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Cattle go to mineral blocks on an active mining site.  
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## GRAZING IN COAL MINE COUNTRY

### Eastern Kentucky livestock operations make good use of reclaimed land

SASSAFRAS, KY. – As you pull off Hwy. 15 in Knott County, roll bales flank either side of Resort Road, leading up to the Red Oak Land and Cattle Company.

Red Oak owner Jeremy Goodson explains that the bales are there because the truck couldn't make it up the road. You see, the 1,200 acre cattle operation sits at about 1,900 ft. above sea level on land that has been reclaimed after the coal has been removed.

Grazing cattle on reclaimed land is not new to eastern Kentucky. The practice goes back at least to the 1970s. There has recently been a renewed interest in the practice, however, prompting the Young Producers' Council of the Kentucky Cattlemen's Association to schedule stops at Red Oak and the D and D Ranch in adjacent Perry County for their fall outing.

Last February, Kentucky Commissioner of Agriculture James Comer announced the Appalachia Proud project, which will shine a spotlight on agricultural activities in 37 eastern Kentucky counties. Regional products run the gamut, from grapes to Christmas trees, with an emphasis of the use of land previously considered unfit for farming.

Goodson sits on the back of a flat-bed pickup as he surveys the land around him. Some of it shows the

...we're about  
100 miles from  
anywhere."

Jeremy Goodson

signs of an active mining operation, yet most has been reclaimed after the coal has been removed. Goodson notes that, prior to coal exploration and extraction, the land was primarily unusable due to its extremely rugged terrain and inaccessibility. While the contoured banks may not be as attractive to some observers as the rugged wildness of their previous face, Goodson is grateful for the changes that have allowed him to remain in the area while pursuing his dream of raising cattle and horses.

Red Oak is a cow-calf operation, currently home to some 200 mother cows of primarily Angus genetics. Charolais and Simmental bulls are used to provide ge-

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# kycorn CONNECTION

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

## A Corn Fed Kentucky State Fair

For the 16th year, KyCorn served up a sweet time under the Great Kentucky Cookout Tent with the other commodity groups at the Kentucky State Fair. The association was extremely thankful for the help that students from the Martha Layne Collins High School FFA Chapter and UK's 1/4-scale tractor pull team provided during the 11-day run. KyCorn also engaged fair goers in their #CornFedKY social media promotion to encourage "corny" posts and tweets.

Support of Kentucky FFA and 4-H continued as KyCorn contributed to the purchase of the Reserve Champion Hog in the Sale of Champions. The hog was exhibited by Gary Nelson Barger, of Meade County FFA, and sold for \$11,000. Others contributing to the sale price were Ed and Pat Jenkins, Farm Credit Mid-America, Judah Real Estate Group, and Friends of the Sale. Funds are divided among the winning exhibitor (60%), other hog class winners (30%), and the Kentucky 4-H and FFA programs (10%).

A special thank you goes to the Kentucky Department of Agriculture for including corn education in their Kentucky farm scavenger hunt and mobile science trailer.



Gallrein Farms in Shelby County continues to provide a product that is high demand at the State Fair. KyCorn is also famous for the unique buttering service.



FFA Students from Martha Layne Collins High School, also in Shelby County, worked the booth to raise funds for their programs.



A 4-H dad from Boone County proudly displayed his Corn Fed Kentucky pride.



The Reserve Champion Hog was purchased in part by KyCorn to support Kentucky FFA and 4-H programs.

## Corn Forecast Grows, Prices Shrink

With the USDA Sept. 11 report estimating a record corn supply of 15.5 billion bushels this coming year, the National Corn Growers Association is closely tracking corn prices and fighting back against efforts that will reduce demand for the bountiful supply.

"With a record crop on the way and prices continually sinking, it is critical our federal policymakers do not cut into the ethanol standard, impose undue regulations or go slow on trade agreements," said NCGA President Martin Barbre. "America's farmers are doing our part, working hard and smart on their farms to bring in a good crop. It is critical for Washington to remove obstacles and clear a path now so we can sell America's biggest and most versatile crop at a good and fair price."

USDA estimated a record average national corn yield of 171.7 bushels per acre, 4.3 bushels per acre higher than last month's estimate. Factoring in 83.8 million acres expected to be harvested brings the 2014 crop at 14.3 billion bushels and the overall supply at 15.5 billion bushels.

Kentucky's corn estimate increased 7 percent from the August 1 report to 215 million bushels, with a higher estimated average yield of 148.

Due to the increased production, the average farm price was lowered 30 cents on the low end and 45 cents on the high from its August estimate, to a range of \$3.20 to \$3.80 per bushel. The last year in which U.S. corn prices averaged near \$3.50 per bushel was 2009.

Notably, the report did increase estimated demand from the feed and residual, ethanol and export sectors by 75, 50 and 25 million bushels respectively. Despite increased demand estimates, U.S. corn ending stocks are still projected to top 2 billion bushels.

Barbre cited three areas NCGA is watching in particular that impact the price its members receive for their crop and the prices paid to grow it. First, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency proposed cutting the amount of corn ethanol in the Renewable Fuel Standard for 2014 by 10 percent. This action could set a precedent for further reductions in subsequent years.

At the same time, EPA has proposed new regulations regarding the Clean Water Act and the definition of which waters will be covered. Farmers need clarity and the proposed rule regarding "Waters of the U.S." needs to be fixed. Farmers cannot afford more regulatory uncertainty that drives up costs, Barbre said.

Finally, to help exports of corn and corn products, NCGA is pushing for modernized Trade Promotion Authority (TPA) legislation as provided in the bi-partisan Congressional Trade Priorities Act of 2014. This would improve our nation's ability to advance trade agreements that open markets for U.S. farmers.

## Precision Technology Education Opportunities Available November 19-21

### KyCorn/KySGGA Precision Technology Seminar, Nov. 19-20

The fourth Precision Ag Technology Data Management seminar provided by KyCorn and the Kentucky Small Grain Growers Association will be held November 19-20 at the Daviess County Extension Office, Owensboro, Kentucky.

Day one will focus on developing skills for typical data management (yield data, soil sampling data, prescription map development) throughout the growing season for those who are beginning to work with these datasets.

Day two will be geared more towards experienced users who are looking to get more knowledge out of their data including profitability analysis, crop performance within different zones (soil, terrain, etc.) within their fields.

Interested individuals may choose to attend the day best suited to their needs or both. To register, or for more information, contact Adam Andrews at [adam@kycorn.org](mailto:adam@kycorn.org) or 502-742-2036.

### Ohio Valley Precision Agriculture Conference, Nov. 21

The University of Kentucky and Purdue University have coordinated a Precision Agriculture Conference for farmers and agri-business professionals on November 21 at the Vanderburgh County 4-H Center in Evansville, Indiana.

Topics include an overview of precision agriculture technologies, a data management hands-on software demonstration, strip verification, agriculture apps, site-specific input management, high-speed planters and multi-variety planting, utilizing data generated from specific management, telematics, and a drone demonstration. A panel discussion featuring Dr. Joe Luck, Dr. John Fulton, Jason Webster, Brian Arnall, and Davie Stephens is also on the agenda.

For more information or to pre-register, call the Daviess County Extension office at 270-685-8480. A copy of the agenda is available at [www.kycorn.org](http://www.kycorn.org).



# Grazing in coal country

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and Cattle Company, is the 1,000 acre D and D Ranch, a custom weaning and backgrounding operation. Slightly older and more established than Red Oak, D and D is still surrounded by active coal mining.

The ranch also includes a parcel of unmined bottom land along the Kentucky River that is used for corn production. The corn makes up a portion of the ration fed to D and D stock.

Another claim to fame is that D and D is home to the East Kentucky Beef Cattle Council Heifer Development Program. The program has been maintaining consigned heifers from Kentucky, as well as a number of other states, in order to identify outstanding breeding stock characteristics in animals that are then sold for herd improvement. Perry County extension agent Charles May has been working with the program since its inception in 1998 and credits it with "a constant upgrade in the eastern Kentucky herds."

