



Eastern Kentucky University's Meadowbrook Farm is a possible relocation of UK's dairy operation.

UK'S DAIRY PROGRAM

Relocation of UK's dairy program still in plans amidst 'perfect storm' of events

(This is the second of a two-part series about the relocation of UK's dairy operation.)

LEXINGTON – Although a collaboration between the University of Kentucky and Eastern Kentucky University on their dairy operations has been stalled for multiple reasons, an EKU dean involved in the process says he feels hopeful an agreement will be made soon.

But some are voicing concerns about how the move will affect teaching capabilities for the UK dairy program, and how it will impact the dairy industry in the state as a whole, which is already

dwindling.

UK College of Agriculture, Food and Environment's dairy operation has been located on Coldstream Research Campus in Lexington for close to six decades. But that's all about to change, due to the university's land swap with the city, an agreement to trade land on the farm – including the poultry and

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Dr. Nancy Cox

UK's dean of agriculture, food, and environment

dairy unit areas – for certain city roads running through campus.

The agreement was entered into by 2018, but organizers found themselves in a conundrum when searching for land suitable for a dairy close to Lexington that was affordable.

UK then reached out to EKU to develop a possible collaboration, in hopes

of relocating its dairy farm to Meadowbrook Farm in Richmond.

But events since have created more setbacks, something Dr. Richard Coffey – chair of UK's department of animal and food sciences – described as "the perfect storm."

Nancy Cox, dean of the college of agriculture, food, and environment, agreed with that assessment.

"The perfect storm ..." Cox said, and paused. "It is. Truly."

Cox explained that prior to the land swap, the department had already

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UK's dairy operation to move

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begun working on alternatives for several reasons. She said those reasons include the encroachment of housing and commercial development adjacent to the farm; manure and nutrient management issues, and safety; and efficiency efforts to build a model dairy for teaching and research collaborations.

But then, UK's dairy program lost its "lead," Cox said, when professor Jeffery Bewley resigned in 2017. She said before he stepped down, they were "optimistic we'd get resources for a new parlor and a lot of external funding," but those private companies weren't interested after he left.

"Without that lightening-rod, internationally-known faculty member, the companies – reasonably – wouldn't want to invest."

Cox said it was a tough situation when

Bewley left. According to news reports from 2017, the extension professor resigned a week after he was made aware of an internal investigation being conducted into alleged inappropriate relationships with two students.

But where that left the department, Cox said, was in a rough spot.

"Not to blame it on him. We were riding a pretty good trajectory in terms of private investment, and then we weren't ..."

Over the last two years, the department examined sites in Fayette and surrounding counties, along with discussing the potential of partnering with several private operations. But no suitable solution – regarding price or environmental needs – was found.

Also in this timeframe, Cox said Kentucky saw many dairy operations go out

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of business.

"The dairy industry itself was suffering a lot," she said.

To that end, she said, the department, along with a team of external stakeholders, "reengaged ECU through an alliance designed to infuse new capital, acquire modern technology and utilize existing resources" at ECU's Meadowbrook Farm.

Cox said the objective of the venture "is to support value-added products to sustain the small dairy farm typical of Kentucky."

"We have been working with them for many months, have completed a memorandum about the agreement, but it's not been signed yet (by ECU)," something Cox said she attributes to the COVID-19 pandemic "as well as anything."

And just before COVID hit, ECU's president also stepped down in January, and combined with other setbacks and budgetary constraints put in place by the pandemic, "We've all been – all institutions of higher education have been frantic making sure we can deliver. It's been hard for everybody."

Simply put, Cox said everything was happening at the same time. She said she is optimistic about the solution, but added she realizes it's not everyone's ideal.

"Dairy is near and dear to my heart. I did all my masters work on a commercial dairy farm," she noted.

Youth Dairy Contest Needs Home

Coldstream Farm is also used for 4-H programming and some adult extension programs.

Larissa Tucker, UK's extension associate for dairy youth, said her biggest hurdle will be finding somewhere to hold the annual state 4-H Dairy Judging contest.

