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Dairy women connect with moms

PADUCAH, Ky. – With so much information (and misinformation) flooding the media these days, sometimes it's hard to decide what's true and what's not when it comes to food and farming.

CommonGround, a program founded by soybean and corn farmers and funded by their checkoff dollars, is dedicated to connecting farm women with other women who may not have access to answers to their questions.

The ladies of LeCows Dairy in McCracken County opened up their barn doors – literally and figuratively – to more than 200 people from the community who wanted to see where their milk comes from.

"It's really sad that people do not understand where their milk comes from, where their bread comes from, or what we do with the corn and soybeans we grown here in Kentucky," farm owner/operator Lesa Clark said. "That's why we chose to open up our farm and let people come visit. We're not doing anything wrong, we have nothing to hide... I think it just hasn't occurred to farmers that we need to tell our story until people started hearing the other, sometimes inac-

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Photo by Rae Wagoner, Kentucky Soybean Board, CommonGround

LeCows Dairy employee Jimmy Panosh got a great workout during a recent farm tour by helping this calf pose with visitors for souvenir photos.

Managing risk under the 2014 farm bill

Information begins to unfold

Some of the combines are still rolling but many farmers are putting grain in the bins. No matter what stage the harvest is at, this is a busy time. It's not a time you want to start crunching the numbers on next year's crop insurance.

University of Kentucky extension economist Todd Davis says that's okay. It's a little early yet to begin evaluating the the two new risk management programs that became available under the 2014 farm bill.

Rather than the direct and countercyclical payments and state-based Average Crop Revenue Enhancement (ACRE) programs that were available under the 2008 farm bill, growers will have two new supplemental programs to choose from.

The first is called the Price Loss Coverage (PLC) program, which makes a payment to a producer when the covered crop comes in below a fixed reference price.

The Agricultural Risk Coverage (ARC) program kicks in when either the farm's revenue from all crops or the county's revenue for a crop falls below 86 percent of a predetermined

or benchmark level of revenue. The grower makes the decision which benchmark (individual farm or county) they will be held to. The two program options provide an economic safety net, but at a projected lower cost than the ones they replaced.

"There is going to be more education needed for everybody involved..."

Todd Davis
University of Kentucky Extension
Economist

HOW TO GET INFORMED

Confused yet? Davis says not to worry, help is on the way.

"There are two different tools being developed through funding from the USDA," says Davis. "Since there's a one-time opportunity to make these decisions (over the span of the farm bill) it's going to be worthwhile to dig into these decision tools

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Large grain crop may call for alternative storage

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provide adequate sidewall strength for grain storage. The UK Cooperative Extension Service has plans available for free-standing bulkhead walls up to 6 feet tall that can be built from standard lumber and plywood. These can be placed across the exposed end of grain piles or adjacent to existing building walls to provide adequate strength.

Glass-coated steel silos in good structural condition usually have adequate strength but concrete stave or monolithic concrete silos may require additional reinforcement hoops or may only

be partially filled. Cover earth floors with plastic or concrete to prevent adding moisture to the grain.

Loading and unloading augers should always be placed in the center of all silos to provide uniform wall loading when moving grain in or out of the structure. The majority of time, producers can insert augers and aeration tubes through the bottom silo doors prior to filling.

It is common to fill flat storage structures by moving a portable auger down the center of the building or with a horizontal auger mounted under the roof. Grain vacuum systems, portable augers and front-end loaders are often used to

unload from these buildings.

Proper aeration is essential for successful grain storage and is the key to maintaining uniform temperatures to control moisture and subsequent spoilage.

Farmers should space aeration tubes in flat storage buildings so that equal amounts of grain are ventilated with each tube. A rule of thumb for deep piles is that the tube spacing should not exceed the grain depth, McNeill said. Aeration fans should provide airflow of 250 cubic feet per minute for each 1,000 bushels of grain in the pile.

Producers should aim for 14 percent

moisture content in corn that will be held in flat storage, silos or bags through February. Store soybeans at 12 percent moisture content for the same period.

Rodent, bird and insect control is usually more difficult in flat storage buildings and bags because of inherent exposure. Producers should commit to routine pest control practices to minimize grain damage during storage and repair bags as needed when damage occurs, McNeill said.

Storage cost figures vary widely depending on the type of structure and its original condition.

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Lawmakers briefed on tobacco MSA developments

FRANKFORT – State lawmakers were briefed earlier this month on an agreement reached between the state and tobacco manufacturers that should bring Kentucky \$57 million more in tobacco settlement funds over the next three years.

The agreement, announced in June, settles a decade of disputed MSA (Master Settlement Agreement) claims dating from 2003 to 2012 and ensures the commonwealth will continue to receive MSA payments, according to state officials. The 1998 MSA between 52 governments and major tobacco companies has brought more than \$400 million in MSA funds into Kentucky's agricultural economy, funding over 4,800 agriculture projects in the state since 2001.

The agreement "eliminates, or greatly reduces, our liability for any future litigation costs for those years," Kentucky Governor's Office of Agricultural Policy Executive Director Roger Thomas told the General Assembly's Tobacco Settlement Agreement Fund Oversight Com-

mittee. "That's a huge issue, and something we should be very proud of."

Responding to a question by Sen. Carroll Gibson, R-Leitchfield, on whether the state has over-programmed water and sewer projects supported with state tobacco dollars, Thomas said the state Agricultural Development Fund has "bore the burden of paying the debt service on those water and sewer projects" for tobacco-dependent counties in recent years as Kentucky's MSA payment declined and the debt service amount rose.

Today, that debt service is around \$28-30 million annually, said Thomas.

The agreement reached in June provides "a cushion" to support the state ADF's need to fund that debt service as well as county agriculture needs, he explained.

In response to another question by Gibson, Thomas explained that debt service on water and sewer projects funded by MSA payments are paid through grants, not loans, which means

the money does not have to be paid back by local water and sewer districts.

"If, for instance, we were to get into a situation like that again—which we probably won't—(but) if and when we had infrastructures like that, we all know the payments come in after the projects are put in ... Could there be a situation where some payments (could be funded) with basic payback of the funding that they're going to be receiving with installation of these projects?" asked Gibson. Thomas said that would be a policy decision left up to lawmakers.

There are other funding options for water and sewer projects, said committee co-chair Sen. Paul Hornback, R-Shelbyville. "I know the local board that I'm on, we can go out and bond moneys if we need to that we have to repay. So there are other avenues they can use, with low interest rates."

The committee also received reports from the GOAP's Joel Neaville, who updated lawmakers on the actions of the

Agricultural Development Board for September.

In response to Neaville's report on the ADF's 2014 On-Farm Energy Program, committee co-chair Wilson Stone, D-Scottsville, asked how the energy funds can help dairies achieve savings. Thomas said variable speed motors, improved lighting, energy-efficient water heating systems, and energy-efficient milk cooling systems are among the "approved" items under program guidelines.

That drew a comment from Rep. Terry Mills, D-Lebanon, who was told the On-Farm Energy Program is focused on energy-efficient upgrades.

"I know I replaced my heat pump recently and I actually saw a difference in my electric bill," said Mills.

The committee also heard from the Kentucky Division of Conservation's Kimberly Richardson on the state's soil erosion and water quality cost share program and soil stewardship program.

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Keith Tapp

Agriculture Secretary Tom Vilsack has announced the appointment of 19 members, including Keith Tapp of Sebree, and three alternate members to the United Soybean Board.

Opportunity for service and the need for leaders has increased dramatically in agriculture over recent years, and the role

of the farmer-leader has diversified. International marketing, biodiesel, meeting with legislators in Frankfort and Washington, D.C., setting policy for the American Soybean Association and helping to lead action teams for the United Soybean Board are all things that Tapp has done in service to his fellow farmers.

Tapp has served on both the Kentucky Soybean Association Board (a position to which he was elected by his peers – other soybean farmers in his region of the state) and the Kentucky Soybean Promotion Board (an appointed position) in a variety of roles intermittently since 1983.

He currently serves as chair of the promotion board. Tapp has received a variety of awards for his service, including the Eddie Voils Distinguished Service Award.

He currently serves as one of Kentucky's two representatives to the United Soybean Board, the soybean checkoff's national arm, where he was selected to serve as vice chairman of the audit and evaluation action team.

All appointees will serve 3-year terms beginning December 2014.

Gilkison selected 2015 American Soybean Association/DuPont Young Leader



Brennan Gilkison

PRINCETON, Ky. – Brennan Gilkison of Winchester has been selected by the Kentucky Soybean Association to represent the commonwealth as its 2015 American Soybean Association/DuPont Young Leader. This national program allows young leaders from around the nation to gather for a challenging

leadership experience. The program offers the opportunity for participants to enhance their leadership skills as well as meet and learn from other young leaders.

Gilkison farms about 1000 acres, raising soybeans, corn and rye. He is also a burley tobacco producer. In addition, he and wife Serena have a cow/calf operation and raise black raspberries. They raised canola for the first time in 2014.