This year, 281 heifers from 43 consignors in four states are involved in the program. A special bred heifer sale will be held later in the fall to make 101 of the cows available to producers. To date, 5,163 head have been enrolled in the program from 215 consignors. Return on the animals to the consignors is estimated at slightly under \$1 million.

May says this particular project is unique.

"We're not aware of anything else like it anywhere," he told the Young Producers Council members touring the facility.


Commissioner Comer and his Appalachia Proud program see real agricultural possibilities for eastern Kentucky, but he's certainly not the first to recognize the potential. Around 1990, then Governor Wallace Wilkinson was touring a grazing project on reclaimed land in Martin

County. The local cattlemen's association was serving ribeyes, and as Wilkinson went through the line to get a steak the wind shifted, wafting an aroma familiar to the former purveyor of livestock feed. He

turned to a companion and mused "Do you smell that? It smells like money."

By Ray Bowman  
Field Reporter

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# Trading city life to live on a farm



Aaron Greene feeds the family's pet goat.

SCIENCE HILL, Ky. – Without people like Mendi Wilson-Greene, Garth Brooks and The Rolling Stones wouldn't have had a stage to stand on.

The woman whose roots run deep in Pulaski County is even more important to the lives of Billy Bob Horton and Mary Poopins.

Without her and Aaron Greene operating what she calls "our little farm of misfits," they might be homeless.

Sitting on their front porch, surrounded by nine acres of scenic farmland near the Pulaski-Casey line, the couple who met seven years ago smile a lot as they talk about the career paths that led them to each other

and to Bert Ridge Road.

There are no neighbors in sight, and the peaceful scene is interrupted only by the sounds of a menagerie of animals, all of whom are addressed on a first name basis.

One wayward pig, Miss Patsy Swine, is the newest member of the brood that includes ducks, chickens, one sheep, three goats, two cats, three dogs, and "Red," the rooster who rules over the barnyard.

"I grew up in the city, never dreaming I'd one day be living on a farm and petting on goats," says Mendi, 34, who was reared in northern Kentucky near Cincinnati.

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Mendi-Wilson-Greene and her dog pose in front of furniture Greene is refurbishing.

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Farm living isn't so unfamiliar to Aaron, 38, a native of rural Washington and Marion counties.

As one of five women on a building crew of 200 that traveled throughout America building stages for the stars, Mendi was constantly on the move.

"We were in 38 cities in six months. My mom called me her 'little gypsy.'"

The wandering woman had been settled into a less hectic life as a corporate event and wedding planner in Gatlinburg when her mom, Connie Wilson, was stricken with breast cancer.

Connie, who grew up in Norwood, Ohio, had moved to Somerset to be near her parents, Oneida and the late Charles Wilson.

Mendi's great-grandparents, the late Oscar and Lu-vona "Toochie" Weddle of Faubush, once operated a general store in the Nancy area.

It was while caring for her mom, who has been cancer-free for four years and still resides in Somerset, that she met Aaron, who was living in Russell Springs, on the social networking service Myspace.

They talked on the phone and internet for six months and exchanged pictures before agreeing to meet for their first date at Wolf Creek Dam.

It may have been love at first sight for Aaron, as they spread a blanket on the ground and sat and talked into the night, but she was already smitten.

"I fell in love with Aaron over the phone. He has such high morals and ethics."

They began their life together in Marion County before starting the search for a home and enough acreage to carry out a dream.

For the past two years they've been working toward establishing a place where they can eventually be self-sustaining by making and selling various products.

High on the list is goat milk soap and goat cheese.

They are also into selling all types of furniture that Mendi works to refurbish and repurpose.

She makes her own chalk paint to give a Shabby Chic style to pieces people may have considered useless. Some of the pieces are sold out of her current place of employment, Sadie's Glamour and Gifts in the Tradewind Shopping Center.

When not busy preparing Greene Hollow Farm for their future business ventures, fishing, or playing his guitar, Aaron supplements the family income with his appliance repair services, a trade he began to master at age 16.

"I can fix anything when it comes to appliances. That's my gift. You have to learn to do lots of things well when you grow up on a farm."

Aaron's son, Martin, 12, a seventh grader at Northern Middle, is already benefiting from learning his dad's trades and hawking their wares at flea markets.

"We were really blessed to find this amazing place," says Mendi, while feeding Miss Patsy Swine taco shells and receiving appreciative nudges.

The luckiest residents may be the animals, nearly all of whom were rescued from bad environments and given a new lease on life.

"We love being around them," she says, as Daffy, Dottie, Dolly, and Daisy come waddling by, aggravating Mary Poopins, a Rhode Island Red.

"We call watching them 'Duck Therapy.'"

**By Don White**  
**Field Reporter**



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# Local support saves ag teacher position

In April, a budget crisis in the Fleming County School District threatened serious cuts to the high school agriculture program.

After stepping in, state officials announced a number of changes, including the elimination of one ag teacher position at the high school. Concerned citizens didn't like that idea.

"They told us they wanted to make cuts where the least amount of students will be affected," Chris Mitchell, a Fleming County FFA alumni told *The Farmer's Pride* in May. "I believe about 60 percent of the student body is involved in FFA. Obviously this cut will involve every one of them."

A group of local FFA and ag education supporters got involved and started raising money to preserve the position. They moved up the date of an annual tractor parade, sponsoring a community-wide fundraiser.

More than 200 people participated from the local ag and surrounding communities. Three days after the parade, it

became official that one of the high school ag teachers would lose his job due to the imposed Kentucky Department of Education mandates.

That same week, local supporters organized A Better Community, a non-profit group with the goal to raise funds to support local education and cover the full expense of the fourth ag teacher position for the upcoming school year.

Donations poured in immediately and an ag fund was started. A formal letter of intent was submitted to the school board and KDE.

On July 9, members of A Better Community received a letter and email from Terry Holliday, Commissioner of KDE, stating that KDE staff had provided the high school with class scheduling models that show how students may obtain the necessary agriculture classes using three teachers. Holliday proposed that A Better Community work with the University of Kentucky and use the money raised to add an extension agent to Fleming County that could serve as ad-

junct instructor in the Fleming County High School agriculture department.

Later that same night at the local school board meeting, Superintendent Tom Price read a letter from Holliday and a response from A Better Community.

Price distributed an outline of costs for a fourth agriculture teacher and regulations relating to the situation.

The board voted unanimously to direct Price to present a grant proposal to A Better Community for the purpose of financing the cost of hiring an agriculture teacher to be split between the high school and middle school for one year.

The motion to accept funds in the form of a grant for a high school or middle school ag teacher position was important as the KDE would not allow funds to be used exclusively in the high school.

Unfortunately, the setbacks were not over.

The stress and uncertainty of the process wore on the teacher whose position was cut in May and he accepted a

teaching position in his hometown of Ohio.

"Mr. Fitzpatrick moving on to another position was one of many casualties to the process," said Adam Hinton, owner of Hinton Mills and chairman of A Better Community.

In the short weeks before school started, the Simons Middle School site based council approved the position, which will split time between the middle school and the high school.

Just one week before school started, the SBDM council began conducting interviews for the position.

That teacher was found and hired before the school year began.

Tracy Moran, who previously taught in Montgomery County, was chosen and now splits her time between the high school and middle school ag programs.

"Our community would like to say thank you to all those who continue to help us try to plant the seeds of agriculture education in our hometown and in yours," Hinton said.

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# Beef bash set for Sept. 25

PRINCETON, Ky. – The University of Kentucky College of Agriculture, Food and Environment and the Kentucky Cattlemen's Association will host the fourth biennial Beef Bash, a unique field day for Kentucky beef cattle producers, on Sept. 25 at the UK Research and Education Center in Princeton.

"Research and outreach efforts such as Beef Bash are an important means of providing up-to-date information to cattle producers," said Roy Burris, UKAg extension beef specialist. "We also are keenly aware of the importance of the social and business aspects of cattle production."

Demonstrations and educational exhibits will focus on beef markets, minerals, hay storage, feedlot performance, genetics, pasture management, grazing and free Beef Quality Assurance training and certification. Beef Quality Assurance is a national program that provides guidelines for beef cattle production. The program raises consumer confidence through offering proper management techniques and a commitment to quality within every segment of the beef industry.

