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KDA promotes farm, home safety

The Kentucky Department of Agriculture took part in several ag safety events during September. Above, Dale Dobson, KDA program director, prepares students who will be teaching grain bin safety during the Graves County Pep Rally For Life. Left, emergency services participate in a mock rescue in Owen County. More information is available on page 10.

Cattle checkoff referendum set for Nov. 20

Money would stay in Ky.

On Nov. 20 Kentucky cattle producers will make their voices heard on a proposal that, if passed, would set aside \$1 from the sale of each of their animals to promote the future of their industry.

Anyone involved in the production and marketing of cattle will have an opportunity to go to their nearest extension office to vote on the measure. Ballots will be collected between 8 a.m. and 6 p.m.

The question to be posed to commonwealth cattlemen is "Shall the producers of bovine animals assess themselves an additional ONE DOLLAR (\$1.00) per head sold, and use the funds so collected by the Kentucky Beef Promotion Council to finance a program to promote and stimulate by research, market development, and education, the use and sale, domestic and foreign, of bovine animal products?"

Seven states – Alabama, Idaho, Louisiana, Oregon, Tennessee, Utah and Washington – currently have a checkoff program to augment promotional money being generated by the national program. Ohio recently approved a similar measure and

efforts are also underway to create a state checkoff in Texas and Oklahoma.

"The take-home point from this is that Kentucky money will be spent by Kentucky producers."

Becky Thompson
Director, Ky. Beef Network

Kentucky is no stranger to the idea of a state checkoff. The first one was inaugurated in 1976, a decade prior to the national checkoff. The first checkoff was 10 cents per head. That jumped up to a quarter in 1985. That year, the passage of the farm bill introduced the federal checkoff, which began to be collected in 1988. With the institution of the federal checkoff, Kentucky suspended its collections.

A lot has changed since 1988. In recent years, the United

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KDA takes safety message across state

MAYFIELD, Ky. – Agriculture students at several high schools in Kentucky have coordinated farm and home safety events recently, taking an important message to their peers.

In Graves County, the first Pep Rally for Life came about because of the support of school superintendent Kim Harrison, who asked the Kentucky Department of Agriculture to bring their program to the school campus.

The overwhelming community support resulted in a record-breaking attendance of 2,500 people for a rally, and ag students were able to raise \$19,000 for the event, according to Dale Dobson,

farm and home safety program director at KDA.

Every student received a free t-shirt. Additional funds will be used for safety equipment at the ag shop and possibly for a scholarship in honor of a student who died last December in an automobile accident. The student's mother spoke publicly at the rally for the first time since the accident.

Several departments at the high school participated in the event, including the art and drama programs.

"It's just amazing to me what a community can do when everyone works together," Dobson said.



Miss Kentucky Ramsey Carpenter participates in safety programs and encourages students to wear safety equipment when riding ATVs. Ramsey is shown here in Graves County.



A stop at the Webster County ag safety event taught students about electrical energy safety.



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May be a good year for creep feeding calves

LEXINGTON – With record-high cattle prices, many Kentucky beef producers might look to creep feeding to put additional weight on calves before weaning. University of Kentucky College of Agriculture, Food and Environment beef specialist Jeff Lehmkuhler isn't usually a fan of the feeding method.

However, he believes it may provide an opportunity this year. If producers are careful, they could cash in.

Creep feeding is when producers provide supplemental feed to animals that are still nursing as a way to efficiently help them grow and attain a higher weaning weight.

Lehmkuhler is quick to point out a few concerns about creep feeding including excessively conditioning replacement heifers, inducing acidosis and getting feeders too fleshy. However, with proper management, creep feeding can be an efficient way to put on pounds pre-weaning.

"As we think about creep feeding, increased pounds at weaning do not necessarily result in a direct increase in profitability," he said. "We need to more

accurately account for feed costs, price slide, equipment investment and labor inputs to look at the potential increase in profit."

Generally, creep feeding is profitable when feeder cattle prices are high and feed costs are low. To take advantage of that, producers need to creep feed beginning the 60 days prior to weaning. Producers who plan to wean calves in November should start now.

"Creep feeds are generally higher in crude protein to overcome any protein limitations in the forage being offered," Lehmkuhler said. "Young calves are in a lean phase of growth and supplementing marginal forage can improve calf performance. With ample forage regrowth this fall in the upper Southeast, energy supplementation is needed more than protein for many operations. Therefore, a 14 to 18 percent crude protein range would be acceptable in creep feeds to complement available pasture forages."

With the availability of low-starch coproduct feeds, such as soybean hulls, corn gluten feed and distillers grains, the risk of acidosis is much less when

feeding these coproducts compared to grain-based, high-starch creep supplements. Producers can use a mixture of grains and coproducts.

"Frankly, there is not a single creep feed mixture that is the best for every situation," Lehmkuhler said. "You need to factor in the composition of the forage, predicted or desired creep supplement intake, and the calves' nutritional needs when designing a creep supplement. Also, don't overlook the possibility of creep grazing, as it can be a cost effective strategy to add some inexpensive gains."

Creep grazing is when producers allow calves to graze specific, high-quality forage areas, separately from the cows.

Lehmkuhler offered a few tips to help

put together a creep supplement and to manage the feeder.

- Keep the fines and dust to a minimum.
- Consider if feedstuffs will have sorting/settling issues that may lead to inconsistent intakes and nutrient balance.
- Avoid adding excessive moisture (i.e. liquid molasses or ear corn that is not dry) as it can lead to caking.
- Avoid non-protein nitrogen sources.
- Avoid excessive roughage products such as cottonseed hulls that could cause bridging and separation.
- When starting to creep, limit the amount placed in feeder and frequently monitor it.
- During humid weather, consider more frequent filling to avoid caking.

