



Solar panels on farmland is a controversial topic making rounds in Kentucky as several projects are being proposed.

SOLAR FARMING

Controversial land use proposals growing in Ky.

Proposed solar farms in numerous counties in Kentucky have recently energized citizens to debate the definition of farming as well as the community's interest in agricultural land use.

A complicated topic, solar farming has generated multiple and often conflicting points of view.

The farmers' stake is often not the first priority with the solar development company. A company will identify a property that is adjacent to existing transmission lines or substations that have available capacity and has an owner interest in leasing or selling the property for solar development.

The Mercer County Solar Project, proposed by Savion for the old Wilkinson Farm along U.S. 127, is a case in point. Len Goodpastor, whose land lies adjacent to the proposed solar development, attended the first reading in fiscal court on Sept. 29 to make a zoning change to allow solar farms.

"In a state with vast amounts of unpopulated areas where the land is not fertile for agriculture, putting

commercial solar fields around our homes and on high-producing farm land is not in our best interest," Goodpastor said. "This amendment will open up all of Mercer's agricultural land to this type of massive solar development."

In this case, the owner has agreed to lease the 1,800 acres for 25 years. At the end of the lease, Savion claims "the project can be removed and the land restored to farmable conditions."

Many farmers from Mercer County take issue with the idea that land that has been infused with concrete pylons to support panels could become farmable (facebook.com/mercercountysolar project).

Leasing land for solar is attractive, however, because it pays well.

"The landowner's getting three times from solar what he would get from corn and soybeans. It's a no-brainer financially," said Kelley Yates, executive direc-

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Ag business group tours new expo center

HOPKINSVILLE, Ky. – A new expo center is slated to open by Jan. 1 and members of the Christian County Agribusiness Association were able to see what's ahead during a meeting last week.

The association held a busy meeting on Tuesday, Oct. 6 that included a visit from Agriculture Commissioner Ryan Quarles and USDA Rural Development State Director Hilda Legg.

The meeting adjourned with the tour of the expo center, which is being constructed behind the Christian County Extension Office.

The 45,000 sq. ft. building will include a meeting room and certified kitchen area, but will also include a large indoor arena with a dirt floor to accommodate horse shows and other events.

Jay Stone, county manager for the Christian County Cooperative Extension Service, served as host of the tour.

Stone said the property is owned by a non-profit foundation, which saved \$500,000 over the years to start the project. Farm Credit Mid-America then committed \$100,000. Stone said the total project cost is expected to be around \$1.9 million.

Local government entities have also contributed and Stone said a \$250,000 grant through the Kentucky Agricultural Development Fund would put them over construction costs.

Stone was proud of the fact that the bathrooms will include showers, and not just because they will be useful during equine events.

Stone said the showers are something that is important for a shelter during an emergency. He said they volunteered the extension office during an ice storm in 2009 but were unable to help because the building lacked shower facilities. Now, the foundation will be ready to serve the community with an emergency shelter during a crisis situation, he noted.

"When it's all said and done, with a dirt floor we hope

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tor of the Kentucky Sheep and Development Office.

Economics and the future of energy sources are part of the debate as well.

“Mercer County is in somewhat of a stagnant situation. The solar company is an opportunity to move ahead,” said former county judge executive and farm owner John Trisler.

Trisler said his children moved out of the county to get good paying jobs.

Mercer County already has a functioning solar farm at the KU site.

“The fact that no one mentions the solar farm already here shows that it has not negatively impacted the county,” Drew Gibbons of Savion said during his presentation.

The KU solar farm in Mercer County began an experiment last year with sheep grazing under its solar panels. The goal, according to Aron Patrick, who manages the solar farm, is to reduce the cost of mowing.

If sheep can graze and the shepherd – in this case Mike Moore, who also man-

ages the livestock at Shaker Village – can weed whack between the panels, then KU will see a good return on paying Moore’s management fee.

KU is experimenting with trying to combine forages and pollinator mixes as part of its pilot program. They will continue to test the number of sheep needed per acre and correct the forage mix to keep the grasses shorter than 36 inches. But the bottom line for KU and grazing is that it has to be cheaper than mowing.

Sheep farmers in North Carolina and Virginia have been grazing solar farms for several years. Troy Givan of Greensboro, NC, earns \$200 per acre per year to graze a solar farm. Joe Hampton in southwest Virginia says 50 acres is a sweet spot for him. He lambs three times a year and uses the solar acreage for dry ewes. He is paid \$100 per acre per year.

David Gladem, with Acciona Energy, a solar developer with proposed projects in Madison and Fleming counties, said in a zoom meeting Sept. 14 that he wants a “no-cost” farm program. In other



words, his company’s perception is that the farmer’s reward is “free” grazing with the additional responsibility of maintenance and mowing.

In conclusion, it would be wise for developers to be in discussion with farmers and for each to be open to sharing and understanding each others’ fields.

The loss of productive farmland should be a concern for everyone. But given the electrical infrastructure needed for a solar farm, it is unlikely that the countryside will be overrun

with panels. In addition, the idea that soil disturbed by panel construction can be easily returned to its productive state is something that is yet to be proven.

Sheep grazing solar farms could be a possibility if all the details are worked out regarding best forages, water sources, and maintenance – if Kentucky farmers are paid like the ones in Virginia and North Carolina.

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Ag facility set to open

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to be able to entertain any type of event that would take place on a dirt floor facility, whether it's a horse show, or horse sale..." he said. "We've got no less than 10 events scheduled for January and February."

Stone said the dirt floor is roll-packed and set up "as good as concrete."

"That's really going to double the type of events we can have here," he said.

Legg was on hand during the meeting to announce \$486,000 in Rural Energy for America Program grants, eight of which went toward recipients to install solar systems and three others to help producers purchase grain drying systems.

Legg encouraged others to be familiar with Rural Development programs and said those investments can open doors for economic development.

She said values in rural communities include a work ethic, taking care of each other and producing for and feeding others.

"Those fundamental values are so important, not just to our rural communities. I believe the fundamental values of rural Kentucky and all of rural America are truly what makes America great," she said.

Quarles said there have been a few

good moments stemming from the trauma of the pandemic, including a renewed interest in buying local foods and national recognition of the importance of the nation's food production system.

The pandemic has put a spotlight on the need for every Kentuckian to have high speed internet, and Quarles said he will work with whoever it takes "to not just be a voice for rural Kentucky and the Department of Ag, but a voice on rural quality of health issues, rural quality of life issues."

He called for a regulatory framework in Washington that is pro agriculture, and said they need to work on that after the election regardless of its outcome.

Quarles said a new trade deal with Japan, a Phase 1 China deal, and NAFTA USMCA set American farmers up for success that was only hindered by COVID-19.

"This would have been the year...we would have seen higher prices, more demand and an opportunity for us to really export excellence around the world," he said. "Just think how bad it would have been had those trade deals not been involved."

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Regardless of the candidates we choose, the underlying objective is to participate.

As we draw closer to Election Day 2020, I understand the anxiety many of us are feeling. The past year has been tough in so many respects, whether we live in rural communities on Kentucky's many family farms or we live in urban areas.

The feelings of uncertainty we've all dealt with have caused us to reflect on many things: our families, our jobs, our lifestyles, and maybe even our beliefs.

For me, my faith and the love I have for my family and friends has gotten me through each day. Each of us are managing these uncertain times in our own way, but the main thing is we come out on the other side better for having been through it.

With that in mind, Nov. 3 could be the most important date of the year for many of us. I'm a firm believer that every election, be it for local, state or national offices, is of the utmost importance. But this one seems to have taken on new meaning.

It comes at a time that most of us have never experienced. It comes at a time when divisions seem to run deep. It comes at a time when we are more anxious than ever about the future.

The main thing, though, is that it comes at a time when perhaps we are all paying a little more attention to what election days are all about.

I would urge each and every one of you to take the time to support the candidate of your choice. Despite a pandemic, and because of various methods adopted to ensure your vote is counted due to COVID-19 restric-

tions, we anticipate a large, perhaps historic, voter turnout for the coming general election, just as we had for the primary held earlier this past summer.

Now more than ever, it is critical to be a part of this process of electing our leaders. And for those who feel as though their single vote doesn't matter, I would remind you that many elections throughout the history of this country have been decided by a very few votes, and often it was by just one.

The right to cast our votes is woven into the very fabric of this country and we should never take it for granted.

Regardless of the candidates we choose, the underlying objective is to participate. We can argue till the cows come home over which person is the right one for a particular office, and we know not all of us are going to be happy once the votes are counted. It's likely we'll continue to argue over the job these leaders are doing once the election gets past us, too.