"This field day is a good opportunity to learn more about the current issues we are facing in the beef industry and to talk with fellow cattlemen about the beef industry," said Dave Maples, KCA executive vice president.

Registration begins at 8:30 a.m. CDT, and programs and tours start at 9 a.m. A meal will be available for purchase. No preregistration is required. The noon program features Nancy Cox, dean of the College of Agriculture, Food and Environment, and John Pater-son, executive director of producer education for the National Cattlemen's Beef Association.

The UK Research and Education Center is on Kentucky 91 South, 1.5 miles southeast of the Caldwell County Courthouse in Princeton.

For more information, contact Blair Knight at 270-365-7541, ext. 297 or [blair.knight@uky.edu](mailto:blair.knight@uky.edu) or contact a local UK Cooperative Extension Service office. You may also visit <http://www.facebook.com/KyBeefIRM>.

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## Ky. Poultry Festival is Oct. 11

The Kentucky Poultry Federation is hosting the Kentucky Poultry Festival in Bowling Green. We invite everyone to attend the 16th annual Kentucky Poultry Festival at the University Plaza Holiday Inn.

This year's festival will be held on Saturday, Oct. 11. We hope that you will mark your calendars and register to join us in Bowling Green for an exciting day of food, fun and fellowship.

The ladies' outing is once again a spa event. The times for the event are from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 11.

Treatment offered will include a 45

minute massage, spa manicure or spa pedicure.

The Crosswinds Golf Course is the location for this year's best ball scramble on Saturday, Oct. 11.

The course is located in Bowling Green right behind the Holiday Inn.

Wagoner Mill Road Sporting Clays will host this year's clay shoot on Saturday and is just a 30-minute drive from the hotel. Bring your own shotgun. The 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 to the silent auction, please e-mail [jguffey@kypoultry.org](mailto: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 friends, food and awards we will conclude the day with a private Aaron Tippin concert.

Please make plans to attend our 16th annual Kentucky Poultry Festival in Bowling Green. If you would like to purchase tickets, please visit our website at [www.kypoultry.org](http://www.kypoultry.org) or if you need more information please contact the Kentucky Poultry Federation office at 270-404-2277 or e-mail [jguffey@kypoultry.org](mailto:jguffey@kypoultry.org).

If you are unable to attend the events, but would like to support Kentucky's poultry industry, there are many ways that you can get involved without actually being present. Again, please call or e-mail the Kentucky Poultry Federation office.

## Apps for smart phones



By Jamie Guffey  
Kentucky Poultry Federation  
Director

No matter where I go these days I see it happening, it's everywhere! They are doing it in lines at the doctor's office, during meetings, in class, at their homes, at the ballpark, on the farm and even before Sunday school.

I see moms doing it, friends doing it, kids doing it and even grandpa's doing it. What is it you ask? Well if you know me, and you read the title of this article, you already know. It's using phones and other mobile devices to play games, run apps and to communicate.

As more and more of the population upgrade their cell phones to smart phones the growing question has become, what apps do you have? What better way do you have to entertain yourself and the little ones other than your smart phone? I believe if we are going to let our children play games on our phones, why not let them use apps that are agriculture friendly and educational?

As the kids around the state go back to school, many of them are learning new subjects and some of them need a little extra help. This is where a good app can disguise educational time with family and game time.

For this reason, I have decided to recommend an app that you have seen before; it's Chicken Coop Fractions.

The app Chicken Coop Fractions is a fast paced math game with a chicken and egg theme. The object of the game is to convert fractions into decimals, "sounds like math and not fun at all" you say? Well picture this – you and your child are setting on the couch looking at two chickens ready to lay an egg and only one nest for the eggs to go into. The screen gives you the number " $\frac{3}{4}$ ", next you need to convert that fraction to .75.

The way you play the game is to move the nest along the floor that looks like a ruler to the right location to catch the egg or it gets messy. You can spend 20 minutes a day helping your kids learn the much needed math skills and have fun while doing it. If they learn something along the way, it's a win-win for all.

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, educational or helpful around the

farm, and it must be agriculture and poultry friendly. The four apps I am reviewing this time are: Chicken Coop Fractions, Egging, Farm Logs and Weather Bug. Give them a try, you just might enjoy then.

Chicken Coop Fractions app is the one I talked about and reviewed in this article.

Egging is a simple yet challenging game to play that will keep you and your kids entertained and competing for the best times. All you have to do is balance an egg. That sounds easy you say, then give it a try. You are able to choose from several items to balance your egg on: a hand, a spoon, chop sticks and even a banana. The game is all about hand and eye coordination. I hope you enjoy it and remember, don't drop the egg.....

Farm Logs by Agri Sight Inc. is the app for you if you have given up looking for a good mobile informational storage app. This app uses your phone to collect data on rain fall, planting, field scouting, spraying and harvesting. No matter where you are what you enter



# Poultry tent was huge success at fair

The Kentucky Poultry Federation Concession Booth was once again a huge success due to the support and contributions of volunteers, donation of products, and equipment from our Kentucky poultry and egg companies. Did you have a chance to check out the KPF trailer and its great food? If not, make a note to come by next year to see our new addition.

The 109th Kentucky State Fair was held Aug. 14-24. The Kentucky Poultry Federation concession booth was staffed with volunteers from each entity of the poultry and egg industries in Kentucky including: Cal-Maine Foods, Inc.; Cobb-

Vantress; Equity Group – Kentucky Division, LLC; Perdue Farms, Inc.; Pilgrim’s Pride, Inc.; and Tyson Foods, Inc.

Cal-Maine Foods, Inc. donated eggs to serve for breakfast from 7:30 a.m.-10:30 a.m. each morning. If you stopped by the booth, volunteers were whipping up omelets on the spot or creating an egg sandwich, tater tots, or a glass of orange juice.

The poultry complexes donated chicken to provide us with a whole new menu at lunch and dinner. Tyson Foods, Inc. donated chicken nuggets; chicken breast sandwiches were donated by Equity

Group – Kentucky Division, LLC, Perdue Farms, Inc., and Pilgrim’s Pride, Inc. Cobb-Vantress also, donated other needed supplies. Thank you to each of these companies for their product and equipment donations.

The Kentucky Poultry Federation would like to say “THANK YOU” to the over 100 volunteers which included seven students from Bullitt East FFA chapter for working the concession booth during the Kentucky State Fair.

We could not have made it through the state fair without your help and support!

# Apps for smart phones

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is saved and synced to your account and can be reviewed at a later time on your phone or on the website. You can even upload pictures with this app.

Weather Bug by Earth Networks is a must have for all. Not only does this app do the standard temperature and 10 day forecast, it also has the lightning bug spark. It will give you the latest lightning strikes and distance within the last 30 minutes. This is a must have to keep you, your family, and your employees safe when severe weather hits. Another interesting part of this app is it has the farmer’s almanac incorporated into the forecasts highlighting planting, weaning, and other farming details on the app.



“THANK YOU” to the over 100 volunteers which included 7 students from Bullitt East FFA Chapter for working the concession booth during the Kentucky State Fair. We could not have made it through the state fair without your help and support!



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# 4-H youth compete at fair

4-H youth from across the state made their way to the Kentucky State fairgrounds on Aug. 15 for the Poultry Judging Competition and the Avian Bowl Competition.