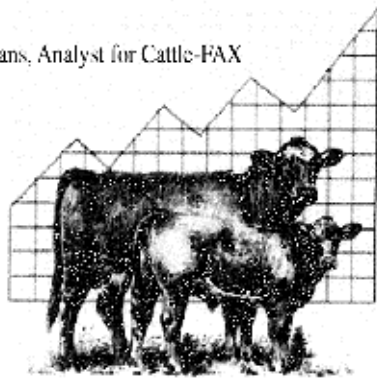
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Current Beef Cattle Situation , Troy Applehans, Analyst for Cattle-FAX |
| 11:00 | Getting Cows Bred , Dr. Les Anderson, UK College of Ag, Animal and Food Sciences, Beef Extension Specialist |
| 11:45 | Lunch |
| 12:30 | Cow Herd Expansion , Dr. Kenny Burdine, UK College of Ag, Animal and Food Sciences, Beef Extension Specialist |
| 1:30 | Receiving and Testing of New Replacements to Herd , Dr. Michelle Arnold, UK Ruminant Extension Veterinarian |
| 2:00 | Marketing Strategies for 2015 , Troy Applehans, Analyst for Cattle-FAX |
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- Jean-Marie Lawson Spann, Candidate for KY Commissioner of Agriculture

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Perdue Foods reaches milestone in reducing antibiotic use

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taken five years to fully implement, and is the latest stage of a 12-year evolution in the company's approach to antibiotic use. No antibiotics in the hatchery exceeds the Federal Drug Administration's voluntary guidelines for antibiotic use in food animals, as well as the standards of the USDA Organic certification program.

"This very limited use of antibiotics is more restrictive than the new FDA guidelines announced last December. We have yet to read any proposed legislation that we are not compliant with, and in fact, have been since 2008," said Stewart-Brown.

Responsible Use

"We listened to our consumers and we are proud to have developed a responsible program that does not risk the medical effectiveness of antibiotics in human health, provides appropriate health care for animals and does not employ growth-promoting drugs," said Chairman Jim Perdue. "While treating illness is a responsible part of animal care, we believe human-approved antibiotics should not be used to boost production or in place of responsible animal husbandry or hatchery management."

"This is not something that you simply turn a switch to implement," said Dr. Stewart-Brown. "Moving away from the conventional use of antibiotics in animal agriculture means more than taking human antibiotics out of your programs. You have to develop programs from breeder operations, through the hatchery and feed mill and onto the farm that are sustainable without that use. It takes a lot more effort with more stringent standards, but we believe this is what consumers expect from Perdue."

A 12-Year Journey Away From Antibiotics

Perdue Foods started the move away from conventional antibiotic use in 2002, in response to growing consumer concern and their own questions about the practice. "We recognized that the public was concerned about the potential impact of the use of these drugs on their ability to effectively treat humans," said Dr. Stewart-Brown. "We focused first on removing growth-promoting antibiotics." In 2005, the company phased out the use of specific medically important antibiotics in its feeds, including fluoroquinolones, four years before the FDA banned the use of fluoroquinolones in animal agriculture.

By 2007, the company had successfully removed all human antibiotics from its feed.

"We also found that it is not realistic or responsible to eliminate all antibiotics. No matter how carefully you raise animals, some are going to be exposed to infections that can only be treated with antibiotics. As veterinarians, we have a responsibility to properly treat those animals," said Dr. Stewart-Brown. "But, when we do treat chickens with antibiotics, we do it in a very focused and limited way that allows us to treat a single house and for the shortest duration possible, generally no longer than three days."

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Cattle checkoff referendum set for Nov. 20

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States cattle herd size has been decreasing dramatically. Record droughts have had a significant impact, as have other weather events such as the early season blizzard called Winter Storm Atlas that slammed South Dakota and surrounding states in October 2013, resulting in the loss of thousands of head of cattle. Building back those numbers may be challenging given the current political atmosphere that promotes climate disruption fears associated with livestock production and increasing pressure from animal rights concerns.

Kentucky realizes a 50-cent return from each federal checkoff dollar collected here, but industry observers are concerned that may not be enough to promote beef production with the lower cattle numbers generating a smaller return from checkoff collections.

The director of the Kentucky Beef Network, Becky Thompson, says other state checkoff programs were evaluated by the committee created to research and generate the referendum. That committee identified five funding areas the future dollars were needed for: promotion, education, market development, research and global marketing.

"The take-home point from this is that Kentucky money will be spent by Kentucky producers," Thompson said.

Should the referendum be approved, the Kentucky Beef Promotion Council will be appointed to suggest

projects to be funded with the new dollars.

Thompson says a lot is already being accomplished with funds coming back to the commonwealth from the federal program.

"We're working with dietitians to ensure they're aware of beef's nutritional value as part of a healthy diet," Thompson said. "We're taking them on farm tours so they can see how beef is raised and build relationships with farmers."

Thompson says there also have been efforts to take beef's nutritional message into the schools and promote it on a broader level through the use of mass media. For the last three years, the Kentucky Beef Council has teamed with the Kentucky Derby Festival

to search for the best burger recipe in the Derby Burger Challenge. "With access to more promotional funds, we hope to enhance many of the current programs as well as seek other avenues of outreach."

A study conducted by Cornell University researchers released in July concludes that each dollar invested in the national beef checkoff program between 2006 and 2013 returned about \$11.20 to the beef industry. Thompson says a lot can be done with that kind of money.

"Who wouldn't want a return like that on their investment?" Thompson commented.

By Ray Bowman
Field Reporter

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WASHINGTON, D.C. – The American Farm Bureau Foundation for Agriculture has released a new version of its popular My American Farm app for iPads, Android tablets and Kindle Fire. The app is available for download on iTunes, Google Play and Amazon.

The new version of the app, My American Farm 2.0, contains six My American Farm games, including the newly added Power Up game.

This game allows young learners to dive into the world of energy and agriculture and embark on problem-solving missions for the virtual community of Energyville. The new app also builds on the math-focused game, In My Barn, with a Pre-K level to draw in new users.

New badges also will be incorporated into the latest version of the app for everything from completing a game to engaging in virtual tasks like meeting a farmer or planting seeds.

My American Farm is an educational game platform launched in 2011 to engage pre-K through fifth-grade learners in the discovery of relevant agricultural issues. Today, the free site offers 19 agriculturally themed games and more than 100 free educator resources such as lesson plans, activity sheets and comics.

The My American Farm educational resource is a special project of the American Farm Bureau Foundation for Agriculture. DuPont Pioneer sponsors the site and resources.

To take advantage of the free My American Farm resources, games and activities, visit www.myamericanfarm.org.