My hope, regardless of who is on the winning side in each of these electoral contests, is that we all decide to come together as united communities across this state and nation to work toward the common goal of getting past this time of unrest.

Despite any differences we may have, we can accomplish so much more when we work together. The agricultural community has known this for a long time, and our hope is that others will discover that truth again, as well.

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It takes a village to teach Ky. ag

Can you think of another community of professionals who talk about what they do with such fervor and positivity? Our social media streams are filled with photos of the farm or what we are doing to help spread the great news about agriculture.

Come to think about it, teachers also proudly display their triumphs, and rightfully so, especially in these interesting times that we did not see coming. I think farmers and teachers understand each other because they provide an essential service and do a great job connecting.

Producing food was once a hands-on, learned life skill that was passed on from those in your family. Once schools popped up in the community, agriculture was not a necessary subject, because the students were almost always involved in producing the family's food.

It is widely believed that the school summer break was observed to ensure families had enough help during the peak of the growing/harvest season. Even my grandfather told me that it was also perfectly acceptable to miss school to help with tobacco or hay work. That was in the 1940s.

Earlier in the 20th century, Congress passed the Smith-Lever Act, which established the Cooperative Extension Service, and then the Smith Hughes Act established vocational agriculture education. I also learned from the University of Kentucky College of Agriculture, Food and Environment web site that 4-H also got its start about this time, as agents found that young people were more receptive to learning new information when it came to farming.

We all know, however, that despite these agriculture education efforts, there are fewer families involved in agriculture than there were 100 years ago, thus fewer students exposed to food production. Youth organizations like 4-H and FFA are doing a wonderful job involving as many young



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I am really excited about the programs they are implementing, such as elementary school visits, after school agriculture clubs, and family agriculture nights.

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Emphasis is on China and harvest



MARKET WATCH
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Last week, export inspections were a marketing year high of 61.2 million bushels with China taking 32.3 million bushels.

The focus in corn remains on harvest progress, yield reports, and exports. Harvest is progressing at a steady clip of 25 percent complete compared to the average of 24 percent. Meanwhile, yields vary. Areas in Iowa and Nebraska that were impacted by dry conditions and the derecho storm that swept through earlier this summer are reporting lower than expected yields. This is reflected by Iowa's harvest pace running 15 percent above its average.

Looking at exports, inspections last week were 34 million bushels and below the average of 46.3 million bushels that must be shipped on a weekly basis to reach USDA's projection of 2.325 billion bushels. Once the door on harvest begins to close, traders will focus on planting and conditions in South America. With tightening U.S. stocks, any threatening conditions in Brazil or Argentina will be seized upon by the bulls.

Soybeans remain underpinned from China's active purchases of U.S. soybeans in addition to dryness in northern and central Brazil, creating planting delays. Last week, export inspections were a marketing year high of 61.2 million bushels with China taking 32.3 million bushels. However, their interest will likely turn to South America in November. That is the time when U.S. exports generally peak. In other developments, harvest is running at a fast pace of 38 percent complete compared to the average of 28 percent.

Like corn, yields in areas of Iowa and Nebraska impacted by dry conditions and the derecho storm are disappointing. While the fundamentals in soybeans look solid, the fund long position is worrisome. They are currently long 905 million bushels, their largest position since June 2016. This implies that any loss of interest from China, or another adverse development, could quickly derail the market's advance.

Wheat is being propped up from dryness in eastern Europe, Russia, and the central Plains. News has circulated recently that Russia will impose export quotas, possibly next month. Meanwhile, winter wheat planting is progressing smoothly and is 52 percent complete compared to the average of 47 percent.

While Egypt is passing on U.S. wheat, exports this season are running 10 percent above a year ago. Inspections last week were 23.6 million bushels and above the average of 17.9 million bushels that must be shipped each week to reach USDA's target of 975 million bushels.

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Now would be a good time for some honest dishonesty

Somewhere in southern Illinois there's a high school yearbook that contains a photo of me and another student leaning against a classroom wall on either side of a 1972 campaign poster of a smiling Richard Nixon. The caption writer, another student, notes that my buddy and I are "standing" with our man, the then-incumbent president.

And I was because nothing – not even the death of a friend's brother in Vietnam or a ballooning White House scandal called Watergate – had shaken my belief in Nixon.

In my defense, I was 17 and I had a lot of company. A few months later, Nixon carried 49 states and demolished his challenger, Sen. George McGovern, in a 520-to-17 Electoral College blowout. Less than two years later, however, Nixon was history, brought down by his own lies.

No one was more stung by the reversal than my father, a long-time Nixon loyalist. Dad stood by him until Aug. 8, 1974, the night the president told the nation he would resign at noon the next day.

I doubt Dad was angered by Nixon's dirty tricks; after all, Nixon had earned the nickname "Tricky Dick" long before. Instead, I suspect it was Nixon's endless lying. To Dad, there was no excuse to lie.

In the southern Illinois of my youth, petty political corruption came with the office. For example, most people overlooked a county employee mowing the local judge's lawn or a police chief having a little "city" rock spread on his driveway. Each was a small, unspoken job benefit.

What people wouldn't "cotton to," however, was the beneficiary bragging about it. That was a career-killing indiscretion.

The maestro of this rule bending was the county sheriff who also owned what most knew was the best "Democratic" tavern in the area. In local parlance that meant he'd stand you the first drink if, as he often asked, "You vote right?" in local elections.

To no one's surprise, he had a distinguished public career and no one ever thought him crooked.

He was, instead, more of a poster

child for another political reality of those times; the power most local officials wielded wasn't through their budgets or rich contributors. Instead, the real juice was patronage; they controlled lots of good-paying, local jobs.

If, say, you wanted a job as a county deputy, a key qualification was some personal or political (both would be best) connection to the sheriff. Likewise, if you wanted to work at the nearby state prison, you needed to know a county party boss or, better yet, the local state representative.

And, sure, this system was openly corrupt but it was open; everyone knew who got what favor and how. As such, it had built-in limits that few officials with an eye toward reelection ever broke.

That can't be said of today's millionaire candidates and billionaire backers who, due to their unlimited campaign resources, are largely unaccountable to voters and mostly unanswerable to party leaders.

Little wonder then that our biggest public problems – a rampaging pandemic, continued infrastructure failure, debilitating opioid addiction, the lack of adequate medical care, shortages of affordable housing... the list is as endless as obscene – are rarely tackled and never solved.

This year, agriculture is the perfect example of this political inversion. It's impossible to explain why American farmers and ranchers will receive more than \$50 billion in direct federal subsidies even as tens of millions of their customers struggle to pay housing costs, car loans and utility bills.

A year ago I came across the grave of that badge-and-a-beer sheriff while visiting a bluff-top cemetery that overlooked the dairy farm of my youth. I smiled at the thought of his "Vote right?" question.

Everyone always said they did and he always poured even when he knew they didn't because, he once said, they might someday.

I miss that kind of honest dishonesty and the characters and competence it usually fostered.

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FOOD & FARM FILE
Alan Guebert

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It takes a village to teach Kentucky ag

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people as possible by broadening their program areas, but we know that the number one way to provide agriculture literacy is in the standard K-12 classroom.

Kentucky's farm organizations have made leaps and bounds in this effort the past 30 years. The Kentucky Agriculture and Environment in the Classroom, a coalition of state organizations, agencies, and businesses, was formed in 1992 to address K-12 education.

We continue to add programs to meet

the different needs of the education community, but we also know that it is working with local Cooperative Extension, Farm Bureaus, Conservation Districts, and FFA chapters that get our programs and resources in front of teachers and students. There are many strong ties between the agriculture and education communities, and we cannot lose sight of that.

I was recently humbled to learn that so many of our county 4-H agents were excited about the new Kentucky Farms Feed Me Virtual Field Trip Series and digital lessons. Nearly 100 agents joined

a virtual workshop in August to learn more about using this program in the classrooms they visit.

KyAEC, with support from the Kentucky Pork Producers, also made ag literacy grants available to Kentucky's FFA chapters this fall to help them teach agriculture to others in their community. I am really excited about the programs they are implementing, such as elementary school visits, after school agriculture clubs, and family agriculture nights.

These are just a couple examples of the ways we all work together to teach agriculture to a new generation. We

have many lessons, resources, and programs to assist everyone in their efforts.

If you have been involved in any agriculture literacy program, I want to say thank you from the bottom of my heart. If you are looking for ways to help grow agriculture literacy in your community, please don't hesitate to contact me. You can find my contact information and all our educational goodies at teachkyag.org.

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Fundraiser highlights Loy family contribution to cattle industry

RUSSELL SPRINGS, Ky. – The Loy family at Russell County Stockyards has been instrumental in the success of a local feeder calf program, and recently a unique fundraiser was held in their honor.