The Poultry Judging Competition has a junior and senior division. Participants judged laying hens for past egg production, evaluated market eggs and ready to cook poultry. Participants learned to make decisions and to defend their decision with oral reasons. The winners were:

## Top seniors:

1. Stacie Fugate, Perry County
2. Joe Banegas, Leslie County
3. Taylor Williams, Perry County (will compete with the state avian bowl team)
4. Kaytlin Eversole, Perry County
5. Reserve - Ashley Eversole, Leslie County – will compete on the national PJ team

## Top juniors:

1. Emily Wilson, Calloway County
2. Caleb Curry, Lawrence County
3. Kiersten Dotson, Pike County
4. Racheal Carter, Lawrence County
5. Madison Short, Lawrence County

The Avian Bowl Competition is an academic quick recall competition that is

based on information about poultry and eggs. In the Avian Bowl Competition, the top individual winners were:

## Top seniors:

1. Hannah Bergamini, Warren County
2. Emma Spainhoward, Warren County
3. Taylor Williams, Perry County
4. Nicholas Kessinger, Lawrence County – decided to not participate in the national contest
5. Reserve - Emma Leoney, Pike County – will compete on the national avian bowl team

The senior division winners in both competitions will represent Kentucky at the National 4-H Poultry and Egg Conference on Nov. 19-20 in Louisville. Congratulations to all the winners and good luck to all the senior division winners at the National 4-H Poultry and Egg Conference.

Leslie County took top prize in this year's 4-H t-shirt contests.

The purpose of the 4-H Poultry competitions is to help students develop leadership abilities, build character, and assume citizenship responsibilities. These contests also help students develop creative skills in preparation, use, and serving of food products.



4-H students from across the state competed at the Kentucky State Fair for the Poultry Judging Contest.

# FFA camp creates great recipes

The Kentucky Poultry Federation along with help from Tyson Foods, Perdue Farms, Keystone Foods, Pilgrims, Cal-Maine Foods and Farbest Foods were able to donate chicken, eggs and turkey to the Kentucky LTC (FFA camp) again this year.

Because of the generous donation of Kentucky's poultry companies we were able to supply a locally grown, wholesome product to feed the hungry campers.

The staff was able to come up with numerous recipes this summer to meet the demands of the campers.



## FFA camp deviled eggs

- 6 hard-boiled eggs
- 1 tablespoon mustard
- 1 tablespoon mayonnaise

- 2 teaspoons sugar
- 1/2 teaspoon ranch dressing
- Salt and pepper to taste

Cut eggs in half, taking out yellows. Put yellows in a bowl, mash with a fork until smooth. Add the rest of ingredi-

ents and mix together. Take a spoon and add the mixture back into the egg whites.

## FFA camp chicken salad

- 8 cups diced chicken
- 1 cup diced celery
- 1 small red onion diced
- 1 medium red apple chopped
- 1-1/2 cups of grapes cut in 3rds
- 3/4 cup sugar

- 1 tablespoon salt
- 1 tablespoon pepper
- 3-1/2 cups of salad dressing – just enough to make it creamy
- 1/2 cup ranch dressing

Mix all the ingredients together and enjoy as a side, sandwich or on crackers.

## 16th Annual Poultry Festival

Saturday, Oct. 11, 2014

University Inn Plaza, Holiday Inn  
Bowling Green, Ky.

Annual Meeting: 6:45 p.m.





# AUCTION/MARKET

INFORMATION PROVIDED BY THE FEDERAL AND STATE MARKET NEWS SERVICE - USDA AGRICULTURE MARKETING SERVICE - LOUISVILLE, KY.

## Washington Co. Livestock

Springfield, KY  
Sept. 8, 2014  
**Feeder Steers:** Medium & Large 1-2  
60 hd. 822# 211.60 blk  
**Holstein Steers:** Large 3  
54 hd. 842# 172.05

## Livingston County Livestock

Ledbetter, KY  
Sept. 8, 2014  
**Feeder Steers:** Medium & Large 1-2  
26 hd. 562# 243.50 blk

## Blue Grass Maysville

Maysville, KY  
Sept. 9, 2014  
**Feeder Steers:** Medium & Large 1-2  
78 hd. 648# 220.00 mixed

## Kentuckiana Livestock Market

Owensboro, KY.  
Sept. 8, 2014  
**Feeder Steers:** Medium & Large 1-2  
45 hd. 547# 246.00 blk  
**Feeder Heifers:** Medium & Large 1-2  
22 hd. 418# 255.00 blk

## United Producers Owenton

Owenton, KY  
Sept. 10, 2014  
**Feeder Heifers:** Medium & Large 1-2  
20 hd. 540# 241.25 blk  
44 hd. 619# 233.35 blk  
22 hd. 716# 222.75 blk

## Blue Grass of Albany

Albany, KY  
Sept. 10, 2014  
**Video Receipts:**  
78 hd. 675# 209.00 blk heifers  
62 hd. 815# 210.50 blk heifers

## United Producers Bowling Green

Bowling Green, KY  
Sept. 9, 2014  
**Feeder Bulls:** Medium & Large 1-2  
20 hd. 445# 263.50 blk  
24 hd. 508# 246.50 blk  
20 hd. 583# 243.75 blk

## Blue Grass South

Stanford, KY  
Sept. 8 & 11, 2014  
**Feeder Steers:** Medium & Large 1-2  
23 hd. 468# 286.00 blk  
23 hd. 550# 249.00 blk  
83 hd. 554# 255.00 blk-charx  
43 hd. 665# 236.50 charx-blk  
21 hd. 687# 230.00 blk-charx  
45 hd. 755# 222.50 blk-charx  
63 hd. 830# 215.00 blk-charx  
22 hd. 843# 208.50 blk  
60 hd. 864# 214.75 blk-charx  
**Feeder Heifers:** Medium & Large 1-2  
38 hd. 480# 258.00 blk  
126 hd. 568# 242.25 blk-charx  
46 hd. 612# 224.75 blk-red  
45 hd. 626# 229.25 charx  
20 hd. 644# 226.50 blk

## Blue Grass East

Mt. Sterling, KY  
Sept. 10, 2014  
**Feeder Steers:** Medium & Large 1  
64 hd. 804# 215.75 mixed  
58 hd. 908# 210.35 blk-charx-red  
60 hd. 918# 213.50 blk  
**Feeder Heifers:** Medium & Large 1-2  
20 hd. 507# 243.50 blk  
79 hd. 599# 245.00 blk-smokes red

## Farmers Livestock

Glasgow, KY  
Sept. 8, 2014  
**Feeder Steers:** Medium & Large 1-2  
26 hd. 380# 279.00 blk  
42 hd. 439# 282.00 blk  
62 hd. 520# 256.50 blk  
39 hd. 587# 245.00 blk  
59 hd. 873# 212.90 blk  
**Feeder Heifers:** Medium & Large 1-2  
41 hd. 378# 289.00 blk  
78 hd. 440# 249.50 blk  
32 hd. 453# 236.50 mixed  
90 hd. 514# 229.75 blk  
32 hd. 523# 222.50 mixed  
22 hd. 555# 216.00 mixed  
32 hd. 592# 219.75 blk  
**Feeder Bulls:** Medium & Large 1-2  
26 hd. 296# 289.50 mixed  
23 hd. 351# 273.00 mixed  
44 hd. 368# 281.50 blk  
65 hd. 441# 256.75 blk  
95 hd. 519# 240.00 blk  
23 hd. 521# 235.00 mixed  
25 hd. 567# 220.50 mixed  
69 hd. 587# 233.50 blk  
28 hd. 654# 215.00 blk

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# Livestock producers urged to enroll in disaster assistance program

WASHINGTON – The U.S. Department of Agriculture is encouraging producers who have suffered eligible disaster-related losses to act to secure assistance by Sept. 30, as congressionally mandated payment reductions will take place for producers who have not acted before that date. Livestock producers that have experienced grazing losses since October 2011 and may be eligible for benefits but have not yet contacted their local Farm Service Agency office should do so as soon as possible.

The Budget Control Act passed by Congress in 2011 requires USDA to implement reductions of 7.3 percent to the Livestock Forage Disaster Program in the new fiscal year, which begins Oct. 1. However, producers seeking LFP support who have scheduled appointments with their local FSA office before Oct. 1, even if the appointment occurs after

Oct. 1, will not see reductions in the amount of disaster relief they receive.

USDA is encouraging producers to register, request an appointment or begin a Livestock Forage Disaster Program application with their county FSA office before Oct. 1 to lock in the current zero percent sequestration rate.

Producers who already contacted the county office and have an appointment scheduled need do nothing more.

