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The National Farm Machinery Show in Louisville provided opportunities for the next generation of farmers to become acquainted with power machines.

Equipment technology advances at farm show

The National Farm Machinery Show, held in Louisville Feb. 12-15, showcased 900 exhibits, hosted 300,000 visitors, and featured the 53rd championship tractor pull. The event is family-friendly and offered buyers the chance to try out a variety of machines and tools, to comparison-shop, and become educated through free seminars on the latest innovations available in agriculture.

Vendors presented the newest developments in equipment and technology. There were new planters, spreaders, tillage systems, augers, mixers, balers, trailers, bins, elevators, backhoes, sensors, a half-scale tractor, and seeders.

Great Plains introduced the Velocity hybrid tiller tool. Horsch brought its new Maestro SV row crop planter. Danuser featured its new EP Augur system, which offers a lifetime warranty on its output spindle. Duck Foots Parts added a feature, a reusable fastening clip, to its slipover paddle tines, which help grain clear the cutter bar on reels. The Woods Compact Super Seeder, available in 48" and 60" widths, can maneuver in narrow places a larger tractor can't.

The half-scale tractor was built to be used in parades and displays. It's the 4020 Wheatland John Deere.

Titan International expanded its line of tires with a wider range of treads and also made a manufacturing shift that benefits soybean farmers. Tim Thomas of the Kentucky Soybean Association said the Goodyear Assurance Weather-Ready passenger tires have replaced petroleum with soybean oil.

Bale Band-It debuted its new HD Twin 40 baler at the show.

Technology gets more sophisticated each year as it moves from prototypes to products.

Trimble's WeedSeeker 2 spot-spray system uses intelligent sensors to target individual weeds and deploy a localized

dose of herbicide. The versatile Sensor-I Monitor can scrutinize up to 1278 rows and will affix to drills, fertilizer spreaders, and air carts. Kinze's new planter technology adjusts seed spacing depending on the size and shape of the seed.

The National Farm Machinery Show 2020's own app can still be accessed through the Map Your Show tool and used next year when it updates. It was helpful for negotiating the three exhibitor wings, locating food vendors, and sounding alerts about seminar start

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UK to host KATS Green-up workshop March 5



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The KATS Green-up Workshop will offer producers information that will help them make informed decisions during wheat green-up and as they prepare to plant corn and soybeans.

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PRINCETON, Ky. – The University of Kentucky will host a Green-Up Workshop March 5 at the UK Research and Education Center in Princeton. The workshop is part of the Kentucky Agricultural Training School educational series and aims to help producers make better-informed management decisions during wheat green-up and as they prepare to plant corn and soybeans.

During the daylong event, specialists with the UK College of Agriculture, Food and Environment will discuss aphid scouting and evaluation of natural enemies of different aphid species, managing nitrogen for wheat, identifying and managing soil compaction, the economics of soil testing, influences on soil productivity, and using cover crops as

forage to add another profit center to your farm.

Most of this event will occur outdoors, and the training will happen regardless of the weather. Participants should dress accordingly.

Program organizers have applied for continuing education credits for pesticide applicators and certified crop advisers.

Class size is limited to 30 people, and preregistration is required to attend the UK Grain and Forage Center of Excellence workshop. The cost to attend is \$105 per person. Interested individuals can register at kats.ca.uky.edu.

By Katie Pratt
University of Kentucky

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Bull calves: 5.00-85.00, Beef Cross 100.00-2250.00, Crossbred 50.00-90.00.

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NOTICE OF SPECIAL MEETING OF THE BURLEY TOBACCO GROWERS ASSOCIATION

Wednesday, April 8th • 10 a.m. EST

PLACE: Burley Tobacco Growers Cooperative Association | 620 South Broadway • Lexington, KY 40508

TO ALL GROWER MEMBERS:

There will be a special meeting of the grower members of the Burley Tobacco Growers Cooperative Association held on April 8, 2020 at 10 a.m. EST at the Association’s office at 620 S. Broadway, Lexington, KY 40508. All grower members of the record at the close of business on Feb. 25, 2020 are entitled to vote at the meeting.

A VOTE SHALL BE HELD AT THIS MEETING TO DISSOLVE THE ASSOCIATION AND TO DISTRIBUTE ITS ASSETS. FOR THIS VOTE TO PASS, 2/3 OF THE MEMBERS MUST VOTE TO APPROVE. YOU ARE ENCOURAGED TO ATTEND OR CAST YOUR VOTE BY THE PROXY BALLOT BELOW, WHICH YOU MAY CUT OUT AND MAIL TO SUBMIT YOUR VOTE. YOU ARE ENCOURAGED TO ATTEND OR CAST YOU VOTE BY THE PROXY BALLOT AVAILBLE AT THE LINK BELOW.

The Proxy Ballot, as well as the Farmers Plan of Dissolution and Distribution, can be found at www.blfky.com/burley. If you are “FOR” dissolution and full distribution, please make sure your Membership is certified with the Co-Op, and then print, complete, sign and mail the Proxy Ballot. If you have questions, or have trouble doing either, call Billings Law Firm, PLLC at 859-225-5240.