"It's been hosted at Coldstream for 40-plus years. That's going to be a big hole to fill, but I think we'll be able to manage to do it."

Tucker also attributed the pandemic to making things more difficult.

"It put a bad spin on all this, too... We can't do anything in person currently, not statewide, anyway, to figure all this out. We're in a holding pattern," she said. They are looking into a few differ-

ent options, she added.

"But it has to be a facility that's big enough to have milking cows. And our number of dairy farms is dwindling in the state, as well," Tucker said. For the dairy judging contest, there must be room for four animals for each class and multiple classes are needed to have a contest.

Having the facility located so close to the university has exposed a lot of youth to the college at a young age, Tucker said.

"We have a good volunteer group. And we don't have a large dairy program, but it's strong in 4-H here in Kentucky. We've had several alumni that still support us really well. I feel like those people will come out and help make sure that we can do this."

They will still be doing research, dairy youth work and other programs, she said, but it's "just going to look different."

'Challenges' Remain In Proposed Merged Dairies

Although Dr. Jerry Pogatshnik, ECU's vice president of academic affairs, said they believe the collaboration will be a mutual benefit for the schools, he also lists COVID-19 as a great affect.

"It's been a big distraction," he said.

From an academic point of view, Pogatshnik said he is excited about some of the possibilities.

"There's an opportunity for us to learn from each other – student exchanges of ideas, obviously faculty exchanges of ideas, and research opportunities on both campuses," he said.

Pogatshnik said they "have a little bit to do, but I'm optimistic that we'll find a solution to the remaining challenges."

When asked what those challenges entail, and if they concern upgrades needed on Meadowbrook Farm, he said, "That's part of it, but I'm sure that's not the main issue. We're pretty good on that."

Pogatshnik said they are trying "to find the right mix," due to doubling the size of the herd on the property, posing some logistical challenges.

"It's also sort of trying to find the bridge between the right mix of maintaining independence between the two



EKU's Meadowbrook Farm has several learning aspects with cattle.

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Not everything has to be a teaching moment



ONE VOICE

Sharon Burton

If I want to be informed or educated, I will turn off the television or be like my dad and watch the educational channel.

My favorite fiction author recently released a new book and I couldn't wait to read it. While the story in the book was everything I expected it to be, I was disappointed that the author included the entry of COVID-19 into the U.S. and his political views.

The same thing happened with one of my favorite television shows. While there have been very few new seasons of shows since the pandemic began in the U.S., this show started with people social distancing and talking about the coronavirus. A comment was quickly made about people not taking it seriously. Then came a scene about the death of George Floyd, and I turned off the show.

I care about the pandemic, I certainly care about the inexcusable death of George Floyd, and I have my own political views, but I think our lives have been more than full of reality since March. If I choose to read fiction or watch fiction, it's because I'm looking for a break, not more reality.

I have always found it laughable that Hollywood and the "entertainment" community believes it somehow must be the social conscience of our nation. My value system is certainly not in line with theirs, and besides, they make their living pretending to be someone they aren't – how does that make them experts on values?

They are just people and they have the right to express views as much as anyone else. But I only turn to them for brief moments when I don't want to use my brain. That's about all they are good for, so why do they pretend to offer anything else?

If I want to be informed or educated, I will turn off the television or be like my dad and watch the educational channel. Or I will borrow some of his books and read about history. For some brief moments, I just want a break from the real world, which seems impossible in 2020.

Is it time for Christmas movies yet?

Soybean farmers are the definition of essential

Since the COVID-19 pandemic started gaining traction in the U.S. in March, we've heard a lot of folks talking about essential workers. Sure, at first the term was rightfully used to describe doctors and nurses and other healthcare workers. It soon expanded to the people who keep necessary items moving at the retail level – cashiers and those who stock store shelves, truck drivers who get the things we need from Point A to Point B, and many more.

It didn't take long for the media (both mainstream and social) to realize that farmers are the very definition of essential workers. You want to hoard toilet paper? You're going to need a tree farmer. Are you staying home? The people who live there are going to be hungry. The packing plants shutting down really brought farmers to the forefront, though, because the American consumer finally figured out that meat – whether it's poultry, pork or beef – did not originate in the grocery store.

