

Kentucky cut flowers are focus in July

Freshly cut flowers are a welcomed gift during times of celebration, and for the month of July, the flowers and their producers are being celebrated.

July is Kentucky Cut Flower Month, and the Kentucky Horticulture Council is celebrating by featuring one grower a day on its social media pages.

Cut flower growers can participate by submitting their business details to the council. The information will be used to populate an online tool and to create a geographic directory to be unveiled July 31, according to Cindy Finneseth, executive director of the Kentucky Horticulture Council.

Additionally, the council is encouraging growers and others to participate in the lonely bouquet project, where someone leaves a bouquet anonymously in a public space for a stranger to find and enjoy.

Julie Ross, who owns Agape Fields in northern Jessamine County along with her husband, Chuck, will have several bouquet giveaways to celebrate the month.

They market their flowers at Whole Foods, Wilson's Grocery, McLeod's Coffee House, on social media and on their webpage, agapefields.com.

A popular feature in Lexington is their Pop-Up Flower Bar, where customers pre-order bouquets of their own design and pick them up on Fridays.

COVID-19 restrictions have impacted their business. "Some weddings cut back but what also happened is that more brides have looked at Agape Fields," Ross said. With a wedding size reduced, brides have more

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Cut flowers grown by Agape Fields in Jessamine County.



Members of Taylor County FFA watched the virtual competition in the school parking lot together and celebrated Jaylin Cox's victory of winning Agriscience Fair Social Systems Division V.

FFA members uniquely celebrate state convention

More than 2,800 people gather in Rupp Arena each June to attend the Kentucky State FFA Convention. Due to COVID-19 restrictions, the state convention was held virtually.

Kentucky FFA members rose to the top and celebrated with unique ways to end another year in their blue corduroy. For some, it was their last year to wear the famous jacket and will never get that heart-stopping moment when taking the jacket off in Rupp Arena for their last time.

"I hope and pray we never have to do a virtual convention ever again," said Matt Chaliff, executive director of Kentucky FFA. "I am just so proud of the state officers, members and advisors across the state who came together as the Kentucky FFA family and made the best of the bad situations, rose to the occasion and showed their leadership skills at such a high level."

With businesses closed and events canceled statewide, FFA members were anxiously awaiting an announcement in March about how the convention would take place.

"When we released that state convention was going to be virtual, I expected the worst. However, it was the

complete opposite," said State FFA president Haley Nelson.

During such a challenging time, members came together as one and celebrated convention plans.

"All over social media were posts from FFA members about how we were going to get through this together and how this state convention was going to be one for the books," said Nelson.

Normally, on the third and final day of convention, FFA members, their families and FFA supporters anxiously gather in Rupp Arena waiting for the big results to be announced, State Stars and the newly elected officer team.

Kentucky FFA announced the new officer team and the slate of officers were approved on Friday, July 3. Mallory White, the 2020-2021 newly elected state FFA president, learned about her new role from her living room surrounded by family and friends.

"I am still in shock and cannot believe this is real life," said White.

While the newly elected state officers didn't learn

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Spring frosts cut Kentucky wheat yields

LOUISVILLE – The U.S. Department of Agriculture’s National Agricultural Statistics Service released the July Crop Production report July 10, showing the yield forecast for Kentucky wheat was 63 bushels per acre, down 13 bushels from last year.

“This is the lowest yield since 2012,” said David Knopf, director of the NASS Eastern Mountain Regional Office in Kentucky. “Growers knew the spring frosts had limited yield potential, but harvest revealed that it was worse than expected.”

Kentucky farmers expect to harvest 23.6 million bushels of wheat during 2020. The expected crop for 2020 would be down 6 percent from the previous

year. The forecast was based on crop conditions as of July 1. Growers expect a yield of 63 bushels per acre, down 13 bushels from 2019. Farmers seeded 530,000 acres last fall with 375,000 acres to be harvested for grain.

Winter wheat production for the nation was forecast at 1.22 billion bushels, down 4 percent from the June 1 forecast and down 7 percent from 2019.

Based on July 1 conditions, the United States yield is forecast at 52 bushels per acre, down.1 bushels from last month and down 1.6 bushels from last year. The expected area to be harvested for grain or seed totals 23.4 million acres, down 4 percent from last year.

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July is grown cut flower month

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money to spend on flowers. "Our typical bride now has a floral budget of \$500-\$1500."

The Rosses operate a family business along with their daughters.

"I love the opportunity to work side by side with our daughters. At first they thought flower farming would be easy. They have definitely learned that it is rewarding work. We feel so blessed to grow such beauty and to pray for the giver and receiver of each lovely bouquet we create," Ross said. "I love the freedom of working outside."

Browning's Blossoms is a 43-acre farm in Harrison County, home to Kentucky's Original Flower Truck. The vintage Flower Truck and Flower Cart can be rented for events or as a photographer's prop. (browningsflowertruck.com) The farm features a you-pick field, workshops, and offers flowers for weddings. Lauren Spencer is co-owner with her husband Drew.

"It can be quite humbling knowing you are the true definition of a minority: female farmer, veteran, and new business owner," Lauren said. "It's a combination of terrifying and beautiful all at once. There are a diminishing number of farms in America and they are very few that are veteran owned, even fewer that are owned and operated by women."

She thinks *Lonely Bouquets* “is a great idea.”

"My favorite thing is design," Spencer said. "I love wedding work and making a fabulous bridal bouquet."

In Bowling Green, Rosemarie Wurth-Grice, owner of Briar Rose Garden, (briarrosegarden.com) reports that this year they have shifted focus from farmers' markets to you-pick.

“Our biggest reward has come from offering you-pick to the community. As a result we have seen countless comments from customers thanking us for allowing them to share the garden. It has been a joy seeing families, couples, and friend in the fields experiencing the beauty and healing influence of the garden.”

Wurth-Grice has built a flower shed that “allowed us to sell spring flowering baskets and plants and garden bouquets.” The response “has been terrific.”

She notes that “the biggest challenge is the labor intensity of flower farming and feeling like you are never on top of it. We are a small farm trying to make it work with limited manpower, but I enjoy every minute of it.”

“Lonely Bouquets” were spotted in a few locations in Lexington this weekend. The Kenwick Christian Church had plastic bottles with sunflowers and catmint available to any who wanted one. One bouquet of wildflowers and cut garden flowers was placed at a memorial to a veteran on Preston Avenue.