PLAN OF DISTRIBUTION OF THE BURLEY TOBACCO GROWERS CO-OPERATIVE ASSOCIATION

	Farmers Plan for <i>Dissolution and Distribution of ALL Assets</i>	Board’s Plan of <i>Partial Disbursement</i>
Timing of Distributions	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- 2-year plan of distribution- Initial distributions to farmers in Fall 2020- Final distributions by April 30, 2022	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- 4-year plan of continued operations (losses) and potential yearly payments- Last distributions to be made by December 31, 2023
Distribution Amount	<i>All Assets</i> less costs/expenses incurred in the dissolution/distribution <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Accounting, legal fees, brokers, etc., estimated to be less than \$3 million	<i>Partial</i> distribution: Co-Op will spend, waste or keep at least \$7.2 million (approximately 1/4 th of assets) <ul style="list-style-type: none">- \$3.2 million budgeted for operating expenses over next 4 years (\$800,000 per year)- \$700,000 budgeted for distribution costs/expenses- \$3,500,000 for the Co-Op to keep
Persons Eligible for a Distribution	Any Member (or farmer eligible for membership) during crop years 2016, 2017, 2018, 2019 OR 2020. <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Farmers can retroactively “certify” their membership for any one of these years	Only certified Members of the Co-Op for the years of 2015, 2016, 2017, 2018, or 2019 <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Leaves out farmers <i>not</i> told by the Co-Op that they had to “certify” their membership each and every year
Grower Contracts	Grower contract program ends	Grower contract program ends (Co-Op has already sent out notice ending grower contracts)
Result	Complete Dissolution of the Co-Op and final distribution of its assets by April 30, 2022	Co-Op keeps operating with at least \$3,500,000 of the farmers’ money; final distribution not until December 31, 2023

Tobacco growers have important votes ahead



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To dissolve the organization, two thirds of its members must vote for dissolution.

Kentucky burley growers continue to lose ground in a global marketplace and at least some growers question the need for the once-powerful Burley Tobacco Growers Cooperative.

There was a day in Kentucky when burley tobacco was king. The burley co-op operated a program that protected growers like no other program we have seen before or since its demise. Production levels were controlled through a quota system. The co-op was “the pool,” and if a farmer’s tobacco didn’t bring a certain price per pound, the co-op would buy it. The crop was then held until it could be sold to benefit the co-op’s members.

Today, as growers contract directly with manufacturers, the co-op struggles to find its purpose. There is no question that growers need a unified voice. Sadly, the cooperative has failed to offer that representation.

An operational review of the cooperative performed by the Kentucky Center for Agriculture and Rural Development even pointed out a “board centric focus” instead of a focus serving its producer members.

“A producer cooperative should be focused on serving its producer-members, and the board should be focused on how to improve the cooperative’s ability to do that. The board of directors appears to be more focused on how board members act and react and board politics,” according to the analysis.

Now, a group of growers – led by board member and former co-op president Roger Quarles, Eddie Gilkison and Harry Rankin – has called for dissolving the cooperative and distributing around \$33 million in assets to farmer members.

Another smaller group of growers has filed a lawsuit in Fayette County against the cooperative seeking class action status and the dissolution of the cooperative.

During a meeting this month, the Burley Co-op board voted to distribute \$15 million in funds this year and take action to liquidate assets, but they want to leave the co-op operational and retain up to \$3.5 million.

The board’s vote states that the co-op would continue by providing “advocacy for tobacco growers, support research, education programs and services of benefit to tobacco growers directly and in aid of their transition to other types of farming as the market for tobacco decreases...”

Growers now have some decisions to make. First, let’s just

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Providing opportunities through generosity



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Your agents, in every county of the commonwealth, need volunteers in a big way.

It is a challenge for me to remember a time when 4-H was not front and center in my life. From camp and club days, to state teen council and a stint as State Vice President (’93-’94), 4-H has been a singularly formative aspect of my life – both then and now – all I have learned and applied to my life as an adult in the workforce, a scholar, a husband, dad, and friend.

It is a deep privilege for me to serve as chair of the Kentucky 4-H Foundation, reflecting on a foundational and brilliant past, a vital present, and a dazzling future. All aspects of my 4-H career inform my leadership in this time and place.

I think often of some words of wisdom passed along by my predecessor, Pam Rowsey Larson (State VP, ’78-’79): “When I aged out of the 4-H program, I was rather bummed. It had meant so much to me. What do I do now? And years later, the opportunity to serve Kentucky 4-H through service on the Foundation board of directors came to me, and I knew that my involvement with 4-H did not ever really have to end. I may not always be on the Foundation board, but the way I contribute to 4-H at the local and state level will always be before me. What was critical to me as a young person is just as important to me now.”

If you’re reading this, you, too, have this same opportunity – to give back in some measure. Maybe what you have the most to give is time. Your agents, in every county of the commonwealth, need volunteers in a big way. Perhaps you have life wisdom; kids in your county need people like you to speak into them, to spend time with them.

Or, maybe your bank account has some room to provide a portion of your discretionary income to 4-H programs. That’s what the Foundation is here to do – to provide funding opportunities for Kentucky’s youth. And the only way we can do that is through your generosity.

One of the things I love the most about 4-H is its systemic approach to whole child development (head, heart, hands, and health) in a deeply interconnected global space (club, community, country, and world). There is literally something for everyone, in every way. Kentucky 4-H is creative programming designed to lift students into a future of their own design, and, quite simply, loads of fun you cannot find elsewhere.

All it takes is our creativity and fortitude to see to it we are continuing to develop a world around us that allows such opportunities to be important amidst competing alternatives.

What an honor and privilege for all of us! Join the Foundation along this journey into the heart of the 21st century.

BRENT HUTCHINSON is chairman of Kentucky 4-H Foundation.

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MARKET WATCH

Dewey Strickler

The dollar has risen 3.2 percent since late December making U.S. soybeans more expensive.

Traders are becoming more optimistic about the grains now that the Phase I trade deal with China has gone into effect. Expectations are that they will start making purchases soon. This is reinforced by China granting tariff exemptions effective March 2 on 697 U.S. goods including ag products.

However, as the old saying goes, we hear the talk, now show us the money! Looking at exports, inspections were a marketing year high last week at 31.3 million bushels with the pace of shipments rising 58 percent since mid-January. While that is good news, the bad news is that we must ship 44.3 million bushels each week to reach USDA's projection of 1.725 billion bushels. China, as well as our traditional customers, will have to buy a large quantity of corn for it to be reached.

Optimism is growing that China will begin making large soybean purchases now that the trade deal has gone into effect. However, we may be getting ahead of ourselves as the impact of the coronavirus on their economy is still largely unknown. There are suspicions regarding the data China is releasing about its impact in that they may be downplaying its effect. One private source estimates China's GDP will fall from 6.1 to 4.6 percent because of the virus. In other developments, a record crop looms in Brazil with their harvest 27 percent complete compared to 36 percent a year ago and 25 percent for the average.

