care and education. Wilson shared that his group's half of the winning bid would be split among a few different charities, including the West End School in Louisville.

"It was a wonderful opportunity to be able to double the ability to give to the community," concluded Steve Wilson of Hermitage Farms. "I think the ham is a wonderful symbol of the bounty of the agricultural products in Kentucky; a good symbol of charity and sharing food."

Although no goal amount is set for the ham's top bid each year, KFB has now helped raise more than \$8.9 million for dozens of local charities, educational institutions and non-profit organizations through the 51-year history of the auction. All money raised through this auction is donated directly to the charity of the winning bidder's choice.

"It's a amazingly successful day when we can place the spotlight on Kentucky's deep agricultural roots and help bring about a multi-million dollar donation to local charities," said Joe Cain, KFB's commodity director and ham breakfast event coordinator.

The ham auction's humble beginnings – a respectable \$124 winning bid at the first event in 1964 – have grown exponentially in recent years. The average price of the auctioned ham over the last 10 years is now \$739,000.



2014 Miss Kentucky Ramsey Carpenter (holding the Grand Champion Ham) is joined on the front row of dignitaries with, left to right, Ryan Bridgeman of Bridgeman Foods, Steve Wilson of Hermitage Farms, Steve Trager of Republic Bank & Trust Company, Governor Steve Beshear and Kentucky Farm Bureau President Mark Haney. They are joined in the second row by Louisville Mayor Greg Fischer and numerous representatives from Kentucky Farm Bureau and Republic Bank and Trust Company after placing the winning \$2 million bid.

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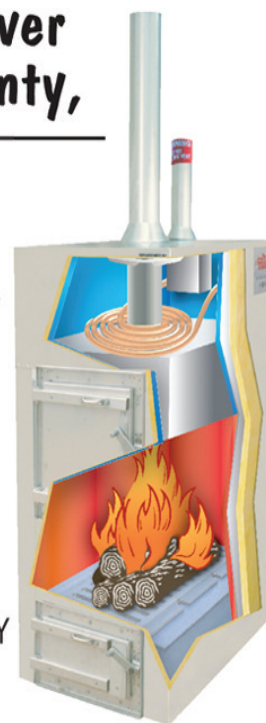
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# Vilsack: Farmers should be okay despite price drops

DES MOINES, Iowa (AP) – In an interview Aug. 22 with The Associated Press, U.S Secretary of Agriculture Tom Vilsack gave his views on topics ranging from low commodity prices this year to dysfunction in Washington and his future.

Vilsack spoke after touring Iowa Choice Harvest, a Marshalltown company that processes Iowa-grown food.

**CROP PRICES AND FARM PROFITABILITY**  
*With corn and soybean prices largely below the cost of production are you concerned about farm profitability?*

Many farmers throughout the United States have forward contracts where they're going to get paid maybe \$4 or \$5 for a bushel of corn, maybe \$13 or \$14 for a bushel of soybeans so I think you have to be careful not to conclude that because prices have come down that there isn't going to be profitability in agriculture.

You also have to recognize as these prices have come down it has created opportunities for other producers, livestock producers in particular, who have been challenged over the course of the last many years with high feed costs now see their cost of doing business coming down. They're looking at record prices for beef and for pork and we're also seeing an expanded export market.

Also, that's precisely the reason we have a farm bill. It creates the safety net that if the prices come down below the price of doing business we have mechanisms

One out of every 12 jobs in this country is connected to agriculture one way or another.

Tom Vilsack  
U.S. Secretary of Agriculture

in place to ensure that folks can still stay in business.

**FARM BILL**  
*It has been increasingly difficult to get the last several farm bills passed through Congress, which is focused on budget cutting. Do you worry about the survival of farm bill programs?*

When I look at the farm bill I don't refer to it as the farm bill. I refer to it as a food, farm and jobs bill because that's what it is. First and foremost the challenge is to the make sure that people have a better understanding of the breadth and the comprehensive nature of what this bill does and how it generally impacts every single American. It impacts every American in terms of making sure we continue to have accessible, affordable, available and safe food. It impacts Americans because it ties to job creation whether it's through the export of agricultural goods, whether it's through the bio-manufacturing, or bio-chemicals.

One out of every 12 jobs in this country is connected to agriculture one way or another. When people begin to understand the breadth of the legislation and the impact it has on people, I think hopefully over time our education effort will be more successful in making sure we don't have a repeat of what we've seen in the last couple of times.

**VILSACK'S FUTURE**  
*What about your political future? Would you like to follow in the footsteps of fellow Iowan Henry Wallace, the 11th U.S. secretary of agriculture who went on to become vice president and then secretary of commerce?*

I will tell you I would love to follow Henry Wallace and establish a company like Pioneer. How much money did he make? I have a huge picture in my office, a black and white picture, probably 6 feet by 4 feet. It's Henry Wallace talking to George Washington Carver. It's a great photograph. These are two guys who had Iowa connections but the great thing about them was they were innovative and they were creative and they were problem solvers.

I don't know what my future is, to be honest. I really don't. I enjoy serving. I've just been blessed having this job. It's a great job. I was blessed being governor. I loved being governor. I enjoyed not as much being a state senator. It was OK. I liked being a mayor. I've just been very fortunate and very lucky. Who knows what is next, if anything.

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# EPA hands over map detailing WOTUS reach

WASHINGTON - The House Committee on Science, Space, and Technology released maps last week of waters and wetlands the Environmental Protection Agency has to-date refrained from making public. After multiple requests, the Agency finally handed over the maps to the committee, which appear to detail the extent of the “Waters of the United States” proposal.

“Given the astonishing picture they paint, I understand the EPA’s desire to minimize the importance of these maps,” said Rep. Lamar Smith (R-Texas), Chairman of the House Science Committee, in a letter to EPA Administrator Gina McCarthy. “But EPA’s posturing cannot explain away the alarming content of these documents. While you claim that EPA has not yet used these maps to regulate Americans, you provided no explanation for why the Agency used taxpayer resources to have these materials created.”

Knowledge of the maps came as the committee was doing research in preparation for a hearing regarding the proposed “Waters of the United States” rule. The maps were kept hidden while the Agencies marched forward with rulemaking that fundamentally re-defines private property rights, said Chairman Smith.

“It is deplorable that EPA, which claims to be providing transparency in rulemakings, would intentionally keep from the American public, a taxpayer-funded visual representation of the reach of their proposed rule,” said Ashley McDonald, National Cattlemen’s Beef Association environmental counsel. “Unfortunately, it is just another blatant contradiction to the claims of transparency this Administration insists they maintain.”

These maps are very similar to the maps produced by NCBA and other agricultural groups, which also showcase the EPA’s extensive attempt to control land across the country. These maps show individual states facing upwards of 100,000 additional stream miles that could be regulated under the proposed regulation.

“This is the smoking gun for agriculture,” said Mc-

Donald. “These maps show that EPA knew exactly what they were doing and knew exactly how expansive their proposal was before they published it.”

The maps are available on the House Committee website <http://science.house.gov/epa-maps-state-2013#overlay-context>

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5. Why is the Kentucky Cattlemen’s Association planning a referendum and who will vote?
6. What counties in your region are represented by winners in the 2014 Kentucky State Fair Sale of Champions?
7. Where does the money raised during the Kentucky Farm Bureau ham breakfast auction go?
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# Senate candidates talk ag issues at KFB forum

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be the Senate majority leader should Republicans take the Senate in November.

Kentucky has had two party leaders in its history, Albon Barkley, a Democrat, in the 1930s and 1940s, and McConnell.

"The majority leader, which I have an excellent chance of becoming next year, gives Kentucky an additional advantage of having the one person in the Senate who can set the agenda," McConnell said.