July in Kentucky abounds with wildflowers that



Lauren Spencer of Brownings Blossoms in Cynthiana and the traveling Flower Truck, which can be booked for weddings and other events.

Photo provided by Brownings Blossoms

would make lonely bouquets: Queen Ann's lace, black-eyed susans, and chicory are blooming. Flower gardens overflow with coneflowers and daisies, long-stemmed and perfect for cutting.

For more information about participating about
Lonely Bouquets, see lonelybouquet.com.

The council's social media pages are (Facebook.com/KYHortCouncil; on Instagram @KY-Horticulture; and Twitter at @KYHorticulture.

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The right of being wrong



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We have rights, and then there is being right. That's two different things.

A lot about what is going on in the world today is bothersome, but one issue that really has me concerned is all the hate, and so much of it is prevalent on social media. I once loved scrolling my Facebook page to see the creative comments and baby pictures, but now I only go to social media pages when I need to find some information.

I noticed a post from a friend who said he lost a friend because of his posts. He is a Republican and is married to a Democrat. I consider him someone who is understanding of people even when he disagrees with them. Apparently his friend considered him a traitor.

I have considered why people are so angry and judgemental in their beliefs these days and have come to the conclusion that people are confused about the meaning of the word right.

We have rights, and then there is being right. That's two different things.

I have always embraced the right to be wrong. I think when people with differing views have a respectful conversation, they can learn from each other. I can come away from a conversation thinking the person I talked with taught me something, or I can come away thinking they are completely wrong and my views will not change.

Too many people these days seem to think that if a person disagrees with them, they are trying to take away their right to believe what they believe. Then again, too many people want to force what they believe on others, calling them names and twisting their opinions to try to force their agenda.

Just because you think you are right, that doesn't take away my rights if I disagree with you. We still have a right to free speech, press, religion, assembly and petition.

America was founded on Christian principles, but we have learned over the past 200+ years that we cannot and should not force beliefs on others. One of the greatest things about the Christian faith is the belief that people choose redemption offered through Jesus and we do not force people to follow our beliefs.

As a nation, we must balance a person's rights with the rights of that person's neighbor. The law should protect us from being violated while securing our freedom to exist in our own way.

Too many people are trying to control others by what they think is right, not by what a person's rights should be.

The hate needs to stop. Only when we get back to respecting differing opinions can we balance the laws of the land in a way that everyone is represented. Surely if a Republican and a Democrat can be happily married, we can figure out how to get along and respect the rights of others, even when they aren't right.

Adaptability: Let's go on a virtual farm field trip



TEACH KY AG

Jennifer Elwell

With the help of the Kentucky Agricultural Development Fund and Kentucky Farm Bureau, we have been working to update all the virtual field trips.

Ten years I ago I surveyed the teachers who attended the Kentucky Farm Bureau Regional Teachers Workshops in hopes of learning what they needed from the farming community to help them teach about Kentucky agriculture. I was working for the Kentucky Corn Growers Association at the time, and I wanted to develop something teachers would really use.

From those surveys, I learned that teachers and students loved taking farm field trips, but field trips, in general, were becoming more difficult to take due to cost, transportation, and liability. Farm field trips brought additional challenges such as worry about allergies, smells, and keeping the kids clean.

The Kentucky Farms Feed Me Virtual Field Trip program was born to solve a problem, and we have witnessed hundreds of thousands of students enjoy visiting farms while still safe at school since 2011. Once I made the move to lead the Kentucky Agriculture and Environment in the Classroom, KyCorn graciously allowed me to continue growing the Kentucky Farms Feed Me program to include coordinating lessons that meet Kentucky Academic Standards, which has increased use even more. Many teachers make the field trips part of their regular annual curriculum.

I realized, a few years ago, however, that some of the videos were outdated regarding the statistical information that was presented. With the help of the Kentucky Agricultural Development Fund and Kentucky Farm Bureau, we have been working to update all the virtual field trips. It could not have come at a better time. We will be launching all the new videos through several virtual workshops at the end of the month, and I now realize that students may be viewing these field trips from home.

Late last year, I asked leadership to consider finding a new administrator for our organization. Personal matters

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Traders patiently wait for weather market



MARKET WATCH
Dewey Strickler

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Traders have patiently waited for a weather market and are keeping tabs on a hot, dry forecast over the next couple of weeks that could stress the corn crop. However, with a crop rating of 71 percent in good-to-excellent condition, four points above the 10-year average, and ending stocks that are more than adequate, the situation is certainly not dire. According to Ag Watch's yield model, the national yield is 179.1 bushels per acre versus USDA's estimate of 178.5 bushels per acre.

Meanwhile, the funds have begun to cover their massive short position and additional short covering could underpin prices.

In other developments, export inspections last week were 37.8 million bushels and below the average needed to reach USDA's target of 1.775 billion bushels. China bought corn this week, which offers a glimmer of hope.

China has become more active recently with purchases of old and new crop soybeans. For awhile, their interest was mostly new crop. This has given exports a boost with inspections last week 19.1 million bushels, the highest seen since early May.

However, this is still below the average of 34.7 million bushels that must be shipped each week to reach USDA's projection of 1.650 billion bushels. A hot, dry weather pattern in the forecast for the next couple of weeks is drawing some attention and may weigh on the crop rating that currently stands at 71 percent in good-to-excellent condition.

This may trim yields somewhat, but the crop is ahead of pace in development and the upside potential could be limited. According to Ag Watch's yield model, the national yield is 51.6 bushels per acre compared to USDA's estimate of 49.8 bushels per acre. Right now, the funds have a modest long position and may add to it.

Declining production in France and the Black Sea Region uplifted wheat this week, causing the funds to cover shorts. In other developments, harvest is 56 percent complete, which is on par with the average of 55 percent. The rating for the spring crop improved one point to 70 percent in good-to-excellent condition but is down 8 percent from a year ago.

Export inspections were disappointing last week at 11.9 million bushels, a marketing year low. Currently, Russia continues to be the cheapest source on the global market.

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Sometimes the hardest thing to do is nothing

Mid-July was always summer's sweet spot on the southern Illinois dairy farm of my youth.