Autic Loy, a co-owner at Russell County Stockyards, died July 25 at the age of 84. He sold his last calf at the auction three days earlier, and Adair County cattle producer David Burris purchased the calf.

On Thursday, Oct. 1, Burris donated that calf and it was sold at auction at the stockyards, raising \$11,500 to be split between J.O.Y. Ministries in Columbia and God’s Food Pantry in Russell County. Several businesses, individuals and organizations joined together to donate toward the event.

“I wanted to show our appreciation to the Loy family for supporting our cattlemen’s program,” Burris said. “I think we’ve got a great program going and they have been very supportive, helping promote the program.”

Kentucky Agriculture Commissioner Ryan Quarles attended the auction and also commended the Loys for their contribution to the state’s livestock industry. Quarles has led a hunger initiative through the Kentucky Department of Agriculture aimed at making sure no Kentuckian goes hungry.

Adair County Extension Agent Nick Roy also took part in the event and recognized Mike Loy, stockyard manager and cattle solicitor, who has also supported the program. Roy said that 11,000 head of cattle have been sold through the feeder calf program since it began.

The program requires that calves be weaned, vaccinated and follow other guidelines. Owners sell the cattle on their own but are encouraged to market together. Calves can bring a premium of \$5 to \$10 per hundred, Roy said.

Burris, a board member with the cattlemen’s association, said he hoped the event would encourage other producers to participate in the program.

“I’d like to see more people do this,



Photo by Sharon Burton

A fundraiser was held at the Russell County Stockyards recently and \$11,500 was raised for local food pantries in memory of Autic Loy.

wean their calves, vaccinate their calves – get them ready for the feedlots. And I wanted it to go to a good cause,” Burris

said.
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| 1 pork tenderloin, (1 lb.), trimmed | 1/2 cup dry white wine (or low-sodium chicken broth) |
| 1/4 tsp. salt, divided | 1/2 cup chicken broth, low-sodium |
| 1/4 tsp. plus 1/8 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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Apple Cinnamon Pork Chops

4 Bone-In Ribeye (Rib) Pork Chops, About 3/4-Inch Thick
Salt And Pepper
3 Tablespoons Butter, Divided
2 Apples, Peeled, Cored And Thinly Sliced
1 Large White Onion, Halved And Thinly Sliced
2 Tablespoons Brown Sugar, Packed
2 Teaspoons Cinnamon
Pinch Cayenne
2/3 Cup Apple Cider
1/3 Cup Heavy Cream



Generously season the chops with salt and pepper on both sides. Set aside.

In a large skillet over medium-high heat, melt 2 tablespoons of butter. Immediately add the pork chops and cook until brown, about 3 minutes per side. Transfer to a plate and set aside.

Return the skillet to medium-high heat and melt 1 tablespoon of butter. Immediately add the apples and onion and cook, stirring occasionally, until the onion is translucent, about 5 minutes.

Stir in the brown sugar, cinnamon and cayenne. Stir in the apple cider and cream. Add the pork chops, nestling them into the liquid, and cook until the internal temperature of the pork reaches between 145 degrees F. (medium rare) and 160 degrees F. (medium), 3 to 4 minutes per side.

Serve the chops with the apple mixture spooned on top. Serves 4.

Rosemary Lemon Pork Chops

4 Porterhouse (Bone-In Loin) Pork Chops, Or Ribeye, Or New York Pork Chops, About 3/4-Inch Thick
1/8 Cup Olive Oil
Juice From 1/2 Lemon
1 Teaspoon Rosemary, Dried
2 Teaspoons Garlic, Minced
1 Teaspoon Sage, Dried
1 Teaspoon Salt
1/2 Teaspoon Pepper



In a small bowl, combine olive oil, lemon juice, rosemary, garlic, sage, salt, and pepper. Transfer to a large resealable bag and add pork. Set aside for 30 minutes, turning occasionally.

Prepare a grill to medium-high heat and lightly oil the grate. Remove pork from marinade; discard marinade. Grill pork until internal temperature reaches 145 degrees F, about 4 minutes per side. Remove chops from grill and let rest 3 minutes. Serves 4.

Parmesan-Crusted Pork Chops

4 New York (Top Loin) Pork Chops
1/2 Cup Mayonnaise
1/4 Cup Parmesan Cheese, Grated
4 Teaspoons Italian-Seasoned Bread Crumbs



Preheat oven to 425. Spray baking sheet with non-stick cooking spray.

Combine mayonnaise with cheese in medium bowl. Arrange pork chops on baking sheet. Evenly top each chop with mayonnaise mixture; then sprinkle with bread crumbs.

Bake for 15-20 minutes, or until the internal temperature reaches 145 degrees Fahrenheit, followed by a 3-minute rest time. Serves 4.

Sizzling Chili Pork Chops

6 Boneless Pork Loin Chops, (4 Oz.) about 1/2-Inch Thick
2 Tablespoons Chili Powder
1/2 Teaspoon Smoked Paprika
1/2 Teaspoon Garlic Powder
1/4 Teaspoon Red Pepper Flakes
1/4 Teaspoon Ground Cumin
1 To 2 Tablespoons Canola Oil
1/3 Cup Orange Juice
Water
2 Tablespoons Flour



Stir together chili powder, paprika, garlic powder, red pepper flakes and cumin in small bowl. Preheat oven to 350 degrees F. Sprinkle chili mixture evenly on both sides of each pork chop, rubbing mixture into pork. Heat 1 tablespoon oil in cast iron or oven-safe skillet over medium-high heat. Place pork chops in hot oil to brown, turning once after 3 to 5 minutes. Add remaining tablespoon of oil if needed. Remove skillet from burner and place skillet in preheated oven. Bake pork chops 15 to 20 minutes or until internal temperature on a meat thermometer reads 145 degrees F. Remove chops to serving platter. Let stand 3 to 5 minutes before slicing.

Add water to orange juice to measure 3/4 cup. Return skillet to range top. Stir flour into pan

drippings, scrapping any brown bits from bottom of skillet. Gradually stir in combined orange juice and water, cooking over low heat mixtures thicken. Remove from heat and serve with pork chops.

Serve with stone-ground grits, simmered greens or fried corn.

Serves 6

NOTE: If pork chops release any juices during 3 to 5 minutes standing time, you can stir the pork juices into sauce before serving.

Bacon BBQ Pork Chop



Wrap bacon around the edges of the pork and secure with a wooden toothpick.

Mix together barbecue sauce and beer.

4 New York (Top Loin) Pork Chops, 1-Inch Thick (6-Ounce Each)
4 Slices Bacon, Preferably Maple-Flavored
4 Tablespoons Barbecue Sauce
1/2 Cup Lager Beer, Or Non-Alcoholic Beer

Prepare a grill to medium-high heat (about 450 degrees F.). Grill chops over direct heat until the internal temperature reaches between 145 degrees F. (medium rare) and 160 degrees F. (medium), on a meat thermometer, 4 to 5 minutes per side. Brush sauce on the chops the last 5 minutes of cooking time.

Remove chops from the grill and let rest for 3 minutes. Serves 4.



God's grace

We rarely stop and count the many benefits that we have because of God's grace. Perhaps David clearly and carefully listed five of them, beginning with what we can say is the entrance to the benefits He has in store for us: His forgiveness.

The word forgiveness here means to "deviate" or to "stray" from the expectations, laws or commandments He established from the beginning of time. When we do so, we become guilty of sin and need His forgiveness for us to have a relationship with Him and enjoy His blessings.

Forgiveness is the beginning, the foundation of our relationship with God. And it is something some of us may need more often than others. The call of God's Word is first and foremost the call for us to ask for forgiveness and repent of our sins. When we repent and confess our sins, the Gospel promises us that He will cleanse us and forgive us. John wrote that "If we freely admit and confess our sins, He is faithful and just - true to His own nature, faithfulness and promises - and will forgive us of our sins and continuously cleanse us of all of our unrighteousness - everything that separates us from Him."

If, in our daily lives, we are not experiencing His benefits or blessings, it is because there is some sin in our life that has come between us and the Lord. And if we want His blessings to return to our lives, we must go to Him in prayer and ask for His forgiveness. Forgiveness is not a once-in-a-lifetime event. It is something we must do repeatedly as we do a daily inventory of our lives.

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The ins and outs of animal confinement

Editor's Note: This is the second article in our series on what influences food choices.

In September we addressed sustainability. This month we are going to tackle animal welfare issues, specifically confinement.

Cage-free and free-range are marketing terms some consider when making purchases of meat, dairy and eggs. In fact, several companies make these production methods primary selling points as some believe animals should not be confined to cages or buildings.