As for not showing up, McConnell said, "the only deals that have been made on a bipartisan basis during the Obama years, I have brokered every one of them."

McConnell talked about earmarks he pushed through in the past and his role in the tobacco buyout.

"It was a pretty hard sell," he said. McConnell said he asked to be on a conference committee for a bill unrelated to the buyout then dropped the buyout into the bill.

"It was simple justice because the asset was attached to the farm and created by the government itself," he said.

McConnell said he also led the charge to change federal law so that hemp could be grown in Kentucky. He talked with Republicans who wanted to be on a committee before they were appointed to get their support for the legislation, he said.

McConnell also reminded farmers about his role in getting a \$5 million estate tax exemption.

"My number one goal was to get permanency for the \$5 million estate tax exemption, indexed to inflation," he said.

Alison Lundergan Grimes answered questions following a public forum.



eliminate crop insurance for tobacco growers. He led the fight to protect tobacco growers, he said, and won. Animosity toward tobacco production continues with the current administration, he said, particularly with trade agreements.

In addition to taking issue with McConnell's assertion that nobody was disadvantaged by the delay in the farm bill, Grimes also accused McConnell of not speaking up when bipartisan legislation is being formulated.

She also took issue with McConnell taking credit for pushing hemp legislation. Grimes said she spoke with Senate ag committee chairwoman Debbie Stabenow who said she had only heard from Grimes and Gov. Steve Beshear on the issue.

## INTERNATIONAL TRADE AND MARKETING

Grimes said she supports free and open trade "but it must be fair."

"I don't want to be dependent on food the way we are for fuel from other nations," she said.

On the topic of GMOs, Grimes said they have benefits and she does not support over-burdensome regulations.

Regulations "should be based on sound science and not emotion or over-burdensome," she said.

McConnell took the chance to defend his committee record, saying Grimes' supporter Senator Majority Leader Harry Reid has resigned from all committees. McConnell said he remains on committees so he can participate in key votes.

He attempted to link Grimes to senators and organizations that oppose free trade, saying Stabenow and Sen. Elizabeth Warren, both of whom visited Kentucky on behalf of Grimes, "have been vehemently opposed to things you believe in."

The AFL-CIO, which is "opposed to all trade agreements," McConnell said, supports Grimes.

U.S. Sen. Mitch McConnell answered questions with his wife Elaine Chao at his side.



"This has been the most anti-trade administration in memory," McConnell said. "Not a single trade agreement; no trade promotion authority; nothing." On GMOs, McConnell said labeling should be voluntary or be consistent and understood farmers are concerned about states passing their own standards. He

said a lot of European countries are using GMO labeling to protect their own markets.

"We need to make sure the product you produce is not discriminated against with faulty labeling," he said.

## CANDIDATE FOR CHANGE

Candidates also fielded questions on fiscal policy, farm labor, and the environment. Interestingly, they both see themselves as a vote for change.

Grimes pointed out numerous times that McConnell has spent 30 years in Washington. He only wants a self-promotion, she said, calling McConnell the past and herself the future.

Grimes said she speaks for herself and she is a strong, independent woman.

McConnell said the ability of Republicans to take over the Senate with him as majority leader would bring about change needed in Washington.

The first order of business for Grimes in the Senate would be to vote for Harry Reid in the Democratic leadership, the status quo, McConnell argued.

"We are in a position to have a major, major impact," McConnell said.

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## FARM BILL

While the farm bill was discussed briefly in opening statements, the first question focused on the federal law.

McConnell used the opportunity to draw attention to Grimes' use of a tour bus owned by her father's company that is fast becoming a controversial issue for her campaign.

McConnell said the farm bill "is probably not as good a deal as a \$400 a day tour bus, but it's a pretty good deal and it moves us away from direct payments and in the direction of crop insurance."

McConnell and Grimes agreed that crop insurance is the right direction for the farm bill.

McConnell said the biggest threat was an attempt to

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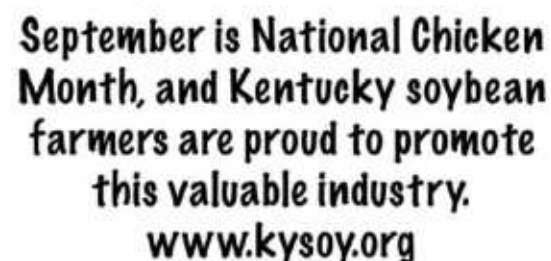
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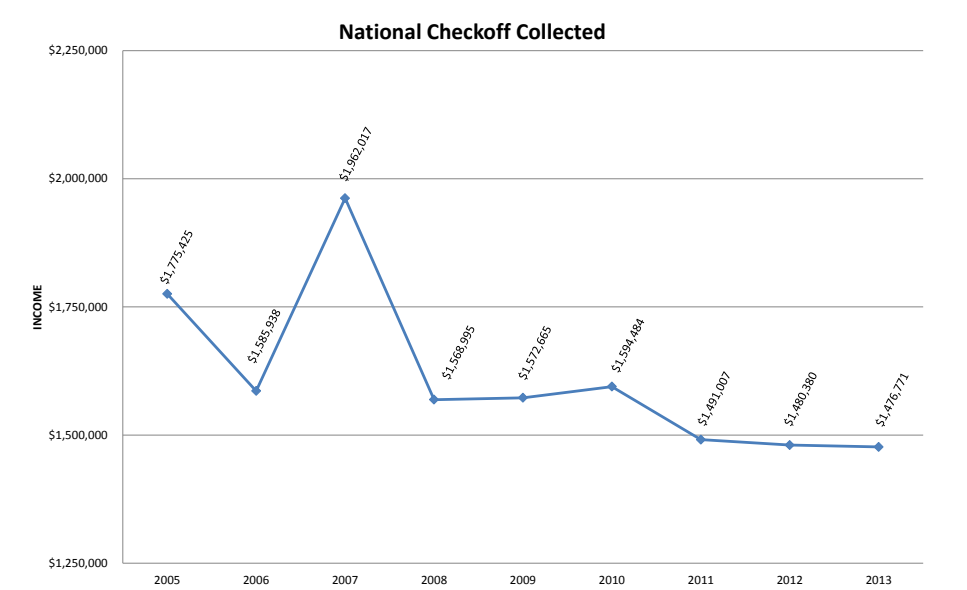
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# KCA gets OK to hold referendum



A national checkoff was approved in 1988 with 50 percent of the funds collected in Kentucky being returned to the state.

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panded to a membership of 24 people representing different aspects of the industry, Dave Maples, KCA executive vice president, said during an interview following last week’s Board of Agriculture meeting.

The new board would consist of the current board’s chairman; two members representing order buyers and auction markets; three members representing organizations such as Kentucky Farm Bureau, Dairy Development Council and the Kentucky Department of Agriculture; two members representing Extension and an Extension beef specialist; the current president and chairman of KCA; two members representing the Young Producers Council; two members of the Cattlemen’s Beef Board; and 10 members representing producers from east/west, small/large, cow/calf, stocker, purebred and dairy.

The KCA executive committee would approve all appointments to the council. Checkoff dollars have decreased in recent years and programs have been cut, Maples said.

“The last six years we spent more money than we’ve taken in,” he said.

The program was sitting on some carryover funds from when the checkoff first started but now they maintain a re-

serve of \$250,000, said KCA president Steve Downs, a Lebanon cattle producer.

“We’ve cut programs; we’ve cut a lot,” he said.

Downs and Maples said programs are designed to encourage consumption of beef products at a time when they are priced at an all-time high.