"In just four months since disaster assistance enrollments began, we've processed 240,000 applications to help farmers and ranchers who suffered losses," said Agriculture Secretary Tom Vilsack. "Eligible producers who have not yet contacted their local FSA office should stop by or call their local FSA office, or sign up online before Oct. 1 when congressionally mandated payment reductions take effect. This will en-

sure they receive as much financial assistance as possible."

The Livestock Indemnity Program, the Tree Assistance Program and the Noninsured Disaster Assistance Program Frost Freeze payments will also be cut by 7.3 percent on Oct. 1, 2014. Unlike the Livestock Forage Disaster Program, applications for these programs must be fully completed by Sept. 30. FSA offices will prioritize these applications, but as the full application process can take several days or more to complete, producers are encouraged to begin the application process as soon as possible.

The Livestock Forage Disaster Program compensates eligible livestock

producers who suffered grazing losses due to drought or fire between Oct. 1, 2011 and Dec. 31, 2014. Eligible livestock includes alpacas, beef cattle, buffalo, beefalo, dairy cattle, deer, elk, emus, equine, goats, llamas, poultry, reindeer, sheep or swine that have been or would have been grazing the eligible grazing land or pastureland. Producers forced to liquidate their livestock may also be eligible for program benefits.

The Livestock Forage Disaster Program was made possible through the 2014 Farm Bill, which builds on historic economic gains in rural America over the past five years, while achieving meaningful reform and billions of dollars in savings for the taxpayer.

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**Short Bred:** (2-3 years old, 1-4 months bred) Supreme 1300-1600 1525.00-1575.00, Approved 1200-1400# 1375.00-1425.00, Medium 950-1200# 1300.00-1350.00, Common 800-1100# 1050.00-1100.00.

**Open Heifers:** 200-300# Supreme 575.00-600.00, 300-400# Supreme 625.00-810.00, Approved 515.00-585.00, 400-500# Supreme 810.00-935.00, Approved 610.00, 500-600# Supreme 1000.00-1025.00, Approved 730.00, Medium 610.00, 600-700# Supreme 1225.00-1385.00, Approved 920.00-1030.00, 700-800# Supreme 1360.00-1450.00.

**Holstein Steers:** 200-300# 211.00-225.00, 400-500# 208.00.

**Hol. Heifer Calves:** Small 130.00-180.00, Medium and Large 210.00-280.00 per head.

**Hol. Bull Calves:** Small 80.00-190.00, Medium and Large 200.00-300.00 per head.

**S.L. Cows:** Breaker 75-80 percent lean 1100-1800# 108.00-116.00, H.Dr. 118.00-122.00, L.Dr. 101.00-107.00, Boner 80-85 percent lean 1100-1400# 106.00-110.00, H.Dr. 116.00-122.00, L.Dr. 101.00-105.00, Lean 85-90 percent lean 1000-1300# 100.00-107.00, H.Dr. 108.00-111.00, L.Dr. 68.00-77.00, Lights 85-90 percent lean 750-1000# 82.00-87.00, H.Dr. 90.00-99.00, L.Dr. 68.00-77.00.

**S.L. Bulls:** Y.G. 1-2 1400-2300# 125.00-136.00, H.Dr. 137.00-143.00, L.Dr. 109.00-126.00.

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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:** Bardstown, Lexington & Winchester; **GREEN RIVER:** Caneyville & Livermore;  
**NORTHERN KENTUCKY AREA:** Silver Grove at Cincinnati; **PURCHASE AREA:** Clinton & Mayfield  
Opening bids at elevators and processing plants.

9/11/14 Bids for next day Cash Bids	4:00 pm est	Louisville	Pennyrile	Purchase	Bluegrass	Green River	Northern KY
Corn #2 Yellow		3.01-3.03	3.21-3.26	3.06-3.18	2.93-3.31	3.26-3.40	3.14
Corn #2 White			NA				
Soybeans #1 Y		9.49-10.72	9.52-9.67	10.14-11.32	10.20-10.82	9.82	12.32
Wheat #2 SRW		3.55-4.04	4.55-4.60	NA	4.40	NA	4.35
Barley							
<b>New Crop Delivery Contract</b>							
Corn #2 Yellow		2.91-3.01	3.21	3.15-3.16	3.01	3.26	3.01
Corn #2 White			3.71				
Soybeans #1 Y		9.24-9.59	9.52-9.72	9.70	9.42	9.02	9.72
Wheat #2 SRW		NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Barley			2.28				

## Eastern Cornbelt Ethanol Plant Report

9/11/2014

Indiana Ohio Illinois

Yellow Corn Spot Bid 3.40-3.75

Dried Distillers Grain (\$/ton)

10% moisture 115.00-150.00

Modified Wet Distillers (\$/ton)

50-55% moisture 65.00

## Kentucky Weekly Cattle Receipts:

08/29/14 14,178

09/05/14 11,058

09/12/14 20,557

## Blue Grass Stockyard

Lexington, KY

Sept. 8 & 9, 2014

**Feeder Steers:** Medium & Large 1

42 hd. 742# 227.00 blk-smokes

27 hd. 746# 229.75 blk-smokes

61 hd. 774# 220.00 mixed

65 hd. 942# 210.25 blk-smokes

**Feeder Heifers:** Medium & Large 1

33 hd. 5733235.75 blk

70 hd. 752# 215.00 blk-mixed

67 hd. 768# 211.90 blk-charx

**Holstein Steers:** Large 3

20 hd. 819# 128.50

## Blue Grass of Richmond

Richmond, KY

Sept. 5, 2014

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

58 hd. 951# 208.60 mixed

111 hd. 954# 206.00 mixed

88 hd. 1014# 195.25 mixed

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

66 hd. 653# 227.75 mixed

## Russell County Stockyards

Russell Springs, KY

Sept. 10, 2014

**Holstein Steers:** Large 3

24 hd. 405# 214.50

23 hd. 529# 196.00

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

70 hd. 726# 220.00 blk

72 hd. 745# 216.80 blk

## Weekly Feed Ingredient Price

Wholesale prices, \$ per ton

Rail or Truck FOB Location

9/11/2014

Soybean Meal 48% Sol

Soybean Hulls

Corn Distillers Grain Dried

Distillers Grain Modified

Distillers Grain Wet

Corn Condensed Solubles

Corn Gluten Feed 20-21 pct

Corn Gluten Meal 60 pct

Cottonseed Meal 41 pct

Whole Cottonseed

Wheat Middlings

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## USDA ESTIMATED DAILY LIVESTOCK SLAUGHTER

CATTLE CALVES HOGS SHEEP

Thurs. 9/11/2014 (est) 116,000 2,000 411,000 7,000

Week Ago (est) 119,000 2,000 405,000 8,000

Year Ago (act) 116,000 2,000 430,000 9,000

Week to Date (est) 461,000 8,000 1,629,000 31,000

Same Pd Lt Week (est) 358,000 8,000 1,236,000 27,000

Same Pd Lt Yr (act) 484,000 11,000 1,683,000 35,000

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**Producers Livestock Auction Co., San Angelo, Texas Sept. 10, 2014:** Compared to last week slaughter lambs 15.00-20.00 higher. Slaughter ewes firm to 7.00 higher. Feeder lambs 5.00-10.00 higher. Nannies 5.00-10.00 higher; kids 8.00-10.00 higher. Trading active; demand good. All sheep and goats sold per hundred weight (CWT) unless otherwise specified.

**New Holland Sales Stables - New Holland, PA Sept. 8, 2014:** Slaughter Goats: When compared to last week, slaughter kids sold mostly steady to 20.00 higher. Demand was moderate. Nannies traded mostly firm. Demand was moderate. All goats are sold by the head on estimated weights.