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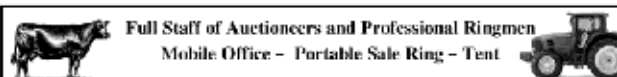
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The event is presented in conjunction with the University of Kentucky Cooperative Extension Service. Beginning at 1 p.m. EDT today and ending at 6 p.m., the field day will include a tour of the farm and dinner. Sessions will include timber management and timber values, pond management, native warm-season grasses, and wildlife food plots.

The Pelles have managed the 1,300-acre property for timber production, wildlife and recreation since 1982.

They planted more than 25 acres of food plots and 50 acres of native grasses, resulting in improved habitats for deer, turkey and nongame wildlife.

The Pelles are passionate about practicing good stewardship and take active roles in the Kentucky Woodland Owners

Association, American Chestnut Foundation and the Quality Deer Management Association.

The Harry and Karen Pelle Tree Farm, 680 Lucian Saltee Road, Bradfordsville, lies in the southeastern part of Taylor County. The farm is accessible off state Route 337, south of Bradfordsville. Signs will be posted close to the farm.

This year's field day is sponsored by the Kentucky Tree Farm Committee, UK Forestry Extension, Kentucky Division of Forestry, Kentucky Department of Fish and Wildlife Resources, Taylor County Cooperative Extension, Kentucky Association of Consulting Foresters, Kentucky Sustainable Forestry Initiative Implementation Committee and Kentucky Forest Industries Association.

By Carol Lea Spence
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• What's Killing Our Trees and What We Can and Can't Do, Oct. 28—Invasive insect pests, such as the emerald ash borer and the hemlock woolly adelgid, are attacking and killing Kentucky's trees. They are not, however, the only insects that pose a threat. Jeff Stringer, UK forestry professor in hardwood silviculture and forest operations, will lead a session addressing current and looming insect threats, including techniques to make woodlands as resilient as possible. Join live online, visitconnect.uky.edu/whats_killing_our_trees/.

• Winter Tree Identification, Nov. 11—Kentucky has more than 100 native tree species. Being able to identify them, even in the dead of winter, is an important skill for successfully managing woodlands. It can also make time spent

outdoors more enjoyable. Doug McLaren, UK extension forester, will teach participants how to use tree characteristics in the process of grouping and eventually identifying individual trees. This session is designed for all age groups. To join live online, go to connect.uky.edu/winter_tree_id/.

Those who have attended the Kentucky Woodland Owners Short Courses or other forestry educational programs also will find valuable information in the webinar series. The webinar will give them an opportunity to ask questions they may have after reflecting on what they learned in the other programs.

Interested participants may register for webinars through participating county extension offices. More information is available online at <http://www2.ca.uky.edu/forestryextension/webinars.php>.

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Friday, Oct. 17, 2014 • 10:30 a.m. Eastern

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5. Why is this year possibly a good year for creep feeding calves?
6. What are some concerns about creep feeding?
7. Describe the proposed cattle checkoff and who it will affect.
8. Name some ways checkoff funds are used today.
9. Describe how the proposed checkoff will be determined and explain who decides?
10. Do you support the proposed checkoff? Defend your answer.
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AUCTION/MARKET

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KENTUCKY GRAIN PRICES

LOUISVILLE AREA: Louisville & Bigdad; PENNSYLVANIA AREA: Altonville, Auburn, Flandin, Hopkinsville & Pembroke; BLUEGRASS AREA: Barcosow, Lexington & Winchester; GREEN RIVER: Caneyville & Livermore; NORTHERN KENTUCKY AREA: Silver Grove at Cincinnati; PURCHASE AREA: Clinton & Mayfield. Opening bids at elevators and processing plants.

9/25/14 Bids for next day Cash Bids	Louisville	Pennsylvania	Purchase	Bluegrass	Green River	Northern KY
Com #2 Yellow	2.02-2.72	3.06-3.11	2.70-2.81	2.69-2.90	2.81	2.76
Com #2 White	2.42-2.88	3.06-3.08	3.06-3.95	3.41-3.23	3.69	3.21
Soybeans #1 Y	3.22-3.58	4.19	NA	3.54	NA	4.01
Wheat #2 SRW						
Barley						
Yellow Corn Seed Bid 3.00-3.40						
Dried Distillers Grain (Ston): 10% moisture 100 CC-124.00						
Modified Wet Distillers (Ston): 60-65% moisture 35.00						
Kentucky Weekly Cattle Receipts:						
09/12/14 20,557						
09/19/14 23,300						
09/26/14 22,820						

Weekly Feed Ingredient Price	Owensboro Grain	Commonwealth	USDA ESTIMATED DAILY LIVESTOCK SLAUGHTER	Eastern Cornbelt Hog Prices
Wholesale prices, \$ per ton			CATTLE CALVES HOGS SHEEP	9/26/2014
Rail or Truck FOB Local car	9/26/2014	9/26/2014	Thurs. 9/25/2014 (est)	Barrows & Gilts
			Week Ago (est)	Receipts: 10,346
			Year Ago (act)	Base Price:
			Week to Date (est)	\$96.00-\$108.66
			Same Pd L: Week (est)	Wt. Avg \$105.58
			Same Pd L: Yr (act)	Compared to
				prior day, the
				avg. price was
				1.34 lower to 3.33
				higher. Moderate
				to active market,
				active with moderate
				demand.

Central Kentucky Fall Roundup

Saturday, November 8

1:00 p.m. CST

Farmers Livestock Market

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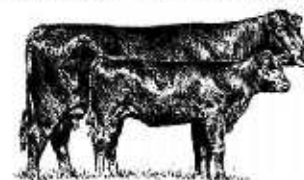
Gateway Regional Bred Heifer Sale

Monday, October 27th, 2014 • 6:30PM

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All eligible for
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2014 Bluegrass Invitational

ANGUS FEMALE SALE

Monday, Oct. 20th • 6 p.m. – Mt. Sterling, Ky.

Chenault Agricultural Center • 2130 Camargo Rd., Mt. Sterling, KY

Fancy Open Replacement Heifers • Fall Cow/Calf Pairs • Spring Bred Cows
Spring Bred Heifers • Select Breeding Age Bulls



HA EMMA 603 - Lot 22

Several impressive fall cow/calf pairs will sell including this daughter of Dalebanks Centennial 2526 from a dam sired by KCF Bennett Total. She has a bull calf at side born 9/2/14 sired by EXAR Upshot 0652B.