The dollar has risen 3.2 percent since late December, making U.S. soybeans more expensive. Looking at exports, inspections last week were 36.4 million bushels with China taking 7.4 million. This was an improvement over the 3.6 million bushels they took the previous week.

Wheat rebounded early this week from reports of Australia lowering their production estimate to 15.2 million tons, the lowest since 2008.

This compares to USDA's estimate of 15.6 million tons. Additional support is being derived from expectations that China will be in the market for large quantities of wheat as part of the Phase I trade deal.

Looking at exports, inspections last week of 18.4 MB were nothing to draw excitement. They must average 23.2 million bushels each week to reach USDA's projection of 1 billion bushels. We have not met the amount needed to achieve their target since mid-December.

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The changing geography of U.S. farming and food

Geography isn't static. Rivers change course, mountains erode, and islands disappear under rising seas.

The geography of farming and food changes, too. For example, 180 years ago my home county was the castor bean and castor oil capital of the U.S. Both titles, however, slipped into irrelevance as a new resource, crude oil, rose to dominate the lubricant business. Today, fewer and fewer Americans have ever heard of castor beans or castor oil.

Those long-forgotten twins seem to have a modern equivalent. Total U.S. wheat acres peaked at 88 million in 1981. Last year, the most recently completed reporting year, total U.S. wheat acres were about one-half of that, or 45.6 million acres.

In its just-published "Agricultural Projections to 2029," however, the U.S. Department of Agriculture forecasts wheat's decades-long slide will stabilize between 45 million and 46.5 million acres in the coming decade. That estimate also comes with a warning: "U.S. (wheat) export growth is tempered by sustained price competition from Russia, Ukraine, and the European Union."

Translation: After 40 years of falling U.S. wheat plantings and, now, fast-rising international competition for exports, don't bet on our forecast.

It's no surprise that the two biggest benefactors of wheat's decline are America's two biggest crops, corn and soybeans. As David Widmar of Agricultural Economic Insights pointed out more than two years ago, almost 30 million of wheat's lost 43 million acres have been planted to corn and soybeans since 2000.

There are two critical (among other) reasons for the big switch: government ethanol blending mandates have fueled corn's rise and fast-growing soy exports, especially to China, have pushed soybean acres higher.

Both forces, however, are losing steam. Increased use of electric cars and, soon, trucks, has already flat-lined the once voracious U.S. gasoline – and, in turn, ethanol – appetite and continued global competition in the soy trade is pinching U.S. soybean margins towards breakeven.

The elective, sustained tariff war with America's biggest soybean customer, China, throughout 2018 and 2019 has added to that woe.

More troubling for U.S. farmers is the unabated growth of their soy competitors, especially South America's biggest soy boy, Brazil. Late last year, USDA's Foreign Agricultural Service noted that for the first time ever, "Brazil is forecast to overtake the United States as the leading soybean producer in the world during the 2019/20 season."

Part of the explanation is American; 2019's terrible weather clipped U.S. soybeans harvest nearly 20 percent. Another part, though, is Brazil's strong and steady rise in plantings.

Last July, the Brazilian Ministry of Agriculture forecast the nation's soybean acreage would balloon 25 percent in the coming decade. If accurate, the increase of 23.5 million acres would boost Brazilian soy acres to 112 million by 2029, or about 22 million acres more than the record U.S. soy plantings in 2017.

A few days after that news hit global markets, Reuters reported that the chairman of China's largest food company, state-owned COFCO International, told Brazilian ag leaders that his firm wanted to increase its Brazilian soy imports by 25 percent over the next five years. More troubling, the COFCO boss added that his company would underwrite soy expansion on some or most of Brazil's undeveloped 25 million hectares.

How many acres are in 25 million hectares? You better sit down for this: a staggering 61.8 million.

That number and the Chinese promise should finally dispel another myth too long at the center of U.S. agricultural geography: Buy land because they're not making it anymore.

Well, "they" are making more of it and many of those makers – Brazil, Ukraine, Russia, China among others – are poised to substantially alter American farm and food geography in the next 20 years.

In fact, they already are; just ask a wheat grower.

If you can find one.

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FOOD & FARM FILE

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Translation:
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Working together in the tobacco industry

A challenging tobacco market for farmers has been a consistent theme in my articles over the past two years. The economic realities of the world tobacco market and decline in demand for U.S. burley has taken a toll on tobacco farmers profitability and tobacco organizations have worked hard to find ways to support our grower members.

Earlier this month, the Burley Tobacco Growers Cooperative Association board made a bold move to align itself with the new reality of the tobacco industry by passing a proposal to reorganize, distribute assets, and make direct payments to the co-op members.

Over the last several months the Co-op leadership has attempted to address the growing concerns from farmers as to the role of the 99 year old Co-op in the new world tobacco market. In the plan, which was approved by the co-op board, the organization will pay all liabilities in full and then begin the distribution of assets. The first distribution will be of a minimum of \$15 million disbursed by Dec. 31 to all growers deemed eligible from the 2015-2019 growing seasons.

Also in 2020, the leadership will list for sale the Co-op office building located at 620 South Broadway in Lexington. Over the course of the next three years as the building and all additional assets are sold, the co-op will make annual distributions payments to the eligible growers with a final distribution to members no later than Dec.

31, 2023. This multi-year approach on the liquidation of all assets will allow the Co-op time to secure a fair price for all assets.

The co-op board decided to quit purchasing tobacco from growers beginning with the 2020 season. In the plan approved by the co-op board the co-op will contract with Burley Stabilization Corporation in Tennessee to sell the existing tobacco inventory, which consists of 3.9 million pounds of processed and 641,231 pounds of raw tobacco. As tobacco inventory is sold in 2021-2023 the net proceeds of the sales will be distributed to the eligible growers by Dec. 31 of each year.