SV LS145

## STATE AVERAGES

Steers (M&L 1-2)	This Week	Prior Week	Last Year
350-400 lbs	284.55	282.48	176.63
400-450 lbs	275.54	266.59	172.69
450-500 lbs	263.86	255.92	162.70
500-550 lbs	251.00	243.88	153.75
550-600 lbs	246.22	235.73	152.25
600-650 lbs	233.05	238.94	156.14
650-700 lbs	232.59	234.10	154.32
700-750 lbs	221.11	221.35	149.96
750-800 lbs	217.25	223.09	151.92
800-850 lbs	211.63	213.92	144.64
850-900 lbs	213.40	205.06	141.91
Heifers (M&L 1-2)			
300-350 lbs	257.97	250.45	183.70
350-400 lbs	257.65	246.12	176.63
400-450 lbs	247.68	244.92	172.69
450-500 lbs	238.70	241.53	162.70
500-550 lbs	229.47	229.16	153.75
550-600 lbs	229.55	232.00	152.25
600-650 lbs	220.26	215.58	156.14
650-700 lbs	206.92	220.38	154.32
700-750 lbs	213.93	209.03	149.96
750-800 lbs	194.24	214.97	151.92

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## WEEKLY COW SUMMARY

Slaughter Cows	Average	High	Low
Breakers	107.50-114.00	116.00-121.50	103.00-105.00
Boners	107.00-113.50	117.00-122.00	98.00-102.00
Lean	101.50-106.00	111.00-114.50	89.50-93.50
Slaughter Bulls			
Yield Grade 1&2	127.00-134.00	138.00-143.00	119.50-123.00

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Sep 11, 2014

Bowling Green

## SLAUGHTER GOATS: 128

**Kids:** Selection 2 30-45 lbs 217.50; 45-60 lbs 230.00; 60-80 lbs 217.50; 80-100 lbs wethers 215.00. Selection 3 30-45 lbs 182.50; 45-60 lbs 210.00.

## SHEEP: 550

**Slaughter Lambs:** Wool Choice YG 2 60-70 lbs 202.50; 80-100 lbs 177.50; 100-120 lbs 166.00-170.00. Hair Prime YG 3 45-60 lbs 230.00; 60-75 lbs 192.50; 90-100 lbs 175.00; 100-120 lbs 172.50. Choice YG 1-2 45-60 lbs 205.00 60-70 lbs 185.00; 70-80 lbs 174.00-175.00; 80-100 lbs 170.00.

SV GR110

GRAINS	This Week	Prior Week	Last Year
Corn	2.93-3.80	3.00-3.80	4.41-5.58
Soybeans	9.49-12.72	9.80-13.27	12.93-14.68
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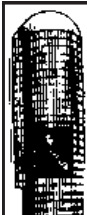
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## Eastern Ky. cattle graze reclaimed land

FROM PAGE 1

netic diversity and quick-growing calves. The cattle are allowed free range over the ranch, given that fences are difficult to build in the still-rocky soil that has been replaced after the coal has been mined. Natural boundaries serve to keep the animals in place where fences are absent.

Much of the forage available to the livestock is what was used in the reclamation effort. Sericea lespedeza, a perennial legume, was mixed with fescue to hold the replaced soil together and protect from erosion. Native grasses are making a comeback on the land and Goodson says orchard grass and clover have been established in some areas.

Hay is harvested from some areas of the property, however, stored forage is also purchased. Goodson says transportation to his location has an impact on prices of material he has to purchase, since "we're about 100 miles from any-

where."

Water is a concern for Goodson but he has managed to provide sufficient access to a number of small ponds scattered all over the property. The region gets good rainfall, which also means the livestock have access to wet-weather springs. Frequent rains are also needed to keep the forage green and growing, since the soil doesn't hold moisture well.

Gathering the cattle on Red Oak takes on an Old West character, as the greater part of it is done on horseback. The horses are allowed to roam with the cattle in order to become accustomed to the terrain and to allow the cows to become comfortable with the presence of horses.

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People in my community still remember the thousands of jobs lost in recent decades in the textile industry.

I have had the opportunity to listen to comments from U.S. Sen. Mitch McConnell and his opponent Secretary of State Alison Lundergan Grimes a couple of times during the campaign for the November election.

I heard them during the Kentucky Farm Bureau forum and again when they made separate visits to my hometown.

It's interesting to hear the different perspectives from the audience, especially contrasting farm audiences to an audience that represents different sectors of a community.

McConnell is well liked in the agriculture community for the most part, at least for someone who has been in Washington for three decades. It may be a stretch to say that anyone in Congress is liked these days, and McConnell is not the most likable person anyway.

He does, however, tend to support national policy that is in line with national farm organizations. In fact, as reported in this issue, he was named a "Friend of Farm Bureau" earlier this month. McConnell is the only senator to have been awarded the organization's Golden Plow award twice.

That hasn't stopped Grimes from attacking him on farm topics, however. Grimes blames McConnell for the delayed approval of the farm bill. She dogs McConnell about not showing up at committee meetings, including the agriculture committee, which she says he hasn't attended in years.

One Grimes supporter at the local gathering was showing his support for his candidate by telling me that McConnell supported NAFTA and sent our local jobs across the border.

Trade agreements are a touchy subject in Kentucky. For farmers, most of the time an open border means more exports and a growing market.

People in my community still remember the thousands of jobs lost in recent decades in the textile industry. These jobs left the country, so it's easy to see why some locals take offense with someone who supports trade agreements.

Increasing the minimum wage is another topic that separates the candidates. Grimes said she wants a "living wage" but, at least when I've heard her, she didn't put a number to that.

Again, it all depends on where you are sitting. An increase in the minimum wage makes people like me cringe, owners of small businesses who realize prices will go up if minimum wage

SEE **DEPENDS**, PAGE 7

# Practicing patience



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Jennifer  
Elwell

It amazes me how much people don't know about farming and food production, but I guess it really shouldn't considering so very few are connected to the land these days. I will even admit there is a lot that I may not know.

Not too long ago my family and I decided to raise a flock of laying hens to reap the reward of their eggs. Despite the facts of my family having chickens when I was a child and I receiving a degree in Animal Sciences, I had forgotten that it takes a good while before you can tell the difference between the hens and the roosters. I also did not know that it takes a good four to five months before the hens will start to lay. There was a huge investment of time and money and frustrating trial and error that went on in the couple-year experiment before nature finally defeated us, thus my appreciation and support of the commercial egg enterprise continues.

My admission of not knowing everything there is to know may be the reason I have developed such patience with the people I have been asked to talk to about tough issues such as food safety, animal welfare, pest control, and biotechnology.

This month I was asked to present comments about the benefits of genetic modification at the Louisville Sustainability Forum. There were a number of interests represented in the audience. Several rode their bikes to the meeting, some said they belonged to the Sierra Club, and one encouraged everyone to stay at home to support the "cause" because it saved fossil fuel. A few even made very ugly faces every time the name Monsanto came up in the conversation. It was a tough crowd, but I knew they were intelligent people. The argument that we had been genetically modifying plants and animals for thousands of years, so you need to get over yourself, was not the approach I needed to take.

My first job was to explain how I shared many of their same values and concerns when it comes to environmental stewardship and sustainability. Then I shared why I believed in their safety and that there was no basis for many of the arguments I expected to hear from the opposing side. It is commonplace for the anti-gmo crowd to bring up

I wasn't surprised that there were gasps of shock and head nodding as my opponent presented his information.

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In 1984, Kentucky's General Assembly created the Kentucky Agricultural Finance Corporation (KAFC) to address the unique financing needs of agriculture. It was established to address issues that private enterprise and investment had not been able to provide, without assistance, the capital necessary to permit the small family farm operators to continue to compete successfully in agricultural enterprises.

Nearly two decades later, KAFC was seen as a way to help the Kentucky Agricultural Development Board (KADB) address capital access issues as outlined in their Long-Term Plan for Agricultural Development. The emphasis on access to capital in agriculture continued with the KADB's short-term priorities for 2012 and the Kentucky Agricultural Council's (KAC) Strategic Plan for Agriculture 2013-2018.

In February 2013, the KAC unveiled its 5-year strategic plan, which included a goal to develop funding streams that lead to increased net farm income. One specific action item to help reach this goal was to increase KAFC's revolving loan fund to \$50 million through additional KADF investments. In August of this year, the KADB made progress on that action item by investing an additional \$7.5 million from the KADF into KAFC's loan programs, thus bringing the total KADF funds invested, including interest earned, into KAFC to nearly \$50 million.