He is a graduate of Eastern Kentucky University,

where he earned a BS in agronomy. He followed up at the University of Kentucky, receiving his Masters in vocational education. He recently graduated from the Kentucky Agriculture Leadership Program and the Kentucky Corn Growers CORE Program.

As part of his status as Kentucky's ASA/DuPont Young Leader, Gilkison will sit on the board of the Kentucky Soybean Association. His duties begin in November. Part two will take place Feb. 24-28 at the Commodity Classic in Phoenix, Ariz.

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KDA awarded more than \$300,000 for projects

FRANKFORT – The Kentucky Department of Agriculture was awarded a Specialty Crop Block Grant for \$302,620.11 from the U.S. Department of Agriculture to work with the University of Kentucky and other organizations and commodity groups to strengthen markets for specialty crops in Kentucky.

“This funding will greatly enhance our efforts to help Kentucky’s specialty crop businesses grow and prosper,” Agriculture Commissioner James Comer said. “This investment in our specialty crop industry will boost Kentucky’s rural economy.”

A USDA news release announcing the grants said the Kentucky projects include:

- Partner with the University of Kentucky to increase demand for Kentucky fruits, vegetables, nuts, and herbs by developing, disseminating, and demonstrating new recipes featuring local seasonal specialty crops to market Ken-

tucky foods as part of a healthy lifestyle.

- Partner with Local Food for Everyone to promote and secure sales for local specialty crops producers by creating a promotional campaign targeting low-income communities and a program to connect local specialty crop producers with local schools and other consumers.

- Partner with the Kentucky Alliance of Boys and Girls Clubs to increase learning about specialty crops in areas of Kentucky where they are not readily accessible and enhance youths’ basic food knowledge about what produce is available by conducting field trips to local agriculture businesses and hosting guest speakers, integrating specialty crop activities into existing curricula, and facilitating hands-on gardening activities.

- Partner with New Roots to increase knowledge and consumption of Kentucky specialty crops by families in

Louisville’s underinvested neighborhoods through direct marketing and leadership development.

- Partner with the Kentucky Nursery and Landscape Association to increase the knowledge of growers, retail operators, landscapers, and others involved in the green industry in Kentucky on topics such as nursery and greenhouse production, business management, disease and pest management, garden center/landscape maintenance, landscape installation and design, sustainability in the green industry, business management, and personnel training.

- Partner with the University of Kentucky to increase specialty crop producer awareness and utilization of marketing programs, technical resources, and risk management resources by providing producers with trainings, workshops, and webinars.

- Partner with the University of Kentucky to identify the production potential of high-quality apple cultivars currently grown in Kentucky by measuring sugar accumulation, Titratable Acidity, and juice pH to determine usefulness for the

production of hard apple cider.

- Partner with the Kentucky Blueberry Growers Association to introduce new blueberry value-added products into public schools and retail markets by increasing the capability of local blueberry producers to sort, wash, and dry blueberries.

The projects were selected through a competitive process prior to being awarded Specialty Crop Block Grant funds.

The Kentucky Department of Agriculture works with numerous public and private partners to promote specialty crops and other Kentucky food products and help Kentucky producers find markets for their products.

USDA awarded a total of \$66 million in Specialty Crop Block Grants to all 50 states, the District of Columbia, and four U.S. territories. The grants were authorized through the 2014 farm bill.

Specialty crops include fruits, vegetables, tree nuts, horticulture and nursery crops. The USDA news release said U.S. sales of specialty crops total nearly \$65 billion per year.

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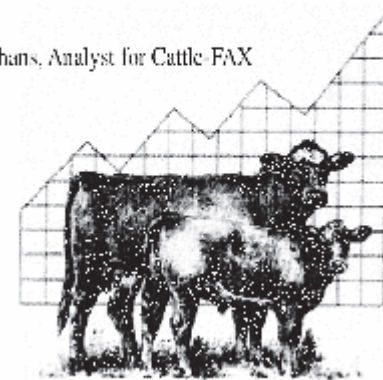
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11:00	Getting Cows Bred , Dr. Les Anderson, UK College of Ag, Animal and Food Sciences, Beef Extension Specialist
11:45	Lunch
12:30	Cow Herd Expansion , Dr. Kenny Burdine, UK College of Ag, Animal and Food Sciences, Beef Extension Specialist
1:30	Receiving 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
3:00	Adjourn

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kycorn CONNECTION

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

Grains Council Builds Export Markets

While price is an important consideration for buyers of corn and other commodities, the United States' reputation for reliability and honesty is also a significant market asset. The U.S. Grains Council, a KyCorn-supported organization, has been promoting these benefits in top markets around the globe and will continue to do so as the United States begins harvest for another record corn crop.

The United States exported more than 11 percent of the U.S. corn supply in the 2013/2014 marketing year, which ended Aug. 31. More than 100 countries purchased the U.S. commodity.

U.S. corn exports to Japan enjoyed a powerful rebound, with USDA reports showing 2013/2014 exports and outstanding sales of 11.8 million metric tons (465 million bushels). The Council has been able to provide Japanese end-users with timely, reliable information to reinforce their traditional preference for U.S. corn. This included presentation of the Council's 2013/2014 Corn Harvest Quality Report at the Japanese Outlook Conference last January. Now in their third year, the Council's Corn Harvest Quality and Corn Export Cargo Quality reports have become



recognized benchmarks for Japanese buyers who monitor the U.S. crop with great care.

Colombia also saw a dramatic rebound in U.S. sales. U.S. corn had become uncompetitive in recent years due to more favorable tariff treatment for South American producers. Implementation of the long-delayed U.S.-Colombia free trade agreement (FTA), recent policy changes and the Council's promotion in that market resulted in dominant market share in the past year. In April 2013, the Colombian Price Ban System increased the duty on South American origin imports to 5.75 percent. Thanks to the U.S.-Colombia FTA, however, the first 2.1 million tons (82.7 million bushels) of U.S. corn imports have a zero percent duty. Overall, the U.S. provided more than 95 percent of the 3.4 million ton (134 million bushels) Colombian corn market, with expectations favorable for the coming year also.

The good news extends to North Africa. For the 2013/2014 marketing year, Egypt, Morocco and Tunisia took a combined 3.0 million tons (118.1 million bushels) of U.S.

corn (accumulated exports plus outstanding sales), compared to nothing over the same period last marketing year.

"A year ago, North Africa dropped off the charts in terms of U.S. corn sales," said U.S. Grains Council President and CEO Tom Sleight. "But this year, Egypt took nearly as much corn (whole grain) as China, and Morocco and Tunisia are again buying U.S. corn."

Black Sea producers will continue to provide strong regional competition, but the rebound in U.S. sales this year demonstrates the importance of maintaining a strong and creative presence in rapidly evolving regional markets.

Heading into the 2014/2015 marketing year, the Council has more plans to develop new markets for U.S. corn. Examples of this include the Council exploring markets for U.S. ethanol demand overseas, building demand for coarse grains and co-products across the globe, including Latin America, Tanzania, China and Japan, in livestock sectors through tours of U.S. facilities, and Export Exchange 2014, the premier international trade conference focused on the export of U.S. coarse grains and co-products.

KyCorn Welcomes New Communications Director

KyCorn is pleased to announce its newest team member, Danielle Beard Hayden, who was hired as communications director on Oct. 10.



Danielle Beard Hayden

An Oklahoma native, Danielle is a 2012 graduate of Oklahoma State University where she majored in Agriculture Communications and Agriculture Economics. After college she began work as the associate editor of Farm Talk Newspaper, a four-state weekly agriculture newspaper based out of Parsons, Kansas where she was eventually promoted to chief editor.

During her time in Kansas, she met her husband, a Kentucky cattle farmer, and now resides in Ohio County. Since moving to the Bluegrass state, she has worked as a freelance writer and photographer for several cattle publications.

"We are excited about bringing a new, talented, young person on board," remarked Laura Knott, KyCorn executive director. "Danielle is committed to agriculture and will help us tell the important story of Kentucky's grain industry."

Danielle is replacing Jennifer Elwell, who has been with KyCorn since 1998. Jennifer is now program coordinator of the Kentucky Agriculture and Environment in the Classroom and pursuing additional interests in ag education and farm public relations projects to serve a broader agricultural community.

2014 Farm Bill Program Implementation Timeline

By Feb. 27, owners have a one-time opportunity to reallocate the farm's base acres or update yields.

Between Nov. 17 and March 31, producers make election which will remain in effect for the 2014-2018 crop years, of the following:

- (1) PLC or ARC County on a covered commodity-by-commodity basis; or
- (2) ARC Individual for all covered commodities on the farm.

From mid-April to summer 2015, producers sign contracts to participate in ARC/PLC for 2014 and 2015 crop years.