I think we have all moved past the "thank a farmer" campaign that was so popular for a while. After all, we chose our professions just as other people chose their career paths. One slogan I can really get behind, though, is "No Farms, No Food."

While the non-farm public may have been aware of the plight of livestock farmers during shortages that affected their neighborhood grocery cases, now that the supply chain has

resumed production and cases are full again, our livestock producers are a distant memory.

But can you imagine the ripple effect if there were suddenly no soybean farmers? I have learned a LOT about soybeans over the past seven (almost eight) years, and I can attest that some form of soy is found in more things than the average consumer realizes. Soy is an incredibly useful and versatile crop, with its components found in everything from paint to pavement.

Aside from all the industrial uses for soybean oil and the prevalence of soybean meal in animal feed, what do you like to eat? Chocolate? It's creamy-sooth in your mouth because of an emulsifier called soy lecithin.

Thinking about some Chinese take-out? It won't be the same without soy sauce. Gonna have a Slim Jim as your afternoon snack? Jackpot! There are three forms of soy in those tasty treats. Losing weight with Lean Cuisine or Weight Watchers frozen dinners? Soy. Living large with a burger and fries? Vegetable oil, which is 100 percent soybean oil, is the most commonly used oil for frying in the United States. Vegetable oil is also a key ingredient in dressings, sauces and condiments.

The point is, there's some form of soy in many, many of the things we eat. And while we agree that all kinds of farmers are essential during a crisis, I would argue that soybean farmers are always essential.



COMMON GROUND

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Soy is an incredibly useful and versatile crop, with its components found in everything from paint to pavement.

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Don't count the chickens before they hatch



MARKET WATCH

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Traders remain optimistic about China's appetite for U.S. soybeans.

Many are wondering how a Biden Administration will impact ag. Well, let's not count the chickens before they hatch. While the media has declared him the winner, it must be remembered that it is up to the electors of the Electoral College to cast their vote for president. Congress then certifies the winner, not the media.

With the election headed to court, the winner is still up for grabs. Meanwhile, looking at corn, there is a high level of optimism that China will purchase large quantities from the U.S. In this month's crop report, the USDA raised their imports 6 million tons to 13 million. Thoughts are that it could eventually be boosted to 22-30 million.

Domestic exports were increased by 325 million bushels, which drew ending stocks for 2020-21 down to 1.702 billion bushels. This is the tightest supply since 2015. While the outlook is turning more positive, be aware that the fund long position has risen to its highest mark since March 2011 and presents a threat.

Traders remain optimistic about China's appetite for U.S. soybeans. However, a word of caution is warranted as the USDA left their export estimate unchanged in this month's crop report. In addition, China's imports were unchanged as well.

Meanwhile, export inspections last week were sensational at 91.7 million bushels with China taking 60.1 million bushels or 65 percent of shipments. Be aware that soybean exports generally peak in November, although they have not shown signs yet. In the meantime, stocks are shrinking at 190 million bushels, their smallest since 2015.

This will probably keep the bulls' interest until South America's crop is more established.

In the weeks ahead, wheat will probably be a follower of corn and soybeans. The winter wheat crop has improved slightly with the ratings up 2 points to 45 percent in good-to-excellent condition. However, this is well below last year's rating of 54 percent. Right now, the biggest issue hanging over wheat is that world stocks are near a record. In addition, the USDA raised Russia's production 500,000 tons in the latest crop report, as well as their exports.

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November winds are blowing big change

One of the perennial certainties of any election season is how pundits chew over the politics of losing campaigns rather than discuss the policy implications of winning campaigns.

The biggest reason is the cleanliness of who's-up and who's-down as opposed to a messy dive into the greasy nuance of what victory means to legislative sausage making.

That is especially so for U.S. farm policy after the muddled results of the recent general election.

For example, Democrats hold a weak majority in the House despite the stern whipping they took Nov. 3. One of the most prominent Dem losers was longtime Ag Committee Chairman Collin Peterson. The 15-term incumbent was thrashed by 13 points in his rural, western Minnesota district by Michelle Fischbach, the state's former lieutenant governor.