“When you go into the store and a rib-eye is \$10 to \$12 a pound and a chicken leg is \$1.50 a pound, it’s a pretty tough sell for us to get them to pick that steak up,” Downs said.

A lot of today’s checkoff dollars are directed at “millennial moms,” women born between 1980 and 2000. For instance, some of Kentucky’s checkoff funds are mingled with other funds to buy airtime on Pandora, a personalized internet radio experience. Ads can be targeted to particular age groups within a certain region.

Programs also provide opportunities to network with nutritionists and dieticians to establish beef as an everyday part of a healthy diet.

One program Downs and Maples are particularly proud of takes Alison Smith, director of marketing, into Kroger stores to train their meat cutters and work with their buyers.

“You touch a lot of people when you get Kroger to promote beef on their end,” Downs said.

Maples said Smith trains meat managers in Kroger and Houchens, showing them what cuts can make them money.

“She’s dang near like a rock star when she goes in there with them because she knows the industry,” Maple said. “She’s worked in a processing plant and she’s just *good*.”

Those personalized efforts to promote beef would not be available without checkoff funds, they say, and those funds now buy less than they once did.

“I have a load of steers I will probably be selling in the next couple of weeks. I guess they will be weighing around 800 pounds and bring \$2.10 to 2.20 a pound, \$1700 to \$1800 a head. So I can pay \$2 to keep that market open for me and to keep those prices at a good level. That’s a pretty good return,” Downs said.

## REFERENDUM DATE YET TO BE SET

Once the referendum date is set, the Department of Agriculture—at the expense of KCA—will publicize the date at

least 30 days prior to the scheduled vote. All bovine producers, including owners of farms on which bovine are produced and tenants sharing in the proceeds of bovine cattle, can take part in the referendum. A majority of the voters will decide the outcome.

If passed, individual producers would be able to request a refund within 30 days from the date on which an assessment is collected.

A \$1 assessment would generate around \$1.4 million a year for Kentucky, in addition to the \$1.4 million that is split between the state and national programs.

“If this investment opportunity is passed we will make every effort to make sure these funds are spent wisely and for the benefit and future prosperity of our cattle producers all through the state,” Downs said. “It will be handled with integrity.”

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## SV LS145

### STATE AVERAGES

Steers (M&L 1-2)	This Week	Prior Week	Last Year
350-400 lbs	280.48	286.23	183.26
400-450 lbs	260.35	259.79	171.85
450-500 lbs	250.77	263.75	168.59
500-550 lbs	243.46	242.79	165.16
550-600 lbs	236.91	239.11	161.03
600-650 lbs	230.81	228.30	152.71
650-700 lbs	229.60	225.38	158.17
700-750 lbs	218.61	218.51	151.21
750-800 lbs	217.15	215.24	151.92
800-850 lbs	209.18	209.19	149.33
850-900 lbs		207.15	145.45
Heifers (M&L 1-2)			
300-350 lbs	245.16	256.99	157.37
350-400 lbs	247.64	253.08	162.05
400-450 lbs	236.08	238.30	153.62
450-500 lbs	228.94	236.20	150.81
500-550 lbs	223.30	225.39	148.06
550-600 lbs	218.15	228.44	147.27
600-650 lbs	215.55	217.59	147.76
650-700 lbs	214.93	218.17	145.14
700-750 lbs	204.51	195.16	139.54
750-800 lbs	190.10	207.52	140.48

## SV LS551

Aug 14, 2014

Bowling Green

### SLAUGHTER GOATS: 379

Kids: Selection 2 30-45 lbs 177.50; 45-60 lbs 200.00; 60-80 lbs 190.00.  
Selection 3 30-45 lbs 166.00; 45-60 lbs 175.00; 60-80 lbs 165.00.

### SHEEP: 365

Slaughter Lambs: Hair Choice YG 2 45-70 lbs 180.00; 70-85 lbs 143.00;

Low Choice and Good YG 1-2 40-50 lbs 145.00; 50-65 lbs 120.00.

Slaughter Ewes: Hair Choice YG 3 125-140 lbs 77.50.

Slaughter Rams: Hair 115-130 lbs 107.50; 170-190 lbs 90.00. L

## SV GR110

GRAINS	This Week	Prior Week	Last Year
Corn	3.38-3.86	3.32-4.18	4.36-5.98
Soybeans	10.15-12.63	10.16-12.72	11.82-14.19
Red Winter Wheat	3.90-5.56	3.78-5.43	5.15-6.45

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# AUCTION/MARKET

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## KENTUCKY GRAIN PRICES

**LOUISVILLE AREA:** Louisville & Bagdad; **PENNYRILE AREA:** Allensville, Auburn, Franklin, Hopkinsville & Pembroke; **BLUEGRASS AREA:** Bardonia, Lexington & Winchester; **GREEN RIVER:** Caneyville & Livemore; **NORTHERN KENTUCKY AREA:** Silver Grove at Cincinnati; **PURCHASE AREA:** Clinton & Mayfield. Opening bids at elevators and processing plants.

8/21/14 Bids for next day Cash Bids	4:00 pm est	Louisville	Pennyrile	Purchase	Bluegrass	Green River	Northern KY
Corn #2 Yellow		3.61-3.76	3.49-3.74 NA	3.47-3.64	3.41-3.63	3.67-3.80	3.75
Corn #2 White		10.15-12.33	11.18	11.38-11.85	10.88-12.07	11.58	12.53
Soybeans #1 Y		4.30-4.70	5.06-5.51	4.06	4.78-4.96	NA	5.36
Wheat #2 SRW							
Barley							
<b>New Crop Delivery Contract</b>							
Corn #2 Yellow		3.40-3.45	3.49-3.65 3.99	3.47-3.54	3.29	3.64	3.44
Corn #2 White							
Soybeans #1 Y		9.83-10.23	10.08-10.28	10.30-10.32	9.68	10.18	10.26
Wheat #2 SRW		NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Barley			2.70				

## Eastern Cornbelt Ethanol Plant Report 8/21/2014 Indiana Ohio Illinois

Yellow Corn Spot Bid 3.44-4.00

Dried Distillers Grain (\$/ton)  
10% moisture 110.00-130.00

Modified Wet Distillers (\$/ton)  
50-55% moisture 60.00

## Kentucky Weekly Cattle Receipts:

08/08/14	19,285
08/15/14	19,066
08/22/14	17,132

Weekly Feed Ingredient Price	Owensboro Grain	Commonwealth Agri-Energy Hopkinsville	USDA ESTIMATED DAILY LIVESTOCK SLAUGHTER				Eastern Cornbelt Hog Prices
Wholesale prices, \$ per ton	8/22/2014	8/22/2014	CATTLE	CALVES	HOGS	SHEEP	8/21/2014
Rail or Truck FOB Location			Thurs. 8/21/2014 (est)	112,000	2,000	408,000	8,000
			Week Ago (est)	111,000	2,000	408,000	8,000
			Year Ago (act)	124,000	2,000	425,000	9,000
			Week to Date (act)	451,000	8,000	1,616,000	33,000
			Same Pd Lt Week (est)	456,000	8,000	1,597,000	33,000
			Same Pd Lt Yr (act)	491,000	11,000	1,711,000	35,000
Soybean Meal 48% Sol	633.00	—	Upcoming Events				Barrows & Gills
Soybean Hulls	160.00	—					Receipts: 7,720
Corn Distillers Grain Dried	—	170.00					Base Price:
Distillers Grain Modified	—	98.00					\$90.00-\$100.00
Distillers Grain Wet	—	53.00					Wt. Avg. \$97.11
Corn Condensed Soubles	—	32.00					Compared to prior day, the avg. price was 2.00 to 4.13 lower, most ley 2.00 to 3.00 lower. Slow market activity with demand.
Corn Gluten Feed 20-21 pct	—	—	East Kentucky Replacement Heifer Sale— Sept. 20, Lee City				
Corn Gluten Meal 60 pct	—	—	Central Kentucky Replacement Heifer Sale— Oct. 21, Richmond				
Cottonseed Meal 41 pct	—	—	Gateway Regional Bred Heifer Sale— Oct. 27, Mt. Sterling				
Whole Cottonseed	—	—	Central Kentucky Premier Heifer Sale— Nov. 1, Lebanon				
Wheat Middlings	—	—	Elite Bred Heifer Sale— Nov. 3, Paris				

## Livingston County Livestock

Ledbetter, Ky

August 19, 2014

**Feeder Steers:** Medium & Large 1-2

29 hd. 771# 210.00 mixed

**Feeder Heifers:** Medium & Large 1-2

29 hd. 718# 202.50 mixed

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Heifer data can be viewed at <http://ces.ca.uky.edu/perry>.