Decision Tools Available for ARC and PLC Programs

On Sept. 25, USDA rolled out regulations related to the new revenue-based Agriculture Risk Coverage program and other risk management options designed to help growers facing sharp declines in commodity prices or significant production losses. Two online tools will help farmers select whether Ag Risk Coverage or Price Loss Coverage provides the best risk management option for their operations under future scenarios. The tools are available at www.fsa.usda.gov/arc-plc.

Register Today for the KyCorn/KySGGA Precision Technology Seminar, Nov. 19-20

The next 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 or 502-742-2036.

Growers may also be interested in the Ohio Valley Precision Agriculture Conference, November 21, at the Vanderburgh County 4-H Center in Evansville. An agenda for both events can be found at www.kycorn.org.

Save the Date: Kentucky Commodity Conference, January 16, 2015

Check www.kycorn.org for links to agenda details and registration information.

UK ag professor named in top 40 under 40

LEXINGTON – From his early life on a dairy farm in Rineyville, Jeffrey Bewley has been committed to animal agriculture. Recently he was honored by Vance Publishing Corporation Agribusiness Group as one of its top 40 Under 40. The award recognizes people who are making a significant contribution to America’s food system.

“These are 40 of the brightest leaders in the agriculture industry, and we hope readers of all our brands are inspired by the work these young people are doing,” said Greg Johnson, editorial director of the Agribusiness Group and editor of The Packer.

Bewley started out working on his grandfather Hilary Skee’s dairy farm.

“My grandfather really encouraged my interest in dairy cattle from a young age,” he said. “He set an example for me as someone who cared equally about dairy cows and the dairy business. I was lucky to have many other mentors in high school, college, graduate school and the dairy industry. Today, I am most inspired by the enthusiastic students and innovative farmers I get to work with every day.”

Bewley earned his bachelor’s degree in animal sciences from the University of Kentucky in 1998, then went on to pursue a master’s degree in dairy science at the University of Wisconsin-Madison. Bewley landed back at UK after earning a doctorate in dairy science at Purdue University. He is currently an associate extension professor for the UK College of Agriculture, Food and Environment.

He said working at a land-grant university allows him opportunities to work in extension, teaching and research and to see how all those things complement each other.

“I’m interested in improving dairy farmers’ and cows’ well-being,” he said. “I focus on implementing precision dairy technology, mastitis prevention, cow comfort, preventing lameness and decision economics.”

Although his love of the dairy business has motivated him to be passionate about his job, Bewley said his students and innovative farmers are the ones who really inspire him to get things done.

“I’m always excited to see how the dairy farmers I work with continue to improve their operations,” he said. “I also look forward to each

new set of students I get to work with. Their enthusiasm really keeps me going.”
More information about the 40

Under 40 award program and this years’ honorees is available online at <http://40under40Ag.com>.



UK Ag professor Jeffrey Bewley

Photo by Steve Patton, UK Agricultural Communications Specialist

A close-up photograph of two hands shaking. The hand on the left is wearing a plaid shirt, and the hand on the right is wearing a blue striped shirt. They are shaking over a field of green crops.

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Grazing conference offers cutting-edge information

PRINCETON – Forage and animal producers can get research-based information about current grazing topics during the 15th Kentucky Grazing Conference.

The conference, hosted by forage and livestock specialists with the University of Kentucky College of Agriculture, Food and Environment, is from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. CDT Oct. 23 at the Western Kentucky University Expo Center in Bowling Green.

Keynote speakers include Ed Ballard, former University of Illinois extension educator and world-renowned grazing specialist. He will speak about grazing options for fall and winter. The second keynote speaker is Scott Flynn with Dow Agrosiences. He will address the economics of spraying for weeds in pastures.

"We have an outstanding program planned and will discuss cutting-edge grazing issues," said Garry Lacefield, UK extension forage specialist.

UK forage and livestock specialists will discuss additional topics including grazing methods, the importance of legumes and summer grazing options.

In the afternoon, contestants from across the state will compete to be the next Kentucky Forage Spokesman. The winner will represent the state in the national competition at the 2015 American Forage and Grassland Council's annual meeting in January in St. Louis. The state's past forage spokesmen have been nationally competitive, with Kentucky having more national winners than any other state. County agriculture and natural resource extension agents usually nominate contestants for the state contest, but those interested in competing can also contact Lacefield at 270-365-7541, ext. 202.

A silent auction will take place throughout the day. Additionally, awards from the Kentucky Forage and

Grassland Council will be given.

The conference is sponsored by the UK College of Agriculture, Food and Environment and the Kentucky Forage and Grassland Council.

Certified Crop Adviser credits will be available.

Participants register the day of the conference. The

registration fee is \$15 per person and \$5 for students. The cost includes proceedings, meal and refreshments.

More information about the conference is available on the UK Forage Extension website at <http://www.uky.edu/Ag/Forage/>.



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Managing risk under the 2014 farm bill

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to evaluate what program works best for you.”

One of the online tools is being developed by a group headed by Texas A and M University and can be found at <https://usda.afpc.tamu.edu/>. Another comes from a partnership of land-grant universities led by the University of Illinois and can be found at <http://fsa.usapas.com/>.

“Both of these tools are to help with the farm bill decisions,” Davis said.

Training sessions will soon be scheduled to prepare county extension agents to help producers with the use of the tools, Davis says.

“The people who are going to be doing the leg work on this will be the agents, helping farmers run these decision tools. We want to help these agents get very comfortable with the decision tools

that are out there before the flood gates open and everybody comes knocking at their door.”

Davis says the crop insurance is still being serviced by private sector companies, with the government serving a reinsurance function which hasn’t changed from the previous farm bill.

“There is going to be more education needed for everybody involved – farmers, crop insurance agents and lenders –

just to understand what the new programs are and how they interact, but the basic delivery mechanism has not changed at all,” he said.

Producers have from now through March 31, 2015 to make a decision between the PLC and the ARC, which will remain in effect for the 2014-2018 crop years.

By Ray Bowman
Field Reporter

USDA ups expected record corn, bean harvest

DES MOINES, Iowa (AP) – The expected record corn and soybean harvest will be slightly bigger than previously estimated, the result of late summer warmth that helped fill cornstalks with ears and soybean plants with bean pods, the U.S. Department of Agriculture said Friday.

Farmers are expected to bring in 14.5 billion bushels of corn, up 80 million bushels from the September estimate. It’s the third consecutive month the USDA has increased its estimate of the corn harvest as favorable weather helped the crops develop. And soybean farmers will harvest an estimated 3.93 billion bushels, up 14

million bushels from last month's estimate.

It’ll be a banner year for corn, with farmers expected to harvest a national average of 174.2 bushels per acre, a significant increase over the record of 169 set in 2009. Though the USDA lowered the number of acres planted by 1 percent to 90.9 million acres, the increased yield pushed the total expected harvest higher.

Twenty-two states expect a record high corn yield for 2014, and 10 states will set a benchmark for number of ears, including Illinois, Iowa, Nebraska, and Ohio.

Sixty percent of the corn crop was mature at the end of September, 10 percentage points behind the five-year average, but only 12 percent of the nation's crop was harvested because while the crops are in good shape they were planted late and aren’t quite fully mature. That’s slightly ahead of last year but 11 percentage points behind the five-year average.

Soybean farmers will see records fall, too, as 12 states will set new yield benchmarks, including Geor-

gia, Illinois, Indiana, and Ohio. The national average yield was boosted to 47.1 bushels per acre, up from the record of 44 set in 2009.

Just 10 percent of soybeans have been harvested, seven percentage points behind normal in most places, and more than 10 percentage points behind in Iowa, Minnesota, Nebraska and the Dakotas.

Ohio’s farmers are expected to see record corn and soybean yields.

Bill Bayliss, who grows both crops plus wheat in west-central Ohio, attributes it to weather that cooperated through the growing season.

“Unusually cooler weather and kind of consistent not big gully-washer downpours but just consistent rain made good growing conditions,” said Bayliss, who farms about 2,000 acres near West Mansfield.

He said harvest is about two weeks behind schedule as a result of late planting.

By DAVID PITT
Associated Press

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2015 Certified Roadside Farm Market enrollment open

LOUISVILLE – The season for roadside farm markets is far from over, but Kentucky Farm Bureau wants to help market owners get next year's efforts off to a great start. Enrollment for the 2015 Certified Roadside Farm Market program is now open.

During the 2015 season, KFB proudly celebrates its 20th year of offering the Certified Roadside Farm Market program.

This initiative was established in July 1996 as a way to help farmers market their fruits and vegetables directly from roadside markets to consumers across the commonwealth.

Since then, the membership has expanded to include farm enterprises like greenhouses, landscape nurseries, Christmas tree farms, vineyards/wineries and meat/cheese farm markets.

Markets certified through this program are identified by the cornucopia logo and listed in the KFB Certified Roadside Farm Market Directory.

The program also provides collective advertising, promotional items, education tour opportunities, and other mar-

keting benefits with the intent to increase the net farm income of member markets.

Early enrollment discounts are available for the 2015 KFB Certified Roadside Market program.