With June's rush of sweaty work – wheat harvest, straw baling, laying corn by, cultivating soybeans, and weed spraying – finally complete and before another cutting of alfalfa was ready, mid-July slipped in with treats like fresh peaches, sweet corn, and juicy garden tomatoes.

Mid-July also meant baseball's All Star game, the county fair, and a week's vacation in Missouri's far away Lake of the Ozarks where we kids would swim all day, Dad would fish all day, and Mom wouldn't can a quart of anything any day.

This year, most fairs have been cancelled and baseball and vacations have either been dramatically altered or simply cashiered because of COVID. In a way, most of this summer's fun has been cancelled for countless Americans by, well, themselves in a personal effort to stay healthy.

The clear result of these individual stands, however, has been spectacular failure. Our uneven, state-by-state approach to fighting the virus has turned yesterday's pandemic into today's pandemonium.

And yet, many of us and our political leaders appear less concerned with the virus's ferocious return than with its deadly appearance. It's as though the nation, after months of coronavirus fighting and weeks of Black Lives Matter marches and protests, simply ran out of gas this month.

I understand; I'm out of gas, too. March was a blur of shocks and lockdowns; April, a 24/7 death-everywhere movie. May brought a drop in shock and rise in hope but, then, June caught fire and burned like a dry prairie.

And just as everyone was ready to lean into mid-July's soft, sweet center, back comes the mortal need to stay vigilant, stay masked, and stay home.

In reality, most of today's Covid preemptive prescription sounds like a piece of cake compared to the hard work of our 1960s dairy farm. One piece of it, stay at home, is what we did anyway.

Only now, with Covid on the loose,

staying home delivers the benefit of staying healthy. I can, literally, live with that.

Just as I can now live without Oliver square balers that were as reliable as the weatherman's forecast and milking 100 hot Holsteins in a 100-degree milking parlor on late Sunday afternoons in July.

I would, however, love to go back to any of those steamy July evenings when Uncle Honey, my father's uncle and part owner of the farm, would take my two older brothers and me to St. Louis to watch the Cardinals play. The games were great, and the root beer and hotdogs were even better.

But those nostalgic memories overshadow just how blood-filled the 1960s were. There isn't enough space here to list all the people who were devoted to make America better that decade and were murdered, many of them publicly, just because they tried.

Then came Vietnam. If you lived through the 1960s and 70s, you are not neutral on that war or its powerful influence on politics still today.

And if you think American cities were hit by racial strife last month, those fires were mere torches to show our half-century of failure to heed the race-fueled riots that burned large portions of Detroit, Los Angeles, Chicago, Newark, and other cities in the 1960s.

In fact, none of today's deep national woes – save COVID-19 – are new and few, if any, are as nation-threatening as 50 years ago when American blood flowed from Selma to Saigon. We never fully fixed those problems; like today, we just ran out of gas to fight them.

But now they're back and until we find the fuel – the ideas, leadership, and strength – to reengage, maybe we should take July's sweet second half to do exactly what we used to do: not much at all. Simply staying home and wearing masks in public.

Those, in fact, are nothing compared to the sacrifice others made to deliver us here.

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FOOD & FARM FILE

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Reasons for yellow alfalfa

Alfalfa is the highest yielding, highest quality forage in Kentucky. When it gets ‘the yellows’ farmers have every right to be concerned. Here are a few causes.

Root and Crown Rots

Root rot diseases such as phytophthora root rot and aphanomyces root rot will cause stunting and yellowing of alfalfa. In severe cases, plant death can occur.

Planting resistant varieties is the best way to minimize problems with root rots. As stands age, alfalfa plants will naturally have an increasing amount of crown rot. Crown and root rots are worse in poorly drained soils.

Saturated Soils

Wet conditions and poorly drained areas in a field can cause alfalfa to yellow. In these areas, roots become starved for oxygen which especially hinders the natural nitrogen fixation in alfalfa.

The alfalfa plant will become nitrogen deficient and develop an overall yellow color. Alfalfa in wet-natured areas is more prone to crown and root rots.

Leaf Disease

Several leaf diseases can cause yellow spotting on leaves, often with a dark margin. These diseases are worse in times of high humidity and are most common on lower leaves.

Leaf diseases will weaken the alfalfa plant, but usually alfalfa outgrows these problems.

Low pH

Soils with acid pH can cause alfalfa to yellow due to poor nodulation and nitrogen fixation by roots. Alfalfa will appear yellow and stunted overall because it is nitrogen deficient.

Soil pH for alfalfa should be 6.5 or above.

Potato Leafhopper

Without a doubt, the most common cause of yellowing in alfalfa is due to feeding damage of the potato leafhopper. A problem of second and later cuttings, this small insect feeds by inserting its piercing/sucking mouthpart into the midvein of alfalfa leaves.

The yellowing is due to toxic effects of the insect’s saliva injected into the leaf. Leafhopper damage is characterized by V-shaped yellowing at the leaf tip. Leafhopper feeding will cause stunting and yield loss if numbers are high. These insects can have two or three generations in a season.

Cutting will drive the leafhoppers from the field, but the regrowth should be scouted to make sure that the field is not re-infested. Insecticides are effective for leafhopper control, and treatment thresholds are based on plant height. For more information on potato leafhopper, see ENTFACT 115 Potato Leafhopper (entomology.ca.uky.edu/ef115).

Boron Deficiency

A common cause for stunting and discoloration in alfalfa is boron deficiency. Boron deficiency causes yellowing or purpling in the tops of the plants. Boron is commonly deficient in Kentucky soils and may require addition of 1.5 to 2 pounds of boron per acre every other year.

Potassium Deficiency

Alfalfa is a heavy user of potassium, removing 50 pounds or more K20 per ton of forage produced. A deficiency of potassium causes yellow spotting of the margins of leaves and the symptoms are more pronounced on older leaves.

Potassium deficiency shows up in the older leaves because it is a mobile element within the plant and will be translocated from older to newer growth. Potassium is an important element in the development of plant resistance to diseases such as leaf spot and root rots.

Sulfur Deficiency

There has been much debate about whether sulfur levels limit crop production in Kentucky because of the long-term deposition of this nutrient resulting from burning high sulfur coal.

A soil or tissue test can help determine if sulfur is needed. Sulfur deficiency in alfalfa will cause yellowing of the young leaves at the top of the plant.