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# Enrollment for new dairy farm risk management program begins

WASHINGTON – Agriculture Secretary Tom Vilsack announced farmers can now enroll in the new dairy Margin Protection Program. The voluntary program, established by the 2014 farm bill, provides financial assistance to participating farmers when the margin – the difference between the price of milk and feed costs – falls below the coverage level selected by the farmer.

The U.S. Department of Agriculture also launched a new web tool to help producers determine the level of cover-

age under the Margin Protection Program that will provide them with the strongest safety net under a variety of conditions. The online resource, available at [www.fsa.usda.gov/mpptool](http://www.fsa.usda.gov/mpptool), allows dairy farmers to quickly and easily combine unique operation data and other key variables to calculate their coverage needs based on price projections. Producers can also review historical data or estimate future coverage based on data projections. The secure site can be accessed via computer,

smartphone, tablet or any other platform, 24 hours a day, seven days a week.

"We've made tremendous progress in implementing new risk management programs since the farm bill was signed over six months ago," said Vilsack. "This new program is another example of this Administration's commitment to provide effective safety net programs that allow farmers and ranchers to manage economic risks beyond their control. And the supplemental Web tool will empower the nation's 46,000 dairy producers to make decisions that make sense for them."

The Margin Protection Program, which replaces the Milk Income Loss Contract program, gives participating dairy producers the flexibility to select coverage levels best suited for their op-

eration. Enrollment began Sept. 2 and ends on Nov. 28 for 2014 and 2015. Participating farmers must remain in the program through 2018 and pay a minimum \$100 administrative fee each year. Producers have the option of selecting a different coverage level during open enrollment each year.

Dairy operations enrolling in the new program must comply with conservation compliance provisions and cannot participate in the Livestock Gross Margin dairy insurance program. Farmers already participating in the Livestock Gross Margin program may register for the Margin Protection Program, but the new margin program will only begin once their Livestock Gross Margin coverage has ended.

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**Fresh Milking Cows:** (2-4 years old) Supreme 1300-1600# 1900.00-2175.00, Approved 1200-1400# 1725.00, Medium 950-1200# 1475.00-1500.00.

**Open Heifers:** 200-300# Supreme 525.00-650.00, Approved 475.00-500.00, Medium 325.00, 300-400# Supreme 650.00-735.00, Medium 360.00, 400-500# Supreme 800.00-935.00, Approved 585.00-675.00, Medium 410.00-460.00, 500-600# Supreme 1035.00-1100.00, Approved 735.00-785.00, 600-700# Supreme 1175.00, Approved 885.00.

**Holstein Steers:** 200-300# 195.00-200.00, 300-400# 192.50-199.00, 400-500# 185.00-198.00, 500-600# 175.00-183.00, 600-700# 170.00-171.00.

**Hol. Heifer Calves:** Small 140.00-190.00, Medium and Large 210.00-360.00.

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**S.L. Bulls:** Y.G. 1-2 1400-2300# 125.00-134.00, H.Dr. 135.00-145.00, L.Dr. 112.00-120.00.

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## Blue Grass Stockyard

Lexington, KY  
August 18 & 19, 2014  
**Feeder Steers:** Medium & Large 1  
82 hd. 257.25 blk-charx  
58 hd. 854# 215.85 blk-mixed  
57 hd. 927# 210.00 blk  
**Holstein Steers:** Large 3  
40 hd. 910# 212.25

## Blue Grass of Richmond

Richmond, KY  
August 15, 2014  
**Feeder Steers:** Medium & Large 1-2  
56 hd. 920# 197.75 mixed

## United Producers Owenton

Owenton, KY  
August 20, 2014  
**Holstein Steers:** Large 3  
28 hd. 820# 184.00

## Russell County Stockyards

Russell Springs, KY  
August 20, 2014  
**Feeder Heifers:** Medium & Large 1-2  
76 hd. 887# 220.10 blk-charx  
Medium & Large 2-3  
38 hd. 527# 210.00 mixed

## Blue Grass of Campbellsville

Campbellsville, KY  
August 16 & 20, 2014  
**Holstein Steers:** Large 3  
40 hd. 590# 186.75  
64 hd. 714# 174.90  
20 hd. 905# 155.00

## Christian Co. Livestock Auction

Hopkinsville, KY  
August 20, 2014  
**Feeder Heifers:** Medium & Large 1-2  
79 hd. 626# 220.00 mixed

## Farmers Livestock

Flemingsburg, KY  
August 18, 2014  
**Feeder Steers:** Medium & Large 1-2  
74 hd. 715# 225.75 blk  
62 hd. 791# 215.00 blk

## Washington Co. Livestock

Springfield, KY  
August 18, 2014  
**Feeder Steers:** Medium & Large 1-2  
56 hd. 924# 204.20 mixed  
**Holstein Steers:** Large 3  
59 hd. 709# 168.25  
59 hd. 871# 162.00

## Blue Grass South

Stanford, KY  
August 18 & 21, 2014  
**Feeder Steers:** Medium & Large 1-2  
20 hd. 610# 234.50 blk  
20 hd. 615# 242.50 blk  
32 hd. 667# 226.00 blk-mixed  
74 hd. 693# 236.50 blk  
75 hd. 694# 226.00 blk-charx  
42 hd. 761# 214.50 blk  
68 hd. 788# 214.50 blk-charx  
60 hd. 815# 206.75 mixed  
60 hd. 827# 204.25 mixed  
59 hd. 832# 215.80 blk-charx  
123 hd. 837# 210.00 blk-mixed  
45 hd. 954# 186.00 mixed  
55 hd. 982# 198.00 charx-blk  
**Feeder Heifers:** Medium & Large 1-2  
43 hd. 571# 206.50 mixed  
70 hd. 721# 209.85 blk-mixed  
**Holstein Steers:** Large 3  
44 hd. 696# 171.50  
75 hd. 718# 166.75  
57 hd. 750# 169.25

## United Producers Bowling Green

Bowling Green, KY  
August 19, 2014  
**Feeder Heifers:** Medium & Large 1-2  
20 hd. 495# 219.00 blk  
20 hd. 598# 220.50 blk

## Lake Cumberland Livestock

Somerset, KY  
August 18, 2014  
**Feeder Steers:** Medium & Large 1-2  
48 hd. 521# 257.25 blk-charx

## KY-TN Livestock Auction

Guthrie, KY  
August 21, 2014  
**Feeder Heifers:** Medium & Large 1-2  
24 hd. 452# 234.00 bbwf  
20 hd. 512# 230.00 bbwf  
**Feeder Bulls:** Medium & Large 1-2  
47 hd. 453# 243.00 bbwf  
38 hd. 543# 234.00 bbwf