BV FOREVER LADY 8052 - Lot 20

She records BR 3@99 and WR 3@108 and has a bull calf at side born 9/3/14 sired by Buford Bluestem.

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USDA unveils new programs to help farmers

WASHINGTON – U.S. Department of Agriculture Secretary Tom Vilsack unveiled highly anticipated new programs to help farmers better manage risk, ushering in one of the most significant reforms to U.S. farm programs in decades.

Vilsack also announced that new tools are now available to help provide farmers the information they need to choose the new safety net program that is right for their business.

"The 2014 farm bill represented some of the largest farm policy reforms in decades. One of the farm bill's most significant reforms is finally taking effect," said Vilsack. "Farming is one of the riskiest businesses in the world. These new programs help ensure that risk can be effectively managed so that families don't lose farms that have been passed down through generations because of events beyond their control. But unlike the old direct payment program, which paid farmers in good years and bad, these new initiatives are based on market forces and include county – and indi-

vidual – coverage options. These reforms provide a much more rational approach to helping farmers manage risk."

The new programs, Agricultural Risk Coverage (ARC) and Price Loss Coverage (PLC), are cornerstones of the commodity farm safety net programs in the 2014 Farm Bill, legislation that ended direct payments.

Both programs offer farmers protection when market forces cause substantial drops in crop prices and/or revenues. Producers will have through early spring of 2015 to select which program works best for their businesses.

To help farmers choose between ARC and PLC, USDA helped create online tools that allow farmers to enter information about their operation and see projections about what each program will mean for them under possible future scenarios.

The new tools are now available at www.fsa.usda.gov/arc-plc. USDA provided \$3 million to the Food and Agricultural Policy Research Institute at the University of Missouri and the Agricul-

tural and Food Policy Center at Texas A and M (co-leads for the National Association of Agricultural and Food Policy), along with the University of Illinois (lead for the National Coalition for Producer Education) to develop the new programs.

"We're committed to giving farmers as much information as we can so they can make an informed decision between these programs," said Vilsack. "These resources will help farm owners and producers boil the information down, understand what their options are, and ultimately make the best decision on which choice is right for them. We are very grateful to our partners for their phenomenal work in developing these new tools within a very short time frame."

Farm owners may visit their local Farm Service Agency offices if they want to update their yield history and/or reallocate base acres, the first step before choosing which new program best serves their risk management needs.

Letters sent this summer enabled farm owners and producers to analyze their crop planting history in order to decide whether to keep their base acres or reallocate them according to recent plantings.

The next step in USDA's safety net implementation is scheduled for this winter when all producers on a farm begin making their election, which will remain in effect for 2014-2018 crop years between the options offered by ARC and PLC.

Central Kentucky "Top of the Crop" Replacement Heifer Sale



Tuesday October 21st, 2014

**Blue Grass Stockyards of Richmond, L.L.C.
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Approximately 100 Head Selling

- Heifers are guaranteed BVD-PI negative and Calvhod vaccinated
- Bred heifers guaranteed safe in calf for 30 days after sale and are **cost share approved**
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- 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

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MARKET REPORT: WEEK OF SEPT. 23, 2014

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Open Heifers-Steers Fresh Milking Cows Baby Calves

Springers: (2-3 years old, 5-8 months bred) Supreme 1300-1600# 1775.00-2375.00, Approved 1200-1400# 1500.00-1750.00, Medium 950-1200# 1275.00-1475.00, Common 800-1100 1050.00-1175.00.

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Open Heifers: Common 300-400# Supreme 625.00-650.00, Approved 485.00-500.00, Medium 350.00, 400-500# Supreme 885.00-900.00, Approved 858.00.

Holstein Steers: 150-200# 225.00, 200-300# 208.00-215.00, 300-400# 204.00-209.00, 400-500# 183.00-187.00.

Hol. Heifer Calves: Small 110.00-160.00, Medium and Large 200.00-320.00 per head.

Hol. Bull Calves: Small 80.00-190.00, Medium and Large 210.00-330.00 per head.

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S.L. Bulls: Y.G. 1-2 1400-2300# 124.00-136.00, H.Dr. 137.00-143.00, L.Dr. 112.00-120.00.

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NEXT SPECIAL OPEN/SHORTBRED HEIFER & HOLSTEIN STEER AUCTION: Saturday, Oct. 4 @ Noon