Returning markets that renew their membership before Nov. 15 receive the discounted rate of \$250. Renewal rates increase to \$325 for markets that wait to enroll Nov. 16 through Dec. 31.

Roadside markets that are new to KFB's Certified Roadside Market program can join for \$225 during the early enrollment session, which ends Nov. 15. New market members who enroll Nov. 16 through Dec. 31 can join for \$300.

All enrollment applications must be postmarked by Dec. 31 to guarantee placement in the annual membership directory.

For questions about enrollment and the benefits of participating in the KFB Certified Roadside Farm Market program, contact Fran McCall at 502-95-5000 ext. 7238 or by e-mail at Fran.McCall@kyfb.com.



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USDA expands access to credit to help farmers

WASHINGTON – Agriculture Deputy Secretary Krysta Harden announced that the U.S. Department of Agriculture will improve farm loans by expanding eligibility and increasing lending limits to help more beginning and family farmers.

As part of this effort, USDA is raising the borrowing limit for the microloan program from \$35,000 to \$50,000; simplify the lending processes; updating required “farming experience” to include other valuable experiences; and expanding eligible business entities to reflect changes in the way family farms are owned and operated. The changes become effective Nov. 7.

“USDA is continuing its commitment to new and existing family farmers and ranchers by expanding access to credit,” said Harden. “These new flexibilities, created by the 2014 Farm Bill, will help more people who are considering farming and ranching, or who want to

strengthen their existing family operation.”

The microloan changes announced today will allow beginning, small and mid-sized farmers to access an additional \$15,000 in loans using a simplified application process with up to seven years to repay. Microloans are part of USDA’s continued commitment to small and midsized farming operations.

In addition to farm related experience, other types of skills may be considered to meet the direct farming experience required for farm loan eligibility such as operation or management of a non-farm business, leadership positions while serving in the military, or advanced education in an agricultural field.

Also, individuals who own farmland under a different legal entity operating the farm now may be eligible for loans administered by USDA’s Farm Service Agency (FSA). Producers will have an opportunity to share suggestions on the

microloan process, and the definitions of farming experience and business structures through Dec. 8, 2014, the public open comment period.

FSA is also publishing a Federal Register notice to solicit ideas from the public for pilot projects to help increase the efficiency and effectiveness of farm loan programs. Comments and ideas regarding potential pilot projects will be accepted through Nov. 7, 2014.

Since 2010, USDA has made a record amount of farm loans through FSA — more than 165,000 loans totaling nearly \$23 billion. More than 50 percent of USDA’s farm loans now go to beginning farmers. In addition, USDA has increased its lending to socially-disadvantaged producers by nearly 50 percent since 2010.

These programs were made possible

by 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 taxpayers.

Since enactment, USDA has made significant progress to implement each provision of this critical legislation, including providing disaster relief to farmers and ranchers; strengthening risk management tools; expanding access to rural credit; funding critical research; establishing innovative public-private conservation partnerships; developing new markets for rural-made products; and investing in infrastructure, housing and community facilities to help improve quality of life in rural America.

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Approximately 400 heifers available - selected from 850 head!! (Angus & Angus X, Charolais & Charolais X, Limousin, Brangus X, Simmental X, Sater X) • All heifers calfhood vaccinated • **ALL HEIFERS HAVE NEGATIVE TEST FOR BRUCELLOSIS & BVD PERSISTENTLY INFECTED** • All heifers guaranteed pregnant • Sale lots will be grouped to calve in 45 days • Heifers bred to calving ease bulls with EPD's available, some A.I. bred • Heifers have met minimum pelvic measurement requirements • Heifers have met target weight requirements for their breed types • Fall health work completed (Bovi Shield Gold 5 FPL5 & pour-on wormer 45 days before sale) • All heifers meet Large or Medium frame • No shorts, bad eyes, no horns, no rat tails (Inspected by KDA graders) • No growth implants are used • All heifers are source verified & electronically identified.

Free Delivery of 10 or more head, up to 500 miles

All heifers guaranteed pregnant 60 days post sale. Heifers may be palpated by a licensed veterinarian up to 60 days post sale and buyer be refunded \$5.00/head.

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STONE GATE FARMS

ANNUAL FALL SALE

Monday, OCT. 27th • 12:30 p.m.

At the farm • Flemingsburg, KY

SELLING

- 25 REGISTERED ANGUS BULLS
 - 15 FALL CALVING COMMERCIAL COWS, most with calves by sale day.
 - 5 FALL CALVING COMMERCIAL HEIFERS
 - 5 SPRING CALVING COMMERCIAL COWS
 - 60 COMMERCIAL BRED HEIFERS, Bred to low birth weight Stone Gate Bulls. Due to start calving March 1, 2015.
- Have had 3 shots of Express FP 5-VLS.
Will be pregnancy checked and wormed within 30 days of sale.
Guarantee pregnant for 30 days after sale.



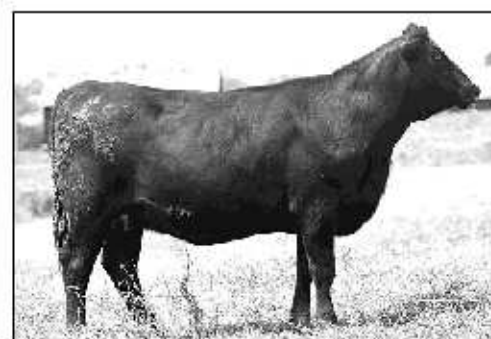
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Reg. #16363890

CED +8 BW -.4 WW +42

YW +87 Milk +25



Typical of the home raised commercial heifers selling.

We run 400 registered and 200 commercial cows and retain 150 heifers each year. Any females that don't meet our standards are sold for slaughter. You can buy these females backed by a 60 year breeding program with confidence.



