



(At left) Cattle pens expansion for Marksberry Farms in Lancaster. (At right) Anne Bays runs Moonlight Meat Processing Inc. in Whitley County, which she purchased three years ago, and is receiving funds from a new program to help beef processors keep up with increased demands.

WHERE'S THE BEEF

Ag Development funds help Ky. processors expand

Although the global health pandemic has caused economic hardships on a grand scale, there's one effect Kentucky farmers hope sticks around – people buying more local food, especially from beef producers and processors.

The Kentucky Agricultural Development Board also wants to see that continue. Along with help from the Kentucky Agricultural Finance Corporation and Dr. Gregg Rentfrow with the University of Kentucky, a new program was created by the board to help the state's beef processors keep up with increased demands.

KADP committed \$1 million back in May as part of the Meat Processing Investment Program, set up to help processors expand operations. Then, in August, the board earmarked another \$500,000 for the program.

So far, it has approved nine different awards to processors in nine counties.

Separated into three levels of funding, the program has recommended state funds be awarded to the tune of almost \$693,000, with more pending.

Those funds, depending on which level they were awarded at, will help businesses with operating costs related to increased processing needs for both large- and small-scale expansions, from equipment upgrades to overall facility improvements.

A fourth level has also been recently added in order to help those who purchased a facility, or those who are looking to start one.

Ryan Quarles, Kentucky's ag commissioner, says the limits on processing capacities have been an issue, but were even more impacted due to the coronavirus.

"But that's been one of the silver-linings of COVID; it's put a great emphasis

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Ag Commissioner of Kentucky

on local food and Kentucky Proud products," he says. "Sales are way up, and with the meat shortages back in April, more Kentuckians than ever looked for locally-sourced meat products, which put even more stress on our 20+ USDA (inspected) processors."

Quarles says he, the former GOAP Executive Director Warren Beeler and KADB worked to create the program.

"When farmers have to wait six months to a year to get processed, we know the demand is high and we need

to increase that availability," he said. Quarles says he is particularly proud that the program "helps both small, medium and large processors, all at once." Now, with the recommended funds to be awarded, "you're seeing the fruits of labor, seeing the mom-and-pop shops are benefiting, and we're hoping that consumers will benefit from having more local food options."

He says they will continue to work to

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Several processors already benefit from ADB program

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increase not only the state’s meat production capacity, but also other Kentucky Proud programs “as the pandemic has created this silver lining for Kentucky farmers to benefit from, during these uncertain times.”

Anne Bays runs Moonlight Meat Processing Inc. in Whitley County, which she purchased three years ago. She heard about the program when her USDA meat grader made a visit, and immediately set out to investigate.

She was first approved for a \$20,000 level 1 award, “which pays producers who are doing a whole lot more USDA business now than they have been; it pays you a premium per animal.”

Recently, she was notified that she also received a level 2 award, for smaller expansions and equipment upgrades, totaling \$37,500 — the maximum allowed in that level. Since the plant she bought had been in operation for over 30 years, “a lot of the equipment is really old and outdated,” which was fine, as long as they weren’t doing as much production.

Bays plans to apply for the level 3 funds, as well. She opened an additional meat shop in downtown Williamsburg, then the pandemic hit.

“Right now, I have 17 employees. Before COVID, I had six.” Moonlight went from averaging 16 animals a week to now 30-35.

Purchases she will be partly reimbursed for include a primary freezer replacement, a cooling unit for the processing room, and two new saws, one for carcass-splitting on the kill floor and a smaller one for the processing area.

Dennis Ray Wise, owner of Wise Custom Meat Packing in Taylor County, was also approved for a level 2 award. He will be reimbursed for up to \$28,425 for the purchase of a patty attachment.

“It just makes hamburger patties – does it way more quickly,” Wise says, which will help him tremendously. His business is booked up for processing “all the way out to the end of next year.” Wise says some customers have asked to start booking for 2022, but he feels that’s too far out, even though he’s heard of one guy in Tennessee who’s booking out to 2024.

“The whole operation, there’s just a lot of labor involved. That’s one reason everybody’s backed up — there’s not a

lot of people who want to do this type of labor. If you can get a piece of equipment, it really helps you out,” Wise said.

The process of applying for the money wasn’t too hard, Wise said.

“I mean, there’s a lot of paperwork to it, but it’s not impossible, and it was easy to understand.”

This is the first time his business has applied for funds like this.

“We didn’t know what to expect. We knew it had to be approved by — not sure who all looks at it, actually ...”

Bill McCloskey, deputy executive director of GOAP, said the meat processing expansion committee reviews applications, then makes funding recommendations to the board.

“They are reimbursed after their purchases, of course they turn in a document of expenses, including canceled checks ... We want to be good stewards of this money. We also do a site visit, as well,” McCloskey said.

McCloskey, along with GOAP’s new executive director, Dorsey Ridley, say the program is growing at an incredible pace. McCloskey describes it as “state government working at warp speed.”

Quarles says they knew the response would be very high, and he’s “proud we’re moving so quickly. This is one of the boldest moves the Ag Development Board has made since its creation years ago.”

Quarles says they began working on implementation late last spring, and had the program up and running by summer.

“What you’re seeing now is the completion in record-breaking time, in applications and evaluations. It usually takes some time for grants to be available, but the need is so great, we were able to get it up and running quickly,” Quarles said.

Ridley said the program is still developing.

“Level 4 is most recent, for new processing plants. This is quite new,” he said. This funding will be for used for those who have purchased a new facility or are looking to start one.

Marielle McElmurray, director of public affairs for GOAP, says if approved, these applicants can get help with anything from construction of the facility to registrations and food safety certifications, for example.

“We’ve had two applications for this,

which are in pending status, until (the board) can get a meat processing consultant to come on and work with them,” to help advise, she says.

Wise Custom Meat Packing has been in business for 55 years, after Dennis Ray’s dad, Floyd Wise, started the business. Wise said they have three employees, who are all family.

Wise said he has never seen demand such as he has experienced in recent months.

It’s just crazy right now,” he said.

Bays said she believes the new market trend is here to stay.