The plan approved by the co-op board outlines that the organization will retain no more than \$3.5 million of the liquidated assets to fund the restructured organization. The funds will provide a strong foundation to allow the streamlined organization to return to its roots of advocacy, education, research, and services for all tobacco farmers.

The Council for Burley Tobacco supports the plan approved by co-op's board of directors and we will work with the co-op leadership team to share information in an effort to get the plan approved. We plan to also give serious consideration to how our organizations can work together and possibly merge to create a single grower organization that will be the voice for future to-

bacco growers.

It is imperative that our growers have an organization that is willing to take up the fight for those that want a future in the industry. This was clear in a meeting this past week with Philip Morris International and Universal Leaf, where representatives explained that Universal Leaf is in the middle of restructuring and they have not issued any contracts to date.

We walked away from that meeting with no guarantees that Universal Leaf and PMI will buy any burley or flue-cured tobacco in the upcoming growing season. Yet another blow to growers in our struggling market.

The council will continue to work with the co-op leadership, Farm Bureau, and tobacco organizations in other states to explore opportunities for our growers. As we enter into another season of uncertainty, the Council will continue to do our best to provide burley growers with information on the market season.

To learn more about the Council for Burley Tobacco and to become a member you can visit our website at councilforburleytobacco.com. You can also join the burley conversation by "Liking" the Council on Facebook at facebook.com/Council-ForBurleyTobacco.

DARRELL VARNER is president of Council for Burley Tobacco.

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say that it's sad that action has been necessary to even determine who are the co-op's members because the co-op has not worked very hard to make sure it represented every grower.

Even the 2018 KCARD report points out, "Membership in the cooperative changes annually based not on tobacco production by the members, but by a decision to allow people to be 'members' through a self-selected ballot that only goes to regions where directors are up for re-election."

Currently, the co-op requires that a grower contact the co-op each year to certify that he or she is producing tobacco and to sign up as a member.

According to Nathan Billings, the attorney working with growers to dissolve the co-op, only one document has been identified that was produced by the co-op that ever let growers know how to certify to become a member.

Since Billings has been engaged by members to force a vote on dissolving the co-op, hundreds of growers have certified

production and become members (his website states there are now 640 current members).

Now that growers know they have a cooperative should be representing them (Kentucky growers as well as Indiana, Missouri, Ohio and West Virginia), they can be part of the decision-making process about the future of their cooperative.

Two upcoming meetings are important for tobacco growers:

The Burley Cooperative is holding an annual membership meeting on Friday, March 27 at the Fayette County Extension Office, 1140 Harry Sykes Way (Off Red Mile Road).

The day begins with GAP training at 10 a.m. and the membership meeting begins at 1 p.m. Members will discuss distribution of assets to members (present and within the past five years), with final distribution of all assets except \$3.5 million by Dec. 31, 2023.

The call for a meeting that comes from the producer-driven vote for dissolution will be held on Wednesday, April 8 at 10 a.m. at the cooperative office, 620 S.

Broadway, Lexington.

That vote calls to dissolve the association and distribute all assets.

Billings said the cooperative will not send out a notice about the meeting until mid-March, and he argues that the delay is intended to make it difficult for members to learn about the proposal and make arrangements to vote. Producers can vote via a ballot published by Billings in the Feb. 13 edition of The Farmer's Pride or can go online at blfky.com/burley. Voter cards must be returned by April 3. (Additional information is available on page 3.)

To dissolve the organization, two thirds of its members must vote for dissolution. This plan distributes funds to growers from 2016 and would be completed by April 30, 2022, but could be extended by notice to grower members.

Of course, the elephant in the room for the two proposals and the lawsuit is how a grower is identified for distribution purposes. Anyone in the room during talks for the buyout will remember the conversation did get heated when growers talked about doing away with the program. It only got heated when the discus-

sion identified the quota holder, the grower, and the various years of production that might be used for distributing buyout funds.

Now it will be a "registered grower," "certified grower," and most of all years of production that adds difficulty to the process.

The contact information for every Burley Co-op board of directors member was provided by the co-op in the Feb. 13 edition of the Pride. It can also be found on the co-op's website at burleytobacco.com/Directors.html. Keep in mind that board members are divided about the direction they should take in the future.

I urge all tobacco growers and growers who stopped producing burley in recent years to study these proposals. Make sure you are properly identified as a grower and have a voice in this important issue.

Keep in mind there are two separate meetings and two separate votes that can determine the future of the cooperative coming up very shortly. You should have a voice in both.

IPM training school returns to Princeton

PRINCETON, Ky. – The University of Kentucky’s IPM Training School is scheduled for March 12 at the UK Research and Education Center in Princeton.

During the daylong event, UK College of Agriculture, Food and Environment specialists will discuss the latest research and integrated pest management techniques to manage field crops. UK Grain and Forage Center of Excellence researchers will present information on the latest and greatest in corn disease management, weed control in an era of expanding herbicide-resistant crops, precision agricultural practices, managing nutrients for high yield crops, maximizing soybean profitability through management and the results of 2019 UK insect research in corn and soybeans.

The program is approved for continuing education units for pesticide applicators. They can receive four general and two specific hours in categories 1A, 10 and 12. Certified Crop Advisers can receive six continuing education units from the event including three in integrated pest management and one each in nutrient management, crop management and precision agriculture.

Preregistration is encouraged to this free event and is available through March 9. Participants can preregister at 2020ipmtrainingschool.eventbrite.com/ or by contacting a local office of the UK Cooperative Extension Service for a registration form. Participants can email completed registration forms to Zenaida Viloria

at zenaida.viloria@uky.edu or mail the form to Attn: Zenaida Viloria, UK Research and Education Center, 348 University Drive, Princeton, KY 42445. Lunch will be provided at the event.

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Photo by Ric Bessin, UK extension entomologist
A brown marmorated stink bug feeds on soybeans.