## Blue Grass East

Mt. Sterling, KY  
August 20, 2014  
**Feeder Steers:** Medium & Large 1-2  
21 hd. 776# 221.50 blk  
25 hd. 832# 213.75 blk  
**Feeder Heifers:** Medium & Large 1-2  
40 hd. 586# 235.00 blk  
20 hd. 725# 221.00 blk

## Blue Grass of Albany

Albany, KY  
August 20, 2014  
**Feeder Steers:** Medium & Large 1-2  
42 hd. 840# 209.00 mixed  
**Video Receipts:**  
68 hd. 750# 215.50 mixed  
65 hd. 800# 205.00 mixed

## Kentuckiana Livestock Market

Owensboro, KY  
August 18, 2014  
**Feeder Bulls:** Medium & Large 1-2  
30 hd. 520# 228.00 bbwf  
**Feeder Heifers:** Medium & Large 1-2  
22 hd. 435# 242.00

## Paris Stockyards

Paris, KY  
August 21, 2014  
**Feeder Steers:** Medium & Large 1-2  
131 hd. 760# 223.00 blk  
**Holstein Steers:** Large 3  
150 hd. 417# 224.75

## Farmers Livestock

Glasgow, KY  
August 18, 2014  
**Feeder Steers:** Medium & Large 1-2  
26 hd. 518# 245.75 blk  
71 hd. 694# 236.00 blk  
43 hd. 747# 222.25 mixed  
40 hd. 772# 217.75 mixed  
**Feeder Heifers:** Medium & Large 1-2  
24 hd. 450# 238.75 blk  
29 hd. 512# 225.50 blk  
25 hd. 591# 215.00 blk  
26 hd. 707# 208.25 blk  
**Feeder Bulls:** Medium & Large 1-2  
26 hd. 440# 257.00 blk  
29 hd. 510# 230.00 blk

## Mid-KY Livestock Market

Upton, KY  
August 19, 2014  
**Feeder Steers:** Medium & Large 1-2  
20 hd. 505# 239.75 mixed  
**Feeder Heifers:** Medium & Large 1-2  
28 hd. 424# 235.50 blk  
**Feeder Bulls:** Medium & Large 1-2  
20 hd. 408# 252.50 blk  
21 hd. 511# 225.00 blk  
20 hd. 561# 226.00 blk

## Central Kentucky "Top of the Crop" Replacement Heifer Sale



**Tuesday October 21<sup>st</sup>, 2014**

Blue Grass Stockyards of Richmond, L.L.C.  
Richmond, Ky • 6:30 p.m.

**Approximately 100 Head Selling**

- Heifers are guaranteed BVD-PI negative and Calfoot vaccinated
- Bred heifers guaranteed safe in calf for 30 days after sale and are cost share approved
- Inspected by local screening committee and KDA representative
- Heifers were born and raised on consignors farm or they are source verified
- Heifers are bred to calving ease bulls with their EPD's listed in sale catalog
- Pelvic area measured and developed under strict guidelines for health, conformation and disposition
- Heifers will sell in lots ranging from 1 to 5 head per lot. Most will be 2 to 4 head per lot

**Sale Sponsored by:**

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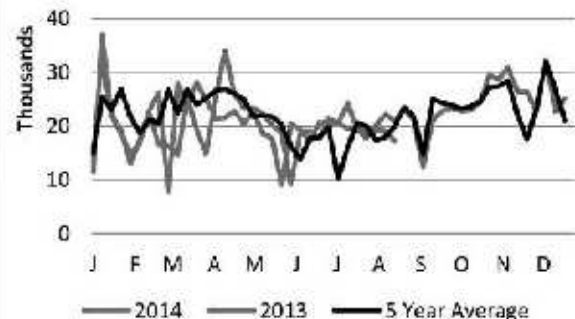
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WEIGHTED AVERAGE PRICE (\$/CWT)



WEEKLY 400-600 LB FEEDER HEIFER M&L 1-2  
WEIGHTED AVERAGE PRICE (\$/CWT)



WEEKLY KENTUCKY CATTLE AUCTION RECEIPTS



WEEKLY KENTUCKY CORN BID AVERAGE PRICE  
(\$/CWT)



**Producers Livestock Auction Co, San Angelo, Texas August 20, 2014;** Compared to last week slaughter lambs 10.00-20.00 higher. Slaughter ewes 5.00-10.00 higher. Feeder lambs 5.00-10.00 higher. Nannies steady; kids 5.00-10.00 higher. Trading active; demand good. All sheep and goats sold per hundred weight (CWT) unless otherwise specified.

**New Holland Sales Stables - New Holland, PA August 18, 2014;** Compared to last week. Slaughter lambs sold mostly 10.00-20.00 higher. Demand was moderate. Overall quality better than recent weeks. Slaughter ewes sold mostly firm. Demand was moderate. Slaughter kids sold mostly steady to 10.00 higher. Demand was moderate. Nannies traded mostly 10.00-20.00 higher. All Goats are sold by the head on estimated weights.



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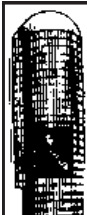






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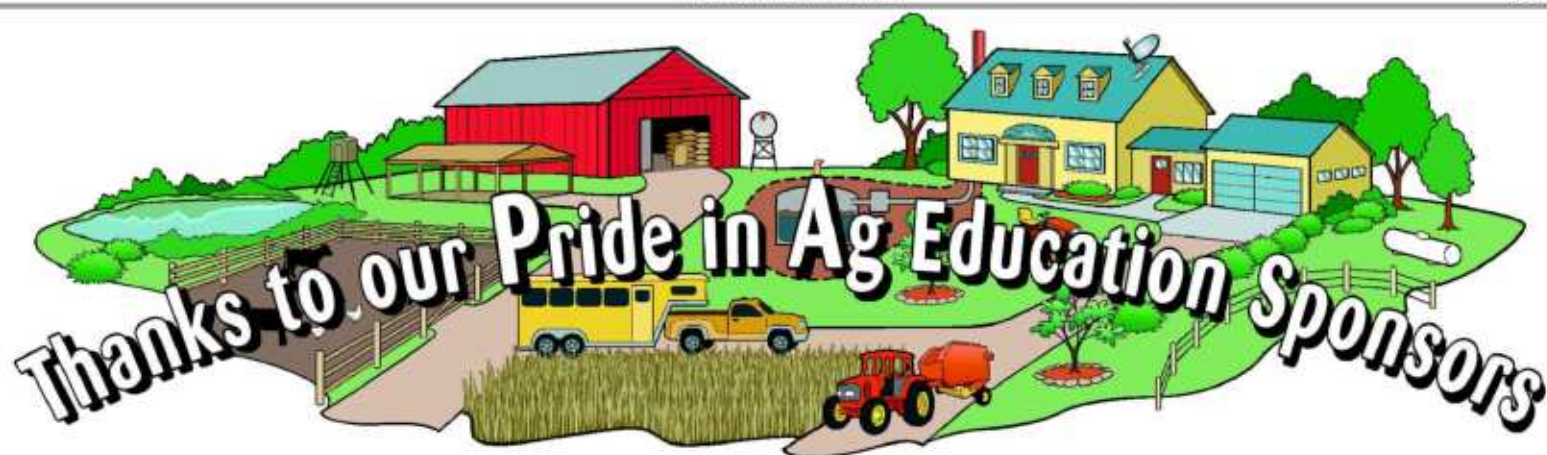
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Danniel Jamison-McClung, Ph.D., associate director of the biotech program at the University of California-Davis, compares GMOs, or biotech crops, to smartphones. Think of the phone as the plant's DNA and the gene as an app. Even after adding many different apps, you still have a phone.