In summary, yellowing in alfalfa should cause you to look further into the cause or causes. The most common cause of overall yellowing in alfalfa is usually potato leafhopper but can include many others including root and crown diseases, nutrient deficiencies and low soil pH.

If you are experiencing yellowing in your alfalfa and want to know more about the cause, your local county extension agent can help. It may be necessary to request a diagnosis by submitting a sample to the UK Plant Disease Diagnostic Laboratory in Lexington or Princeton, which is a free service.

For more information about yellowing

The Forage Doctor



By Jimmy Henning



Yellowing in alfalfa can be caused by many things, including potato leafhopper damage shown above. Other reasons for alfalfa yellowing include root and crown rots, saturated soils, leaf disease, low soil pH, and deficiencies of boron, potassium or sulfur.

in alfalfa, Google “Possible Causes of Yellowing Alfalfa UKY.”

One more thing

The land-grant universities in the southern region of the U.S. need your help in understanding the main challenges farmers may face when incorporating alfalfa into forage systems in this area.

To do this, we are asking you to consider participating in the online survey. This survey is intended for beef and hay producers that have planted or are interested in establishing alfalfa into their

forage systems as monoculture or mixed with grasses.

The goal is to gather information used to develop more effective research and educational programs related to legume use in the Southeast. All information will be kept confidential to the extent allowed by applicable state and federal law and it should take no more than 10 minutes. To access the survey, go to the link below:
auburn.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_3180yJOIXUhQzDT

Happy Foraging.

Virtual field trip

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made it impossible for me to travel, and I did not want our programs to suffer. While I cannot say that I am thankful for the pandemic, it has allowed me to stay the course. We are adapting to virtual meetings and learning that we do not need to travel to accomplish a lot of what we do.

I am reminded time and time again that the path to success may require changing course or changing the vehicle. Teachers need these types of pro-

grams more than ever, so we continue to look at new ways to present the material. I am rejuvenated by this new challenge, and I cannot wait to see how teachers respond to our adaptability.

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FFA members uniquely celebrate state convention

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the news together, they got to celebrate in their own unique ways.

“I was crying and everyone around me was screaming with excitement,” said White. “Now, more than ever members need someone they can look up to in such times of uncertainty and I am passionate about people and agriculture and I plan to serve Kentucky FFA with the best of my ability.”

On Thursday, July 2, Taylor County FFA hosted a drive-in watch party to see the final results of convention. The nerves were just as present in the parking lot as they would be in Rupp Arena.

For the first time in the 75-year program history of Taylor County FFA, Mason Dixon was awarded the first State Star in Agribusiness. Dixon created a tractor and equipment repair and restoration business and is now looking to make that his full-time job once he gets a degree in diesel mechanics.

“Winning Star in Agribusiness was something I never expected but I knew the lessons and work ethic I knew doing this business was going to point me in the right direction,” said Dixon.

Celebrations continued throughout the night as two more members of the Taylor County FFA Chapter won their competitions. Jaylin Cox, a junior, has been competing in the Agriscience Fair competition since she was in the eighth grade. She finally accomplished her goal during the virtual convention and was awarded Agriscience Fair Social Systems Division V.

“I could not believe that my goal I had set out in the beginning of the year continued to happen through the COVID crisis. I was completely shocked and overjoyed,” said Cox. “Competing in this competition virtually was very different but I learned during this process to be innovative and to effectively communicate through the on-line format.”

Taylor County FFA ended their night with being home to one of the newly elected state FFA officers. Kailey Thompson, sophomore at University of Kentucky, is now the 2020-2021 Lake Cumberland State Vice President.

She was able to celebrate uniquely with her advisors and friends in their school parking lot.

“It still feels like a dream but I am ecstatic to see what we can do despite the lack of normalcy,” said Thompson. “I personally believe that we can use virtual platforms to connect with members and help them to grow more than ever before. Leading during a time such as these is difficult, but I have no doubt that this team will be special and we are looking forward to a great year.”


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People want to see love

A youth pastor and his “Win One Now” team were passing out tracts and talking to a group of young people in New York one Saturday evening. A gang leader went up to him and shouted, “I’m sick and tired of you people talking about love. I’ve never seen love so if you’ve got it let me see it!”

How many others want to see “it?” We talk about love, sing about love, preach about love but the world is still trying to find out what love looks like. Someone once said they wanted to see “love with skin on it.” And that’s what God’s love is all about. He did not speak of an empty, greedy love – but a love that passes all human understanding.

The Psalmist said that “The Lord has made His salvation known.” By God’s faithfulness to protect and provide for the well-being of the Children of Israel “He made His salvation known and revealed His righteousness to the nations.” He made His salvation known by His faithfulness and the fulfillment of His covenant with His children. That was then.

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- 2 pounds (1/2 tray) fully cooked pulled pork BBQ**
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2 tablespoons sugar
- 1 package (12 ounces) coleslaw mix**
2 Granny Smith apples, washed and grated
8 six-inch corn tortillas
Chopped cilantro for garnish (optional)

Heat pork BBQ according to package directions and keep warm. Pre-heat oven to 350° F. Line baking sheet with parchment paper and set aside.

In small mixing bowl, whisk together mayonnaise, vinegar and sugar. Set aside.

In medium mixing bowl, toss together coleslaw mix and grated apples. Stir in mayonnaise mixture and toss to coat.

Place corn tortillas on prepared baking sheet and bake about one minute until edges begin to get crispy, but tor-

tillas are still pliable.
To serve, divide warm BBQ evenly among tortillas and top with appleslaw mixture. Garnish with cilantro, if desired.