“I think the whole COVID crisis really opened people’s eyes to where their food comes from, and they would rather have their food local,” she said.

While she wasn’t shocked to be awarded the funds, Bays said she was very pleased.

“I’ve said this before, and I’ll say it again – Kentucky helps their ag producers a lot. That’s real important. Ken-

tucky does a really good job with this.” Processors also have access to low-interest loans through the Kentucky Agricultural Finance Corporation, as well as technical assistance through the University of Kentucky College of Agriculture and the Kentucky Center for Agriculture and Rural Development.

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Field Reporter

Other processors awarded fund through the program include:

- Garrison Meat Processing, Lewis County; \$37,500
- Hampton Meat Processing, Christian County; \$37,500
- Laird Meat Co., Marshall County; \$19,358
- Loretto Butcher Shop, Marion County; \$37,500
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Springer Heifers: Supreme 1425.00, Approved 1025.00-250.00, Medium 900.00-975.00, Common 800.00-850.00.

Open Heifers: Supreme 450# 435.00 Jersey, Approved 325-375# 235.00-250.00, Approved 460# 375.00 Jersey,, Medium 600# 460.00.

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Slaughter Cows: Breaker 75-80 percent lean 1598# 54.00-65.00, H.Dr. 1580-1805# 66.47, Boner 80-85 percent lean 1080-1415# 54.00-67.00, H.Dr. 1125-1365# 64.00-68.00, L.Dr. 1100-1280# 47.00-52.00, Lean 790-1205# 44.00-52.00, H.Dr. 885-1010# 56.00-59.00, L.Dr. 740-1100# 32.00-37.00.

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Grain markets favoring wheat and double-crop soybeans

LEXINGTON – As Kentucky producers begin to decide their planting intentions for the next growing season, current grain markets favor a wheat, double-crop soybean rotation over full-season soybeans.

“Right now, expected market prices look incredibly attractive for Kentucky producers to plant wheat and double-crop soybeans in most scenarios,” said Greg Halich, agricultural economist with the University of Kentucky College of Agriculture, Food and Environment.

Compared to 2019, wheat prices have increased significantly, and soybean prices have had a slight increase. Higher wheat prices are due to a higher global demand, as countries stock up on supplies due to the COVID-19 pandemic, and lower worldwide production in 2020, because the crop was impacted by adverse weather conditions across the globe.

Projected wheat prices for the 2021 harvest are around \$5.80 per bushel, which is an increase of nearly \$1 per bushel from 2019, and the projected soybean prices for the 2021 harvest are around \$9.60 per bushel.

Halich analyzed potential returns for two large grain production areas in Ken-

tucky. The southwestern part of the state does a lot of double-cropping already, and the Ohio Valley tends to grow more corn and full-season soybeans. He also considered additional operating costs related to growing double-crop soybeans in his analysis and average cash rents for average and best ground in these two areas.

“The increase in net profit would vary based on yields and operating costs, but in the southwestern part of the state, producers could earn as much as \$144 more per acre from growing wheat and double-crop soybeans on their best land. Those in the Ohio Valley could get as much as \$60 more per acre on their best ground,” Halich said.

On average land in southwest Kentucky, producers expect average yields of 72 bushels per acre for wheat, 42 bushels per acre for double-crop soybeans and 50 bushels per acre of full season soybeans. In this scenario, Halich anticipates that wheat producers could have net profits of \$64 per acre by planting wheat and double-crop soybeans compared to \$11 for full-season soybeans. With higher average yields expected on prime agriculture ground, those returns could increase to \$198 per

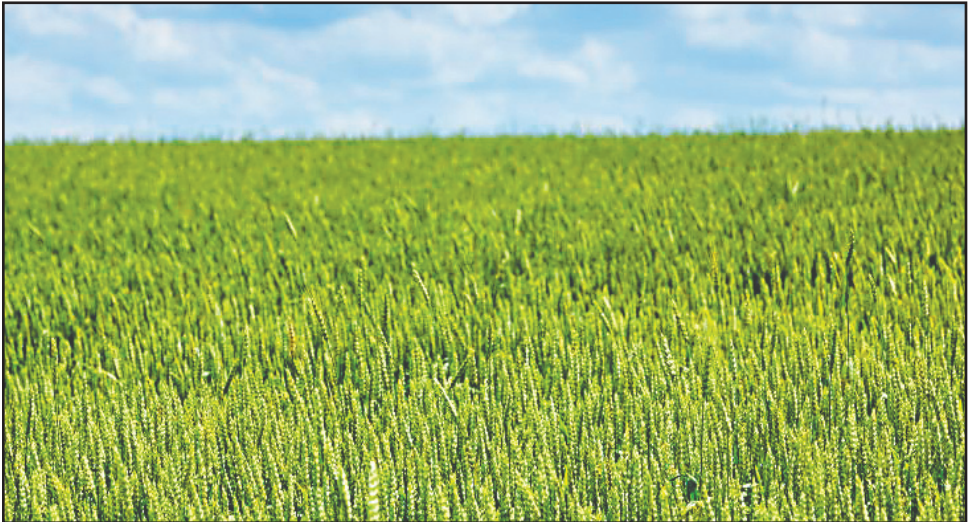


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Wheat prices have significantly increased over the past year, which makes it attractive for Kentucky grain farmers to plant wheat this fall.

acre for wheat and double-crop soybeans compared to \$54 per acre for full-season soybeans.

On average land in the Ohio Valley, Halich estimates that producers could see a \$14 per acre increase if they were to grow wheat and double-crop soybeans. If they plant wheat and double-crop soybeans on their best ground and get average yields of 75 bushels per acre of wheat and 51 bushels per acre of dou-

ble-crop soybeans, they could see as much as a \$60 per acre net profit over full-season soybeans with an average yield of 60 bushels per acre.

“The double-crop soybean yields would have to drop significantly before full-season soybeans became more profitable in three of the four situations,” Halich said.

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Let's build agriculture back to better together

Dear Editor,

Throughout our careers in farming and public service, having worked in Republican and Democratic Administrations, we have seen that when it comes to doing what's best for agriculture, one's political affiliation does not matter as much as a steady and serious commitment to farmers and their communities.