Images of chickens in cages, sows in farrowing stalls, or dairy cattle with their heads in feeding bunks are also used in advertisements encouraging consumers to say NO to “factory farms” and instead support local, small farms that allow their animals to roam. Those of us in agriculture know, despite the messaging, that such practices may not be selected as a matter of size or location but what works best for each individual operation with the animals’ welfare in mind.

Best Food Facts, a program of The Center for Food Integrity, asked Dr. Amy Schmidt, assistant professor and livestock bioenvironmental engineer at the University of Nebraska, to explain that large-scale and small-scale systems each have their own distinct advantages and disadvantages and no single system is perfect.

“We really need to get away from the idea of pitting ‘factory farmers’ against ‘family farmers’ because a family that builds a profitable farming business to support multiple generations is eventually going to be labeled a ‘factory farm’ just because of their size,” said Schmidt. “Every aspect of our economy grows based on scales of production. We don’t all have a desire to raise our own food. But, thankfully, there are people who enjoy this and because they are able to scale their operation up to produce more food in a way that is profitable, we all benefit from that. And according to the American Farm Bureau, 97 percent of farms are family owned!”

“Regardless of the size of the operation, confining animals inside a facility or in a feedlot situation has the advantage of allowing the animals’ caretaker(s) to closely monitor animal health and well-being.

There is a misconception that animals housed in buildings have no human interaction and that feed is delivered by ‘pushing a button.’ While it is true that feed is delivered automatically via mechanical conveyance, it is untrue that animal caretakers rarely enter the facilities to monitor the health and well-being of their animals. Animals are monitored by caretakers multiple times per day, ill or at-risk animals are moved to ‘hospital’ pens for up-close monitoring and treatment, and aggressive animals are separated to prevent injury to other animals and the human caregivers. These are all benefits of livestock housing systems or feedlots for cattle.

While free-range or pastured livestock production is certainly an acceptable practice, it does have some disadvantages. One distinct disadvantage of pasture livestock is that animals may be poorly protected from heat, cold, and other inclement weather. Swine, poultry, and dairy animals raised inside structures enjoy a regulated environment free from bitter cold, extreme heat, sunburn, predatory animals, and other hazards – as well as some soil-borne diseases.

“Some may argue that disease is more prevalent in confined animal systems than ‘free-range’ or ‘pastured’ systems. A concern with pastured pigs, in particular, is the potential for exposure to parasites and microorganisms that confined pigs are protected from. For instance, the incidence of trichinosis in pigs has seen a significant decline in the past few decades as swine production has moved indoors. However, with the increased popularity of pastured swine production in recent years, sporadic cases of trichinosis have been reported due to these animals being exposed to wild reservoir hosts.

“Is this a reason to stop producing pigs on pastures? Not necessarily, since proper preparation of pork during cooking is key to preventing human illness from this parasite. But it is clear that each system has its distinct advantages and disadvantages, and no single system is perfect.”

Dr. Schmidt was further asked if housing animals resulted in animal abuse?

“Abuse is a terrible thing; whether it’s abuse of a helpless animal or a helpless person, it’s simply unacceptable. Just as the



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vast majority of people don’t abuse their children or spouses, the majority of livestock producers don’t abuse their animals. We need to realize that there are people in all facets of society that don’t fit the social norm; people who do things that mainstream society finds completely unacceptable. I feel like it is very inappropriate to suggest that confining animals leads to animal abuse. Just as providing proper care and nutrition to plants helps them grow and produce to their greatest potential, proper care and nutrition of animals produces the most profitable and highest quality product.

“Therefore, it is in the best interest of all agricultural producers – livestock or crop, confinement or pasture-based – to provide the highest quality care possible to maximize the productivity and profitability of their operation. Livestock producers quickly disapprove of acts of abuse by other

livestock producers; it is a matter of right and wrong, and the acts of a select few are not relevant to an entire industry.”

Dr. Schmidt continued to answer questions about confined animal feeding operations and environmental impacts. You can read the entire article at kyfoodandfarm.com under the “EngAge Kentucky” heading.

An additional point to mention is regarding the care of beef cattle in the winter. Many Kentucky farmers are using a compost bedded pack barn throughout the winter months, rather than keeping their cattle out in the wet winter weather. According to an article that appeared in the Kentucky Farm Bureau Magazine, this practice has led to dryer feeding conditions, less water/waste run-off, easier working conditions, and happier cows. The article can also be found at kyfoodandfarm.com.

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A GAME CHANGER

Robertson County ag students get hands-on experience of farm life

It may have taken years to come to fruition, but Robertson County teacher Frank Gifford says the FFA farm, located right behind the school, has been game changing for his students.



Frank Gifford

"We're extremely fortunate to have it right here on the main campus," Gifford said.

As the ag education teacher and FFA advisor for the last 13 years at Robertson County schools, he said his dream of having the school farm began as soon as he was hired.

"I grew up in Robertson County; we've got a family farm here," said Gifford, who is a sixth-generation cattle producer. "I knew initially, going into high school and college, that I wanted to farm."

And he knew he wanted students to be able to get the farming experience, too.

"One of my goals from the beginning was to create an environment for kids to learn that is hands on. It's just one of the most beneficial and effective ways to learn."

Not long after he was hired, he began talking to area ag groups.

"The Farm Bureau, Phase 1 Board (tobacco settlement) and the Extension Council to share with them my thoughts and visions of the future," all of which have given their support to create the farm. "It's taken a lot of legwork and talking to stakeholders, but we continue to improve on it. We have a lot of goals."

In 2011, they built a livestock barn on

school grounds, funded by tobacco settlement money.

They began to raise poultry, goats, sheep and pigs, along with beehives they harvested and a greenhouse used for horticulture studies.

About five years ago, Gifford said they completed a fencing project.

"We didn't have any; we couldn't keep the cattle in ... That was a real community-driven project." Hinton Mills and Central Farm Supply joined forces with Bakaert, an Arkansas-based fencing company, which donated 2,600 feet of fencing.

That allowed FFA to begin raising cattle, which Robertson County is predominantly known for.

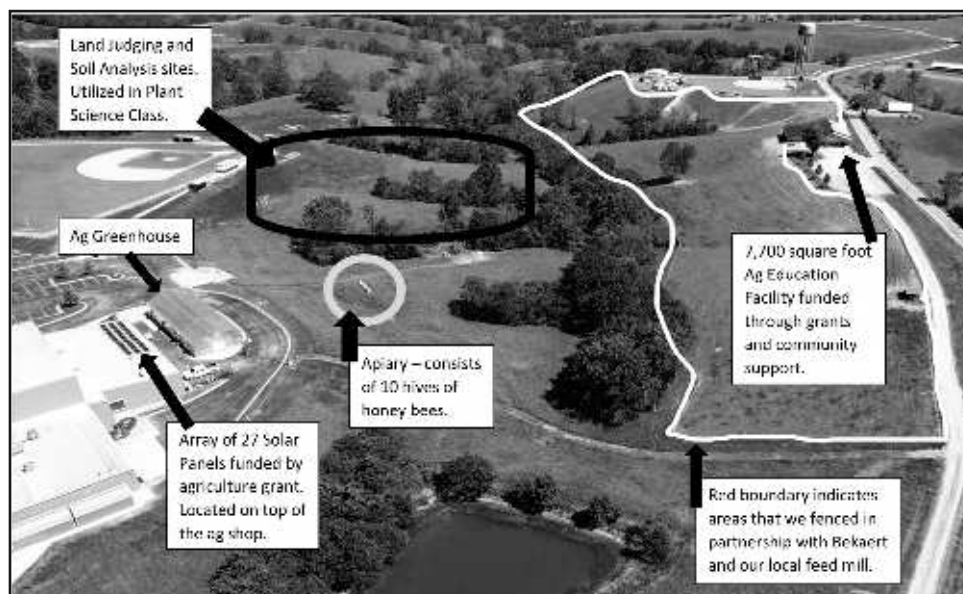
"We had to come up with a considerable amount of money to do this, but not the amount it would have been if we didn't have help."

Gifford said an addition they did last summer "was not something on my radar at that point. I knew we wanted to go down that road (of expansion), then we had an individual in the county who's a beef producer, through a foundation he administers, out of the blue make a donation that allowed us to do that addition."

That donation was made by Walt Lunsford, the executor of the Hatton Foundation, Gifford said, and totaled \$32,500.

And now, due to the added fencing, there are three different pastures they rotate animals in, situated in the ag complex about 300 yards behind the main school building.

"So, most of the time, we just walk over there, or jump on a short bus and



Aerial view of Robertson County FFA farm near the high school.

ride over there if the weather is bad."

The school has a small herd of cattle, including feeder calves they sell, and a few bottle calves.