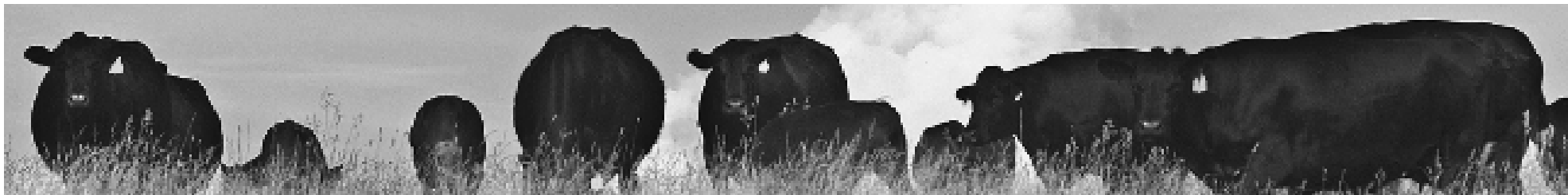
Mixed Vegetable Grill

- 1 tablespoon light brown sugar**
1 1/2 teaspoons basil leaves
1/2 teaspoon salt
1/2 teaspoon garlic powder
1/8 teaspoon ground black pepper
- 2 tablespoons olive oil**
6 cups assorted cut-up vegetables, such as asparagus, bell peppers, zucchini, yellow squash, red onion and small sweet potato
- Mix brown sugar, basil, salt, garlic powder, and pepper in small bowl.
In large bowl, drizzle oil over vegetables; toss to coat well. Add seasoning mixture; toss to coat well.
- Place vegetables in grill basket or rack, or thread onto skewers.
Grill over medium heat 10–12 minutes or until vegetables are tender, turning occasionally.

Strawberry & Watermelon Salad

- 2 cups quartered and cleaned strawberries**
2 cups diced watermelon
1/4 cup sliced fresh basil
1 handful arugula
Sherry vinaigrette (see recipe below)
Salt and pepper, to taste
1/3 cup candied walnuts or pecans
1/3 cup blue or goat cheese
1 tablespoon pomegranate molasses or balsamic syrup
- Sherry vinaigrette:**
1/2 cup sherry vinegar
1 tablespoon honey
1 shallot, cut in half and sliced thinly
1/2 cup extra virgin olive oil
- To make vinaigrette, bring sherry vinegar and honey to a boil in small sauce pan. In small mixing bowl, pour hot sherry mixture over shallots and let cool to room temperature. Once cooled, whisk olive oil with shallots and add salt and pepper to taste.
In a large mixing bowl add
- strawberries, watermelon, basil and arugula. Gently add drizzle of mixed vinaigrette over strawberries, watermelon, basil and arugula mixture.
Toss and season with salt and pepper, plate on desired serving platter or into bowls, then top with nuts, cheese and syrup to serve.

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kycorn CONNECTION

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

Corn leaders tackle profitability crisis during two day meeting

The Kentucky Corn Growers Board of Directors and the Members of the Corn Promotion Council met July 8 and 9 in socially-distanced fashion at the UK Research and Education Center (the Kentucky Corn Growers Conference Room, actually).

They had an agenda packed with discussion about how to remedy the corn profitability crisis that has been presented to farmers in the midst of demand interruptions from a myriad of reasons, such as ongoing trade disruptions, COVID-19 impacts, oil price wars and other black swan events.

On the first day of the meeting, the Council directed checkoff investments to efforts to expand trade for grain, and products made from grain such as ethanol, livestock and poultry. Global trade, particularly of ethanol, is a proven strategy for improving markets.

As EPA and the state of Kentucky have clarified the regulatory environment for retailers on E-15, the Council placed significant checkoff investment for retailer partnerships to bring E-15 to Kentucky consumers. This product, branded as Unleaded 88, will be available in a handful of fuel filling stations once the dispenser conversions are completed, a timeline for which is late-summer.

The board members also took a deep dive into the history of farm policy relative to the large carry-out corn stocks and current deteriorating market conditions.



KyCorn leaders had plenty of elbow room during their July board meeting. Several additional members joined remotely.



Above, Dr. Chad Lee led a brainstorm about production research strategies and direction that is laser focused on profitability.

Left, President Richard Preston from Hardin County chaired the meeting. Here he is moderating a discussion with Jonathan Coppess from farmdoc daily (who joined virtually) about potential farm policy options that would work best for Kentucky grain farmers in an ever-changing market landscape.

Policy and promotion efforts address COVID-19 challenges

Farmers persevere in the presence of all kinds of risk, but we never would have imagined the impacts of a health pandemic and the economic destruction that it has brought. Corn particularly has had a hard time because our market is tied so closely to energy.

Now is not the time to wait and see what happens. The Kentucky Corn Growers Association is working hard on the policy side as our government tries to rectify the situation for many industries. And, the Kentucky Corn Promotion Council is working hard to choose the best investments for your checkoff dollars to stabilize and enhance markets for corn and corn products.

Here are a few examples of our latest efforts:

- Engagement on corn farmers' behalf (and on behalf of our customers, livestock and ethanol producers) on a series of economic stimulus/relief bills in Congress,
- Letters to EPA and pressure from within Congress to discourage a blanket waiver of the RFS as proposed by the oil industry and several governors,
- Partnership with Commonwealth Agri-Energy, and working with KY Department of Agriculture to provide sanitizer made from corn based ethanol to the KY Proud farmers markets, livestock sale barns, and youth livestock exhibitions throughout Kentucky,
- KyCorn worked to advance legislation during our Kentucky General Assembly to allow for sales of E-15 in Kentucky. Following that, we are staying engaged in the regulation review process to ensure that ethanol is treated fairly as new fuel regulations are written,
- Following our successful efforts, nationally, for an RVP waiver that allowed year-round sales of E-15 and cleaning up Kentucky law to allow for the sale of E-15, we are working with retailers to get the product at the pump in over a dozen locations throughout Kentucky.

Additional commodities eligible for coronavirus food assistance program

WASHINGTON – U.S. Secretary of Agriculture Sonny Perdue announced an initial list of additional commodities that have been added to the Coronavirus Food Assistance Program, and that the U.S. Department of Agriculture made other adjustments to the program based on comments received from agricultural producers and organizations and review of market data. Producers were able to submit applications that include these commodities on Monday.

USDA's Farm Service Agency is accepting through Aug. 28 applications for CFAP, which helps offset price declines and additional marketing costs because of the coronavirus pandemic. USDA expects additional eligible commodities to be announced in the coming weeks.

"During this time of national crisis, President Trump and USDA have stood with our farmers, ranchers, and all citizens to make sure they are taken care of," said Secretary Perdue. "When we announced this program earlier this year, we asked for public input and received a good response. After reviewing the comments received and analyzing our USDA Market News data, we are adding new commodities, as well as making updates to the program for existing eligible commodities. This is an example of government working for the people – we asked for input and we updated the program based on the comments we received."

USDA collected comments and supporting data for consideration of additional commodities through June 22, 2020.