We know that the wellbeing of the farm community depends on stable leadership that takes responsibility for its actions, gives credit to all who have contributed, and shares benefits with those who have need. We believe that Vice President Biden can best provide that leadership for America.

The past six months have shown more clearly than ever that farmers and farm communities are critical to America's well-being. Unfortunately, the impacts of the pandemic, as well as failures in national leadership, have exacerbated problems farmers have faced for some time: low prices, high debt, record bankruptcies, and suicide rates. Even as farmers have been called upon as essential workers, the mishandling of the crisis at the national level has increased risk to farm families, crippled supply chains, and resulted in lost jobs and access to health care in their communities.

Farm families and communities have always been resilient and enterprising. They have invested their own money in conserving natural resources and growing crops that produce renewable fuels to create economic opportunities and meet our nation's energy needs.

They have invested their resources in cooperatives that bring economic benefits to rural communities across the country and market value-added products around the world. For many decades, agricultural exports have been

the bright spot in our country's balance of trade, thanks to the hard work and dollars that farmers and their communities have invested in developing reliable markets and trading relationships.

Farm communities have a legitimate reason to expect that their work and that of everyone involved in the food production chain will be valued. They have reason to expect that the nation will recognize how important a vital farm economy is to our society and reason to expect that markets will be expanded, not decimated. Farmers also have every reason to expect leadership at the national level that does not jeopardize years of investment in production capacity and critical markets by acting recklessly, heedless of the consequences and costs borne by our country.

Just as importantly, they have reason to expect leadership that values civility, human decency, and mutual respect; leadership with a record of personal commitment to working across the political spectrum in the best interests of agriculture and farm communities. Leadership, in other words, that values the work of those who have made our agricultural bounty possible.

Vice President Biden clearly embodies these values. No one is better suited to further the interests of American agriculture and preserve the immense value that farmers and ranchers provide to our country as a whole.

s/Dawn R. Riley and Larry Elworth
Dawn R. Riley served in the office of U.S. Senator Mitch McConnell and at USDA in the George W. Bush Administration.
Larry Elworth served at USDA and the White House in the Clinton Administration and EPA in the Obama Administration. They both continue to work on agricultural, food and sustainability issues.

Investments that move corn

With corn harvest in full swing, it is a great time to focus on how the Kentucky Corn Promotion Council is continuing to invest in projects that will increase corn demand. Ky-Corn is focused on rebuilding markets for corn farmers by growing ethanol utilization, increasing exports of corn and corn products, finding new uses for corn, and building upon our relationships with animal agriculture partners.

One of the most promising local ventures that will increase corn grind is the installation of blender pumps at fuel retail locations in Kentucky. Immediately upon updating Kentucky state law following the federal rules change to allow year round sales of E15, we invested checkoff funds to convert dozens of fuel dispensers to allow consumers access to the fuel. We worked with a variety of fuel retailers and marketers throughout Kentucky on installation of pumps that can dispense the product approved for vehicles manufactured since 2001.

This is a win for farmers and consumers, offering a less expensive and cleaner-burning option at the pump – that grinds more corn. Our goal is to see blender pumps become commonplace for consumers across the commonwealth.

It was also nice to see our ethanol plant and Kentucky distilleries adapt to provide pandemic needs. Through a partnership with Casey Jones Distillery in Hopkinsville, we were able to make hand and surface sanitizer distilled at Commonwealth Agri-Energy available to Kentucky Department of Agriculture's Ky Proud Farmers' Markets, Livestock Sale Barns, and the Kentucky State Fair. While this represents a small portion of Kentucky's corn, more light has been shed on Kentucky's corn industry, and our partnerships to increase purchase of local corn for distilling.

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Harvest progress, yields and exports



MARKET WATCH

Dewey Strickler

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In the weeks ahead, the focus in corn will center on harvest progress, yield reports, and exports. As of last week, harvest was eight percent done which is slightly below the average of 10 percent. The forecast is dry through early October which will keep delays at a minimum. Looking at exports, USDA projects them at 2.325 billion bushels for an increase of 31 percent over a year ago. Last week, inspections were 29.7 million bushels and must average 45.8 million bushels each week to reach USDA's target. While global stocks have been declining since 2016, they are more than adequate to meet demand. This suggests that a production shortfall will be needed in South America or the Black Sea Region to sustain prolonged price strength. Soybeans continue to be supported from active buying by China. Hardly a day passes that a sale is not announced. Last week, export inspections were 48.1 million bushels with China taking 32.6 million bushels. Their interest will likely last a few more weeks but will likely turn to South America when planting begins. Generally, U.S. exports tend to peak in November. Looking at harvest, it has begun and is six percent complete which is par for the average. Right now, my main concern for soybeans is that the funds are long 765 million bushels, their largest position since April 2018. Shortly after that occurred, the market fell 24 percent. Long story short, the bulls are becoming overpopulated. There is little to say about wheat as it is mostly a follower of corn and soybeans. Planting of winter wheat has begun and is 20 percent complete, which is slightly above the average of 19 percent. Export inspections last week were 17.2 million bushels and must average 18.2 million bushels each week to reach USDA's target of 975 million bushels. So far, cumulative exports are running seven percent above a year ago with the pace on track for shipments of 1.1 billion bushels.