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3 potatoes, peeled and cubed
 1/4 cup olive oil
 1 sweet onion, finely chopped
 3 cloves garlic, minced
 1 1/2 pounds ground beef
 1 cup Italian seasoned bread crumbs
 1 tablespoon fresh parsley, minced
 1 teaspoon salt (optional)
 1 teaspoon ground black pepper
 2 eggs, beaten
 1/2 cup chicken broth
 1/2 cup Romano cheese, grated
 1 (8 ounce) container ricotta cheese
 1 cup shredded mozzarella cheese
 2 tablespoons shredded mozzarella cheese (optional)

Preheat oven to 350 degrees F. Grease a 9x9-inch baking dish.

Place the potatoes into a large pot and cover with salted water. Bring to a boil over high heat, then reduce heat to medium-low, cover, and simmer until tender, about 20 minutes. Drain and allow to steam dry for a minute or two. Mash the potatoes with a potato masher, and set aside.

Heat olive oil in a skillet over medium heat. Cook and stir the onion and garlic until the onion is translucent, about 5 minutes. Set the onion and garlic aside.

In a large bowl, mix the ground beef, bread crumbs, parsley, salt, black pepper, onion and garlic mixture, eggs, chicken broth, and Romano cheese until thoroughly combined. In a second bowl, mix the mashed potatoes and ricotta cheese.

Spoon half the meat mixture into the prepared baking dish, and smooth into an even layer with a spoon. Spread the mashed potato mixture over the meat, leaving a 1/2-inch border around the edge of the meat; sprinkle 1 cup mozzarella cheese over the mashed potato layer. Cover the cheese with the remaining meat mixture in an even layer; press the edges down to seal in the mashed potatoes. Sprinkle loaf with additional 2 tablespoons of mozzarella cheese, if desired.

Bake in the preheated oven until the loaf is browned and the meat is no longer pink, about 1 hour. An instant-read meat thermometer inserted into the center of the loaf should read at least 160 degrees F. Let the loaf stand for 10 minutes before serving.

**Recipes are courtesy
 of allrecipes.com.**

Chicken salad with grapes

4 cooked chicken breasts, shredded
 2 Granny Smith apples, cut into small chunks
 2 cups chopped walnuts, or to taste
 1/2 red onion, chopped
 3 stalks celery, chopped
 3 tablespoons lemon juice
 1/2 cup vanilla yogurt
 5 tablespoons creamy salad dressing
 5 tablespoons mayonnaise
 25 seedless red grapes, halved



Toss shredded chicken, apple chunks, walnuts, red onion, celery, and lemon juice together in a large bowl.

Whisk vanilla yogurt, salad

dressing, and mayonnaise together in a separate bowl; pour over the chicken mixture and stir to coat. Gently fold the grapes into the salad.

Doritos Taco Salad



1 pound ground beef
 1 envelope taco seasoning mix
 2 cups shredded Cheddar cheese
 2 cups ranch dressing
 1/2 cup Italian-style salad dressing
 1 red onion, diced
 1 head lettuce, shredded
 1 (17 ounce) package nacho-flavor tortilla chips, crushed into bite-size pieces

Cook ground beef in a skillet over medium heat, breaking the meat up as it cooks, until beef is browned and crumbly, about 10 minutes. Drain excess grease and stir in taco seasoning mix. Remove from heat and let stand until beef mixture is cool.

Mix ground beef with Cheddar cheese, ranch dressing, Italian dressing, and red onion in a large salad bowl. Chill the beef mixture until cold, at least 30 minutes. Lightly mix in lettuce and tortilla chips just before serving.



Troubled

"You know, Larry," he began in a soft voice, "I'm troubled by the fact that all of the horrible things I see on TV or hear over the radio when I travel don't bother me as much as they once did. What's happening to me?" he asked.

We all wonder, at one time or another, how a group of people can watch a person being beaten or robbed, or fall ill in a crowded mall or on busy street corner, and no one responds. We see the ravages of war, watch people die on a battlefield, see disabled veterans trying to adjust to life with artificial limbs and seem to accept it as "normal" in today's culture. It seems as though the pain and suffering of others matter little to anyone except the one enduring the hardships.

The Psalmist who wrote Psalm 94 was troubled by the evil in the world. He looked around and saw people oppressed. He was aware of calloused leaders whose only concern was for themselves. He was troubled by the lack of concern for widows and children and asked, "God, if You created ears for people to hear, and eyes for people to see, why don't You hear the cries and see the suffering of those whom You created?" Do something God!

So, has God, like us, become insensitive to the needs of people and the condition of the world? Does He not care about what is happening to His creation? Indeed He does.

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FOCUS ON KENTUCKY'S AGRICULTURAL ORGANIZATIONS

The **Kentucky Cattlemen's Association** (KCA) is one of the most diverse, successful and innovative state cattle organizations in the nation. Not only does the organization serve as a voice for Kentucky's beef cattle industry and effectively promote beef to Kentucky consumers, but it has also leveraged the use of Ag Development Funds to educate and equip Kentucky farm families to establish and improve their beef cattle operations. From the outreach efforts of the Kentucky Beef Network to the effective marketing of branded beef through Beef Solutions to the services provided to other organizations and associations through the Livestock Advertising Network, KCA is a complex organization with a broad portfolio of services and a track record of success.

The Commonwealth of Kentucky is blessed with grass and plentiful supplies of water making it an ideal place to raise beef cattle. Historically, Kentucky has been a cow/calf and stocker state, but with the increased corn production in Kentucky and nearby states together with unused tobacco barns and dairy facilities, opportunities may exist to finish more cattle in Kentucky.

Recently, KCA has successfully developed and launched its own branded beef line through 147 Kroger stores across the state of Kentucky. This experience has confirmed consumers' interest in having a more direct connection to their food and has highlighted the opportunity for KCA and KCA members to add value to their cattle and calves by selling beef directly to consumers. To fully capitalize on these opportunities, KCA will need to explore opportunities to address the shortage of packing and processing facilities in/near Kentucky and research alternative business models for finishing cattle in Kentucky.