"We typically sell five or six feeder calves every year," he said. There's also a small flock of sheep.

"Ten ewes we breed, and most of the lambs are used by students in the lamb show over the summer," he said.

There's also a flock of laying hens, and

all the eggs go to the school cafeteria. There are 8-10 beehives, which the students harvest, and a big greenhouse where they hold a lot of plant sales.

The school cafeteria also uses the honey harvested and produce grown by students, as well as USDA processed sausage from pigs they raised. Students were assisted by a local farmer to learn

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Robertson County FFA students display their lettuce before cutting it to take to the school cafeteria.

FFA students get hands-on experience on the school farm

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how to cure country hams, too, which they gave to supporters of the farm as gifts.

“There are some other schools in the state fortunate enough to have a school farm as well ...” Gifford says, but many aren’t located on the school’s land.

They are currently working on plans to expand the types and amounts of livestock and to set up gates.

Gifford said having an FFA school farm has changed everything. Some students who want to take on a livestock project simply don’t have the facilities available and are now able to use the school barn over the summer. About three or four students will keep projects at the barn – animals they personally take care of and will eventually show at competitions.

“Even though we’re a really ag-driven area, there’s getting to be less and less family farms around all of the time. So, maybe this will make a difference.”

Andrew Unthank, who graduated in May, was in FFA for all four years of high school.

“Our class – we did a lot of construction on it. We built the chicken coop and the chicken run,” he said. They also helped work on the addition to the barn.

“Even though we’re a rural community and many of our students live on a farm or have been around them, there’s still a great number of students that haven’t had that exposure,” Unthank said.

Unthank said a lot was going on at the same time.

“Some would be on the chicken coop while others were feeding, so there was a division of labor.”

Unthank describes the whole process as “some great teamwork – everyone had their job, and those jobs had to be done.”

He said it definitely gave them a “leg up” due to the huge advantage of learning hands on.

“There’s only so much you can learn from a textbook. You have to get your hands dirty and learn from experience. That sometimes means messing up, which we did several times. But you learn more quickly when there’s consequences.”

Unthank was raised on a farm, so he felt pretty well-prepared.

“But there were many students who were completely in shock ... it’s a lot of physical work.”

He believes the “mental aspect” of farming is something a lot of people leave out of the equation.

“Ag isn’t just farming, it’s a science. You can learn from a textbook about the minerals and vitamins a sheep needs to grow. But when you know there’s an

actual sheep whose life depends on you doing your job correctly, it adds more to it.”

Unthank is now at Morehead University studying clinical psychology.

“...Which is completely different from all the classes and certifications I have, but the values and work ethic develops through FFA and our farm. It helped me to excel in other aspects.”

If nothing else, he said students should get involved with FFA just to get an appreciation of farming.

“There’s some sort of stereotype of a farmer, that they’re not the most intelligent. That he put seeds in

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An FFA student demonstrates goat handling during a showmanship clinic held for the youth of Robertson County.

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Biofuels Infrastructure Grants to Boost E15 Pumps at Kentucky Retail Locations



U.S. Secretary of Agriculture Sonny Perdue announced last week that the USDA has invested \$22 million out of the up to \$100 million in grants available to increase American ethanol and biodiesel sales. These funds were made available through the Higher Blends Infrastructure Incentive Program (HBIIP) to recipients in 14 states, including Kentucky. The initial \$22 million in HBIIP investments are projected to increase ethanol demand by nearly 150 million gallons annually.

"Investments made through the Higher Blends Infrastructure Incentive Program are helping rural communities build stronger economies and will give consumers more choices when they fill up at the pump," Sec-

retary Perdue said. "President Trump has expanded ethanol use by unleashing year-round E15, and the result is more demand for American farmers and more affordable fuel for American consumers."

HBIIP helps fuel retail facilities convert to higher blends of ethanol by sharing the costs related to installation or conversion of fuel pumps. Kentucky will see conversions at several Thorntons and Casey's locations.

"We are happy the administration is building future demand for ethanol and corn farmers," said Ray Allan Mackey, KyCorn Promotion Council chairman. "We plan to continue this momentum with checkoff investments in ethanol pump conversions in the coming years."



Enter the Kentucky Corn Yield Contest

With a crop forecast that will top last year's record production, KyCorn and the University of Kentucky's Dr. Chad Lee is encouraging corn growers to enter the 2020 Kentucky Corn Yield Contest.

Rules and digital entry form are available at kycorn.org. The entry deadline is November 30. Winners are typically announced by year end, and winning growers are honored with trophies and cash prizes at the Kentucky Commodity Conference in January.

Corn Grower Investment in Agriculture Literacy Amplified Through Partnerships

KyCorn invested nearly \$150,000 in a student and public education project they called the Kentucky Farms Feed Me Virtual Field Trip Series ten years ago. The series of agriculture-focused videos has been used by hundreds of teachers and agriculture educators across the Commonwealth.

In 2015, KyCorn allowed Kentucky Ag and Environment in the Classroom (KyAEC) to add standards-based lessons and continue to share it with teachers through workshops.

Work began in 2018, thanks to the support from many more commodity and farm organizations, to update the video field trips. With the video production expertise of Kentucky Farm Bureau, 10 new videos were created, and KyAEC relaunched the program in a series of teacher workshops this summer.

KyCorn wants to thank Kentucky's farm community for continuing this project that is educating the next generation of consumers.

Dr. Chad Lee, Director of the Grain and Forage Center of Excellence in Princeton, was one of the many experts who talked with Kylie Hilton for the virtual field trip series.



Managing calf stress helps improve weaning outcomes

LEXINGTON – The most stressful period in a calf’s life is probably at weaning. Until that time, a calf relies on its mother for just about all its needs – nutrition, protection, comfort. Although producers can’t completely eliminate stress during weaning, helping cattle deal with it can go a long way.

“It’s important that we think about weaning as a period of time, rather than a single day,” said Katie VanValin, extension beef specialist for the University of Kentucky College of Agriculture, Food and Environment.

Some producers separate the calves from the cows, load them up, head to the sale barn and call those calves weaned.

“Those calves arrive at the sale barn bawling and then get put into groups with calves from other farms,” VanValin said. “They eventually make their way through the auction process and go to a feedlot out West in a process that takes a few days.”

On that trip to the feedlot, calves may be exposed to pathogens that can cause illness. They must learn to eat and drink from unfamiliar waterers and feed bunks. Most of the time, they are eating

an unfamiliar diet.

“All of these things are stressful to calves on their own but combine them all together and you have some seriously stressed out cattle,” she said. “Abrupt weaning can actually increase the risk for developing a respiratory disease.”

Another way to approach weaning is to start the process on the farm. It won’t be completely stress free, but it can offer less risk for disease in the long run. Fenceline weaning is when cows and calves are in separate areas, but have the ability see and hear each other and have nose-to-nose contact.

“Fenceline weaning can get cattle through the initial stress of being away from each other,” VanValin said. “It also limits the comingling and transportation stress and limits their exposure pathogens during this stressful time.”

During weaning time on the farm, producers need to focus on nutrition. They should encourage cattle to eat and offer a high-quality grass or legume-grass mixture hay for calves in dry lots. Grain supplements can increase the nutrient density of every mouthful of feed during this time.



Photo by Aimee Nielson

On-farm weaning can lead to healthier calves, who have lower stress levels come sale time.

“If you feed supplements each day, by hand, you’ll be able to visually assess each calf and take note of which ones are not coming to the bunk,” VanValin said.

Another advantage of on-farm weaning is the ability to take advantage of new marketing opportunities such as the CPH-45 program. CPH-45 is Kentucky’s Certified Pre-Conditioned for Health program that has a proven record of improving the quality and value of Kentucky beef cattle. VanValin stressed that preconditioning allows producers to sep-

arate the stress of weaning from the stress of the auction process.

“I encourage you to assess your weaning program,” she said. “Is it a one-day event or a period of time for your operation? Are you leaving money on the table by rushing calves to market?”

Although the process may seem daunting, decreasing stress during the weaning period may make for a better calf come sale day.

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AGCO plans dealerships in Columbia, Mayfield

DULUTH, Ga. – AGCO Corporation is expected to acquire certain assets of Boyd Company of Louisville and operate a dealership from the Columbia and Mayfield locations.

Upon completion of the agreement, AGCO will form AgRevolution, an agricultural equipment dealership that will have locations in Columbia and Mayfield. The new company is expected to begin operating as a subsidiary of the equipment manufacturer on Jan. 1.

AgRevolution will temporarily share space with Boyd's construction equipment locations in Hopkinsville and Evansville, Ind.