Changes to CFAP include:
– Adding the following commodities: alfalfa sprouts, anise, arugula, basil,

bean sprouts, beets, blackberries, Brussels sprouts, celeriac (celery root), chives, cilantro, coconuts, collard greens, dandelion greens, greens (others not listed separately), guava, kale greens, lettuce – including Boston, green leaf, Lolla Rossa, oak leaf green, oak leaf red and red leaf – marjoram, mint, mustard, okra, oregano, parsnips, passion fruit, peas (green), pineapple, pistachios, radicchio, rosemary, sage, savory, sorrel, fresh sugarcane, Swiss chard, thyme and turnip top greens.

– Expanding for seven currently eligible commodities – apples, blueberries, garlic, potatoes, raspberries, tangerines and taro – CARES Act funding for sales losses because USDA found these commodities had a 5 percent or greater price decline between mid-January and mid-April as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic. Originally, these commodities were only eligible for marketing adjustments.

– Determining that peaches and rhubarb no longer qualify for payment under the CARES Act sales loss category.

– Correcting payment rates for apples, artichokes, asparagus, blueberries, cantaloupes, cucumbers, garlic, kiwifruit, mushrooms, papaya, peaches, potatoes, raspberries, rhubarb, tangerines and taro.

Getting Help from FSA

New customers seeking one-on-one support with the CFAP application process can call 877-508-8364 to speak directly with a USDA employee ready to offer general assistance. This is a recommended first step before a producer engages the team at the FSA county office

at their local USDA Service Center.

All other eligibility forms, such as those related to adjusted gross income and payment information, can be downloaded from farmers.gov/cfap. For existing FSA customers, these documents are likely already on file.

All USDA Service Centers are open for business, including some that are open to visitors to conduct business in person by appointment only.

All Service Center visitors wishing to conduct business with FSA, Natural Resources Conservation Service or any other Service Center agency should call

ahead and schedule an appointment. Service Centers that are open for appointments will pre-screen visitors based on health concerns or recent travel, and visitors must adhere to social distancing guidelines.

Visitors may also be required to wear a face covering during their appointment. Field work will continue with appropriate social distancing. The program delivery staff will be in the office, and they will work with producers in office, by phone and using online tools. More information can be found at farmers.gov/coronavirus.



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Webinar schedule
Thursdays, 7 p.m. EDT / 6 p.m. CDT
July 23 - August 13

July 23
• Dr. David Kohl: From a Black Swan to a Phoenix

July 30
• Dr. David Kohl: Four Pillars of Business Success
• Mark Barker: Farm Credit Mid-America
• Dr. Deborah Reed: Well-being Tips

August 6
• Dr. David Kohl: Life after Government Supports
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Webinar series to help farm families

LEXINGTON – The COVID-19 pandemic has put financial, physical, mental and emotional strains on many Americans, including farm families. To help them work through these unprecedented challenges, the University of Kentucky College of Agriculture, Food and Environment is hosting “Crossing through This: Managing Farm and Family in 2020,” a weekly webinar series.

The series begins July 23 and will go live the following three Thursdays at 7 p.m. EDT/6 p.m. CDT. Hosted by UK agricultural economist Steve Isaacs, the series will feature internationally and nationally renowned speakers in agricultural lending, agribusiness, and agriculture health, safety and wellness.

“These are difficult times for the financial well-being and family well-being of Kentucky farms,” Isaacs said. “This series of Thursday evening webinars is targeted for the whole family.”

Webinar speakers and topics include:

July 23 – David Kohl, professor emeritus at Virginia Tech. A highly sought-after educator with insights and extensive research in agribusiness, Kohl will discuss the impacts of the pandemic, current economic chal-

lenges for farm families and prospects for the future.

July 30 – Kohl will discuss the four pillars of business success. He and Isaacs will be joined by Mark Barker, senior vice president for agricultural lending with Farm Credit Mid-America, who will talk about why it’s important for producers to have open lines of communication with their lender. Deborah Reed, UK nursing professor who is internationally renowned for her work in agriculture health and safety, will provide tips for personal well-being.

Aug. 6 – Kohl will discuss life after government supports. Reed will provide additional well-being tips. They will be joined by Brian Lacefield, Kentucky’s executive director of the U.S. Department of Agriculture’s Farm Service Agency. Lacefield will talk about current FSA

programs and loans that can help producers navigate these challenging times.

Aug. 13 – Kohl will present business planning and mental health. Reed will discuss ways farmers and their family members can maintain optimal physical and mental health during times of great uncertainty.

Individuals can register online at <https://bit.ly/2020FarmFamily>. Registration is required and closes July 20. Once registered, individuals will receive links to view each of the webinars. Participants will be able to ask questions during the sessions.

Additional information is available through county extension offices or by contacting Sarah Hanks, UK senior extension associate, at sarahlovethanks@uky.edu or 859-218-3323.

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LaRue teacher named Kentucky Ag Teacher of the Year

Misty Bivens, agriculture teacher at LaRue County High School in Hodgenville, was recently named the 2020 Kentucky Agriculture Teacher of the Year during a special recognition that was part of the Kentucky FFA Virtual Convention.

Agriculture teachers from across Kentucky nominate one of their peers from each region for this annual award. A committee selects the Teacher of the Year recipient from the regional winners. All regional and state winners receive cash prizes and are recognized during the state FFA Convention.

Bivens has been teaching for 19 years at LaRue County, but she said in her Teacher of the Year application that she almost changed her major when she was in college. Her advisor dug in his heels and basically refused to let her switch – something she says she's thankful for.

"I don't regret one second," she said. "I love it. If you don't love teaching, you probably need to quit and find another job. I know that for me becoming an agriculture teacher was definitely the right decision when I chose a profes-

sion."

Bivens has had a notable career. She has received local, state and national teaching awards, and has served her profession in a number of capacities, including as state president of the Kentucky Association of Agricultural Educators. She currently is a member of the Kentucky FFA Foundation Board of Trustees.

Bivens' true impact, though, is in LaRue County. She has led many of her students to win FFA competitions and events, and has helped them prepare for life after high school.

"I know that every student won't work in the agriculture sector," she said in her application, "but the skills that are taught in agriculture should help them long into the future."

Bivens also is active in the community. She has been president of the LaRue County Farm Bureau, volunteers each year with the LaRue County fair and LaRue County 4-H, and is an active member of the PTO at Abraham Lincoln Elementary School.