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Election year crazy, sure; but this is beyond crazy

Just when you think 2020 can't possibly get any crazier, autumn arrives with a carload of crazy in tow. For example, does any farmer or rancher really know what the White House's recently announced additional \$14 billion in ag bailout money is intended to address that the previous \$37.2 billion didn't address? That's an honest question because we already know through the U.S. Department of Agriculture's recent Farm Income Forecast that 2020 net farm income will be an estimated \$102.7 billion, the highest since 2013. In fact, it's the highest by far: \$40 billion over 2016's net farm income and \$20 billion more than last year's. And that's before the \$14 billion. When added, U.S. farmers will pocket \$51 billion in aid, or just \$11 billion less than 2016's entire net farm income for all farmers. Equally crazy is that if anyone in the congressional ag hierarchy asks for an accounting of the money, as Ranking Member Debbie Stabenow of the Senate Ag Committee did Sept. 21, they are denounced as "irresponsible." So, since no one is allowed to ask, let's simply pause to contemplate where exactly in the Twilight Zone we are today. First, the Dems are worried about spending. Second, the Repubs are screaming for billions more in subsidies. Third, has any farm or commodity group not put its hand out? Gonzo as that all might be, even more crazy are much bigger sectors of the U.S. economy that continue to be stifled – and strangled – by Congress and the White House. For example, American agriculture composes 1 percent of U.S. Gross Domestic Product. By contrast, the restaurant sector is four times bigger, kicking in 4 percent of GDP. To date, restaurants have received pennies in government coronavirus aid while ag has gotten dollars. Still, American leaders don't have a corner on crazy. Boris Johnson, the United Kingdom's prime minister (and Europe's best-known COVID-19 skeptic until he survived a COVID infection last April) does crazy as good as anyone anywhere.

To prove it, Johnson, the straw-haired former mayor of London who rode Brexit, the UK's exit from the European Union, into No. 10 Downing St., recently said he would not hesitate to break the very Brexit agreement he signed with the EU just months ago if it insists he follow its rules. Crazy, right? I mean, which leader of a nuclear-armed nation negotiates, then signs, an international agreement they say they will break before the deal even takes effect? Crazier still, Prime Minister BoJo says he's not the crazy one in the deal; the EU is, he proclaims, because it actually believed he would honor the Brexit deal he signed. Johnson's remark came on the heels of recent questions surrounding a key Brexit sticking point: How do Northern Ireland and the Republic of Ireland – the former is a part of the UK, the latter a part of the EU – maintain their shared, "open" border after Brexit kicks in Jan. 1. The answer involves more than trade. Leaders on both sides see the open border – unburdened by either EU or UK tariffs – as the key to maintaining the fragile peace between the long-warring sides. UK farmers, who supported both Brexit and Johnson, now find themselves tangled in the fight. If Johnson rejects the agreement but pulls the UK from the European Union, the EU says it will shut its door to all UK food and farm exports. That would be a devastating cut to UK farmers and one Johnson has no bandage – American level subsidies – to offer. American farmers and ranchers have an interest in this distant fight. Johnson and President Donald J. Trump want to strike a free trade deal as swiftly as possible, partly to keep trade lines open between America and the soon-to-be alone UK and partly to give Johnson a life jacket in case his Brexit bilge swamps him. Either way, would you trust Johnson to uphold his end of any deal? Of course not; you're not crazy.

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Beeler joins Kentucky Agriculture and Environment in the Classroom

SHEPHERDSVILLE, Ky.– Kentucky Agriculture and Environment in the Classroom (TeachKyAg) is pleased to announce the addition of Warren Beeler as its official EngAGe Kentucky program speaker and outreach director. This role will allow Beeler, affectionately known as Mr. Kentucky Agriculture, to continue speaking to student, civic and leadership groups about farming issues and the importance of agricultural literacy.

“Warren has always been a wonderful advocate for the positive work of our farmers to groups within and outside the Kentucky farming community,” said Jennifer Elwell, TeachKyAg executive director. “We wanted to ensure his wonderful messages and stories could continue to be heard, and the EngAGe Kentucky program provides a perfect avenue for Mr. Kentucky Agriculture.”

EngAGe Kentucky is a joint program of the Kentucky Livestock Coalition and TeachKyAg, with support from the Kentucky Agricultural Development Fund and the Kentucky Soybean Board. The goal of the program is to encourage discussions about food production issues with students and the public so they may have a better understanding of sus-

tainability, animal welfare, and food safety from the farm community’s point of view. The program closely mirrors the Engage program of The Center for Food Integrity and Operation Main Street of the National Pork Board.

Both Beeler and Elwell have been through the national speaker training programs and have then provided trainings in Kentucky to local agriculture advocates.


“I know how important it is to tell people what we do and how we do it,” remarked Beeler about the opportunity to resume his speaking engagements. “It’s sad that we have allowed such a disconnect between the farm and the public, so I’m excited to be able to hit the road again and do what I love most.”

To book Beeler as an in-person or video conference speaker, visit teachkyag.org/engageky. In-state presentations are provided free-of-charge through the EngAGe Kentucky program.

Teachers may also choose to request a member of TeachKyAg’s teaching team for a lesson and activity from a list of options. Due to COVID-19 guidelines, schools may only request a video conference at this time.



Warren Beeler joined Jennifer Elwell in 2019 to speak at several EngAGe Kentucky advocacy trainings that were supported by the Kentucky Livestock Coalition, Kentucky Soybean Board, and Kentucky Agricultural Development Fund. Elwell honored Beeler with a t-shirt that sported his “Plain and Simple” catchphrase.




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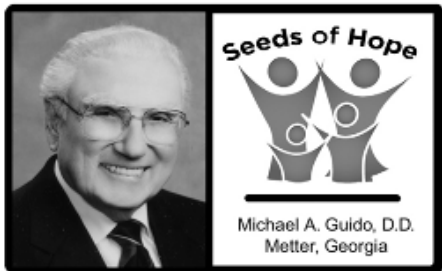
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Years ago a man who had difficulty believing that God created the universe stopped by my brother's office for a visit. As he was sitting there, he noticed his new electric typewriter. After typing a few lines and watching the little ball swirl around and identify the letters of the alphabet that he wanted, he asked, "Where did this amazing machine come from?"

Remembering that he was an atheist, Michael replied, "Oh, a friend of mine just threw a bunch of bars and bolts, guides and keys, nuts and rollers, screws and springs and some toner stuff into a bucket, shook it for a minute or two, turned it upside down and out came this 'creation.'"

"O.K., Preacher, I get it," he admitted. "What you're telling me is that just as there had to be someone design and put the typewriter together, there must have been Someone to design and put the universe together."