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Guthrie, KY

Sept. 25, 2014

Feeder Steers: Medium & Large 1-2

21 hd. 476# 273.50 bbwf

48 hd. 548# 249.75 bbwf

29 hd. 642# 227.00 bbwf

68 hd. 750# 232.75 blk

Feeder Heifers: Medium & Large 1-2

28 hd. 441# 249.00 bbwf

32 hd. 552# 226.75 bbwf

35 hd. 623# 217.00 bbwf

Feeder Bulls: Medium & Large 1-2

31 hd. 459# 275.50 bbwf

25 hd. 546# 240.00 bbwf

Kentuckiana Livestock Market

Owensboro, KY

Sept. 22, 2014

Feeder Steers: Medium & Large 1-2

26 hd. 430# 268.00 bbwf

Farmers Livestock

Glasgow, KY

Sept. 22, 2014

Feeder Steers: Medium & Large 1-2

49 hd. 520# 250.50 blk

35 hd. 517# 257.00 mixed

49 hd. 588# 239.00 blk

23 hd. 639# 229.00 blk

Feeder Heifers: Medium & Large 1-2

23 hd. 301# 276.50 mixed

30 hd. 369# 260.00 blk

50 hd. 439# 247.25 blk

25 hd. 444# 241.00 mixed

34 hd. 455# 233.50 mixed

20 hd. 488# 243.00 mixed

21 hd. 511# 220.50 mixed

86 hd. 513# 234.75 blk

24 hd. 558# 215.75 mixed

46 hd. 579# 221.00 blk

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AUCTION/MARKET

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Blue Grass Stockyard

Lexington, KY

Sept. 22 & 23, 2014

Feeder Steers: Medium & Large 1

80 hd. 610# 249.00 blk-charx

48 hd. 625# 246.50 blk-charx

59 hd. 823# 220.70 blk

55 hd. 874# 218.00 blk-charx

59 hd. 879# 212.75 mixed

Feeder Heifers: Medium & Large 1

21 hd. 564# 223.00 mixed

68 hd. 8973 222.50 bbwf

67 hd. 715# 223.00 blk-charx

68 hd. 715# 218.00 mixed

Medium & Large 1-2

83 hd. 525# 230.00 mixed

Blue Grass of Richmond

Richmond, KY

Sept. 19, 2014

Feeder Steers: Medium & Large 1-2

41 hd. 827# 209.75 blk-charx

58 hd. 864# 214.10 mixed

64 hd. 879# 215.75 blk-charx

62 hd. 961# 210.00 blk-charx

108 hd. 1015# 203.00 blk-charx

56 hd. 1039# 199.00 blk-charx

Feeder Heifers: Medium & Large 1-2

43 hd. 738# 212.00 blk-charx

89 hd. 905# 200.70 charx

Russell County Stockyards

Russell Springs, KY

Sept. 24, 2014

Feeder Steers: Medium & Large 1-2

26 hd. 547# 277.75 blk

Feeder Heifers: Medium & Large 1-2

50 hd. 482# 248.10 mixed

41 hd. 532# 252.85 blk

100 hd. 535# 255.80 blk

84 hd. 600# 238.75 mixed

70 hd. 723# 221.85 blk

52 hd. 739# 219.75 blk

Blue Grass of Albany

Albany, KY

Sept. 24, 2014

Feeder Steers: Medium & Large 1-2

41 hd. 749# 223.50 mixed

Feeder Heifers: Medium & Large 1-2

85 hd. 616# 239.5 blk

Video Receipts:

68 hd. 780# 220.00 blk steers

63 hd. 825# 221.00 blk steers

63 hd. 845# 223.00 blk steers

60 hd. 875# 223.00 blk steers

60 hd. 875# 218.75 blk steers

57 hd. 925# 215.00 blk steers

Blue Grass South

Stanford, KY

Sept. 25, 2014

Feeder Steers: Medium & Large 1-2

40 hd. 489# 258.00 blk

45 hd. 579# 251.50 blk-charx

27 hd. 657# 248.00 blk-charx

70 hd. 771# 227.25 blk-charx

63 hd. 797# 217.75 mixed

48 hd. 807# 221.50 blk-charx

57 hd. 897# 212.50 blk-charx

Holstein Steers: Large 3

70 hd. 653# 199.50

Feeder Heifers: Medium & Large 1-2

27 hd. 462# 247.50 blk

61 hd. 584# 240.00 blk-charx

91 hd. 586# 239.85 blk-charx

41 hd. 816# 209.00 blk

United Producers Owenton

Owenton, KY

Sept. 24, 2014

Feeder Steers: Medium & Large 1-2

20 hd. 579# 248.50 blk

Feeder Heifers: Medium & Large 1-2

21 hd. 507# 259.00 blk

45 hd. 730# 221.00 blk

United Producers Bowling Green

Bowling Green, KY

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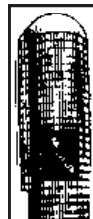
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Whether you feed them, inform them or bury them, you must care about the people you serve if you want to do a job well.

I set up a booth for career day at our high school this past week and our table adjoined one sponsored by our local cattlemen’s association. A local dairy farmer worked the booth and she and I spent part of the day talking.

At one point, a young man whose family owns a local funeral home joined our conversation. He just recently received his embalming license and the three of us began sharing about our given careers.

When asked how he liked his work, he said his only complaint is the hours. Obviously, funeral homes are ready to serve members of the community when they are needed, day or night, weekday or weekend.

He said he and his father always communicate when one of them is headed out of town to make sure the other is available in case they are called.

My dairy farmer friend said she understood, adding that dairying is a 7-day-a-week profession. I too chimed in, because in this business we are always ready to go when news breaks out and we are always working toward the next deadline.

We all agreed that our career choices are only for people who have a passion for what they do. You don’t want these jobs if you are in it for the money; while the pay may be good the hourly rate and the time involved must be taken into consideration.

I found it comforting to talk with others who too have a passion for their chosen fields. Sometimes we can forget why we do what we do, and a little reminder that others out there are as crazy as we are helps us stay focused.

It was fun to see how the three career fields that provide completely different services have so much in common.

All three of us serve the public. Whether you feed them, inform them or bury them, you must care about the people you serve if you want to do a job well.

For the hundreds of students who receive The Farmer’s Pride thanks to our Pride in Ag Education sponsors, I hope you will search for a future in a field you can be passionate about.

For our readers who are already knee deep in your chosen career, take a step back and remember why you do what you do.

Whether you are in extension or other role serving our farmers or are a farmer serving the worlds’ consumers, you play an important role in our society. Make sure you enjoy yourself while you do it!

Bucket list



DOWN
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Suzanna
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Streeval

Somehow, I managed to become entangled between the fence and the ewe and she came out on top.

This year was a monumental birthday for me, whether I like to admit it or not. It was one of those big ones that end with ‘0’. They say growing old beats the alternative. I suppose that has quite a bit of truth in it – but I still don’t like it.

As my age progresses, I find myself creating a mental ‘bucket list’ of a few things I would like to see or do before I leave this earth. Some things I have already been able to cross off, like visiting Washington D.C., flying in an airplane, putting my toes in the ocean – hey, don’t judge, I’m a country girl after all, it doesn’t take a whole lot to excite me. But of all the things I can think of that I would like to experience, let me just tell you, getting mauled by a sheep was not on my list!

My baby sister married a Hoosier, a shepherd no less. So naturally once the nuptials were versed and he moved to the Bluegrass, the sheep came along. The girls and I have simply been fascinated by them. My daddy–Old McDonald if there ever was a real life one–has owned just about every critter ever created. And us kids, and now the grandkids, have been able to enjoy these pets. But Daddy never endured any sheep. So we were all excited to have a new creature to ‘play’ with.

The brother-in-law has been around for a few years now, but we have always somehow managed to miss every episode of sheep shearing until now. And quite frankly, after that experience, I’m not too concerned if I ever witness another one. I was excited to be able to help Sis capture the mammal to be trimmed. Little did I know–those things are senseless! Somehow, I managed to become entangled between the fence and the ewe and she came out on top. Needless to say, I’m still nursing the wounds from that feat.