KAFC administers five loan programs and services loans made by the KADB. Most of KAFC's programs require a participating lender, which means that KAFC works with a local lender to provide the financing and service the loan. The interest rate on KAFC's portion of the loan is two percent or the life of the loan.

A review of KAFC's monthly financial statements for fiscal year ending June 30, 2014 shows the total assets of KAFC at a little more than \$41 million. The statements also show that in FY14, KAFC approved twice the number of loans as FY13. This growth shows an increased awareness by the lending community and farmers of the availability of these loan funds to reduce a farmer's overall interest rate when blended with the bank's loan. It also shows that after 15 years of KADF investments, we are on track to perpetuating the KADF through KAFC's revolving loan fund and provide a healthy financial environment for our farm community, especially beginning farmers.

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# Letters to the Editor

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# So choose

This summer delivered many significant, round-numbered anniversaries. For example, June 6 was the 70th anniversary of D-Day, Aug. 1 the 100th anniversary of the outbreak of World War I, August 9 the 40th anniversary of the resignation of President Richard M. Nixon, and Aug. 12 the 200th anniversary of the British burning the U.S. Capitol.

Most are remembered because, in some manner, they mark the triumph of a new order, democracy, over old orders like tyranny and lawlessness. Some are remembered, Watergate, for example, to show democracy's messiness and, subsequently, built-in resilience.

An example of democracy's messiness today is the Environmental Protection Agency's proposed Waters of the U.S. rule, or WOTUS. Offered on March 25 by EPA to address court-ordered changes in the decades-old Clean Water Act, WOTUS has become a leather-lunged political test for shouters, connivers and liars over what the proposed rules will or will not do on American farm and ranches.

The stark differences between what EPA proposed and what farm and ranch groups believe the proposals mean is seen on dueling websites (links to source materials are posted at <http://farmandfoodfile.com/in-the-news/>) developed by EPA and the American Farm Bureau Federation.

AFBF's WOTUS site, cleverly titled "ditchtherule.fb.org," is a hard pitch on what it thinks is at stake under the rule. Readers are urged to file a formal comment with EPA opposing the rule, "tweet" Congress to "ditch" it or join "the Farm Bureau family" to fight it.

In making its case, however, AFBF is stuck using its own interpretation—mostly in reply to its own questions—of what WOTUS might do rather than what EPA repeatedly has said it will do.

For example, AFBF claims the proposed rule "would expand (EPA's) regulatory authority under the Clean Water Act" to "puddles, ponds, ditches, ephemerals... and isolated wetlands..."

That expanded authority, AFBF then contends, will give EPA and the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers "power to dictate land-use decisions and farming practices in or near" farm and ranches such as "weed control, fertilizer applications and any number of other common farm activities..."

Wrong, wrong and wrong, says EPA on its WOTUS website (even more cleverly) titled "Ditch the Myth."

The proposed rule, explains EPA, "actually reduces regulation of ditches," "specifically excludes groundwater," "preserves all historical exclusions for agriculture," and "regulates the pollution and destruction of U.S. waters, not... land or land use."

Nothing EPA has said or done—websites, press releases and more than 350 meetings with farm state politicians, farm and ranch group leaders and members—has allayed WOTUS fears with farm groups.

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Those fears  
have been  
more amplified  
than  
addressed by  
many in  
Congress who  
view WOTUS  
as a political  
tool to use  
against the  
Obama  
Administration

# Looking at a monster crop



## MARKET WATCH

Dewey Strickler

Expectations for a monster corn crop grow each day. USDA thinks so as well, as they raised their yield estimate to 171.7 bushels per acre from 167.4 bushels per acre last month. Production is forecast at 14.395 billion bushels with 2014-15 ending stocks at 2.002 billion bushels. World stocks rose to 189.9 million tons, an increase of 2.1 million tons. Any way you slice it, it is going to take some time to go through the record supply of corn.

One silver lining, however, is that the USDA may not be as aggressive in raising their yield estimate in October. In other developments, since mid August, the trend following funds have been flip flopping between a long and a short position. Last week, they flipped again and are currently long 60 million bushels.

However, do not be surprised if they flip to a short position based upon the bearish report.

While concerns of frost always arise at this time of the season, the market does not seem overly concerned. Although a cool down is expected, any damaging frost the upper Midwest will likely be minimal.

Expectations for a record crop continue to grow as the USDA has increased their soybean yield estimate to 46.6 bushels per acre from 46.2 bushels per acre in August.

Production is forecast at 3.913 billion bushels with 2014-14 ending stocks at 475 million bushels. World ending stock are projected at 90.1 million tons, an increase of 5.2 percent from last month. In other developments, the trend following funds have increased their short position to a record 350 million bushels. It may take a crop issue to develop in South America this fall and winter before they abandon their position.

Wheat is struggling from increased global stocks, competition from the Black Sea region, and the easing of tensions between Russia and Ukraine. Wet conditions in the upper Midwest has slowed spring wheat harvest, which is 58 percent done compared to the average of 78 percent. However, the delay has offered little support.

Meanwhile, the USDA has done no favors for the wheat market as they increased their 2014-15 ending stocks to 698 million bushels from 663 million bushels. World stocks are expected to rise 3.3 million tons to 196.3 million. In other developments, the short position of the trend following funds has risen slightly to 345 million bushels.

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Those fears have been more amplified than addressed by many in Congress who view WOTUS as a political tool to use against the Obama Administration. Others see it as a crowbar for Republicans to pry control of the U.S. Senate from the now-majority Democrats.

However it's seen or used, two things seem certain.

First, an update to the court-clouded regulations now guiding the 1970s-era Clean Water Act is needed regardless of what November's election results show. Sooner or later, new rules will be adopted.

Secondly, the more successful farm and ranch forces are in putting off that update the less favorable it will be because ag's urban neighbors in places like Des Moines and Toledo—two cities in farm country that spent millions this year to fight water problems tied to many of today's grain and livestock production practices—want new rules now. Moreover, most want tougher rules than those proposed in WOTUS.

As such, 2014 can be remembered as the year farm and ranch groups used exaggeration and inaccurate "facts" to "ditch" reforms most Americans want or it could be remembered as the year farmers and ranchers embraced their decisive role in shaping America's clean water future.

It's your choice. Make it.

Then tell your neighbors because they're waiting on you to do the right thing.

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# INVESTING IN THE FUTURE KADF success story

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## Beginning Farmer Loans

For the second fiscal year in a row, the Beginning Farmer Loan Program (BFLP) has increased participation to remain KAF's top lending program in both dollars and number of loans. BFLP was designed to assist individuals with farming experience who desire to develop, expand or buy into a farming operation. Since 2004, KAF has approved 177 loans for more than \$24 million invested in Kentucky's beginning farmers. Nearly 50 percent of those approvals have happened in the last three years, making BFLP the fastest growing segment of KAF's

loan portfolio.

To qualify for BFLP the applicant is considered a beginning farmer if the following apply: 1) has not owned a farm for more than 10 years; 2) has at least three years experience in agriculture production; and 3) substantially participates in the operation.

Qualified applicants may receive up to \$250,000 or 50 percent of the project to purchase livestock, equipment, agricultural facilities, farm real estate or to secure permanent working capital. BFLP has also been used to assist with intergenerational transfer of a farm to keep the operation in the family.

In addition to a participating lender, BFLP requires each applicant to have a three-year business plan and a mentor. Each of these tools is seen as a way to help program participants be as successful as possible in their endeavors.

Through its support of the KAF loan programs, especially the Beginning Farmer Loan Program, the Kentucky Agricultural Development Fund continues to be a vital asset in securing a bright future for Kentucky agriculture.

**ROGER THOMAS** is the executive director of the Governor's Office of Agriculture Policy.

Other requirements and details for KAF loan program may be found online at [kafc.ky.gov](http://kafc.ky.gov) or contact KAF staff:

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# Depends on the view

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increases. I don't pay anyone minimum wage, but if the floor is raised then those of us who want our professional employees to feel appreciated must respond with higher wages.