There are many who argue for or against the existence of God. The Bible, however, does not. It simply states that "God is." In Psalm 102:25 we read, "In the beginning You laid the foundations of the earth, and the heavens are the work of Your hands." This obviously means that God "was" before anything existed and that the heavens and earth are the work of His hands. Creation is finite and transitory but our God is not. As Peter reminds us "in keeping with His promise we are looking forward to a new heaven and a new earth, the home of righteousness."

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Chicken pot pie VI

1 recipe pastry for a 9 inch double crust pie
4 breast half, bone and skin removed (blank)s boneless, skinless chicken breast halves
½ cup chopped onion
1 teaspoon poultry seasoning
1 (10.75 ounce) can condensed cream of chicken soup
1 (10.75 ounce) can condensed cream of mushroom soup
1 cup shredded Cheddar cheese
1 cup shredded mozzarella cheese
2 cups frozen mixed vegetables, thawed
1 cup sliced fresh mushrooms
salt and pepper to taste

Preheat oven to 350 degrees F (175 degrees C). Lightly grease and flour a 2 quart casserole dish.

Place chicken breasts, onion, and poultry seasoning in a medium saucepan and add enough water to cover. Simmer over medium heat for 8 to 10 minutes, until chicken is cooked through. Drain and dice chicken.

In a large bowl, combine chicken, onions, cream of chicken soup, cream of mushroom soup, Cheddar

cheese, mozzarella cheese, mixed vegetables, mushrooms, and salt and pepper. Mix thoroughly.

Lay one sheet of pastry in bottom of greased and floured pan. Pour chicken mixture over pastry. Cover with second sheet of pastry. Seal edges of top and bottom pastries. Cut steam vents in top.

Bake in preheated oven for 50 minutes, until pastry is golden brown.

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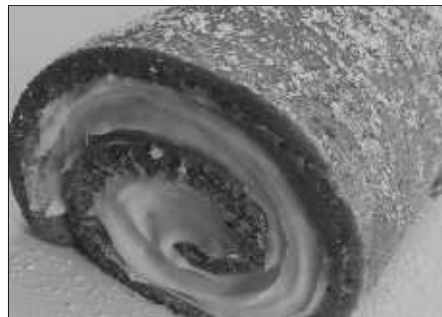
Pumpkin Roll

3 large eggs
1 cup white sugar
¾ cup solid pack pumpkin puree
1 teaspoon lemon juice
¾ cup all-purpose flour
2 teaspoons ground cinnamon
½ teaspoon salt
1 teaspoon baking powder
1 teaspoon ground ginger
1 cup chopped pecans
1 cup confectioners' sugar
½ teaspoon vanilla extract

Preheat oven to 350 degrees F (175 degrees C). Grease and flour a jellyroll pan (large cookie sheet with sides).

In a mixing bowl, beat eggs on high for five minutes. Gradually add white sugar, pumpkin, and lemon juice. Add flour, cinnamon, salt, baking powder, and ginger. Spread batter evenly in pan. Sprinkle pecans evenly on top, and press lightly into batter.

Bake for 12 to 15 minutes, or until it springs back when touched. Loosen edges with a knife. Turn out on two dishtowels that have been sprinkled with powdered sugar. Roll



4 tablespoons butter
8 ounces cream cheese

up cake, and let cool for about 20 minutes.

To Make Filling: Mix confectioners' sugar, vanilla, butter or margarine, and cream cheese together till smooth.

Unroll pumpkin cake when cool, and spread with filling. Reroll, and push aside the dishtowel. Unroll long sheet of waxed paper. Put pumpkin roll on waxed paper. Dust pumpkin roll with powdered sugar. Twist ends of waxed paper like a piece of candy. Put pumpkin roll in refrigerator and chill overnight. Before slicing, dust with powdered sugar. Serve chilled.

Acorn Candy Cookies



1 tablespoon prepared chocolate frosting
24 pieces milk chocolate candy kisses, unwrapped
24 wafers mini vanilla wafer cookies
24 eaches butterscotch chips

Smear a small amount of frosting onto the flat bottom of a candy kiss. Press onto the flat bottom of the vanilla wafer. Smear a little more frosting onto the flat bottom of a butterscotch chip, and press onto the rounded top of the cookie. Repeat with remaining ingredients. Set aside to dry, about 30 minutes.

Fall calf market depends on corn, wheat and more

LEXINGTON – Cattle prices have been on a roller coaster ride in 2020 thanks in part to COVID-19. While there are still a few unknowns, University of Kentucky agricultural economist Kenny Burdine sees potential for a stronger fall calf market than we saw in fall 2019.

In the spring, the pandemic created a bottleneck in the processing industry that Burdine said led to a decrease in fed cattle marketing. That decrease then led to reduced feedlot placements and a backlog of cattle outside of feed yards.

“Estimates of feedlot placements suggest a good chunk of those cattle have been placed on feed in the past couple months,” said Burdine, agricultural economist for the UK College of Agriculture, Food and Environment. “With more of those heavy feeders moving out of growing programs, those producers should be more aggressively bidding on calves this fall.”

Another factor that will impact the fall market is corn. In early August, the U.S. Department of Agriculture forecasted this year’s corn crop at more than 15 billion bushels with average yields more than 180 bushels per acre, but weather impacts since that report could drop the actual harvest a bit lower than the forecast.

“In the spring, grazing operations aggressively bid on calves to place into stocker programs,” Burdine said. “But in the fall, most of our calves are placed into winter backgrounding programs or directly on feed.”

If feed is cheaper, feedlots and winter backgrounders bid up calf prices as they compete with one another for placements.

While a lot of calves get placed directly on feed in the fall, a significant number will also end up in growing programs utilizing winter wheat pasture.



Photo by Jimmy Henning

“This is the closest thing we have to a ‘stocker’ demand for calves in the fall,” Burdine explained. “It tends to set some underpinning for our late fall markets.”

Dry weather in the Southern Plains over the late summer made some nervous that the fall markets would not look promising, but then rains in early September improved the outlook a bit.

“The better winter grazing conditions look, the better our fall calf market is likely to look,” Burdine said. “The overall cattle market is not something pro-

ducers can control.”

In light of 2020’s challenges, Burdine said producers should be careful about deviating from their typical marketing plans.