KCA has a talented team of employees who are dedicated to serving Kentucky's beef cattle producers and have demonstrated extraordinary entrepreneurial skills. Over the years, the staff has built businesses which provide services to other state associations (e.g. Livestock Advertising Network),

managed demonstration farms and built a branded beef marketing business (Beef Solutions) from scratch. More opportunities exist for KCA to continue growing its fee-for service offering in the future.

While KCA's committed staff, strong relationships with government officials, beef marketing experience and the resources generated by the Kentucky Beef Checkoff are valuable assets that should be levered in the future, some challenges do exist. For example, in order to generate more value from Kentucky cattle, Kentucky beef producers must adopt new management practices and technologies and explore new marketing alternatives. This will require more education and training at a time when state budgets continue to decline. Another challenge is the unknown future of Ag Development funds. This means KCA must create new revenue streams and/or business models that enable it to reduce its dependence on outside funding sources over the long term. Finally, in order to execute the responsibilities associated with a growing organization, KCA staff will need access to the equipment, technologies and infrastructure necessary to fulfill their duties more effectively and efficiently.

Mission

"KCA's mission is to provide a strong proactive voice for all of Kentucky's beef farm families, serve as a resource for information and education for producers, consumers and the industry and be a catalyst for enhancing producer sustainability."

Vision

"A progressive association recognized for its innovative and collaborative approach to enhancing the beef value chain from pasture to plate and promoting the benefits of beef and beef production to consumers."

Strategic Intent Statement

"KCA will grow to 15,000 members by 2025 by capitalizing on its diverse service portfolio, talented and committed staff and network of strong county associations to promote beef, support educational programs, cultivate new marketing opportunities and effectively represent the interests of Kentucky's beef farm families."



In order to fulfill this strategic intent, the organization identified four core strategies:
 1) Cultivate value-added marketing opportunities,
 2) Strengthen research, demonstration and outreach,
 3) Improve KCA engagement, collaboration and advocacy, and 4) Develop and leverage organizational infrastructure and capabilities.

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kycorn CONNECTION

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

Winter Activities Connect Growers to Big Issues



A grassroots campaign for farmer comments on Atrazine was a focus for Kentucky Corn Growers during the National Farm Machinery Show. Corn producers from across the country were asked to send letters to the EPA and share how important the product is to their operations and managing soil. About 300 letters were signed and submitted during the four-day run.



Argentina farmer Joaquin Lagos drew a large crowd at the Kentucky Commodity Conference Early Riser Session in January. The Marketing Session was also well attended, providing varying perspectives. Plans for 2021 have already been made to bring grain farmers the latest information during this annual event.



NFMS visitors also had the opportunity to see the "Ethanol Fueled with Pride" E85 Chopper designed and built by Paul Teutul, Jr. on the American Chopper television series. The first two episodes of the show, that is globally syndicated on Discovery TV, were dedicated to ethanol myth-busting by Paul Jr. and his endorsement of ethanol blends in motorcycles as a better fuel for performance, safety and the environment.



The new E85 Cobra built by the Owensboro and Community Technical College Automotive program was showcased at the Owensboro Ag Expo to promote ethanol and OCTC. Thank you, Senator Matt Castlen, for helping us out! The Cobra will also make a trip to Commodity Classic this week in San Antonio.



Expansion of E15 Sales a Reality with Passage of SB 94

Agriculture Commissioner Dr. Ryan Quarles praised the Kentucky General Assembly for passing Senate Bill 94, an act to expand the sale of gasoline with up to 15 percent of corn-based ethanol, known as E15. The Kentucky Department of Agriculture (KDA) and the Kentucky Corn Growers Association (KyCorn) led efforts to pass the bill with sponsor Senate Agriculture Committee Chairman Paul Hornback. The legislation now goes to the Governor's desk for signature.

"I applaud the Kentucky General Assembly for passing Senate Bill 94, a major priority for my Administration and the Kentucky Corn Growers Association," Commissioner Quarles said. "This bill will expand the amount of time that E15 gasoline can be sold, to year-round, and has the potential to expand market access for Kentucky corn growers. Thanks to the strong leadership of Senate Agriculture Chairman Paul Hornback and House Agriculture Committee Chairman Richard Heath, we were able to build an overwhelming bipartisan supermajority for this legislation."

"The Kentucky Corn Growers Association is grateful for the hard work by Commissioner Quarles, Chairman Hornback, and Chairman Heath to expand the sale of E15 gasoline in Kentucky," Laura Knoth, executive director for the Kentucky Corn Growers Association said. "We have a strong pro-agriculture team in Frankfort, responsive to the needs of our corn growers and all of agriculture."

Nearly all Kentucky gasoline contains 10 percent ethanol to boost octane and reduce emissions. E15 has been approved for use in light-duty vehicles made since 2001, about 97 percent of registered vehicles on the roads today.

Another national farm machinery show in the books

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times.

Visitors were encouraged to pre-register this year to avoid standing in long lines. According to Ian Cox of Kentucky Venues, “Pre-registration saved approximately 1 minute and 30 seconds in line.”

Registration allowed Kentucky Venues to track attendee’s visit to booths. “There is significant data that will influence our exhibitors’ booth setups for 2021. Our exhibitors that were using lead retrieval software were able to connect directly with attendees that stopped by the booth and expressed interest in their products,” Cox said.

More importantly, the show “achieved a major step in aligning our standards with industry norms. Registration is crucial to understand, improve, and grow the future of the National Farm Machinery Show,” Cox said.

The championship tractor pull expanded its classes and modified rules to allow for more competitors. Four years ago, the competition added livestream-

ing, gambling correctly that the exposure would increase attendance. Kentucky drivers who placed in the Finals are Brian Messer of Walton driving Southwind Dental to a fifth place finish in 2WD SuperModified Trucks. Brandon Hunt of Oak Grove placed third in Livn A Dream in Super Stock Diesel-Alcohol Tractors. Randy Thomas of Sharon Grove finished fifth in 9300 Super Farm Tractors, driving Bad Bodacious. Keith Long of Lucas Oil was sixth in 7500lb Modified Tractors when his tractor broke down.