After the fact, I recalled a sermon I once heard concerning the Good Shepherd caring for His sheep. The preacher described the ignorant nature of the beast and reasoned that being the necessity of the shepherd’s watchful eye. He then went on to point out the same gentle nature of our Lord Jesus when caring for His sheep. One thing is for certain–if we, as God’s sheep, act as that one did that day, the Lord has His hands full.

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.

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Corn prices, food prices and opportunities



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Every link in the food supply chain is reliant on crude oil and refined products in some way.

As the corn supply continues to grow, prices continue to drop. According to an AgriVisor analyst, the price of corn has dropped so much that an ounce of gold can now buy more than 370 bushels of corn, the most since 1975. So it goes with the laws of supply and demand. While many of us in grain production obviously see below breakeven prices as a detriment to our farm enterprises, this may provide us an opportunity to build our customer base. First, however, we must set the record straight about food vs. fuel.

Just two years ago, the corn industry was taking a real lashing from Mother Nature, corn buyers, and food retailers. The U.S. was suffering from one of the worst droughts in history. Corn prices rose dramatically, which is only beneficial if you have a crop to sell, and all fingers pointed toward ethanol as the culprit. Food processors and everyone else down the marketing chain pumped up their prices to follow suit and lobbied tirelessly, even still, to overturn the Renewable Fuels Standard.

While we would now expect to see food prices begin to drop dramatically, that is not likely. A recent report released by the Renewable Fuels Association said fluctuations in corn prices do not significantly affect consumer food prices. This is true even for food items for which corn is a major input, like cereals, snack foods, meat, milk, and eggs. In fact, Consumer Price Index data show there is virtually no correlation at all between monthly average corn prices and retail food price changes since 2007.

The report went on to say that the real driver of food price change is the price of crude oil and energy. In fact, the United Nations' food price index has been almost perfectly correlated with world crude oil prices since 2000. Every link in the food supply chain is reliant on crude oil and refined products in some way.

Isn't this the perfect time to work to strengthen alternative, renewable fuels? Cheaper corn means cheaper ethanol, which translates to cheaper prices at the pump for ethanol blended fuels. The word on the street is that the EPA may still reduce the biofuel targets for the RFS, but not by as much as they originally proposed. USDA Secretary Vilsack said the federal government is committed to increasing annual U.S. ethanol production to 15 billion gallons a year, the level set by Congress.

Another exciting opportunity is the revival of livestock production. Cattle prices are high right now, and livestock producers are able to make some money. As a beef producer myself, I know that growing beef cattle numbers will help increase demand for grain.

Trade is also a market that needs further development. To help exports of corn and corn products such as distillers grains and ethanol, your Corn Growers Associations are pushing for modern-

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Who knew

Who knew that Bill Gates, the Harvard drop-out who co-founded Microsoft, owns 8.4 percent of Deere & Co., worth about \$2.5 billion and "at least 100,000 acres of farmland in California, Illinois, Iowa, Louisiana and other states" that includes a 490-acre Wyoming ranch once owned by William "Buffalo Bill" Cody. Gates also holds a stake (oh my) in Beyond Meat, a California company whose mission is "to create mass-market solutions that perfectly replace animal protein with plant material?"

Who knew that on Aug. 18 "some 90 dining enthusiasts trekked to four dining destinations" in Denver for "the second night of Hoofin' It," a "four night culinary tour" that brought "together diners, chefs, and ranchers" to "focus on one hoofed animal each evening" (respectively, bison, sheep, cattle and hogs) and a "rancher guest of honor." The dinners were co-sponsored by "Imbibe Denver, Heroes Like Us, the Mile High Business Alliance and the Humane Society."

Yes, that Humane Society. (Links to all original source material cited here are posted at <http://farmandfoodfile.com/in-the-news/>.)

Who knew that if you enjoy ketchup, pickles, burgers, breakfast or beer in the U.S., some billionaire in Brazil is making money off your hunger or thirst?

True; the Brazilian private equity firm 3G Capital Management, whose "principle owner is the billionaire financier Jorge Paulo Lemann," owns 70 percent of Burger King (now poised to buy Tim Horton's of Canada for \$11 billion); helped bankroll Berkshire Hathaway's \$23-billion, February buyout of iconic American food maker H.J. Heinz; played a "major role in the" \$52 billion "merger of the Brazilian-Belgian beer giant InBev with Anheuser-Busch" and "also previously invested in Wendy's," another U.S. burger chain.

A few probably knew that North American railroad companies—under fire in both the U.S. and Canada for long delays in moving 2013 Northern Plains and Prairie crops to market—on average, haul 1.6 million barrels of crude oil per day, or 20 percent of all crude pumped daily in the U.S. alone.

But who knew that "If all the railcars loaded with crude on one day were hitched to a single locomotive, the resulting train would be about 29 miles long," and, even at that, the crude-hauling business "makes up only about 3.5 percent of all rail shipments, according to federal data."

Who could have possibly known that one of the funniest lines of the 2014 election season would be uttered by former Sen. Bob Dole, who, at 93 years old, went to Dodge City, Kan., Sept. 22 to stump for his GOP friend Pat Roberts, the Senate incumbent, who now trails independent newcomer "Greg Orman... by double digits" in what was seen—until recently—to be cakewalk for Roberts, a long-time ag committee member and farm policy leader in



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Same song, different verse



MARKET WATCH

Dewey Strickler

Grain producers will harvest a monster crop this fall. However, talk of a bin buster crop is becoming old and no longer fresh news.

Several analysts are now ratcheting their yield estimates to 180 bushels per acre compared to USDA's current projection of 171.7 bushels per acre. While the odds favor USDA hiking yields next month, some of the private estimates may be a bit ambitious.

Meanwhile, harvest is seven percent done, which lags the average of 15 percent. This is mostly because of late maturity, although harvest will likely proceed at a slower pace because of higher yields. Exports have picked up with inspections last week at 40.1 million bushels.

As a bit of a surprise, the trend following funds added 30 million bushels to their long position last week increasing it to 75 million bushels. However, they will likely trim it back this week.

The whistle has been blown, but the bears keep piling on soybeans. This is evident from the trend following funds increasing their short position to a record 420 million bushels.