"The Boyd Company has been honored to serve our ag customers, and we're very excited that AgRevolution will be providing them uninterrupted customer support throughout this transition," said Monty Boyd, president and CEO, Boyd Company. "Our top priority during this decision was always ensuring that our customers are well taken care of, and AGCO and AgRevolution will do just that." AGCO supports a strong independent dealership network across North America.

The launch of AgRevolution is a unique situation and the result of Boyd's decision to focus on its core heavy construction equipment business. Though it will be a wholly owned subsidiary of AGCO, AgRevolution will operate in a manner similar to that of AGCO's independent dealerships.

"We're tremendously excited about what AgRevolution will equip AGCO to do for our customers throughout that area and our greater network of dealerships," says Robert Crain, senior vice president and general manager, AGCO North America. "AGCO is building the most vibrant dealership network in North America. AgRevolution will be part of innovative sales and service initiatives and will help equip our larger dealership network with new capabilities that will make them more successful. This is a win-win-win for farmers in Kentucky and Indiana, for AGCO, and for our dealers across North America."

AgRevolution will be led by Stacy Anthony, a successful veteran of the farm machinery industry. In his 30-year career, Anthony has served in leadership positions of dealerships across the United States. Anthony brings with him experience as a business development expert with responsibilities that include the integration and building of equipment dealerships.

AGCO manufactures a number of brands that are core components of Boyd's current agricultural offering, including Challenger, Fendt, Gleaner, Massey Ferguson,

Sunflower and White Planters, along with Precision Planting and RoGator and TerraGator application equipment.

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Stone, Rink appointed to Agricultural Finance Board

FRANKFORT – Robert “Mac” Stone, of Georgetown, and David A. Rink, of Finchville, have been appointed to the Kentucky Agricultural Finance Corporation.

Stone represents horticulture farmers across the commonwealth.

“Mr. Stone brings a wealth of knowledge and experience to the KAFC,” said Gov. Beshear, who appoints the board members. “I believe he will build on the successes of the board to support our rural economy for Kentucky farmers.”

Stone and his wife, Ann, and her family own and operate Elmwood Stock Farm, a certified organic farming operation in Georgetown, which produces products ranging from vegetables and small fruits to grass-fed beef and lamb and pastured poultry and pork.

Stone has held numerous agricultural and community positions over the years.

He is a graduate of University of Kentucky with a B.S. in agronomy and M.S. in animal science.

Rink, represents livestock farmers across the commonwealth.

“In supporting the mission of the KAFC, Mr. Rink’s background in corporate lending will be invaluable to the board,” said Beshear.

Originally from eastern North Carolina, Rink and his wife, Laura, have a small Angus cow-calf operation and hay-cutting business in Shelby County. Rink currently serves a vice president of corporate banking with Old National Bank.

He is a graduate of Lehigh University with a major in economics and international relations. He has previously held positions in institutional investment management and commercial construction and development. Among other professional accomplishments, Rink was named in the 2019 Business First’s “20 People to Know in Banking.”

He and his wife have two children, Sarah, 16, and Vincent, 13.

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Kentucky Grazing Conference goes virtual

PRINCETON, Ky. – Due to the Covid-19 pandemic, the Kentucky Grazing Conference will occur online. The annual event, hosted by the Kentucky Forage and Grassland Council and the University of Kentucky Cooperative Extension Service, will occur on the video-conferencing platform Zoom during the evenings of Oct. 27-29. The conference begins each day at 5:50 p.m. CDT and lasts until 8 p.m. CDT.

The virtual grazing conference will focus on designing resilient forage-livestock grazing systems for the transition zone of the United States. Speakers will include producers, industry representatives and specialists from the UK College of Agriculture, Food and Environment and the U.S. Department of Agriculture's Forage-Animal Production Research Unit.

This year's keynote speaker is Johnny Rogers. Rogers is a North Carolina farmer, Amazing Grazing coordinator at North Carolina State University and president of the Red Angus Association. He will speak about selecting and managing livestock for changing conditions at 6 p.m. Oct. 28. Attendees will have the opportunity each evening to ask questions to the presenters.

Participants will also get to hear fellow forage and livestock producers compete for the title of Kentucky Forage Spokesperson on Oct. 28. Contestants will give a 15-minute presentation about their operation including their struggles and successes. The winner will advance to the 2021 national contest, where Kentucky producers have been historically successful.

Preregistration is required for the free

event. To register, individuals should visit <https://2020grazingconference.eventbrite.com>. Once registered, participants will receive an email with the Zoom meeting link and password. All presentations will be recorded for later viewing.

Conference sponsors include the UK

College of Agriculture, Food and Environment, UK Grain and Forage Center of Excellence, Master Grazer program, Kentucky Forage and Grassland Council, Kentucky Department of Agriculture and the Kentucky Beef Network.

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Working at school farm gives students perspective of farm to table

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the ground and food comes out. But there's planning, measurements and chemicals needed, and other 'seeds of life' to grow and be an effective and successful farmer."

And Unthank said with FFA, there are so many aspects to it that aren't just about ag.

"There is impromptu speaking at competitions – I won the state championship in that a few years ago. That's an important life skill, to be able to convey your thoughts. It helps you excel at whatever your passion is."

Abri Roberts agrees. Also a new graduate from Robertson County, Roberts said she was painfully shy before she was old enough to join FFA.

After Gifford pushed her to compete in speech, that changed everything for her

confidence level.

She noted the changes to the farm since she's been in school.

She was particularly excited about the concrete they were finally able to afford in the barn.

"We had pigs, and they were such a mess. We got a grant for that, and for a lot of other things, too ..."

Athrough she grew up next to her grandfather's farm, she did gain a greater sense of a work ethic after having to tend to one at school.

"We'd have designated days throughout the week to go and feed the animals, feed the bottle calves. It just creates a better work ethic."

The FFA program is "something to be proud of, and something to be proud to be a part of," she said.

Roberts says Gifford "made it 10 times better, with everything

he got us involved in."

Unthank agrees.

"He helps his students grow into better versions of themselves, and makes learning the content as fun as possible," Unthank said.

Sanford Holbrook, Robertson County school superintendent, is a former ag teacher. He said the ability for students in the ag program to learn hands on is imperative.

"This gives kids the chance to come out of the classroom and learn practical life experiences ..." including harvesting honey and working with animals, to selling honey and meat for fundraisers.

The board of education has also been supportive, providing extra funding whenever it can, Holbrook said, but Gifford has been the driving force behind the program.

"His program is much loved by students and hits all the points it needs to, like horticulture, livestock, mechanics; he

gets it all in," Holbrook said.

By Bobbie Curd
Field Reporter



USDA processed sausage from hogs that students raised at their ag barn. More than 500 pounds was served in their school cafeteria for breakfast.

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Sericea – the no-respect legume



Sericea lespedeza is a ‘don’t get no respect’ legume that can be woody and very unpalatable. However, it is also called the ‘poor man’s alfalfa’ and can be a godsend to sheep and goat producers trying to manage internal parasites.

Sericea lespedeza, often just called sericea, is a legume that does not get any respect. When established, it seems like an invasive, woody and completely useless plant that livestock refuse to eat. The stems are so woody that they will remain standing over winter after the leaves have fallen off. Plenty of sources bear out the unpalatability of sericea and the poor animal gains that result. However, I have recently had a change of heart. Please hear me out; I have not lost my mind. I would agree that a lot of sericea’s negative reputation is duly earned.

Read to the end and I think you will agree that sericea might be a plant that deserves a little more respect.

Let’s take a look at its reputation for being unpalatable. In mixed stands, cattle will graze the grass first and avoid sericea. When the sericea gets above 15 inches in height, cattle will hardly eat it at all. The unpalatability is due to the presence of chemicals known as condensed tannins, thought to give the forage a bitter taste. Most people’s experience is with common sericea, which is very high in tannins and very coarse stemmed.

What follows are six reasons why

sericea might deserve a little more respect.

Sericea is a perennial taprooted legume that grows well in the middle of the summer. That puts it in a pretty exclusive club.

Sericea tolerates and can persist on acidic, low fertility sites. Sericea is commonly grown on reclaimed mine sites where the soil is extremely acidic, infertile and very droughty. It can be seen growing on gravelly road cuts and other similar areas across Kentucky. It is a very tough plant.

There are improved varieties of sericea (like AU-Lotan, Serala and AU-Grazer) that have been selected for lower tannin and finer stems which can support good cattle gains. In a comparison of 37 multi-year grazing studies in Alabama, pure stands of sericea lespedeza were three of the top 10 forages for lowest pasture cost per pound of gain. These studies were with Serala and AU-Lotan.

The process of field curing of sericea greatly drops the tannin content. Cattle, which will avoid sericea pasture, will readily consume the same forage cured for hay. I actually learned this from a farmer in Jackson County who asked me

if I had heard that (cattle will readily eat sericea hay). I said I had not but would check it out. Turns out he was exactly right. See for yourself – 1989 Agronomy Journal 81:435-439.