The demolition of the old Cardinal Stadium allowed the Kentucky Expo Center to use a \$6 million grant from the Ag Development Board to open up 1 million square feet of outdoor space, which in 2019 was used to host the Louder Than Life rock festival, the National Street Rod Association, and increase parking for the Kentucky State Fair and the North American International Livestock Exposition.

By Lynn Pruett
Field Reporter



Farm families spent Valentine’s Day together at the National Farm Machinery Show in Louisville, which offered 900 exhibits to visit. Children were able to climb into machinery and pose with different exhibits.

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Registration open for UK high school crop scouting competition

PRINCETON, Ky. – Kentucky youth can put their crop scouting skills to the test during the University of Kentucky’s High School Crop Scouting Competition. Registration is now open for the July 30 event.

It will take place from 8 a.m. until 1 p.m. CDT at the UK Research and Education Center in Princeton.

Participating teams should consist of four to six high school students and an adult leader. Agriculture educators, FFA leaders, 4-H adult volunteers, industry representatives and extension agents can field a team. The students will compete in hands-on, interactive field scouting exercises in corn, soybeans and tobacco. They will display their knowledge and decision-making abilities in basic agronomics, pest identification and big-picture crop production questions. All teams receive immediate feedback on their answers from UK College of Agriculture, Food and Environment specialists and graduate students.

“These competitions are a great opportunity for the state’s high school students to get hands-on experience in agriculture at the Research and Education Center as well as experience UK’s Grain and Forage Center of Excellence,” said Kiersten Wise, UK extension plant pathologist and event organizer. “Through these events, young people gain knowledge about the challenges that farmers and the agriculture industry face each year.”

The registration deadline is March 20, and registration is limited to the first nine teams. Once registered, teams will receive study materials to help them prepare for the competition.

The top three teams at the competition will receive monetary prizes, and the overall winner will be eligible to

compete in the Regional Crop Scouting Competition in Indiana later this year.

To register for the competition, email Wise at kiersten.wise@uky.edu.

By Katie Pratt
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Kiersten Wise, UK extension plant pathologist, shows a team from Livingston Central an example of issues they might find in the adjoining soybean plot during the 2019 UK High School Crop Scouting competition.

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A common sense forage program for a hill farm

The Forage Doctor



By Jimmy Henning



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Hill land farms like this Owen County site present challenges to the forage producer. Taking simple steps like understanding and using well the forages you have, addressing soil fertility limitations, using species and varieties that are appropriate for the site and implementing a sound rotational grazing plan that provides for pasture rest can make these pastures perform well.

What is the best forage for steep land? And how do I establish it? Those questions formed the basis for a meeting I helped with in Campbell County just a few days ago.

Truthfully, I dreaded it. You know why – These are tough questions and there are not a lot of clear answers. But I bucked down and dug into to the topic. I was reminded of the quote from Wendell Berry, “The mind that is not baffled is not employed.” Well let’s just say I was fully employed. What follows are the key ideas that emerged.

First, let’s lay out the ground rules for this hill farm. Here were my assumptions: 1) Limited ability to use equipment, 2) Tillage is not a viable option, 3) Less productive soils, 4) Some fertilization is possible, and 5) The farm owner is willing to supply additional management. With those limitations or conditions in mind, here is my four-part plan.

Know how to use the forages you have. Given the limitations of the farm terrain, replanting is not an option, so it is common sense that we have to make the best of what we have. The good news is that most pasture fields are under managed and will respond nicely to some basic inputs and management.

There are some very good resources for determining what kind of forage you have, like AGR-175, the UK Forage Identification and Use Guide. This picture-full resource is fully online and will help you identify your forages as well as some basic management tips.

Know your soil resource. Do something that will make your neighbors wonder what you are up to – soil test your pastures! The soil on most hill land farms is going to need some fertilizer. So get a soil sample.

In most cases, more fertilizer will be

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Common sense forage program for a hill farm

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called for than you can afford, and that is alright. The main thing is to know the need. Then you can make informed decisions about what and how much fertilizer to buy.

In the last issue of *The Farmer's Pride*, I talked about how correcting a potash deficiency with some added nitrogen completely flipped a field from predominantly broomsedge to predominantly fescue. Correcting fertility even brought out a lot of volunteer red clover on plots where no nitrogen was applied.

So get the soil tested and consult with your county agent for a common sense fertilizer plan that you can pay for.

Use species and varieties that work on steep land. This question is tough, because I did not feel like I had an unlimited list of species that I could suggest, given the limitations of the site (no

tillage, limited equipment use). So I asked myself, 'what forages will work from a broadcast seeding?'

I came up with three: 1) Red and/or white clover, 2) Annual lespedeza, and 3) Annual or perennial ryegrasses. You may disagree and you may have others, but these are legitimate options and are pretty easy to establish. I will challenge you the same as I did to the Campbell County audience – The basic establishment rules for forages still apply. These forages just have the seedling vigor and speed of establishment to be able to get started from a broadcast seeding if we have the soil fertility needed, make sure the seed comes in good contact with the ground (like by trampling) and we control the competition enough to let them get up into the sun.

The variety question is actually pretty straightforward because we have a his-

tory of doing variety trials on hill land farms like the Eden Shale Farm in Owen County. Check out the 2019 Long Term Summary of Kentucky Forage Trials (PR-774). Google that title or just Google UKY Forages and go to the variety section.

Finally, use good grazing management to protect your investment. It has been shown many times that a well implemented rotational grazing plan can increase animal output per acre, more even spread nutrients, and foster the growth and persistence of clovers and improved grasses.

So utilize the new fence and water technology available to subdivide your pastures in 4 to 8 paddocks and manage to keep a healthy residual of forage on the site. Design your system so that cattle don't have to walk more than 600 to 800 feet to water, and use temporary

water sites to increase the number of water points on the farm.