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AUCTION/MARKET

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Russell County Stockyards

Russell Springs, KY

Oct. 8, 2014

Feeder Steers: Medium & Large 1-2

62 hd. 841# 219.35 blk-charx-red

59 hd. 918# 219.00 mixed

Feeder Heifers: Medium & Large 1-2

23 hd. 528# 258.75 blk

85 hd. 578# 246.85 blk-charx

Washington Co. Livestock

Springfield, KY

Oct. 6, 2014

Feeder Steers: Medium & Large 1-2

20 hd. 537# 255.25 blk

Feeder Heifers: Medium & Large 1-2

20 hd. 612# 239.50 blk

United Producers Irvington

Irvington, KY

Oct. 6, 2014

Feeder Steers: Medium & Large 1-2

20 hd. 731# 230.00 blk

Farmers Livestock

Glasgow, KY

Oct. 6, 2014

Feeder Steers: Medium & Large 1-2

25 hd. 376# 307.00 blk

24 hd. 457# 277.00 blk

54 hd. 513# 254.00 blk

28 hd. 531# 248.00 mixed

23 hd. 583# 234.75 mixed

42 hd. 590# 236.50 blk

26 hd. 661# 230.50 blk

26 hd. 729# 219.50 blk

Feeder Heifers: Medium & Large 1-2

20 hd. 290# 270.00 mixed

24 hd. 356# 250.00 mixed

34 hd. 366# 262.00 blk

66 hd. 445# 246.00 blk

31 hd. 447# 229.00 mixed

38 hd. 449# 244.50 mixed

23 hd. 508# 220.00 mixed

93 hd. 514# 227.50 blk

50 hd. 584# 217.00 blk

21 hd. 654# 210.50 blk

Feeder Bulls: Medium & Large 1-2

24 hd. 359# 274.50 mixed

26 hd. 386# 302.00 blk

21 hd. 436# 258.00 mixed

52 hd. 444# 265.00 blk

20 hd. 445# 254.00 mixed

59 hd. 511# 246.00 blk

24 hd. 525# 225.00 mixed

47 hd. 586# 226.50 blk

Blue Grass of Campbellsville

Campbellsville, KY

Oct. 8, 2014

Holstein Steers: Large 3

42 hd. 659# 191.00

Lake Cumberland Livestock

Somerset, KY

Oct. 4, 2014

Feeder Steers: Medium & Large 1-2

83 hd. 531# 287.00 mixed

Holstein Steers: Large 3

46 hd. 588# 202.50

Blue Grass East

Mt. Sterling, KY

Oct. 8, 2014

Feeder Steers: Medium & Large 1

21 hd. 572# 246.50 blk

24 hd. 590# 233.00 mixed

21 hd. 603# 236.00 mixed

22 hd. 766# 238.00 bbwf

48 hd. 803# 221.75 blk-smokes

Holstein Steers: Large 3

45 hd. 518# 216.75

77 hd. 643# 201.50

53 hd. 754# 185.85

59 hd. 793# 181.75

Feeder Heifers: Medium & Large 1-2

31 hd. 581# 230.25 mixed

124 hd. 770# 221.85 blk-charx-red

Paris Stockyards

Paris, KY

Oct. 9, 2014

Feeder Steers: Medium & Large 1-2

30 hd. 523# 254.50 blk

21 hd. 599# 252.50 blk

85 hd. 716# 258.75 blk

131 hd. 783# 241.80 blk

132 hd. 859# 235.70 blk

84 hd. 878# 226.90 mixed

20 hd. 791# 217.00 blk

Feeder Heifers: Medium & Large 1-2

20 hd. 505# 234.00 blk

25 hd. 513# 237.00 blk

57 hd. 517# 250.25 mixed

23 hd. 533# 234.50 blk

20 hd. 608# 223.50 mixed

Mid-KY Livestock Market

Upton, KY

Oct. 7, 2014

Feeder Steers: Medium & Large 1-2

21 hd. 465# 268.00 mixed

20 hd. 508# 253.50 mixed

23 hd. 565# 240.00 mixed

Feeder Heifers: Medium & Large 1-2

32 hd. 415# 243.75 blk

24 hd. 488# 244.25 blk

34 hd. 563# 222.00 blk

20 hd. 641# 213.00 blk

Feeder Bulls: Medium & Large 1-2

28 hd. 356# 287.50 blk

36 hd. 456# 260.00 blk

33 hd. 519# 245.00 blk

21 hd. 619# 222.00 blk

Kentuckiana Livestock Market

Owensboro, KY

Oct. 6, 2014

Feeder Steers: Medium & Large 1-2

26 hd. 513# 250.00

Feeder Heifers: Medium & Large 1-2

22 hd. 362# 287.00

26 hd. 430# 252.50

Feeder Bulls: Medium & Large 1-2

31 hd. 443# 278.00

38 hd. 519# 246.50



13th Annual Great Meadows Angus Association

Saturday, October 25, 2014 • 1 PM (EDT)

Heritage Farms

1024 Hinkle Lane • Shelbyville, KY 40065

SELLING 119 LOTS • 130 HEAD

35 OPEN HEIFERS:

Featured division of the sale. Ready to breed. Show Quality. Many are halter broke. Excellent Numbers Juniors! Check out the GMAA and Heritage incentive programs.

22 BRED HEIFERS:

Quality plus in this division • Includes fall and spring calving

38 COWS/ 7 CALVES:

Young cows that feature the service of many of the leading AI sires of the Angus breed. 19 Fall Calvers, 7 with Spring Calves, 12 Bred to calve in spring of 2015

27 BULLS:

Service-aged bulls ready for the fall breeding season. Semen Tested. SEVERAL CALVING-EASE

22 Embryos

475+ STRAWS OF SEMEN and 1 TANK

For a complete listing, go to www.dievertsales.com.

Please join us on Friday evening for a preview of the cattle and complimentary refreshments, PLUS a short program presented by Zoetis on DNA testing to enhance EPDs.



IAA Objective 902 of N265
Reg. No. 16468584
Donor cow from Irish Acres Angus
BC by Safeguard, ready to flush.



Heritage 7008 Ten X 347
Reg. No. 17851854
Check out the EPDs on this 10X from a maternal granddaughter of GAR Prime Time 2409.



Heritage Blackbird 42
Reg. No. 17780897
Consensus out of an Upward. \$B 111.55.



Heritage 7008 Ten X 354
Reg. No. 17851859
10X War Party. BW to YW Spread of 1.6 to 116 with and SB of 115.31.



SSF Blackcap 9090
Reg. No. 16436962
Sired by C04 and a maternal granddaughter of GAR EXT 2114.
Due in September to Regs.



Deer Valley Blackcap 8872
Maternal granddaughter of 2104.



BCA Miss Burgess 374
She is a donor in the Bear Creek program.
A daughter by Boyd Cowboy sells as Lot 18



TCF Royal Lass B406
Dam is a full sister to BR Midland.



SSF Blackcap 9090
C04 daughter out of a daughter of 2114.



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AUCTION/MARKET

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SV LS145

Compared to last week, Steer Calves below 500 lbs sold 5.00 to 8.00 higher, above 500 lbs steady to 2.00 higher with very good demand. Yearling Steers were steady to 1.00 higher with moderate to good demand. Heifer Calves sold steady to 3.00 higher with instances to 8.00 higher with good demand. Yearling Heifers were steady to firm with a light test and moderate demand. Quality was average to attractive on all classes. Slaughter Cows sold steady..... [More...](#)

SV LS145

STATE AVERAGES

Steers (M&L 1-2)	This Week	Prior Week	Last Year
350-400 lbs	303.90	297.43	170.47
400-450 lbs	280.71	280.45	164.25
450-500 lbs	268.28	268.99	162.84
500-550 lbs	254.88	252.79	161.85
550-600 lbs	246.52	245.26	156.95
600-650 lbs	241.84	234.25	151.98
650-700 lbs	229.91	237.14	148.91
700-750 lbs	221.51	226.15	158.53
750-800 lbs	224.59	224.17	148.56
800-850 lbs	223.70	209.60	150.63
850-900 lbs	228.10	220.07	146.69
Heifers (M&L 1-2)			
300-350 lbs	255.03	263.99	151.06
350-400 lbs	252.45	259.11	154.04
400-450 lbs	245.38	242.20	149.52
450-500 lbs	238.03	242.13	146.89
500-550 lbs	235.49	235.02	146.90
550-600 lbs	226.07	226.44	139.14
600-650 lbs	218.69	221.17	135.62
650-700 lbs	219.31	218.55	135.04
700-750 lbs	220.76	217.97	140.83
750-800 lbs	209.00	204.64	

SV LS145

WEEKLY COW SUMMARY

Slaughter Cows	Average	High	Low
Breakers	103.00-108.50	110.00-116.00	98.50-102.00
Boners	102.50-108.50	113.50-118.00	93.50-98.00
Lean	95.50-101.50	107.50-110.50	85.50-91.00
Slaughter Bulls	Average	High	Low
Yield Grade 1&2	123.50-128.50	130.50-134.00	114.00-118.50

SV LS551

Oct 9, 2014

Bowling Green

SLAUGHTER GOATS: 157

Kids: Selection 1 55-65 lbs 232.50. Selection 2 30-45 lbs 199.00; 45-60 lbs 226.00; 60-80 lbs 221.00. Selection 3 30-45 lbs 175.00; 45-60 lbs 205.00.

SHEEP: 216

Slaughter Lambs: Wool Prime YG 2-3 100-140 lbs 155.00-157.50. Hair Prime YG 2-3 65-75 lbs 195.00. Choice YG 1-2 45-60 lbs 220.00-225.00; 65-80 lbs 180.00; 80-100 lbs 180.00. Slaughter Ewes: Wool Choice and Good YG 2-3 160-180 lbs 72.00. Good YG 2 90-110 lbs 85.00.

SV GR110

GRAINS	This Week	Prior Week	Last Year
Corn	2.47-3.30	2.41-3.11	NA
Soybeans	8.37-9.62	8.20-9.20	NA
Red Winter Wheat	3.26-4.65	2.99-4.28	NA

ABSOLUTE ESTATE AUCTION

Saturday, Oct. 25th @ 10 a.m.

860 Salem School Rd. • Rineyville, Ky.

Directions: From Rineyville, stay on Hwy. 1600 and turn left onto Rineyville Big Springs Road. Then right on Martin Road. Then left on Blueball Road. Then right on Salem School Road.



FARM EQUIPMENT: 2010 John Deere 9660 STS combine, 630 F John Deere wheat head, John Deere 6430 tractor with cab and 1105 hrs., New Holland 4 wheel drive tractor w/32 L.C. bucket, Rhino 12 ft. Batwing bush hog, Reinco disc/cultipacker, Edge hayfork, gravity wagons, John Deere 693 grain wagon, Haybuster 107 drill, 14 ft. Allis Chalmers 2300 disc, John Deere 1210 mixer, New Holland 354 grain mixer, Rhino 3 pt. hitch post auger, Case IH 8480 hay baler, 8' chissel plow, New Holland 570 square baler, grain elevator, 4 bottom plow, tobacco wagons, hay wagons, hay rake, fuel tanks, basket hay tedder, Allis Chalmers 333 (6) row planter, 500 gal. sprayer, numerous gates, and more!

VEHICLES: 2004 Sterling grain truck with 393 cat engine, 53' grain trailer w/canopy, 2011 Ford F-150 XLT 4x4 pickup with 97k miles, Husqvarna HUV 4420-D Gator, 24' gooseneck flatbed trailer w/dovetail.

PERSONAL PROPERTY: Husqvarna 42" cut 20 hp riding mower, Campbell Hausfeld 5 hp air compressor, Greyco paint sprayer, power tools, 6 hp Craftsman tiller, seeder, fencing, chainsaws, moisture tester, heater, extension ladder, well pumps, Craftsman tool box, desk, fishing poles & equipment, leaf blower, guitars, games, chairs, patio set, tobacco sticks, and much more!

Terms: Cash or good check with photo ID. All items must be paid in full auction day. KY sales tax charged unless exempt. 10% buyer's premium will be added to all winning bids to determine the sale price.