Meanwhile, the commercials are holding their largest long position since 2006. Right now, the rubber band is being stretched to the max. Although the fundamentals are quite bearish, the bears should take heed as their rope is getting shorter.

This is herd mentality at its best. In other

developments, harvest is just beginning at 3 percent complete compared to 8 percent for the average. Like corn, late maturity and higher yields are behind the slow start. Yield reports, so far, are 60 bushels per acre or higher, along with a few 80's and 90's. USDA's current estimate is 46.6 bushels per acre. Export inspections last week were decent at 17.1 million bushels.

Over the past few weeks, the bears have been chewing up and spitting out wheat. While the seasonal tendency is for prices to move higher into October, the bulls have struggled to get a toe hold because of increased global stocks.

This can be seen from the short position of the trend following funds rising 20 million bushels to 410 million bushels. Meanwhile, there was a bright spot earlier in the week when Egypt purchased 55,000 tons, their first purchase from the U.S. since February. Export inspections last week were 18.6 million bushels and above the average needed to reach USDA's projection of 900 million bushels.

In other developments planting is progressing smoothly at 25 percent complete compared to the average of 22 percent. Spring wheat harvest is in the final stretch at 86 percent done.

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Who knew

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both the House and Senate.

When explaining Roberts' ability to bring home the federal bacon to western Kansas, Dole returned to the political rhetoric that served him well for nearly 50 years—self-deprecation—and got off another pure Doleism: "I have a litany of things that Pat's done for Dodge City, but at my age I've forgot 'em all."

We all should have known that when CF Industries and Yara International announced their intention to merge Sept. 23 each firm would note both companies "believe that even though they would be combining the two biggest producerS of nitrogen fertilizer (in the world), the deal would pass muster with antitrust regulators."

Why wouldn't they "believe" that? Who knows of any big ag-based merger in the last 20 years in either the U.S. or abroad that any antitrust regulator stopped?

Who knew—to go out the same we came in—that Deere and Co. would lose so much money in their crop insurance subsidiary in the last four years—nearly \$90 million since 2010—that they'd put it up for sale Sept. 23?

Probably not Bill Gates.

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Corn prices, food prices and opportunities

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ized Trade Promotion Authority (TPA) legislation. This would improve our nation's ability to advance trade agreements that open new markets for U.S. farmers. China is still a major factor as well, and the KyCorn checkoff-supported US Grains Council is encouraging Chinese officials to approve specific biotech corn varieties. While the ban has not yet been lifted, Bloomberg News reported that Chinese regulators are considering a change to their inspection policies.

It will be a couple years to get corn demand and prices built back up to a level that benefits everyone. It's not going to be a quick fix. I do see the silver lining, however. The greater supply this year will help us weather any future storm that may come up and proves that long-term infrastructure is crucial to our success. There are many opportunities that a growing, lower-cost corn supply will provide for the broader agricultural community, and it may very likely give us an advantage down the road.

Russel Schwenke is president of Kentucky Corn Growers Association.

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USDA approves new modified corn, soybean

WASHINGTON (AP) – The Agriculture Department has approved the use of genetically modified corn and soybean seeds that are resistant to a popular weed killer.

However, farmers won't be able to take full advantage of the seeds until the Environmental Protection Agency issues a second ruling allowing the use of Enlist, a new version of the 2,4-D weed killer that's been around since the 1940s. The EPA has said it will rule this fall on Dow AgroSciences' application to market the chemical.

The agriculture industry has been anxiously awaiting the approvals, as many weeds have become resistant to glyphosate, an herbicide commonly used on corn and soybeans now. Herbicide-resistant seeds introduced in the 1990s allowed farmers to spray fields after their plants emerged, killing the weeds but leaving crops unharmed.

Critics say they are concerned the increased use of 2,4-D could endanger public health and that more study on the chemical is needed. The USDA has said that if both the seeds and herbicide are

approved, the use of 2,4-D could increase by an estimated 200 percent to 600 percent by the year 2020.

While the Agriculture Department only oversees the safety of the plants, the EPA oversees the safety of the herbicide for human and environmental health. The agency already has found the chemical safe for the public and agricultural workers.

The department on Sept. 17 said it had decided to approve the seeds in an on-line posting first reported by Politico.

Groups lobbying the agency to prevent the herbicide's expanded use say they are concerned about the toxic effects of the herbicide and the potential for it to drift. Corn and soybeans are the nation's largest crops, and the potential for expanded use is huge.

"With this approval comes millions of more pounds of toxic herbicides dumped onto our land. It's an unacceptable outcome," said Andrew Kimbrell, executive director for Center for Food Safety.

Dow AgroSciences says the new version has been re-engineered to solve po-

tential problems, like drift before and after the herbicide hits the plant.

"We've used the latest science and technology to address problem weeds," said Dow AgroSciences President Tim Hassinger. "Enlist will be a very effective solution, and we're pleased to have this technology one step closer to the farm gate."

The weed killer 2,4-D is now used on

other crops, including wheat, and on pastures and home lawns. It is the world's most popular herbicide and the third most popular in the United States, behind atrazine and glyphosate.

If approved, the new version of 2,4-D would be used in combination with glyphosate.

By Mary Clare Jalonick
Associated Press

Perdue Foods removes all antibiotics in chicken hatcheries

Perdue Foods announced that it has removed all antibiotics from its chicken hatcheries. Perdue does not use antibiotics for growth promotion in its chicken production, and has not since 2007. The company does use an animal-only antibiotic to control an intestinal parasite, and will use antibiotics to treat and control illness in sick flocks.

"By no longer using any antibiotics in our hatcheries or any human antibiotics

in feed, we've reached the point where 95 percent of our chickens never receive any human antibiotics, and the remainder receive them only for a few days when prescribed by a veterinarian," said Dr. Bruce Stewart-Brown, Senior Vice President of Food Safety, Quality and Live Operations for Perdue Foods.