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# The irony of politics



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“The Senate race is about more than Kentucky, and the broader issue of who has power and influence in Washinton has resulted in a spotlight on Kentucky politics.”

At the recent Kentucky Farm Bureau forum with U.S. Sen. Mitch McConnell and contender Alison Lundergan Grimes, I realized just how ironic politics can be. McConnell started his comments by saying he has a real chance of being the Senate majority leader next year, and that means change for Kentucky voters. He went on to say that a vote for his opponent is a vote for the status quo. Grimes is right when she says McConnell has been trying to make this race about everyone but her. The closer he can tie Grimes to President Obama or people like Harry Reid the better his chances in a state where Obama carried only four counties in 2012. Of course, he doesn't have to fabricate the connections. The national Democratic machine wants McConnell gone, and they are spending their money and energy in an effort to get rid of him. There's a lot of people involved in this year's Senate race who have never stepped foot in Kentucky and who cannot vote in the race. The Senate race is about more than Kentucky, and the broader issue of who has power and influence in Washington has resulted in a spotlight on Kentucky politics. It leaves Grimes in a precarious position of showing an independence and distancing herself from a liberal stance too far left for Kentucky's Blue Dog Democrats while accepting the support and funds she needs to finance her campaign. All in all, it has made for interesting politics, and KFB's forum was no exception. In summary, according to McConnell, if you want change you need to send him back to Washington. According to Grimes, getting rid of McConnell means getting rid of one of the greatest stumbling blocks to progress. He's been there 30 years, he is the past and she is the future. Take your pick, but I suggest you don't get too overzealous in your expectations. The gridlock in Washington is coming from a grass roots nation of people who have become polarized in their beliefs and unwilling to work together for the good of our nation. What's going on with our leaders—Congress, the president, the Supreme Court—is a mirror of the masses. We do, after all, choose them, it's not the other way around.

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

# Memories on the farm



DOWN  
HOME

Suzanna  
Burton  
Streeval

This weather is ridiculous! I have spent the majority of my summer waiting for it to show up. And now that it finally decides to show its scorching face, fall allergies have set in. You've gotta love Kentucky weather. Hey, if you don't – just hang around a little while, it will soon change. The all too close fall season takes me back to the time as a child that little brother and I would exit the school bus just at the beginning of a new school year to see Mom and Dad working away in the garden plowing up potatoes. We automatically knew we were expected to change into our old clothes as quickly as we could and high tail it out to join them gathering potatoes to stash away for the winter ahead. Just a few days prior, that same garden had entertained little brother, neighboring cousins and me on many summer days as we played in the one little section that Mama had allowed us to keep all to ourselves. We would dig a big hole in the soil and while the boys farmed away with their tractors and equipment, me – being the only girl – I could be found using that same hole as a swimming pool for my Barbies. The male cousins tolerated me very well. I was always welcomed during games of tag, NASCAR racing, even playing with the toy farm equipment just so long as I agreed to take what was left over. The boys were quite adamant about which brand of tractor, baler, hay wagon, etc. they were going to play with. So much so that many play dates came to a quick halt should the preferred equipment fall into the wrong hands. Temperamental little farmers they were! Now we have all grown, most of the boys turned into 'big' farmers and still 'play' with their own preferred equipment. We all have little farmers of our own to play in the dirt. But it worries me that today's cousins seldom have the opportunity to get their hands dirty. It seems their little fingers are too busy with the newest gadget that technology has invented to keep their minds occupied. Instead of playing with cousins in the yard, their hours are filled texting or face timing, if not in front of the television or gaming system. Now don't misunderstand me, these things are all well and good when they are kept in moderation. Technology can be a wonderful thing. But I

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# Milk diversions, we need them... but not too much



KENTUCKY DAIRY DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Maury Cox

Since the Southeast is a milk deficit market, the question asked is what amount of distant milk is truly needed by the local market and is too much being diverted lowering prices to local farmers?

Although my experiences and knowledge of other industries apart from dairy is limited, I do believe the dairy industry must rank as one of the most diverse, complicated, challenging businesses in all of agriculture. I have heard the following anonymous quote on several occasions regarding the Federal Milk Marketing Order system saying, "There was only one man that ever understood it... but he died."

The more one studies the FMMO language and observes its evolutionary process, the better understanding one gets of a very complex system. There are many intricacies of the industry which must be considered and it changes from time to time as markets change and stakeholders adjust to the economic challenges they face. It also offers processes to request for adjustments, even without the hearing process. Recently just such a request occurred.

Lee Robey, a Kentucky dairy farmer petitioned the Market Administrator of FMMO 7 to consider lowering milk diversion limits of 25 percent to zero percent during the months of July through November of 2014. Below is a description of how diversions are used, as stated by Harold Friedly, Jr., FMMO 5, M.A. in a letter written to a FMMO 5 dairy farmer:

"Diversions are used by pool plant operators and cooperatives acting as handlers to attract an adequate milk supply to meet Class I (bottled milk) needs. In setting a reasonable limit, diversion limit standards must take into account reserved supplies needed for Class I use, the balancing needs of the markets and the seasonality of production."

The actual process of how diversions occur in a deficit production market is when a Grade A plant operator or a farmer owned cooperative contracts with distant milk producers to supply the needs of the plant and exceeds that amount by up to the diversion limits they handle. In this case it is 25 percent more. If that milk is not needed to supply the Class I needs, it is diverted to cheese or powder plants.

This lowers the Class I utilization and the blend prices paid to local dairy farmers. It must be stated diversions can also be used to relieve the market of locally produced excess milk while still capturing the local blend price. Since the Southeast is a milk deficit market, the question asked is what amount of distant milk is truly needed by the local market and is too much being diverted lowering prices to local farmers? The provisions for diversions of

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# Say what?

Farmers and ranchers have a well-deserved reputation for straight talk. Saying what you mean and meaning what you say, after all, were essential elements in the handshake deals that were the hallmark of rural business for generations.

They still are.

Now, however, some folks outside the nation's fields and fences are working overtime to wash—and, in many instances, white-wash—the work-a-day farm and ranch vocabulary of its meaning and culture.

For example, two ag publications I receive, one from Canada and the other from the U.S., recently carried stories about cattle slaughter. Neither, however, used the word "slaughter."

Instead, both stories substituted the completely bloodless, completely inaccurate "harvest"—as in "Cargill closes Milwaukee harvest facility" and "Dissecting the makeup of the U.S. fed cattle harvest"—for the more descriptive, completely accurate "slaughter" in each headline and throughout each story.

We don't kill cattle in North America anymore; we "harvest" them now?

Not according to the U.S. Department of Agriculture's National Agricultural Statistics Services that, depending on species, continues to count the weekly, monthly and yearly "slaughter" of cattle, goats, hogs, lamb, bison, chickens, ducks, turkeys and other poultry.

The reason USDA does not use the word "harvest" for "slaughter" is simple: the two words are not substitutes; each carries a unique meaning.

In fact, according to the Oxford Universal English Dictionary, slaughter ("Middle English, slahter, 1. The killing of cattle, sheep, or other animals for food...") and harvest ("Old English, haerfest, 1. The third season of the year, autumn 2. The season for reaping and gathering in the ripened grain 3. The reaping and gathering in of ripened grain...") are as different as salt and pepper. Each may be a seasoning but salt is not pepper and pepper is not salt.

Other examples of either lazy usage or intentional misuse of words in agriculture abound. For centuries "crop protection" meant fences to keep livestock out of grain fields. Today "crop protection" really means chemistry—herbicides, fungicides, and insecticides—without hoping to sound like it means chemistry.