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Blue Grass Stockyard

Lexington, KY

Oct. 8 & 7, 2014

Feeder Steers: Medium & Large 1

40 hd. 547# 257.00 blk-mixed
20 hd. 619# 250.00 blk
50 hd. 871# 216.50 blk-charx
60 hd. 882# 216.75 bbwf
43 hd. 903# 210.50 charx-blk
56 hd. 933# 215.50 blk-charx
34 hd. 934# 213.00 blk-red

Medium & Large 1-2

50 hd. 669# 238.50 blk-charx-red

Feeder Heifers: Medium & Large 1

31 hd. 594# 230.50 blk
72 hd. 701# 222.50 blk-charx

Blue Grass of Richmond

Richmond, KY

Oct. 3, 2014

Feeder Steers: Medium & Large 1-2

23 hd. 807# 257.00 blk-charx
62 hd. 853# 218.25 mixed
60 hd. 881# 219.65 blk-charx
59 hd. 911# 212.25 blk-charx
46 hd. 938# 211.90 mixed
55 hd. 960# 212.75 blk-charx
53 hd. 1047# 202.75 blk-charx-red

Holstein Steers: Large 3

24 hd. 908# 177.00

Feeder Heifers: Medium & Large 1-2

41 hd. 863# 228.00 blk-charx
42 hd. 897# 223.75 blk-charx-red
20 hd. 744# 220.00 blk-charx
21 hd. 855# 200.50 blk-charx

Blue Grass South

Stanford, KY

Oct. 8 & 9, 2014

Feeder Steers: Medium & Large 1-2

65 hd. 584# 268.00 blk-charx
24 hd. 588# 242.50 blk
74 hd. 648# 263.50 blk
65 hd. 720# 255.00 blk
68 hd. 817# 232.00 blk-charx
57 hd. 865# 219.00 blk-charx
59 hd. 867# 224.75 blk-charx
64 hd. 912# 221.75 blk-charx

Holstein Steers: Large 3

42 hd. 524# 219.50
96 hd. 679# 193.00
40 hd. 796# 176.75
55 hd. 960# 167.25

Feeder Heifers: Medium & Large 1-2

90 hd. 504# 256.25 mixed
67 hd. 686# 228.00 mixed
74 hd. 706# 232.00 blk-charx

United Producers Bowling Green

Bowling Green, KY

Oct. 7, 2014

Feeder Heifers: Medium & Large 1-2

20 hd. 522# 229.50 blk
51 hd. 655# 235.00 mixed

Lake Cumberland Livestock

Somerset, KY

Oct. 4, 2014

Feeder Steers: Medium & Large 1-2

83 hd. 531# 267.00 mixed
Holstein Steers: Large 3
46 hd. 588# 202.50

Central Kentucky Premier Heifer Sale



November 1, 2014 • 1:00 PM

Marion County Fairgrounds • Lebanon, KY

- Approximately 200 heifers will sell from producers in Marion, Nelson and Washington counties.
- Bred to calve in February 2015.
- Guaranteed bred to bulls with known EPDs and have met stringent requirements for health, quality and pelvic measurements.
- Guaranteed pregnant 30 days past sale.
- Some heifers are synchronized and artificially bred.
- All consignors are certified Master Cattlemen.
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SATURDAY, OCTOBER 25th • 10:30 A.M.

**AUCTION WILL BE HELD IN THE ADMART BUILDING AT THE
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We have been authorized by Robb Evans & Associates LLC as Receiver of Fortune Hi-Tech Marketing, Inc. to sell at auction the following:



2012 BMW X5 SUV (31,000 miles)
2003 Jeep Wrangler (12,000 miles)
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Run-About Fiber Glass Boat



2010 Sea Ray Boat Trailer
2 - 2007 Yamaha Jet Skis & Trailer
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(5000 lb. capacity)



Semi-Auto Pallet Wrapper (Shrink Wrapper)



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John Deere 5420 Farm Tractor
(CHA 4800 hrs.)



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(Approx. 40 - 10 ft. sections)
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16 Metal Clothes Lockers
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Panasonic Sweeper
Many other items



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October 25, 2014

held at Heritage Farm - Shelbyville, Ky



Lot 4



Heritage Blackbird 42
Consensus x Upward

WW	YW	MARB	RE	CW	\$W	\$B
62	107	.90	.80	50	48	114

A heifer with definite show potential. She and two others will be halter broke and ready to be prepped for the upcoming show season!

Lot 1



Heritage 7008 Ten x 347
TenX x Total

WW	YW	MARB	RE	CW	\$W	\$B
62	118	1.07	.96	56	33	121

A powerful big numbered daughter of 10x with tremendous potential! A real genetic buying opportunity.

ADDITIONAL CONSIGNMENTS:

14 YEARLING HEIFERS

...all heifers guaranteed to be breeders!

16 YEARLING BULLS

...all come with the Heritage Farm Breeding Guarantee

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	Grand	Reserve
County Shows	\$300	\$150
District Shows	\$500	\$250
(including CKAA Jr. Show)		
State Fair Jr. Shows	\$1000	\$500

In order for the junior exhibitor to receive their reward, they will need to send a picture of the heifer showing the banner, trophy, etc. to Heritage Farm - 1024 Hinkle Lane - Shelbyville, KY 40065

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Call 1-800-489-9454

Dairy

CHECK OUT OUR WEEK OLD HOLSTEIN BOTTLE CALVES: Holstein bottle calves, vaccinated, and colostrum fed. Call John Kuegal at 270-926-1858. Owensboro, Ky. TFN

FOR SALE: Registered and commercial Holstein bulls. Ready for service, some with deep pedigrees. Call Seibert Creek Holsteins at 859-481-8372. Springfield, Ky. TFN

WANTED: Wanting to buy Holstein heifers or Jersey heifers, bred or open; also dairy herds. Call Danny Layton at 270-991-3727. Cave City, Ky. TFN

FOR SALE: Holstein heifers, due to calve in November, bred to reg. Holstein bulls. Call 270-475-4191. Pembroke, Ky. 11/6

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FOR SALE: Registered polled Hereford bulls and Gelbvieh bulls. Call Clifford Farms at 859-234-6956. TFN

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Poultry

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Farm Equipment

FOR SALE: 2615L Bush Hog cutter, 15 ft., used very little, always shedded; IH 496 DISK, 18 FT; JD cultimulcher, 15 ft.; 140 IH tractor w/cultivators, late model, 1 pth. Call Mike Mason Equipment (on the Ky.-Tn. state line). Call 615-384-5023 or 615-347-5023. TFN

FOR SALE: 2004 Zetor tractor Super, serial # RIA0096, 1400 hrs.; M&W hay roller; Ponderosa trailer. Call 270-789-3289. Elkhorn, Ky. 10/16

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LeCows Dairy shares common ground with visitors

FROM PAGE 1

curate, side of things.”

Promotional materials about the event were directed at moms, but everyone was invited and started the day with cow-shaped cookies and milk while being welcomed to the farm by owners Lesa Clark and Ellie Gore Waggoner. Lesa’s mom, Sarah Elliott, was on hand, as were Ellie’s two year-old daughter, Sadie, and three month-old twins, Grant and Audrey.

The tour had multiple stops, where visitors could do everything from enjoy a step-by-step guided tour of the milking parlor (hosted by Lesa’s husband, Dan), to bottle-feed a baby calf. The Kentucky Soybean Board hosted an education station where attendees learned that soy is in virtually everything we eat, and were let in on the “big secret” that vegetable oil, unless labeled corn or canola oil, is likely straight soybean oil. Visitors got up close and personal with tractors and even a silage chopper with Ellie’s husband, Dustin. They saw the different kinds of food the cows eat, from silage to soybean meal to alfalfa hay, corn and oatage, all while learning about gestation and day-to-day life as a dairy cow.

LeCows, like most, truly is a family farm, and having four generations of female farmers on site makes every day a blessing for this family. Sarah and Louis Elliott (Lesas’s parents) started the dairy in 1964, and someone has been milking twice a day, every day, since then.

Though this is the year 2014, it is still difficult for women to overcome gender stereotypes.

“When we go to shows or conventions,” Lesa said, “Sometimes Ellie or I will walk up to a booth and the rep immediately looks over our heads or behind us to speak to the men of the family. That’s not a good start,” she said, because the women are the ones who actually run the dairy. Both husbands help out on the farm, but both have careers off the farm, too.

Lesa Clark stays busy farming, but true to the promise of her involvement with CommonGround, she spends quite a bit of time keeping her Facebook followers up to date on happenings around the farm.

“Our area is becoming very urban,” she said, “and that concerns me. It used to be that if you had a question about farming, chances were that you knew a farmer you could ask. With most folks being four generations removed from the farm, that’s no longer the case. We want to be here, and available to people who have questions about food and farming. We want to be transparent and let people know that there are good, hardworking people out there trying to make a living and trying to feed everyone. I don’t know any other way of life, and I don’t want to. This is me, this is what I do, and I am happy to answer questions.”