Sericea cures quickly and can make good hay. Sometimes called the poor man’s alfalfa, sericea hay is palatable to livestock because the tannin levels decline significantly during field curing.

If you raise sheep or goats, you may already know about the super power of sericea lespedeza. All forms of sericea, from hay, pelleted formulations, silage and pasture have a de-worming effect when fed to small ruminants.

Managing internal parasites with small

ruminants is difficult because they can graze very close to ground and they can develop resistance to the few de-worming products labeled for small ruminants. The erect growth habit of sericea is also beneficial in managing internal parasites because fewer parasitic stomach worm larvae will crawl up into the elevated grazing zone of sheep and goats.

Sericea lespedeza is not about to knock clover or alfalfa off the gold medal podium when it comes to Kentucky’s most valuable legume. But now you know why it may walk with more of a swagger.

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AUCTION/MARKET


| KENTUCKY GRAIN PRICES | | | | | | | Eastern Cornbelt Ethanol Plant Report 10/05/2020 Indiana Ohio Illinois | |
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| LOUISVILLE AREA: Louisville & Bagdad; PENNYRILE AREA: Allensville, Auburn, Franklin, Hopkinsville & Pembroke; BLUEGRASS AREA: Bardstown, Lexington & Winchester; GREEN RIVER: Caneyville & Livermore; NORTHERN KENTUCKY AREA: Silver Grove at Cincinnati; PURCHASE AREA: Clinton & Mayfield. Opening bids at elevators and processing plants. | | | | | | | Yellow Corn Spot Bid 3.52-4.01 | |
| 10/05/2020 4:00 pm est Bids for next day Cash Bids Corn #2 Yellow Corn #2 White Soybeans #1 Y Wheat #2 SRW Barley | Louisville | Pennyrile | Purchase | Bluegrass | Green River | Northern KY | Dried Distillers Grain (\$/ton) 10% moisture 139.00-170.00 | |
| | 3.65-3.80 9.73 5.00-5.50 | 3.65-3.70 10.02-10.17 5.94 | 3.83 4.10 10.20-10.27 NA | 3.80 9.82 NA | 3.82 10.12 NA | 3.80-3.82 10.24-10.25 NA | Modified Wet Distillers (\$/ton) 50-55% moisture 50.00 | |
| | New Crop Delivery Contract Corn #2 Yellow Corn #2 White Soybeans #1 Y Wheat #2 SRW Barley | | | | | | Kentucky Weekly Cattle Receipts as reported at local markets: 09/12/20 10,963 09/19/20 18,108 09/26/20 20,700 10//03/20 20,700 | |
| | | | | | | | | |
| Weekly Feed Ingredient Price Wholesale prices, \$ per ton Rail or Truck FOB Location | Owensboro Grain 10/05/2020 | Commonwealth Agri-Energy Hopkinsville 10/05/2020 | St. Louis Weekly Feed Prices 09/29/2020 | Memphis Weekly Feed Report 09/29/2020 | Corn Belt Feedstuffs Report 09/29/2020 | Eastern Cornbelt Hog Prices 10/05/2020 Barrows & Gilts Receipts: 4,220 Base Price: \$58.00-\$65.00 Wt. Avg. \$63.32 | | FOR DAILY LIVESTOCK AND GRAIN MARKET REPORTS CALL FARMLOT 1-800-327-6568 1-502-573-0553 |
| Soybean Meal 48% Sol Soybean Hulls Corn Distillers Grain Dried Distillers Grain Modified Distillers Grain Wet Corn Condensed Solubles Corn Gluten Feed 20-21 pct Corn Gluten Meal 60 pct Cottonseed Meal 41 pct Whole Cottonseed Wheat Middlings | 365.00 145.00 — — — — — — — — — | — — 165.00 92.00 55.00 NA — — — — — | 357.00-362.00 — — — — — 180.00 515.00-520.00 305.00-320.00 — 115.00-130.00 | 327.30-352.30 110.00 — — — — — 265.00-270.00 210.00 — | 325.90-338.90 — 150.00-170.00 — — — 120.00-138.00 415.00-425.00 — — — | Compared to prior day, wt. avg. prices were unchanged to 4.50 lower, mostly steady. Slow market activity with light demand. | | |

Loretto Grain

Buying and Contracting Grain

as of 10-9-2020


| | Basis |
|---------------------|-------|
| Corn: Oct. \$3.95 | .05 |
| Nov. \$3.95 | .10 |
| Dec. \$4.02 | .10 |
| Wheat: Oct. \$5.93 | (.20) |
| June/July 21 \$5.94 | (.10) |



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|------|------|------|-------|------|-----|-----|------|------|------|-------|------|--------|-----|-------|------|
| CE | BW | WW | YW | ADG | MCE | M | MWW | STAY | CW | YG | MA | BF | REA | API | TI |
| 11.1 | -0.3 | 85.1 | 141.9 | 0.36 | 5.6 | 8.6 | 51.1 | 18.7 | 37.3 | -0.46 | 0.78 | -0.062 | 1.3 | 172.4 | 96.2 |
| 65% | 35% | 10% | 4% | 2% | 70% | 99% | 90% | 15% | 35% | 5% | 2% | 35% | 1% | 1% | 1% |

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AUCTION/MARKET

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Oct. 2, 2020

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69 hd. 772# 137.00 mixed

45 hd. 824# 138.40 mixed

20 hd. 831# 135.50 blk

44 hd. 922# 133.75 blk

60 hd. 934# 131.00 blk

51 hd. 1054# 123.80 mixed

Feeder Heifers: Medium & Large 1-2

79 hd. 636# 140.80 blk-charx

Blue Grass of Albany

Albany, KY

Sept. 30, 2020

Feeder Steers: Medium & Large 1-2

25 hd. 773# 138.75 blk

63 hd. 788# 141.10 blk

Feeder Heifers: Medium & Large 1-2

44 hd. 644# 130.00 blk

40 hd. 682# 126.00 blk

Blue Grass Maysville

Maysville, KY

Sept. 29, 2020

Feeder Steers: Medium & Large 1-2

37 hd. 1017# 119.00 blk-charx

Feeder Heifers: Medium & Large 1-2

57 hd. 697# 132.60 blk-charx

United Producers Owenton

Owenton, KY

Sept. 30, 2020

Feeder Heifers: Medium & Large 1-2

24 hd. 583# 131.25 blk-charx

70 hd. 736# 136.00 blk

Paris Stockyards

Paris, KY

Oct. 1, 2020

Feeder Steers: Medium & Large 1-2

22 hd. 573# 144.25 blk-charx

45 hd. 666# 144.00 blk-charx

42 hd. 766# 138.00 blk-charx

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Live Bids- weighed average weights

& prices

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Heifers

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Blue Grass East

Mt. Sterling, KY

Sept. 30, 2020

Feeder Steers: Medium & Large 1-2

21 hd. 773# 137.25 blk

Lake Cumberland Livestock

Somerset, KY

Oct. 3, 2020

Feeder Heifers: Medium & Large 1-2

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Blue Grass of Campbellsville