Today we often say "barn," as in livestock barn, when we really mean shed, as in machinery shed; often hear equipment dealers talk about "farm power" instead of "tractors;" and watch as veterinarians use "animal health products" to treat (even pre-treat) ailing livestock, not "drugs."

And "wastes" long ago replaced "manure" for, well, you know what.

Indeed, we've taken our gift for word confusion to almost laugh-out-loud levels. For example, a generation ago, with new technology and no hesitation, we turned the simple hay "bale" into the oxymoronic "round bale" and, simultaneously, into the wonderfully redundant "square bale."

Most times, however, these shiny new words and not-at-all-



FOOD & FARM FILE

Alan Guebert

Most times, however, these shiny new words and not-at-all-accurate phrases aren't new cats that just show up on the farm and ranch.

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# One step forward, two back



## MARKET WATCH

Dewey Strickler

Corn futures have gone nowhere the past couple of weeks as the bears seem reluctant to aggressively press the market, while the bulls have been burned on too many occasions in picking a bottom. News for the most part is scarce.

Harvest has begun in the Southeast with some exceptional yields being reported. Last week, the crop ratings rose one point to 73 percent in good-to-excellent condition, the best rating since 1994. Many traders anticipate the national yield will range from 170-176 bushels per acre versus USDA's estimate of 167.4 bushels per acre.

Ag Watch currently projects a yield of 169.9 bushels per acre. There are a few concerns of an early frost, but that is the norm for this time of the season.

Export inspections were 42.9 million bushels last week with the cumulative total standing at 1.808 billion bushels, below USDA's target of 1.92 billion bushels. Currently, the trend following funds are long a token 5 million bushels.

Soybeans have seen a tough time recently, taking one step forward, then two back. News is mostly bearish with the expectations for a record crop and increased plantings in South America this fall. Currently, 70 percent of the crop is rated in good-to-excellent condition, down one point from a week ago. However, this is a stellar rating for this time of the season.

Ninety percent of the crop is setting pods, slightly ahead of the average of 89 percent. No frost is in the long-term forecast giving the

bull little hope. Meanwhile, yield reports of early harvested soybeans in the Southeast are exceptional. Exports for the marketing year are winding down with inspections last week at 5.3 million bushels. Cumulative shipments are 1.593 billion bushels and are short of USDA's projection of 1.64 million bushels.

The trend following funds are becoming more bearish as they have increased their short position 25 million bushels to 270 million bushels. For now, the bears are in staunch control, and the bulls may have to wait until planting begins in South America before a bottom develops.

Wheat has been hanging tough the past few weeks because of quality issues in Europe. This may weigh on corn as wheat will compete as a feed grain. While the conflict between Russia and Ukraine continues, there have been no disruption of exports from that region. Export inspections last week were 20.5 million bushels and above the average needed to reach USDA's projection of 925 million bushels. Shipments for the season are off to a slow start, but have improved the past couple of weeks. Spring wheat harvest has begun and is 27 percent complete compared to the average of 49 percent. The trend following funds may be turning less bearish as they recently trimmed 40 million bushels from their short position reducing it to 345 million bushels.

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At the current pace of shipments, we will fall 75 million bushels short of their target.

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milk can be found in the Order language 1007.13 (d) 3:7, at the Federal Order 7 website: <http://www.fmmatlanta.com>.

Mr. Pat Clark, FMMO 7, M.A. allowed for a time for comments from stakeholders to help make a determination. He notified interested parties Aug. 28 and determined the request would be denied and the diversion limits will be left in place.

Although the request was denied, Mr. Clark along with Mr. Harold Freidly, FMMO 5, M.A. will work with the

Kentucky Dairy Development Council to hold informative listening meetings across the Southeast with Dana Coale, Deputy Administrator, USDA-AMS-Dairy Programs.

The Kentucky meeting will be held at the Warren County Cooperative Extension Office, Oct. 7 at 10 a.m. to noon. Lunch will be provided. All dairy farmers and interested parties are invited to attend.

**MAURY COX** is the executive director of Kentucky Dairy Development Council.

# Memories on the farm

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worry that too many of us allow these things to take the place of good, old fashioned, person to person fellowship. God help – the only place we seem to have a chance to catch up with folks is at the funeral home!

Correct me if I'm wrong, but I'm afraid there's something quite wrong with this picture.

**Suzanna Burton Streeval** was raised on a dairy farm in northeast Adair County. She and her husband Tony have three beautiful daughters and countless furbabies. Suzanna works in accounting at Tarter Farm and Ranch in Dunnville. She and her husband are active members in their church. If any additional time is available, Suzanna enjoys reading, scrapbooking and traveling.

## Say what?

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curate phrases aren't new cats that just show up on the farm and ranch. They are born, poll-tested and dropped off in rural America by ag hired hands—sorry, “team members”—who are paid to sanitize the sometimes muddy, sometimes bloody realities of today's farms and ranches for in increasingly misinformed, hopefully naïve consuming public.

In the cleansing process, however, we trade accuracy for vagueness, honesty for deceit and truth for deception.

Truth be told, the vast majority of American—North American—farming and ranching is about herbicides, slaughter and manure and hiding these processes and practices behind sunny, inaccurate or misleading words only creates more costly mistrust that, sooner or later, will have to be cleaned up by farmers and ranchers, not the rebranding spinmeisters.

“Harvest” cattle? What, PETA will become more farmer-friendly if we just say “harvest” instead of “slaughter”?

That's as absurd as calling cowboys chickens.

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The Kentucky FFA Foundation has always accepted monetary sponsorships that help to fund

events, contests, prizes, and scholarships, but they are now offering a more creative way to give, "Gifts of Grain," or any other farm commodity.

"We are thrilled to be accepting commodities as gifts, and we feel like this opens up a new door for farmers to give back to an organization that did so much for them," says McKinney. For farm operators, gifting grain, or any other farm commodity, directly, rather than selling the commodity and making a gift from the proceeds, may provide a significant tax savings. Contributing commodities allows producers to avoid the sale of the commodity as income, while the production costs may still be deductible. Reducing taxable income may provide advantages such as minimizing or eliminating self-employment tax and reducing adjusted gross income.

Farmers interested in making a gift can simply reach out to the Foundation and indicate where their commodity will be sold. The KY FFA Foundation will then set up

an account at the elevator or stockyards, and at the time of the sale, the farmer indicates how much should be gifted to the Foundation.

"Maybe you have always wanted to be an FFA sponsor, but just didn't have the cash flow. Now you can gift in bushels or heads of livestock. You can still contribute, without writing the check, and maybe adding some tax benefits to your farm," McKinney said.

"I ask you to think back to your time in a blue corduroy jacket and try to put a price on that experience. FFA is so proud of the success of our many alumni, and we are asking that you consider giving back. It keeps you connected to what's currently happening, and giving feels good. We need and want your support," she said.

**If you are interested in gifting a commodity to the Kentucky FFA Foundation, please contact Sheldon McKinney at 606-782-4620 or [sheldon.mckinney@kyffa.org](mailto:sheldon.mckinney@kyffa.org).**



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## WINNING RECIPE

# Potato crusted bacon cheeseburger quiche

### Crust

1 large potato, peeled and diced  
1 Tbsp Promise margarine  
1/8 tsp salt  
1/8 tsp pepper

### Filling

2 slices bacon  
1/2 lb. ground beef  
1 cup kale, chopped  
1/2 cup onion, finely chopped  
1/4 cup green pepper, finely chopped  
1/4 cup red pepper, finely chopped  
1/2 cup yellow squash, shredded  
1/2 cup zucchini, shredded  
1/8 tsp salt  
1/4 tsp pepper  
6 eggs  
1 cup milk  
3/4 cup cheddar cheese, shredded, divided  
1/3 cup sour cream

Heat oven to 350°. Place diced potato in a medium saucepan. Cover with water and bring to a boil on medium high heat. Boil potatoes until soft. Drain all but 1/4 cup of liquid. Add margarine, salt and pepper.