“In most any market, the best thing that cow-calf operators can do is efficiently produce high quality, healthy, weaned calves and market them in lot sizes as large as possible,” he said.

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JOB TITLE: Agriculture and Natural Resources Extension Agent for Breckinridge County

EMPLOYER: University of Kentucky Cooperative Extension Service

HIRED: February 1993

While women had been in 4-H and Family and Consumer Science agent roles for quite some time, Carol was one of the first female Agriculture agents in Kentucky. She came from a farming family in Hardin County and studied Agriculture Economics – Farm Management at the University of Kentucky.

It wasn't until she took an internship with the Grayson County Extension Service office that she

knew working with farmers was the job for her. After a year of working on her family's hog farm, she acquired her dream job in Breckinridge County.

Being one of the few women in agriculture back then was not without its challenges, she said, but she received great advice from other ladies who told her to be confident and not back down.

"Not only was I a woman, but I was young," said Carol. "I had to listen to my farmers, gain their trust, and present information in a positive way."

Carol said serving her clients and learning something new every day are her favorite parts of her extension career. She also said that she learns more from the farmers she serves than what she reads in books and research articles.

"With the long hours, you have to have a love of the job," remarked Carol. "It's nice going to bed at night knowing that you have done something worthwhile."

Scott Christmas

JOB TITLE: Director of Women's Programs, Agriculture Education, and Member Benefits

EMPLOYER: Kentucky Farm Bureau

HIRED: August 2006

As the son of a well-known extension poultry science professor and researcher at the University of Florida, Scott knew he wanted a career in agriculture. He and his brothers were active in FFA, and they travelled to meetings all over the continent with their dad, Bruce Christmas, Sr. Scott had a solid understanding of agriculture issues and a passion for the industry.

Scott earned his degree in Agriculture Economics in Florida with the goal of obtaining a sales position with Purina. He had that job for three years but then realized it was not the career for him. He then landed a job with Florida Farm Bureau as the Director of Young Farmers and Women's Programs and remained there for 13 years. It was his love of a more temperate climate that en-



couraged him to apply for the role he has in Kentucky today.

Scott also said he loves the people and the organization he works for, and he cannot imagine a job more important than speaking on behalf of agriculture.

"You must see yourself as a servant," advised Scott on taking a leadership role.

"Listen as much as you can to gain insight from those in the industry so you can represent American agriculture well. If you have a passion, feed that passion, and learn from people who work in the field. Many of us are PR specialists, creating respect for what our farmers do. That is why I am so passionate about agriculture literacy."



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Miller, Carr participate in ag leadership programs

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The foundation is proud to highlight staff members Melissa Miller (executive director) and Benjamin Carr's (director

of advancement) participation in two of Kentucky's best leadership development programs - Kentucky Agricultural Leadership Program and the Leadership Kentucky BRIGHT.



Melissa Miller

Miller is part of the 12th KALP class.

KALP is an intensive two-year program designed to develop the leadership skills of young agricultural producers and agribusiness individuals. Beginning in October 2018, Miller joined 22 other members from Kentucky and Tennessee.

Over the course of the two years, she will have participated in 11 total sessions devoted to important issues affecting agriculture and improving participant's communication, leadership, and management skills. Seven seminars are held in varying regions of Kentucky to compare challenges and solutions in agricultural practices. The other sessions are held in Frankfort, Washington DC, another area of the United States, and other nation(s). The program has graduated 291 participants over the course of eleven classes.

"KALP has given me the opportunity to see and experience things differently – inside and outside of agriculture – through classroom work and in the field discussions," said Miller. "But the most beneficial has been the network of individuals I have the opportunity to meet

and engage with inside and outside of my class."

Due to COVID-19, KALP Class XII is now set to visit Thailand, Vietnam, and Japan in July 2021 with graduation to follow in October 2021.

Carr is part of the second Leadership Kentucky BRIGHT class. Part of Leadership Kentucky, the BRIGHT program is designed to build the capacity of Kentucky leaders to innovate, collaborate, and advance community and economic development.

The BRIGHT engages bright, entrepreneurial minds from all sectors and regions to offer non-partisan, ethical leadership training, expanded networks, and mentors designed especially for residents of the 54 Kentucky counties of the Appalachian Regional Commission.

A major focal point of BRIGHT Kentucky is to help participants fully understand the local economic context and to build robust skill sets in communication, collaboration, consensus building, visioning, and community engagement. Across a five-month period participants will meet in five Eastern Kentucky cities

(Somerset, Ashland, Berea, Pikeville, and Hazard) to learn about the unique challenges and innovative solutions found in each area, meet with local leaders, and participate in professional development workshops.

Despite the pandemic, the class was also able to visit Frankfort where they hosted a socially distant and masked reception for Kentucky legislators and toured Kentucky State University.

"I am grateful for the opportunity to be pushed and given tools to make my best, better," said Carr. "Not only am I growing as a professional, I've gotten the opportunity to share the good work Kentucky 4-H is doing with a vast network of people... I feel fortunate to get to learn from so many of Kentucky's best and brightest."



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

Cut pork into 12 slices, about 1-inch thick. Sprinkle pork on all sides with 1/8 tsp. of the salt and 1/4 tsp. of the pepper. Heat 1 tsp. of the oil in a large heavy skillet over medium-high heat. Add the pork and cook, turning once, until the pork is well browned and internal temperature reaches 145° F, about 1 1/2 min. on each side. Transfer pork to serving platter and cover to keep warm.

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

Remove the skillet from the heat and stir in the remaining 1/8 tsp. salt, remaining 1/8 tsp. pepper, the lemon zest and juice, and the parsley. Serve the pork medallions drizzled with the sauce (makes a generous 1/2 cup; about 1 1/2 tbs. per serving).

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

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USDA proposes most cattle have electronic ear tags by 2023

FRANKFORT – In an ongoing effort to increase animal traceability, the U.S. Department of Agriculture is seeking public comment on a proposal that would only recognize radio frequency identification devices as the official ear tag for interstate movement of cattle and bison that are required to be identified by animal disease traceability rules.