If you want to brush up on your fence and water systems skills, attend one of the grazing or fencing schools this spring (Google UKY Forages Events and it will take you right to the list of schools and other opportunities. I know there will be one near you).

These are some basic ideas for a common sense forage program on steep terrain. Doing a good job with the forages we have, addressing the soil fertility limitations in a strategic way, making forage additions to the site that make sense, and implementing a good rotational grazing plan can certainly revive even an old hill farm.

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check-in at 6:45 a.m.

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• KY JUNIOR HEIFER SHOWSaturday, March 7, check-in
10:00 to 1:30 p.m., Show 4:30
p.m. *Kentucky heifer exhibitors
will show separately Saturday at
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show Sunday at 8 a.m.**• JUNIOR HEIFER SHOW**

Sunday, March 8 at 8 a.m.

Check-in 1:30-4:00 Saturday

• JUNIOR STEER SHOW

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Check-in 5-7:30 p.m. Saturday

AUCTION/MARKET

KENTUCKY GRAIN PRICES							Eastern Cornbelt Ethanol Plant Report 2/14/2020 Indiana Ohio Illinois	
LOUISVILLE AREA: Louisville & Bagdad; PENNYRILE AREA: Allensville, Auburn, Franklin, Hopkinsville & Pembroke; BLUEGRASS AREA: Bardstown, Lexington & Winchester; GREEN RIVER: Caneyville & Livermore; NORTHERN KENTUCKY AREA: Silver Grove at Cincinnati; PURCHASE AREA: Clinton & Mayfield. Opening bids at elevators and processing plants.							Yellow Corn Spot Bid 3.73-4.15	
02/17/2020 4:00 pm est Bids for next day Cash Bids Corn #2 Yellow Corn #2 White Soybeans #1 Y Wheat #2 SRW Barley	Louisville	Pennyrile	Purchase	Bluegrass	Green River	Northern KY	Dried Distillers Grain (\$/ton) 10% moisture 138.00-175.00	
	3.88	3.88-4.03 4.28	3.83-3.88	3.78	3.91	3.98	Modified Wet Distillers (\$/ton) 50-55% moisture NA	
	NA NA	8.54-8.79 5.48-5.63	8.99 NA	8.69 NA	8.94 NA	9.15 NA		
New Crop Delivery Contract							Kentucky Weekly Cattle Receipts as reported at local markets:	
Corn #2 Yellow	4.02	3.88-4.03	3.88	3.83	3.98	3.96	01/25/20	20,990
Corn #2 White		NA					02/01/20	18,759
Soybeans #1 Y	NA	8.74	8.99	8.69	8.94	9.13	02/08/20	15,866
Wheat #2 SRW	5.69	5.26-5.61	5.66	5.26	5.41	5.65	02/15/20	13,324
Barley								
Weekly Feed Ingredient Price Wholesale prices, \$ per ton Rail or Truck FOB Location	Owensboro Grain	Commonwealth Agri-Energy Hopkinsville	St. Louis Weekly Feed Prices	Memphis Weekly Feed Report	Corn Belt Feedstuffs Report	Eastern Cornbelt Hog Prices 02/17/2020	FOR DAILY LIVESTOCK AND GRAIN MARKET REPORTS	
	02/17/2020	02/17/2020	02/11/2020	02/11/2020	02/11/2020	Barrows & Gilts Receipts: 7,066		
Soybean Meal 48% Sol	297.10	—	301.00-306.00	290.80-317.50	270.80-294.80	Base Price: \$44.00-		
Soybean Hulls	140.00	—	—	135.00	—	\$52.90		
Corn Distillers Grain Dried	—	160.00	—	—	137.00-175.00	Wt. Avg. \$48.51		
Distillers Grain Modified	—	88.00	—	—	—	Compared to prior day, wt. avg. prices were 0.13 lower.	CALL FARMLOT	
Distillers Grain Wet	—	54.00	—	—	—			
Corn Condensed Solubles	—	NA	—	—	—			
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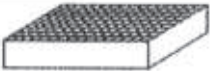
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Upton, KY
Feb. 11, 2020
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70 hd. 737# 129.00 blk
41 hd. 787# 122.00 mixed

Farmers Livestock
Glasgow, KY
Feb. 10, 2020
Feeder Heifers: Medium & Large 1-2
21 hd. 552# 120.00 mixed

Russell County Stockyards
Russell Springs, KY
Feb. 12, 2020
Feeder Steers: Medium & Large 1-2
27 hd. 639# 138.25 blk
25 hd. 529# 155.25 blk
20 hd. 669# 134.50 blk
21 hd. 676# 134.50 blk
20 hd. 633# 138.00 blk
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71 hd. 483# 129.75 blk
35 hd. 597# 129.00 blk
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79 hd. 645# 126.50 blk
68 hd. 764# 120.80 blk

Blue Grass Stockyards
Lexington, KY
Feb. 11, 2020
Feeder Steers: Medium & Large 1-2
50 hd. 598# 155.50 blk

United Producers Owenton
Owenton, KY
Feb. 12, 2019
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Blue Grass of Albany
Albany, KY
Feb. 12, 2020
Feeder Steers: Medium & Large 1-2
65 hd. 707# 134.00 blk
53 hd. 765# 133.00 blk
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Feeder Heifers: Medium & Large 1-2
48 hd. 587# 134.75 blk
23 hd. 704# 123.50 mixed

United Producers Irvington
Irvington, KY
Feb. 10, 2020
Feeder Steers: Medium & Large 1-2
20 hd. 461# 163.75 blk

Paris Stockyards
Paris, KY
Feb. 13, 2020
Feeder Steers: Medium & Large 1-2
52 hd. 613# 144.25 blk-charx
24 hd. 844# 129.00 blk
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45 hd. 802# 129.50 blk-charx
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Feb. 10, 2020
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Feb. 14, 2020
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AUCTION/MARKET

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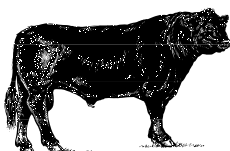
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