Mash the potatoes to a smooth consistency. Spoon roughly 2 Tbsp. of potatoes into bottom of greased jumbo muffin tin. Press to the bottom and slightly up the sides to form a crust. Bake potato crusts for 20 minutes or until they start to turn a golden brown.

In a medium skillet, prepare the bacon until crisp. Drain on paper towels. Crumble bacon and set aside. In the same skillet, brown ground beef, onion, and peppers. Cook until no pink remains. Drain.

In a medium bowl, combine remaining vegetables with ground beef mixture. Add bacon and 1/2 cup shredded cheddar cheese. Toss to mix well.

In a separate small bowl, beat the eggs, salt, pepper, and milk until well combined.

When crusts come out of the oven, fill each evenly with egg mixture, then evenly divide the meat mixture and top with remaining cheddar cheese. Bake 40 minutes or until golden brown.

Top with a dollop of sour cream and serve.



Owen County High School's Cuisine Rebels culinary team won the second annual Kentucky Proud Junior Chef competition recently. Participating in the trophy presentation were, from left: Tina Garland, Farm to School coordinator for the Kentucky Department of Agriculture; Agriculture Commissioner James Comer; Janey Thornton, Deputy Under Secretary for USDA's Food, Nutrition, and Consumer Services and a Kentucky native; team members Carley Bennett, Morgan Woodyard, Kadee Carter, Hailey Chappell, and Cannon Goodrich; and Samantha Benjamin-Kirk with the USDA Southeast Regional Office's Farm to School Program. The Owen County team was coached by Kim Webster. (Kentucky Department of Agriculture photo)

## Owen Co. shows its Ky. Proud colors with Junior Chef Championship dish

LOUISVILLE – Looking sharp in maroon and silver football jerseys, and working together as a team, the Owen County High School Rebels won a state championship Friday.

But the sport wasn't football. That championship won't be played for three more months.

Owen County's "Cuisine Rebels," sporting aprons made out of old football jerseys, won the second annual Kentucky Farm to School Junior Chef State Tournament during the Kentucky State Fair in Louisville.

"I want to congratulate Owen County's 'Cuisine Rebels' for a job well done," Agriculture Commissioner James Comer said. "I also want to commend Owen County for using 13 Kentucky Proud products in their winning dish."

Owen County made potato-crustured bacon cheeseburger quiche. The competing entrées are required to contain at least five Kentucky Proud ingredients, which are grown or made in Kentucky.

"We went above and beyond," Owen County family and consumer science teacher Kim Webster said proudly after coaching the Cuisine Rebels to the championship over Thomas Nelson High's "Purple Cow Crew" from Bardstown.

Hailey Chappell of Owen County was named Most Outstanding Chef for the state Junior Chef Tournament. Hailey is the daughter of Amy Chappell, Owen County Schools' food service director.

Sullivan University will offer \$6,000 scholarships to members of the winning team – Hailey Chappell, Carley Bennett, Kadee Carter, Cannon Goodrich, and Morgan Woodyard. Each member of Thomas Nelson's team will be offered \$4,000 scholarships. The chefs on the two other semifinalist teams, Corbin High's "Roasting Redhounds"

and Owensboro Apollo High's "Cooking Fairies," will have the opportunity to receive \$2,000 scholarships. Sullivan offered more than \$70,000 in scholarship money.

Owen County's team received \$600 from John Wiley and Sons publishing company, along with free textbooks for team members attending Sullivan's culinary program. Wiley representative Darchelle Leggett also presented the winning chefs with a book titled "Professional Cooking" and the runners-up from Thomas Nelson with a gift bag that included books and other items.

Teams of 61 chefs from 14 Kentucky high school basketball regions faced off on the Gourmet Garden Stage in the lobby of South Wing A in the Kentucky Exposition Center during the state fair. Junior Chef tournament organizer Tina Garland, coordinator of the Kentucky Department of Agriculture's Farm to School Program, said the number of schools and students who participated in the second statewide competition was up over the first year.

Junior Chef, which is part of the Farm to School Program, encourages high school students to learn how to cook by using local ingredients to prepare healthy meals while at the same time teaching students about agriculture, marketing, organization, teamwork, and community involvement.

The Farm to School Program connects local farmers to school districts to make fresh Kentucky Proud foods available to Kentucky children. Participating Kentucky school districts spent an estimated \$468,000 on local foods during the 2012-13 school year.

A total of 84 school districts are members of the Kentucky Proud program, which helps Kentucky farmers market their products to their local communities.





# Kentucky gets \$20 million grant for energy study

LEXINGTON (AP) – Democrats and Republicans gathered to celebrate a \$20 million federal grant designed to move Kentucky toward new forms of energy, a tricky subject in a state dominated by the coal industry.

Republican U.S. Sen. Mitch McConnell and U.S. Rep. Andy Barr joined Democratic Gov. Steve Beshear and state House Majority Leader Rocky Adkins to announce a federal grant that will be distributed among the state's eight public colleges and universities. The money will pay for researchers to explore new ways to generate energy from plants and chemicals.

"As the world grows more sophisticated around us, the older ways of doing things, whether that's powering our cars, generating fuel and energy or producing clean water are no longer good enough," Beshear said. "Now, we in Kentucky could be unnerved by this reality or we could see it as an opportunity to do some amazing things."

About 90 percent of Kentucky's electricity comes from coal-fired power plants. And the coal industry is a major employer and economic driver in parts of eastern and western Kentucky. But a decline in demand combined with new

federal emission standards have resulted in the loss of 7,000 direct coal mining jobs since January 2012.

Those job losses have become flashpoints in Kentucky politics. Coal has dominated the race for Kentucky's U.S. Senate seat between McConnell and Democrat Alison Lundergan Grimes.

But both Republicans and Democrats said last week's grant announcement will complement the coal industry, not compete with it.

"We certainly need to pursue an all-of-the-above energy strategy, and that will only enhance employment and job creation in eastern Kentucky," Barr said.

The \$20 million grant from the National Science Foundation, in addition to \$4 million from the state Council on Postsecondary Education, will pay for 150 people to research alternative energy in Kentucky for the next five years. Rodney Andrews, director of the University of Kentucky Center for Applied Energy Research and the leader of the project, said it is different from other grants in that it is "directed at putting the best minds that we have toward solving the major questions in Kentucky."

"We need to develop all of our technology options if we are going to continue

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to be able to provide affordable energy to people in the state," he said.

He said the research will include a focus on how to use various crops to complement the state's use of coal and other fossil fuels. One idea is to capture the carbon dioxide from coal-burning power plants and use it to make the plants grow faster.

"Burning (the crops) is probably the least valuable use we can make," he said. "We are looking at how do we design those plants to make things of sufficient value to build the economy around."

The grant proposal is 350 pages thick and took two years to write. The money will pay for research at the Universities of Kentucky and Louisville and Kentucky State, Northern Kentucky, West-

ern Kentucky, Eastern Kentucky, Morehead State, and Murray State universities.

The Big Sandy and bluegrass community technical colleges will also receive funding.

McConnell, who has made coal a central part of his re-election campaign, declined to answer questions after a news conference on whether the grant would impact the coal industry.

He said the grant shows Kentucky is in a great position to compete for federal research dollars and noted the project will help fill a need to increase the number of graduates in the state in the fields of science, technology, engineering and mathematics.



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