Public comments will be accepted through Oct. 5 at the following site: [federalregister.gov/d/2020-14463](https://www.federalregister.gov/d/2020-14463). After reviewing all comments, APHIS will publish a follow up Federal Register notice. This notice will respond to any such comments, announce a decision whether to approve RFID tags as the only official identification devices for cattle and provide the timeline for such a transition.

“If approved, by 2023 only RFID tags will be considered official identification,” State Veterinarian Dr. Robert C. Stout said. “The U.S. Department of Agriculture is proposing RFID tags replace metal tags to improve our ability to trace animal movement quickly and efficiently in the event of a livestock disease outbreak. A strong traceability system is absolutely essential to maintaining international markets for Kentucky and U.S. cattle.”

While the RFID tags would not prevent a disease outbreak, it would allow animal health officials to more quickly contain an outbreak before it can do substantial damage to the U.S. cattle industry.

APHIS would “grandfather in” animals that have metal tags already in place on that date; their metal tags would serve as official identification for the remainder of their life.

“The Kentucky Department of Agriculture is dedicated to working with producers and industry organizations to help with a speedy and orderly transition to RFID ear tags,” Agriculture Commissioner Dr. Ryan Quarles said.

“In the weeks and months to come, we will be speaking to industry groups to help them understand

the importance of the switch. As we get updates from USDA, we will pass them along to Kentucky pro-

ducers.”

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Cyanide poisoning and nitrate toxicity

Do you know the difference?

Some aspects of forage management are just confusing enough that the same questions come up every year. Take the forage disorders, cyanide poisoning and nitrate toxicity, for example. Questions on these disorders come up any time the forage sorghum species are grazed and especially in the fall as light frosts predicted. This article gives a quick reminder about these two forage disorders of cattle. (Cyanide toxicity is also called prussic acid toxicity or poisoning).

But first, you have to take a test. What follows is taken from an exam given to juniors, seniors and graduate students who took the UK Forage Management and Utilization class. Ready? Okay, here you go:

Please indicate whether the description below is true of cyanide or nitrate toxicity. In some cases either choice will be correct. (Answers below the ‘quiz’).

- ☐ Dissipates in hay
- ☐ A problem when leaves of freshly frosted johnsongrass or young tender regrowth of sorghums is grazed
- ☐ Causes suffocation
- ☐ Never a problem with pearl millet
- ☐ Usually detoxified by the ensiling process
- ☐ Can be avoided by waiting until sorghums are 24 inches tall before grazing
- ☐ High rates of nitrogen and drought

So what do you think? Easy? Hard? My students had a bit of a problem with it the first time (just might have been the instructor, I am afraid). Here are the answers and some explanations.

Dissipates in hay: Cyanide. Cyanide is released as a gas as sorghums (sudan-grass or sorghum sudangrass or johnsongrass) dry out during haymaking.

A problem when leaves of frosted johnsongrass or tender regrowth of sorghums is grazed: Cyanide. In both cases these forages will have high levels of cyanide-producing compounds in their leaves. When consumed by ruminants, cyanide is released in the rumen. Please note that cyanide risk can be several times greater in johnsongrass than the sorghums; some estimate it to be three to five times as toxic. Toxicity with johnsongrass is most frequent in freshly frosted forage, and especially in the new growth that

may start after a non-killing frost, similar to the photo above.

Causes suffocation: Cyanide and nitrate. Both of these toxic chemicals react with the oxygen transport in the blood. Blood from ruminants exposed to high nitrates will be brown. Cyanide toxicity causes the blood to be bright red.

Never a problem with pearl millet: Cyanide. Pearl millet does not contain cyanide-generating compounds like the sorghums. For this reason, many prefer pearl millet over the sorghums for supplemental grazing.

Usually detoxified by the ensiling process: Both cyanide and nitrate. Significant amounts of cyanide and nitrate are either evolved as a gas (cyanide) or metabolized during ensiling (nitrates). Generally, the ensiling process will detoxify forage that would be harmful if consumed fresh. If nitrate toxicity is a concern, collect a sample after a month of ensiling and test for nitrate concentrations. Although nitrate toxicities are infrequent, it always pays to be prudent and test.

Can be avoided by grazing sorghums after they reach 24 inches: Cyanide. Young plants of the sorghums have high concentrations of the cyanide-generating compound dhurrin. Concentrations of this compound are diluted as sorghums grow to 24 inches.

High rates of nitrogen and drought: Nitrate. When heavily fertilized with nitrogen (usually above 80 lb N/A) and under drought stress, the sorghums AND pearl millet (and many other plants) can accumulate toxic levels of nitrate in their stems. The concentration of nitrate is higher near the soil and gets lower as you move up the stem. UK ag agents have access to test strips that can indicate if high levels of nitrate are present in stems. If this quick test is positive for nitrate, submit a sample for analysis to measure actual concentrations present.

How did you do? Pretty well I hope. As you might imagine, there is much more information available on the production of summer annuals, and toxicities of cyanide and nitrate. To learn more, please see UK publications AGR 229 “Warm Season Annual Grasses in Kentucky”, ID 220 “Cyanide Poisoning in Ruminants” and ID 217 “Forage-related Cattle Disorders: Nitrate Poisoning.”

Happy Foraging.

Will this plant kill cattle? This tender regrowth of forage sorghum can be very toxic to cattle if grazed in quantity. Often confused with nitrate toxicity, cyanide toxicity is a potential problem with all sorghum species, including johnsongrass.

The Forage Doctor



By Jimmy Henning



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Proposal made for electronic ear tags by 2023

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"We appreciate the Kentucky Department of Agriculture for being proactive in getting the word out about this important cattle identification proposal," said Dave Maples, executive director of the Kentucky Cattlemen's Association. "The transition from metal to RFID tags will strengthen the traceability system by providing information faster and protecting our markets in the event of a disease outbreak."

"I appreciate KDA getting out the information on the comment period and for explaining that the same animals we tag now are the only ones covered by this change," added Jim Akers, CEO of the Bluegrass Livestock Marketing Association.