Despite the many honors she has gar-

nered over the years, Bivens says being named Kentucky Agriculture Teacher of the Year is special.

"To be 100 percent honest, when I found out I won, I cried a little," she said. "This award was validation from my peers. I've put in several years and I've tried to do the right things along the way. I felt like this was very validating."

As the state Agriculture Teacher of the Year, Bivens will go on to compete against other agriculture teachers in this region of the United States to be named the 2021 Agriculture Teacher of the Year for Region IV.

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We are still farming

Now more than ever it is important that we get a clear and concise message out. We are still farming. We are still gathering eggs every day; we are still setting them and hatching eggs and placing and processing birds. America has one of the safest and most abundant food supplies of any country in the world. Not only do Kentucky farmers feed Kentucky and America, we feed the world.

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Prior to COVID-19 most Americans ate meals at work, school, or out with their family or friends at a local restaurant. With schools shut down, restaurants

changing to carry out or delivery, and many of us still working from home, those food purchases have changed.

The availability of PPE's, processing plant employee attendance, lack of daycare quickly became a concern as processors tried to keep up with the change in demand of their products.

Kentucky has done better than most other states. We have not closed any processing plants and we have not had to depopulate any birds.

The product that is being produced at our plants may look a little bit different than it has in the past due to the shift in demand. However, poultry is still one of the least expensive and most abundant sources of protein that you can consume.

22nd annual Ky. Poultry Festival

The Kentucky Poultry Federation is hosting the Kentucky Poultry Festival in Lexington. We invite you to attend the 22nd annual Kentucky Poultry festival at the Griffin Gate Marriott Resort and Spa in Lexington on Oct. 3. We hope that you will mark your calendars and register to join us for an exciting day of food, fun and entertainment.

Ladies join us for the ladies' outing at spa day. We will have limited appointments and they are filled on a first come, first served basis. Saturday's times are from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Treatments offered will include massage, manicure or pedicure. The Griffin Gate Marriott Resort Golf Club is the location for this year's best ball scramble on Saturday, Oct. 5. The course is located, at 1800 Newtown Pike, Lexington, KY, 40511-1330, 859-231-5100.

We will also host a horse farm, hooch and historical tour Saturday Oct 5, 9:30 a.m. to 2:15 p.m. The price will be \$150 per person and the tour includes a private tour of Darby Dan Farm, a "Kentucky Proud" lunch and tour and tasting at a local distillery.

An extension of the festival is the Kentucky Poultry Federation scholarship fund. On Saturday evening, we

will host a silent auction where all proceeds are designated for scholarships given to children and grandchildren of Kentucky's poultry families, employees and allied members. If you would like to donate an item for the silent auction, email Jamie Guffey at jguffey@kypoultry.org.

The day will conclude with the annual hall of fame banquet where we will recognize our hall of fame members, family farm environmental award winners, scholarship winners and ticket sales winners. After an evening of good food and recognizing the successes of friends the grand finale is another great event, Monte Carlo Night.

Please make plans to attend the 22nd annual Kentucky Poultry Festival in Lexington. If you are unable to attend the events but would like to support Kentucky's poultry industry, there are many ways that you can get involved without actually being present.

If you would like to purchase tickets, please visit our website at www.kypoultry.org or if you need more information please contact the Kentucky Poultry Federation office at 270-404-2277 or e-mail jguffey@kypoultry.org.



Smoked cheesecake with bourbon pecan topping

From Jamie Guffey – We tried this one and loved it! One of our purchases this year was a pellet grill. We have grilled, smoked, and even baked a cheesecake. Our next goal is to try pizzas on the grill. It is grilling season and most of us are still eating most of our meals at home. Let's get outside and cook.

- Crust**

 - 12ounce Oreos
 - 6 ounce melted butter

Filling

 - 24 ounce cream cheese – room temperature
 - 1 cup granulated sugar
 - 3 tbs cornstarch
 - 2 large eggs
 - 2/3 cup heavy cream
 - 1 tbs Vanilla
 - 1-1/2 tbs bourbon
- Topping**

 - 3 large eggs beaten
 - 1/3 cup granulated sugar
 - 1/3 cup Brown Sugar
 - 8 tsp corn syrup (dark corn syrup recommended)
 - 2 tbs bourbon 1/2 tsp Vanilla
 - 1/8tsp Salt
 - 3/4 cup rough chopped pecans (smoked pecans recommended)

Preheat pellet grill to 350 degrees using Perfect Mix Pellets

Wrap foil on bottom and up the sides of a of 9” spring-form pan (outside of pan). Butter the bottom and insides of pan.

Crust

Throw ingredients in food processor until finely ground.

Spread in 9” cheesecake pan on bottom & about half way up sides.

Filling

Place 8 oz. of cream cheese in mixer bowl with 1/3 of sugar and cornstarch – mix until smooth and creamy.

Add another 8 oz. cream cheese and beat until smooth, then add remaining cream cheese beating until smooth.

Then mix in the rest of the sugar, bourbon and vanilla.

Add eggs one at a time beating well after

each one.

Add the heavy cream and mix just until smooth (do not over mix)

Pour batter into the prepared crust.

Topping

Mix all together except pecans.

Sprinkle pecans on top of cheesecake batter.

Pour topping over cheesecake batter.

Place in pan big enough to hold spring-form pan. Pour boiling water in the roasting pan to come up about half way up the spring-form pan.

Bake at 350 degrees for 75 minutes until the top just barely jiggles. Carefully take pan out of water-bath and put on cooling rack.

Let cool for 2 hours in pan. After 2 hours put in fridge until totally chilled then serve.

Kentucky 4-H poultry contests

The Kentucky 4-H poultry contest have been postponed. It is our hope that the chicken and turkey BBQ, egg prep, poultry judging, and quiz bowl contests will be rescheduled at a later date. Our plans are to have these events in person if possible.

If that is not possible, we will investigate options to conduct these contests

virtually. Please stay tuned for further announcements and instructions as the information becomes available.

For additional information on all poultry contests contact your local extension office or Dr. Tony Pescatore at 859-257-7529 or via e-mail at apescato@email.uky.edu.