To follow LeCows, visit www.facebook.com/lecowsdairy, or subscribe to Lesa’s blog, growingupdairyhappy.wordpress.com. Also visit www.FindOurCommonGround.com.

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Photo by Rae Wagoner, Kentucky Soybean Board, CommonGround

LeCows Dairy Family: Sadie Waggoner, held by her great-grandmother Sarah Elliott. Back row, Dan Clark, Lesa Elliott Clark (holding Grant Waggoner), Dustin Waggoner, and Ellie Waggoner (holding Audrey Waggoner).



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I'm sure the voters in Florida are just as tired of the rhetoric as we are in Kentucky.

My husband and I just spent a week in Florida, but there were moments when it felt just like being at home. Television ads and billboards promoted different candidates running for office, but the majority of the advertising told voters who not to vote for. In many cases, it was impossible to tell the name of the candidate being supported; you could only tell who someone was opposing. One female candidate was being portrayed as a friend of President Obama. A vote for her was a sure vote in support of his administration's initiatives. Sound familiar? The candidate responded with an ad in which she states that she has laughed at what they have said about her, and if it were true, "I'm not sure I would vote for me either." In other ads she was quick to say that Republicans *and* Democrats are the problem in Washington. Obviously, she believes she is part of the solution. I'm sure the voters in Florida are just as tired of the rhetoric as we are in Kentucky. I came home to the big story that Alison Lundergan Grimes would not say who she voted for in the last two presidential elections. She handled the question poorly and it has garnered national coverage. My take? First, the question should never be asked. Once it was, however, she should have replied, "That's an inappropriate question, and I promise you that as a senator when the people of this great commonwealth come to ask me for help I will never ask them who they voted for. I will be there for all citizens of Kentucky." If that makes you think that I might have a future working on a campaign staff, think again. My first thought when I heard the question was to answer, "it's none of your business." I like to keep things to the point and there doesn't seem to be much room for that in political campaigns. Grimes certainly failed to make a point in her response to the question. I will be glad when the general election is over. My cynism meter is on overload and I need to get back to being a person who believes that good usually prevails. Because I am an eternal optimist, however, I continue to seek the truth hidden within the madness so that I can vote for the best candidates on the ballot come Nov. 4. I may not be excited about many of the options, locally and statewide, but I will be heard, and I will be counted. I hope you will, too.

The struggling health nut



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I realize that my writing and the subjects that raise my blood pressure revolve around a short list of themes, so I apologize if you have heard this before, but I am once again completely frustrated by conflicting food information. Who are we really supposed to believe when it comes to understanding what food is healthy or not healthy? Despite my better judgment, (I think I say that quite a bit as well) I subscribed to a weight loss consultant service that had a fancy health pitch bedazzled with "it's not your fault you are fat" proclamations. After I received the fifth email filled with the same information I work to debunk on a regular basis, I asked them to terminate my subscription. No such luck. Every day I am told there is at least one thing I should avoid at all costs, and I can learn all about it if I click on this link. Nine times out of 10 the message is from a third party trying to sell a magic supplement that will fix the issues, because avoiding such foods are impossible because of our modern food system. I purchased one such supplement about a year ago, and it ended up giving me an ulcer. While the evils of high fructose corn syrup, gluten, GMOs, and factory-farmed meat most frequently litter my inbox, the latest attack was on canola oil. The messenger said it was the worst vegetable oil you could consume, yet it is in most everything on the store shelf. This is a far different message than what we had been receiving since canola oil was named the new, healthier alternative to other vegetable oils several years ago. I took to Google to see if everyone was saying something similar. Was this a new finding? I am very aware that new technologies allow us to find more specific information with regard to impact-on-health studies, so I considered that maybe they now have better information. After my search, however, most sources I believed to be the most credible pointed to the benefits of canola oil, even those written within the last few months. Unfortunately, the site at the top of the search list said "Stop Using Canola Oil Immediately." Their reasoning was this: canola is a made up word (a shortened version of Canadian oil low acid – sounds very similar to high fructose corn

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KENTUCKY FARM BUREAU PRESIDENT
Mark Haney

President Dwight Eisenhower made a notable statement about the importance of voting, saying, “The future of this Republic is in the hands of the American voter.”

Another oft-repeated quote about voting came from a Greek statesman, who said, “Just because you do not take an interest in politics doesn’t mean politics won’t take an interest in you.”

Indeed, everyone in our great democracy is impacted by politics and the resulting public policy. Voting, of course, is the fundamental process that keeps our system of government working.

On Nov. 4, Kentuckians will elect a U.S. Senator, those who represent us in the U.S. House of Representatives plus many members of the state legislature.

If you watch television or follow the news in some fashion, I certainly don’t have to tell you of the importance of these races for the U.S. Congress. Whom we elect could make a big difference in deciding crucial policies on immigration reform, taxes, energy, foreign relations, trade and the environment.

Meanwhile, Kentucky’s General Assembly has a full plate of key issues important to the future of the commonwealth. Many tough decisions on fiscal policy lie ahead. We need to know where our state lawmakers stand in regard to the state budget and the tax code. Will they continue to support our agricultural development fund that has been so successful over the years? Where do they stand on property rights and environmental issues?

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We encourage everyone to participate in the electoral process. It is a privilege that is too important to pass up.

MARK HANEY is president of Kentucky Farm Bureau.

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WHAT REFORM? Audit please

Secretary of Agriculture Tom Vilsack stunned the cowboy crowd Tuesday, Sept. 30, when, in a one-sided meeting in his office, he told seven members of the nearly three-years-old beef checkoff reform effort that if they didn’t find common ground soon he might impose a second beef checkoff that would double the annual, non-refundable collections of the now-\$80 million federal program.

The secretary’s out-of-the-blue idea is rooted in two recent developments.

First, the reform effort, composed of 11 farm and livestock groups with either a passive interest or an active role in the 28-year-old beef checkoff, failed to offer Vilsack one solid idea to reform the long-controversial checkoff.

The key reason, say several members, was the National Cattlemen’s Beef Association, the checkoff’s biggest contractor, that blocked any proposal that might loosen its grip on the \$40 million or so in checkoff contracts it handles most years.

Secondly, Vilsack’s second dollar idea comes on the heels of a Cornell University study that claims beef check-off spending produces enormous benefits for cattle producers and importers who pay the vast majority of it.

At least that’s the way the “Return on Investment” report was presented to cattlemen by the checkoff’s Cattlemen’s Beef Board, CBB, when rolled out last July 31. (Links to sources posted at <http://farmandfoodfile.com/in-the-news/>.)

“In the most comprehensive study ever rendered about the Return on Investment (ROI) of beef checkoff assessment,” crowed a CBB press release, “Dr. Henry Kaiser of Cornell University concludes that each dollar invested in the Beef Checkoff Program between 2006 and 2013 returned about \$11.20 to the beef industry.”

Cattle-ranching members of the CBB that commissioned it immediately derided the study and several of its conclusions.

“When you dig into,” explains Chuck Kiker, a CBB member from Texas, “it’s not clear if the study only looks at the federal side—half—of the spending across those years. Does that mean what the states spent doubles the impact? I don’t know.”

David Wright, a CCB member from Nebraska, is more direct: “Can anyone believe every dollar the checkoff spent for eight years returned \$11.20? That’s an incredible number so my question is, if so, who got the money? Ranchers? Feeders? Packers? The study doesn’t say.”

Wright is right; so is Kiker. The study’s author, Cornell’s Harry Kaiser, when reached by telephone Oct. 7, explained that, indeed, only the CBB’s national half of total checkoff expenditures from 2006 through 2013 were examined for market impact. The other half, or about \$325 million over the eight years studied, was not included in the analysis.



FOOD & FARM FILE
Alan Guebert

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Rain delays cause market jump



MARKET WATCH

Dewey Strickler

Recently, the bears have scrambled as rain interfering with harvest caused prices to jump. Corn harvest is already running behind schedule at 17 percent complete compared to the average of 32 percent. The delay adds more logistical problems on top of a big crop, especially if quality issues arise because of wet conditions.

In other developments, the October Crop Report is expected to show an increase in yields and ending stocks close to 2.1 billion bushels. Export inspections were 34.7 million bushels and above the average needed to reach USDA's projection of 1.75 billion bushels.

The trend following funds are becoming more upbeat in their corn outlook as they have added 40 million bushels to their long position, increasing it to 105 million bushels.

Soybeans got a quick burst of energy recently because of harvest delays and dry conditions reported in northern Brazil. As of last week, only 20 percent of the crop had been harvested compared to the average of 35 percent. While the harvest delay is unlikely to turn the tide in soybeans, it puts the bears on notice that they may be stretching the rubber band a little too tight.

This is evident from the trend following funds reducing their short position 40 million bushels last week to 245 million bushels. In other developments, export inspections were

35.8 million bushels and above the average needed to reach USDA's target of 1.7 million bushels.

China took 21.6 million bushels, or 60 percent of shipments. The October Crop Report is expected to show the USDA raising its yield estimate with ending stocks near 478 million bushels.