Campbellsville, KY

Sept. 30, 2020

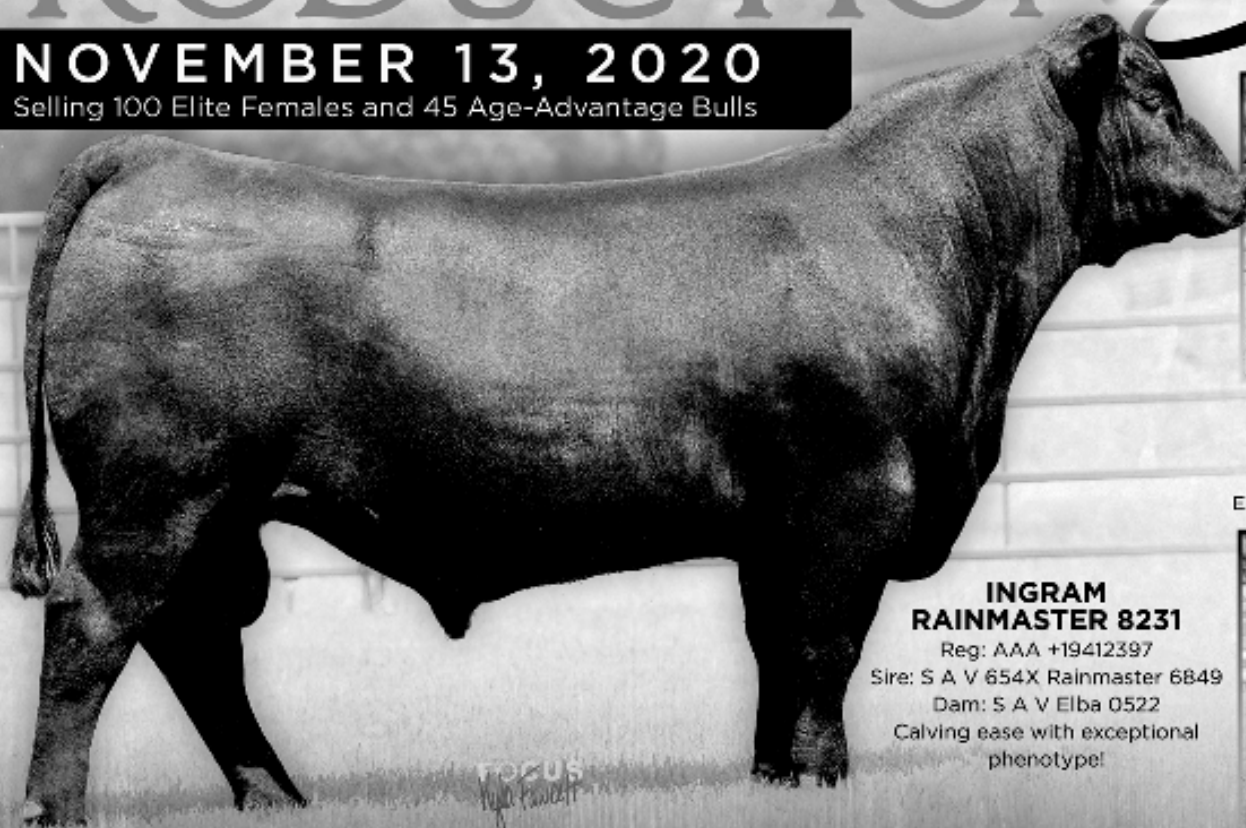
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AUCTION/MARKET

Producers Livestock Auction Co, San Angelo, Texas Sept. 29, 2020

Compared to last week slaughter lambs steady. Slaughter ewes steady. Feeder lambs weak. Nannies weak; kids weak to 10.00 lower. Trading and demand moderate.

SLAUGHTER LAMBS WOOLED & SHORN: Choice and Prime 1-2 72-78 lbs 210.00-226.00; 80 lbs 192.00; 98 lbs 176.00. Choice and Prime 2-3 110-115 lbs 142.00-146.00. Choice 1-2 40-49 lbs 234.00-240.00; 63-69 lbs 220.00-228.00; 71-73 lbs 188.00-202.00; 80-88 lbs 170.00-180.00; 90-93 lbs 154.00-164.00; 106 lbs 142.00. Choice 2-3 110-133 lbs 110.00-124.00. HAIR BREEDS: Choice and Prime 1-2 41-49 lbs 246.00-268.00; 50-59 lbs 246.00-270.00; 60-69 lbs 232.00-268.00; 70-79 lbs 210.00-238.00; 80-89 lbs 194.00-220.00; 93 lbs 188.00; 101-104 lbs 184.00-208.00. Choice and Prime 2-3 125 lbs 144.00. Choice 1-2 43-49 lbs 212.00-236.00; 51-59 lbs 208.00-242.00; 60-69 lbs 212.00-230.00; 70-78 lbs 188.00-198.00; 81-88 lbs 150.00-182.00; 93-98 lbs 130.00-162.00. Choice 2-3 114 lbs 124.00. Good 1 46 lbs 200.00; 56 lbs 200.00; 65-69 lbs 170.00. SLAUGHTER GOATS KIDS: Selection 1 40-49 lbs 288.00-316.00; 50-59 lbs 292.00-310.00; 60-69 lbs 278.00-300.00; 75-79 lbs 276.00-294.00; 80-88 lbs 270.00-294.00; 92-97 lbs 285.00-288.00. Selection 1-2 40-49 lbs 280.00-288.00; 50-59 lbs 258.00-288.00; 60-68 lbs 250.00-276.00; 70-78 lbs 252.00-274.00; 82-85 lbs 198.00-250.00; 90-98 lbs 220.00-240.00. Selection 2 40-48 lbs 200.00-250.00; 50-59 lbs 210.00-250.00; 60-69 lbs 220.00-250.00; 70-78 lbs 228.00-230.00; 83 lbs 236.00.

Blue Grass Stockyards of Richmond Graded Sheep/Goat Sale - Richmond, Ky. Sept. 28, 2020

SLAUGHTER LAMBS WOOLED: Choice and Prime 1-2 70 lbs 240.00; 100-143 lbs 146.00-184.00. HAIR BREEDS: Choice and Prime 1-2 58 lbs 252.00; 68 lbs 240.00; 120 lbs 185.00. Choice 2 50 lbs 236.00; 69 lbs 232.00; 85 lbs 207.50. Good and Choice 2 -3 55 lbs 216.00; 65 lbs 165.00. SLAUGHTER GOATS KIDS: Selection 1 65 lbs 345.00. Selection 1-2 50 lbs 220.00. Selection 2 46 lbs 290.00; 68 lbs 299.00.

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|--|---------|--------|-----------|--------|
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| Week Ago (est) | 112,000 | 1,000 | 482,000 | 5,000 |
| Year Ago (act) | 110,000 | 3,000 | 482,000 | 5,000 |
| Week to Date (est) | 595,000 | 8,000 | 2,390,000 | 33,000 |
| Same Pd Lt Week (est) | 594,000 | 8,000 | 2,381,000 | 31,000 |
| Same Pd Lt Yr (act) | 580,000 | 12,000 | 2,430,000 | 37,000 |

Statewide Produce Prices updated 10/02/2020

| Variety | Unit Size | Price Range | Avg. Price |
|---------------------|-----------|-------------|------------|
| Tomato #1 | 20 lbs | 7.00-22.50 | 17.99 |
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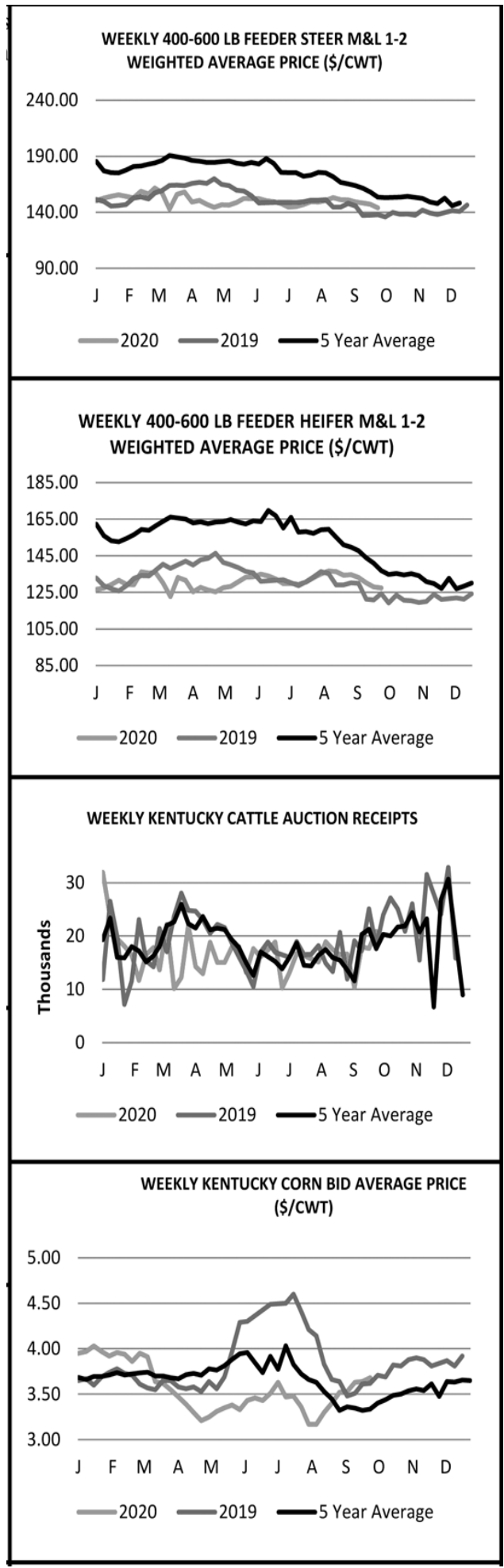
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Saturday, October 31, 2020 2:00 PM

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Thursday, November 5, 2020 6:30 PM

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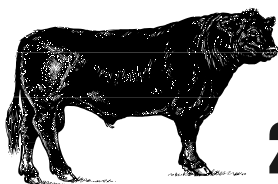
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