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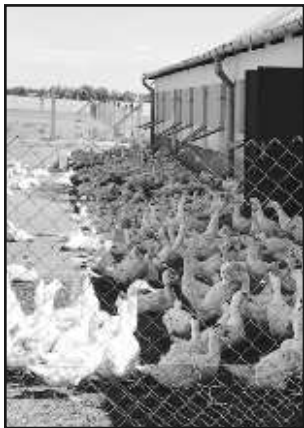
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Apps to try this summer

With us staying healthy at home, we have more of an opportunity to educate the people around us. One way to do that is with technology, give these apps a try. As a reminder, the apps must meet the following criteria: it must be free, it must be entertaining or helpful around the farm, and it must be agriculture and poultry friendly.

The three Apps I am reviewing this time are: Yummly Recipes + Shopping List, Keto diet and Ketogenic recipes, and BBQ Recipes Maker Party Night.

With the change in purchasing from fast food restaurants, quick service restaurants, sit down restaurants, takeout, to cooking at home these may help. Get the kids involved as they watch you grill, let them have on their devices learning how to prepare their favorite meals virtually.

Yummly Recipes + Shopping list – With over 2 million recipes the question “What’s for dinner?” and “I’m Hungry!” can be a few steps away.

This app is packed full of tutorials, videos, and step-by-step instructions to make you the rock star of your kitchen. This app will help you find recipes to make right now with what you have on hand. Download this cooking sidekick today and start trying new dishes your family will enjoy.

Keto diet and Ketogenic recipes- is a great app for those of you who are trying to maintain the keto lifestyle. This app is a perfect partner with our key to focus on Facebook in February.

With over 200 delicious recipes, you will be able to find what you are looking for. This

app will also give you keto basics, food list, recipes for breakfast, lunch, dinner, snacks, and tips for getting started.

BBQ Recipes Maker Party Night – This app is for those little grillers at home. While you are setting everything up and cooking outside, let the little ones use their smart devices to help them create their favorite dishes. Chicken wings, chicken legs, and chicken kebabs should be at the top of that list. Be advised, the free version of this app did have a few ads between functions.

As always, if we are going to get better at telling our story about agriculture, let’s start with our children and our family first. Most kids today know how to operate our smart devices better than we do, so let us give them an educational, agricultural app to play!

Smoked chicken on a pellet grill

1 ¼ lbs Whole roasting chicken
¼ cup Dry rub
4 Cloves garlic lightly smashed

½ Red onion roughly chopped
½ Lemon, sliced in half to fit inside the chicken cavity

Preheat smoker to 225 degrees (we used apple wood). Remove any giblets from the cavity of the chicken. Clean and pat dry your chicken and cover with dry rub. Optional: Stuff the cavity of the bird with garlic cloves, onion, and lemon (cut up). Next tie up the wings and legs to get them closer the body of the chicken so they do not dry out or overcook. Place on smoker for one hour. Then, after one hour, increase temperature of the smoker to 350 degrees, and leave until the internal temperature of the thickest part of the bird reads 165 degrees (this could take up to another hour de-



pending on the size of your bird). Remove, and let sit for about 10 minutes, then slice and serve.

The greatest grilled turkey

2 pounds whole turkey
1 tablespoon vegetable oil
1 teaspoon Italian seasoning
salt and pepper to taste

Although not very traditional, grilling turkey is the best way to cook it - it comes out tender and juicy every time! The turkey drippings may be used to prepare a gravy by placing a metal pan under the turkey inside the roasting

pan, and mixing in about 1/2 cup water, adding more water as necessary to prevent the drippings from scorching. Remove the pan about 30 minutes before the turkey is done cooking.

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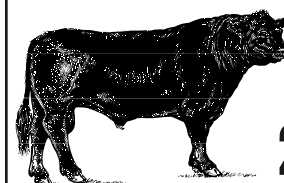
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Judge grants injunction against Beshear's executive orders

A Scott Circuit Judge ordered Gov. Andy Beshear to cease issuing or enforcing executive orders related to COVID-19 unless the orders meet specific criteria for an emergency as outlined by state law.

The temporary injunction followed a lawsuit filed by Agriculture Commissioner Ryan Quarles and Evans Orchard and Cider Mill, in Georgetown. The orchard owners argue they are being treated unfairly by restrictions that have limited their business, such as only allowing 10 people into a 96,000 sq. ft. play area.

In the ruling, the judge stated that, in order to issue and enforce executive orders related to COVID-19, the governor must specify the state of emergency that requires the executive order, the location of the emergency, and the name of the local emergency management agency that has determined that the emergency is beyond its capabilities.

“The governor cannot issue broad, arbitrary executive orders apart from the requirements of state law, and the judge agreed by today issuing a statewide temporary restraining order,” said Attorney General Cameron following the ruling. “This is a clear win for the rule of law and will help Kentucky families and businesses across the commonwealth who have suffered and continue to suffer financial losses and economic hardship because of the governor’s executive orders.”

Cameron joined the lawsuit last week. In the lawsuit, Evans Orchard owners say they instituted new public health guidelines and procedures during the COVID-19 pandemic in compliance with Beshear’s executive orders, including requiring employees to wear masks, sanitation protocols for the facility, and reduced capacity to comply with social distancing.

“This ruling is a victory for the rule of law, public health, individual liberty, and small business owners across the commonwealth,” said Commissioner Quarles. “The decision provides much needed certainty for businesses across the state as peak agritourism season approaches. I am hopeful this court order will encourage the Beshear Administration to follow Kentucky’s administrative laws and seek cooperation from the public and the General Assembly in putting public health first.”

Last Friday, Beshear issued a new order, mandating that Kentuckians wear face coverings while in public. The mandate went into effect on Friday.

Following the announcement Cameron announced plans to ask the judge to consider whether the new executive order complies with the temporary restraining order.

“Had the governor consulted with our office and the leadership of the General Assembly on his order prior to its issuance, this step would have been unnecessary,” Cameron stated in a press release. “The governor has refused input on his executive orders, despite offers of assistance. This pattern has led to numerous challenges in court, all of which he has lost.”

Cameron said the request is not about whether it is appropriate to wear a mask.

“It is my belief that masks are an important tool in

fighting this pandemic. It is, however, about determining if the governor’s executive order mandating mask use follows state law. As the chief law officer for the commonwealth, it is my duty to raise this question before the court and ensure that the law is followed,” Cameron said.

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