For the past several weeks, wheat has been mostly copying corn and soybeans, but is beginning to divorce itself from those markets. Dryness in Australia, plus quality concerns in Europe has offered support.

Planting is progressing slightly ahead of schedule at 56 percent complete compared to 53 percent for the average. Several producers in the Midwest inform me that they are cutting back on acres because of depressed values and lateness of the corn crop.

Export inspections were 23.9 million bushels last week and above the average needed to reach USDA's projection of 900 million bushels. The trend following funds are beginning to scale back on their short position and have reduced it 20 million bushels to 430 million bushels. The October Crop Report is expected to show ending stocks of wheat at 704 million bushels.

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What reform?

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When asked how the analysis was able to determine the "economic effectiveness" of the broad, national checkoff programs when dozens of state programs were operating at the same time in local markets all around the U.S., Kaiser admitted that local checkoff "noise" was "a little bit of a problem."

"If you added in the state dollars," Kaiser noted, "you'd get a similar impact. It's not much of an issue."

In the report, Kaiser also explains that key elements of his analysis relied on data from both the CBB, who paid for the study, and NCBA, the chief contractor of CBB.

C. Robert Taylor, the Alfa Eminent Scholar and Professor of agribusiness structure and concentration at Auburn University, sees both as yellow flags.

"Independent studies, by their very name, suggest independent sources, not in-house numbers," noted Taylor by telephone Oct. 8.

A spokesperson for the CBB, when asked if he saw a conflict of interest in the CBB supplying its data to its contractor to write a report on the effectiveness of its programs through another contractor—who also supplied data for the report—offered no answer.

Yep, year-in, year-out, meeting after meeting and report after report, nothing ever changes in the beef checkoff.

Here's an idea that might change it: Rather than double the checkoff, the secretary should order a thorough audit of its books—audit the same years studied by the Cornell ROI report for contrast—to, finally, answer every question anyone in beef biz ever had of the checkoff.

Audit. Now. Please.

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The struggling health nut

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syrup, doesn't it?), it is now genetically modified by Monsanto, which MAY cause long-term health effects, and it's cheap. There were many instances of the words "may," "could," and "is likely," and the more substantial claims made against health risks where no different than any other plant oil; their chemistry changes upon heating to smoke point.

What was more interesting (and sad) was that I found conflicting articles within the same popular health site posted just a few months

apart.

My first conclusion is that the more popular a food item becomes in terms of consumption and production, there is an increased likelihood it will be targeted by the food police. As an agricultural PR professional, it gives me job security. As a consumer, I have to wade through all the good and bad information to figure out what I should believe and what I shouldn't.

My second conclusion is that making "good" food choices has become infinitely more stressful, which leads to stress eating, which causes me to buy bigger clothes. At

a certain point on the scale, I decide to eat less and exercise more, lose weight, and buy smaller clothes. This runs on a three- to four-year cycle for me.

So in the end, the fashion industry MAY be behind all the bad food information, and I continue to be a struggling health nut.

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Women in Ag conference set for November

LEXINGTON – Kentucky Women in Agriculture Inc. will hold its 15th annual conference and tour Nov. 5-6 at the Cave City Convention Center in Cave City.

The theme of this year's conference is "Faith, Family, and Farming." Registration is \$65 for the one-day conference (\$55 for students), which includes all meals, materials and membership dues for 2015. The pre-conference tour is \$25. Registration is due by Oct. 24. A limited number of conference scholarships are available.

A pre-conference tour is available Wednesday, Nov. 5 (8:15 a.m. – 4 p.m. CT) for those wishing to tour a variety of farm businesses in the region. Tour stops include Mammoth Cave Transplants, Chaney's Dairy Barn, New Beginning Therapeutic Horseback Riding and Kenny's Farmhouse Cheese and Winery. Lunch will be served at Chaney's. Space is limited for the tour.

The 2014 KWIA Conference will begin at 8 a.m. CST on Thursday, Nov. 6 with a networking breakfast and KWIA

business meeting. Tradeshow exhibits will open at 8 a.m., with registration opening at 7:30 a.m. The daylong conference includes a roundtable session with topics from farm bill updates to beekeeping to water quality, and more. KWIA's 2014 award winners will also be announced, recognizing the outstanding achievements of KWIA members and supporters.

Speaking during the awards luncheon will be author Bobbie Smith Bryant. The day is rounded out with concurrent sessions on women's health, ag issues and opportunities and social media.

Those reserving hotel rooms should do so by Oct. 20 to guarantee the group rate. Option 1 – Sleep Inn, \$69 plus tax, 270-773-2030; Option 2 – Comfort Inn and Suites, \$84 plus tax, 270-773-3335. Remember to ask for the KWIA rate.

For more information, visit the KWIA website at www.kywomeninag.com or contact by e-mail at info@kywomeninag.com or by phone at 877-266-8823.

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The Lord is my Shepherd

“Life is not fair,” some claim. When they try to place the events of life on a balance sheet, the total seems to be much larger on the negative side of the ledger. They prove their point: Life is indeed unfair.

And if we stop reading Psalm 23 at the end of verse four, it seems that the struggles of life end in victory with no celebration. The battle is over and we sit silently in comfort and security - but alone. Not so! Our Shepherd becomes a Host and we are seated at a lavishly set table with an abundance of food.

After a successful battle in the days of David, the victor would be seated in a banquet hall as the ones he defeated stood and watched as he dined before them. They would watch but not enjoy. They were the losers and could not enter into the joy of victory.

So our Lord will one day seat us in the presence of those who would have destroyed us. Not only is there the celebration of a feast that signifies victory, but the honor of being anointed with “oil” the sign of a true celebration. Then we read that our “cup” will be overflowing a picture of the goodness and grace of God that demonstrates Him giving the very best to His child whom He bought at a great price.

In the New Testament, the banquet table is a sign of salvation. We conclude this Psalm with a vision of being seated at a banquet with our Savior and Shepherd. A banquet where we will celebrate the joy of our salvation and being with Him forever.



Bake ziti

1 pound dry ziti pasta
1 onion, chopped
1 pound lean ground beef
2 (26 ounce) jars spaghetti sauce

6 ounces provolone cheese, sliced
1-1/2 cups sour cream
6 ounces mozzarella cheese, shredded
2 tablespoons grated Parmesan cheese

1. Bring a large pot of lightly salted water to a boil. Add ziti pasta, and cook until al dente, about 8 minutes; drain.

2. In a large skillet, brown onion and ground beef over medium heat. Add spaghetti sauce, and simmer 15 minutes.

3. Preheat the oven to 350 degrees. Butter a 9x13

inch baking dish. Layer as follows: 1/2 of the ziti, Provolone cheese, sour cream, 1/2 sauce mixture, remaining ziti, mozzarella cheese and remaining sauce mixture. Top with grated Parmesan cheese.

4. Bake for 30 minutes in the preheated oven, or until cheeses are melted.

Honey-garlic slow cooker chicken thighs

4 skinless, boneless chicken thighs
1/2 cup soy sauce
1/2 cup ketchup

1/3 cup honey
3 cloves garlic, minced
1 teaspoon dried basil

1. Lay chicken thighs into the bottom of a 4-quart slow cooker.

2. Whisk soy sauce, ketchup,

honey, garlic, and basil together in a bowl; pour over the chicken.

3. Cook on Low for 6 hours.



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Large grain crop may call for alternative storage

PRINCETON – Large grain crops in most of the state, coupled with low prices, have producers looking for storage options this harvest season.

Producers in areas west of Hopkinsville and east of Bowling Green are reporting near-record yields in corn and soybeans, like most of the U.S. Corn Belt. In mid-September, the Kentucky office of the National Agricultural Statistics Service estimated the state's corn crop at 215 million bushels and soybean production at 77.7 million bushels. Both are well above 2011 production.

With prices for both crops much lower than in the past several years, most of these producers are looking for at least short-term storage options. While no county storage data exists, it is likely that grain production will exceed storage capacity in many areas.

Farmers who plan to store grain in machinery sheds, reinforced silos or grain bags need to make sure their management practices of these structures pre-

serve the quality of the grain, said Sam McNeill, extension agricultural engineer with the University of Kentucky College of Agriculture, Food and Environment.

"Seeing impressive numbers on a yield monitor is satisfying, but the job isn't really done until grain has passed grade at the elevator and is sold," McNeill said. "The diligence spent scouting fields during the growing season should transfer over to managing grain during storage."

Clean, undamaged grain is best for long-term storage in conventional bins and when producers must use temporary or alternate storage facilities.

Producers should thoroughly clean alternative storage structures and make sure to fill them last and empty them first. McNeill said they should evaluate these structures for strength, capacity, filling and unloading needs, and aeration requirements.

Most commercial storage buildings have built-in or add-on packages that

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Sautéed Pork Tenderloin Medallions with Lemon-Garlic Sauce

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| 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 1/2 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 1/8 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 1/8 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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