Eliminating use in the hatchery has

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Sautéed Pork Tenderloin Medallions with Lemon-Garlic Sauce

1 pork tenderloin, (1 lb.), trimmed	1/2 cup dry white wine (or low-sodium chicken broth)
1/4 tsp. salt, divided	1/2 cup chicken broth, low-sodium
1/4 tsp. plus 1/8 tsp. black pepper	Grated zest and 1 tbs. lemon juice
2 tsp. olive oil, divided	1 tbs. fresh parsley, chopped,
2 cloves garlic, minced	OR 1 1/2 tsp. chopped fresh sage or rosemary*

Cut pork into 12 slices, about 1-inch thick. Sprinkle pork on all sides with 1/4 tsp. of the salt and 1/4 tsp. of the pepper. Heat 1 tsp. of the oil in a large heavy skillet over medium-high heat. Add the pork and cook, turning once, until the pork is well browned and internal temperature reaches 145° F, about 1 1/2 min. on each side. Transfer pork to serving platter and cover to keep warm.

Add the remaining 1 tsp. oil to skillet. Add garlic and cook, stirring constantly, until garlic is fragrant, about 30 sec. Add the wine and broth. Increase heat to high and cook, stirring to scrape up the browned bits from the bottom of the skillet, until the liquid is reduced by two thirds, about 5 min.

Remove the skillet from the heat and stir in the remaining 1/2 tsp. salt, remaining 1/4 tsp. pepper, the lemon zest and juice, and the parsley. Serve the pork medallions drizzled with the sauce (makes a generous 1/2 cup; about 1 1/2 tbs. per serving).

*To substitute fresh herbs with dried herbs, use 1 1/2 tsp. dried parsley or 3/4 tsp. dried sage, or 3/4 tsp. dried rosemary. Makes 4 servings.

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God should be priority

We often hear phrases such as “I just didn’t have enough time,” or “I ran out of time,” or “If I only had more time.” Time seems to elude all of us. Yet all of us try to regulate our lives by time. We wear watches, have watches and are “clock watchers.”

One of the most interesting facts about time, however, is that it reveals our priorities. If we say that we love our wife and children, yet have little time for them or to be with them, our words are meaningless. If we say that we love our Lord and Savior, yet have no time for church or take no time to serve Him, our behavior mocks us and cancels our words. Our priorities are what matter. Our priorities are known to us and visible to others by the time we spend on “things.”

Psalm 24 makes a bold statement: “The earth is the Lord’s and everything in it.” It reflects the words that introduce us to God: “In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth!” This verse states that God was the Creator. Furthermore, this Psalm states that the earth and everything in it belongs to Him. If so, He is to be the priority of our lives and everything we do is to be an act of worship honoring Him in all that we do.

This Psalm clearly announces the Kingdom of God. We are quick to recognize God as Creator but that is not enough for Him. As our Creator-King, He has every right to expect us, His subjects, to place Him first and foremost in our lives. We know He is our priority when we honor Him by what we do with our time.

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Kale and potato soup

4 teaspoons olive oil
1 chopped yellow onion
3 cloves garlic, minced
1 box (48 ounce) low-sodium chicken broth
6 red potatoes, diced

½ cup chopped carrot
4 cups shredded kale
½ pound cooked chicken breast, shredded
¼ teaspoon black pepper

1. In a large saucepan, heat the olive oil over medium heat for 1 minute. Add chopped onion and garlic and cook uncovered for 5 minutes.
2. Add chicken broth, potatoes and carrot; cover and bring to a boil.
3. Reduce heat and simmer for 20 minutes.
4. Mix in the kale, chicken and black pepper. Cover and simmer for 15 minutes or until kale is tender.

Yield: 6, 1½ cup servings.

Nutritional Analysis: 270 calories, 5 g fat, 1 g saturated fat, 25 mg cholesterol, 210 mg sodium, 43 g carbohydrate, 5 g fiber, 15 g protein.

Nutty sweet potato biscuits

1 cup all-purpose flour
1/3 cup whole wheat flour
1½ teaspoons baking powder
½ teaspoon salt
¼ teaspoon ground cinnamon
¼ teaspoon ground nutmeg

1/3 cup chopped walnuts
1 cup mashed sweet potatoes
6 tablespoons sugar
¼ cup butter, melted
½ teaspoon vanilla
1 tablespoon milk

1. In a large mixing bowl, combine flours, baking powder, salt, cinnamon, nutmeg and walnuts. Set aside.
2. Combine sweet potatoes, sugar, butter, vanilla and milk; add to flour mixture and mix well.
3. Turn out onto a floured surface; gently knead 3 or 4 times. Roll dough into ½ inch thickness. Cut with a 2 inch biscuit cutter and place on a lightly greased baking sheet.
4. Bake at 450°F for 12 minutes or until golden brown.



UK forestry webinars bring info to every county

LEXINGTON – University of Kentucky Cooperative Extension Service will offer a forestry webinar series on select Tuesdays from Oct. 7 through Nov. 11. The series is designed for woodland owners, farmers and others interested in woodland, timber and wildlife topics.

"The Forestry Fall Webinar series is an excellent and convenient opportunity for busy woodland owners and those with an interest in forestry to get a significant amount of information in a relatively short time, without having to drive great distances to attend," said Billy Thomas, UK extension forester and one of the coordinators of the series.

UK forestry extension will broadcast the five-part series to county extension offices from 7 to 8 p.m. ET, with agents serving as local hosts. The technology allows participants at each site to ask questions of the experts on the UK campus. The webinars will also be available

for clients to view online at home, although the organizers encourage participants to attend a group presentation if their county extension office hosts one.

Kentucky Master Loggers can also receive one continuing education credit for each of the webinars they attend at a hosting county extension office.

Series topics include:

- Help for You and Your Woodlands, Oct. 7—There is extensive help available to woodland owners in managing their woodlands. Thomas will lead a session covering the top 20 agencies, organizations and programs available to assist woodland owners. To join the session online, visit connect.uky.edu/woodland_help/.

- Woodland Certification, Oct. 14 – Christopher Reeves, certification forester with Kentucky Division of Forestry, will lead a session about how

forest certification is an important tool that benefits woodland owners. Benefits include increased markets and price premiums for timber, increased technical assistance and global recognition of good stewardship. To join the webinar live online, visit connect.uky.edu/woodland_certification/.

- Black Bears in Kentucky, Oct. 21–

John Cox, wildlife assistant professor in the UK Department of Forestry, will provide information about the state's black bear population, as well as research going on with the species. The webinar will also address some of the best practices for dealing with human and bear interactions. To join live online, go to

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