At least we can raise prices for our goods, however. Farmers, on the other hand, don't have that liberty. They take the prices they get.

Employees, on the other hand, want and deserve a good day's pay for a good day's work. We as a nation must decide what level of a lifestyle a person should expect in a job that requires little skill or training. Should they be stuck in momma's basement or should they be able to afford a small house and a used car? A cell phone? A tv package?

When we set aside all the rhetoric that goes on during the campaign season, there are some real

issues we face as a nation. It's difficult to determine where a candidate stands on the real issues.

I purposely don't endorse candidates because I believe readers have their own priorities and their own ideas of the direction this nation should take. How they vote depends on where they stand, and who am I to tell someone where that should be?

I just hope you can find the answers to your questions. I know I find it difficult to know where candidates *really* stand on an issue and how that plays out when it comes to set policy or vote on a bill.

Frankly, so many campaigns—and especially the U.S. Senate race—have been whittled down to packaged speeches, half-truths and half-answers.

Somewhere in all that mess is the rest of the story.

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

# McConnell honored by AFBF

LOUISVILLE – U.S. Senate Republican Leader Mitch McConnell was named a “Friend of Farm Bureau” on Sept. 5 by the American Farm Bureau Federation. The award is given each Congress and is based upon members’ voting records and their accessibility and responsiveness to their states farmers. Senator McConnell was nominated for the award for the 113th Congress by the Kentucky Farm Bureau.

“Senate Republican Leader Mitch McConnell’s 2014 ‘Friend of Farm Bureau’ Award was earned, not given,” said Mark Haney, president of Kentucky Farm Bureau. “The American Farm Bureau Federation presents this honor to members of Congress who are accessible and responsive to volunteer leaders, listen to and vote in favor of our organization’s priority issues, and keep agricultural and rural communities in mind when proposing and supporting legislation in Washington.”

“I am proud to accept this award on behalf of the farmers of Kentucky whom I proudly serve in the United States Senate, and I am honored to be recognized for my work in

support of our farm families,” Senator McConnell said. “Kentucky farmers are vitally important to the Commonwealth’s economy, and they work hard every day to put food on the table for American families. It’s a privilege to represent them in the Nation’s Capital.”



McConnell inserted language into the 2014 farm bill to allow hemp pilot programs to begin in Kentucky, secured a permanent increase in the death tax exemption to protect Kentucky family farms, and led the fight to protect Kentucky’s tobacco farmers, including securing the tobacco buyout.

McConnell also is the only senator to have been awarded the Golden Plow award twice outright.

# Practicing patience

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issues that have no direct correlation to the use of biotechnology, such as Agent Orange, monarch butterflies, and bee colony collapse. I wasn't surprised that there were gasps of shock and head nodding as my opponent presented his information.

In my closing statement, I urged the audience to put aside many of their assumptions about modern agriculture and ill feelings toward a single company and consider the technology may be part of improving long-term sustainability and giving those in food deficit regions the technology to feed themselves in an environmentally responsible manner. And should we discover an even better technology that addresses those issues, I am sure we will work to adopt it.

When the meeting was over, the cutest little lady dressed in purple from head to toe walked up shaking a book at me and asked, “Have you read this?”

We talked for several minutes, and I made sure to try to address each of her fears and concerns, one of which was that the use of GMOs encouraged monoculture. She was convinced, based on things she has read, that there was one variety of GMO corn from one company, and every farmer that used biotechnology was planting it.

The win for our discussion was that she decided she would need to research it further. That is when I should have offered to take her to a local grain farm to

talk with a farmer and let her look at a seed catalog, but we ended up having lunch, sharing more of our shared concerns and discussed everything from gluten, third-world politics, and even backyard chickens. I knew that I needed to develop this relationship for her to consider my perspective.

Patience goes a long way in bringing about understanding. Let's not get puffed up and angry over another person's ignorance, but work to listen, learn

values, and respond accordingly. I know this approach will be appreciated.

Do you have questions about how to respond to biotechnology concerns, or want to know more of the facts? Be sure to check out [www.gmoanswers.com](http://www.gmoanswers.com).

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“Your rod and your staff, they comfort me,” wrote David. These two powerful words, rod and staff were not meaningless words - but words that describe the way that the shepherd guarded and protected his sheep.

The rod was used by shepherds to beat away any external enemy that might harm his sheep. The “crooked” staff was used by shepherds to snatch his sheep from getting in harms way. So, here we have a picture of how our Shepherd watches over us. He guards us from any external enemy that would attack, defeat or destroy us.

He makes certain that they will not come near us nor harm us without His arm being around us. Nor will He allow internal enemies, thoughts or ideas, that would cause us to doubt His love, mercy, grace or salvation to destroy the peace His presence brings us.

Our Shepherd’s rod and staff summarize His role and describe the ways He will care for us if we allow Him. And when we allow Him to become our Shepherd we can say with David, “I will walk through valleys and fear no evil! They will not overcome me.”

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## Apple bread pudding

**3 Kentucky Proud eggs**  
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**1 ½ cups whole milk**  
**1 cup Kentucky Proud apple cider**  
**1 tsp vanilla extract**  
**½ tsp cinnamon**  
**½ tsp salt**  
**6 cups cubed bread, cider donuts, apple bread, etc.**

In a large bowl, whisk together the eggs, brown sugar, milk, apple cider, vanilla, cinnamon, and salt. Add in the bread cubes and apples and fold to combine. Allow to soak for at least 15 minutes. Brush a baking dish or individual ramekins with the melted butter. Transfer the bread mixture to the dish and bake at 350 degrees until set and browned on top,

**2 Kentucky Proud apples, preferably different varieties, peeled, cored, and diced**  
**1 tbsp butter, melted**

**Cider Sauce**  
**2 cups Kentucky Proud apple cider**  
**1 tbsp Kentucky Proud mulling spices**  
**2 tbsp brown sugar**  
**2 tbsp cornstarch**

about 30-40 minutes, depending on the size of the dish.

To make cider sauce, combine cider, spices, and brown sugar in a saucepan and simmer over medium heat until reduced by half. Whisk in cornstarch to thicken, bring to a simmer again, then strain out the spices before serving.

## Bratwurst chili with apples



**1 tbsp olive oil**  
**14 oz. package of Kentucky Proud bratwursts, cut into bite size pieces**  
**1 medium Kentucky Proud onion, diced**  
**1 Kentucky Proud apple, diced**  
**2 cloves Kentucky Proud garlic, diced**  
**1 can chickpeas, drained and**

Heat oil in a pot and add brats to cook until browned and crispy around the edges. Add the onion, apple, and garlic, cooking until vegetables

**rinsed**  
**1 can cannellini beans, drained and rinsed – you can also use 1 can White Northern beans**  
**1 cup chicken broth**  
**½ tsp onion powder**  
**Salt and pepper, to taste**  
**Kentucky Proud Cheddar cheese, shredded for topping**

are soft. Add chickpeas, cannellini beans, and chicken broth and bring to a simmer. Season with the onion powder, salt, and pepper.







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1. Why would corn growers be concerned about federal policy affecting their product? What types of policies concern them?

2. Look at the market report that's part of the Mammoth Cave Dairy Auction, Inc. advertisement on page 2. Pull past issues of The Farmer's Pride and compare prices. Pull several issues over a long period of time. What are the trends?

3. Look at the other market report information in this issue and compare it to past issues. Write about any trends you see in price and volume. What do you think affects those numbers?

4. Who signed the first National Farm Safety Week proclamation?

5. Farm safety is a difficult thing to

teach. It's about making smart decisions during moments when quick thinking is required. Make a commitment now to think safety when you are on the farm or during ag-related activities at school. Write down two activities and how you will prepare yourself mentally during those activities in order to prevent accidents.

6. Who donated chicken, eggs and turkey to FFA camp this summer? Farm groups and agribusiness do this to help reduce the cost of FFA camp. Why would they be willing to invest there?

7. What is the Kentucky Agricultural Finance Corporation? How does it provide access to capital for farmers? How much has been invested since the KAFC's inception?

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