"Animal disease traceability is essential for animal agriculture to be viable in international markets," said H. H. Barlow, executive director of the Kentucky Dairy Development Council. "The Kentucky Department of Agriculture has always been proactive in leading the country in animal disease control and prevention. RFID tags is one way to help trace the interstate and intrastate movement of cattle. Kentucky's dairy farmers understand the value of traceability and appreciate Commissioner Quarles and KDA's leadership on this issue."

Animals that will require official, individual RFID tags include:

- Beef cattle and bison that are sexually intact and 18

months or older;

- Beef cattle and bison used for rodeo or recreational events (regardless of age);
- Beef cattle and bison used for shows or exhibitions;
- All female dairy cattle; and
- All male dairy cattle born after March 11, 2013.

Cattle staying on the farm will not be required to have an RFID tag.

"It is recommended that all cattle requiring official ID have a RFID tag," Dr. Stout said. "This means eligible cattle sold at a Kentucky livestock market or moving interstate off of the farm would be identified with a RFID."

A premises identification number is required to purchase official ID tags. To get a PIN, contact Laurel Culp, the KDA's animal disease traceability coordinator, at laurel.culp@ky.gov or 502-782-5905. For more information, contact Laurel Culp or email USDA at traceability@aphis.usda.gov.

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Timely soybean harvest is important to maintain yields

PRINCETON, Ky. – Kentucky has experienced a couple weeks of dry weather. As a result, soybean producers need to pay close attention to their crops to make sure they get them out of the field in a timely manner.

“This year’s dry weather is the exact opposite of the wet conditions producers dealt with in fall 2019, and dry weather will push soybeans to mature quicker,” said Sam McNeill, agricultural engineer in the University of Kentucky College of Agriculture, Food and Environment.

The National Agricultural Statistics Service estimates that Kentucky producers will harvest a larger soybean crop this year with total production at 99.4 million bushels of soybeans, up 28 percent from 2019. Average yields this year are expected to be at 54 bushels per acre compared to 46 bushels per acre last year.

“With tight profit margins, it’s important for producers to take good care of the grain to reduce harvest losses and prevent elevator discounts,” McNeill said.

Soybeans do not have the same plant protections as corn. This causes them to

be more exposed to Mother Nature and dry quicker in the field. If the crop loses too much moisture in the field, it can increase the risk of the pods shattering, which reduces yields.

“The goal for producers is to find that sweet spot and harvest soybeans when the grain has a moisture level of 14 percent or 15 percent to avoid damaging the seed,” McNeill said. “They can harvest the crop at higher moisture content, if they have some drying capacity.”

Once harvested, McNeill suggests producers dry soybeans to the market moisture of 13 percent if they plan to store the grain and sell it during the winter. They should dry soybeans to 12 percent if the market will reward them for the risks of holding the grain until summer to compensate for warmer temperatures and potential grain spoilage.

“With soybean prices currently around \$10 per bushel, producers could lose around 11 cents for each point the grain is above or below 13 percent moisture, and that adds up,” McNeill said. “Soybean moistures above 13 percent will receive a price discount at grain elevators, and below 13 percent will simply



Photo by Matt Barton, UK agricultural communications

Soybeans are more exposed to the weather than corn, so it’s important for producers to remove them from the field in a timely manner to prevent harvest losses.

have excess weight loss.”

More information on soybean drying and storage is available in UK extension publication ID 249: A Comprehensive Guide to Soybean Management in Kentucky. It is available online

at www2.ca.uky.edu/agcomm/pubs/ID/ID249/ID249.pdf or at local offices of the UK Cooperative Extension Service.

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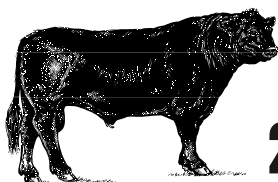
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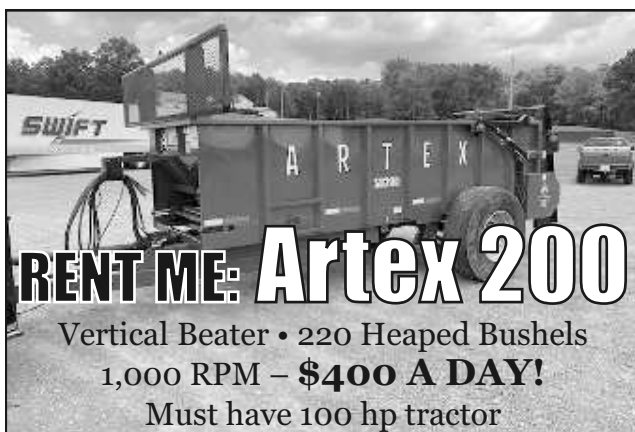
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Investments that move corn

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tucky Cattlemen’s Beef Project which has been a success story, making local corn-fed meat available at most Kentucky Kroger grocery store locations. We were also pleased that the Kentucky Agricultural Development Board made expansion incentives available to local processors to keep up with new demand for local meats in the wake of supply chain issues. KyCorn believes this trend will continue and is a smart investment to move corn through livestock and poultry.

Behind supplying feed and ethanol markets, exports represent a great opportunity for growth. As the world’s largest producer and exporter of corn, U.S. corn farmers are well-positioned to meet global demand. With 96 percent of consumers living outside the United States, the future of American agriculture largely depends on our ability to sell to foreign markets. Exports are responsible for 33 percent of U.S. corn farmers’ income.

More than 20 percent of the U.S. corn crop is exported annually. Twenty-six

percent of U.S. corn exports go to Canada and Mexico alone. Support of the U.S. Grains Council ensures we are actively seeking and nurturing new partnerships to capture these and other markets.

Our support of red meat and poultry export programs also move Kentucky corn around the globe. According to the U.S. Meat Export Federation, U.S. beef and pork exports used 480 million bushels of corn and 3 million tons of DDGS last year. And, our support of the USA Poultry and Egg Export Council

helped the poultry industry export 300 million bushels of corn through its products.

The Kentucky Corn Promotion Council, a board of corn producers, is trusted to make sound checkoff investments to increase corn grind. To learn more about our market development programs, please visit kycorn.org.

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RAY ALLAN MACKEY is chairman of the Kentucky Corn Promotion Council



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