Similarly, the Repubs' grip on the Senate is a slim two votes. Its ag committee also needs a new boss since its current chairman, Pat Roberts of Kansas, retires in early January.

The Senate dynamic could change Jan. 5 when two races, both in Georgia, conclude with run-off elections. A win by one or both incumbents would add to the skinny Repub majority. Two Dem wins, however, hands the Senate to their party who then would control the House, Senate, and White House.

Yes, the White House because voting results from all 50 state election officials, both Republican and Democratic, point to a White House victory by former Vice President Joseph R. Biden.

As such, and with or without the help of the Trump Administration, Congress and the Biden transition team now face a two-month sprint – in the middle of trillion-dollar, lame duck session that includes passing a 2021 federal budget by Dec. 11 – to outline their policy objectives and put into place the necessary staff to pursue them.

The race to chair the ag committee is already underway for House Dems. The three frontrunners – Georgian David Scott, Californian Jim Costa, and Ohioan Marcia Fudge – each represent a direction farm and food policy might

go if selected. Scott and Fudge are stronger advocates for supplemental nutrition programs than traditional farm programs; Costa is the group's Big Ag, status-quo favorite.

Right now, Scott leads the race; he is the committee's most senior Dem, has committee support, and received Peterson's blessing Nov. 10. Fudge, an attorney by training and former small city mayor by choice, is a long shot but is whispered to be a candidate for Biden's secretary of agriculture.

That leaves Costa, a self-described "third generation farmer." While he is a bona fide farmboy, Costa has spent most of his 40-year career in public office, first in the California legislature, then in Congress.

Interestingly, none of the three have deep ties to today's long-running federal farm programs like crop insurance, ethanol, or sugar – all key constituencies of the soon-to-depart Peterson.

In fact, when Big Ag groups realized Peterson was sinking in his reelection race, ag campaign money – almost always reserved for Republicans – poured in to help Dem Peterson fight off his Republican challenger. It was a poor investment; Peterson got smoked.

Which should raise some uncomfortable questions in farm and ranch circles. Specifically, just how politically powerful is Big Ag today if it can't pull a 30-year, rural incumbent congressman over the finish line in one of their costliest, organized, most important campaign efforts ever?

The best explanation is the most likely one: Rural America isn't politically red because of farmers and ranchers; it's red despite farmers and ranchers. They don't carry the vote; they tag along.

If accurate then Big Ag badly needs to find a more urban champion – like David Scott or Marcia Fudge – because that old rural-urban farm bill coalition, like the rest of the country, just moved to the city.

And, just as likely, it's not coming back.

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FOOD & FARM FILE

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Being a cattleman is a devotion



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“And the hits just keep on coming!” 2020 has proven to be a very challenging year in so many ways. I personally am looking forward to a new year and will be glad to see 2020 go. Hopefully 2021 will be a more gentle year.

Can you believe we are almost to Thanksgiving? This year I think we really have a lot to be thankful for, especially our health. I hope this writing finds all well and healthy.

October 2019 temps were in the 90s for several days, so I am glad to see this past October more normal by Kentucky standards. These past cool nights are an indication of what is to come.

On the farm we are still harvesting the last few acres of hay. It's not exactly that we need the hay, but it always makes you feel warm and fuzzy to have enough to “get you through,” and you never know that maybe a neighbor might need some before spring.

Also, we are just now being able to clean out

the main feeding barn. Hauling and spreading manure is usually a job reserved for springtime. However, this past wet spring and summer delayed this delightful activity until now.

Cattle prices are remaining on a lazy roller coaster ride (up and down) and I truly hope this stabilizes soon with a steady uptick. A lot of us cow-calf operators are still depending on price plus weight combination to make a profit, but for some time it has been just weight alone.

This month I would like to touch on a branch of KCA that sometimes falls between the cracks. I am speaking of KJCA. Kentucky Junior Cattlemen's Association changed their fall classic venue to Bluegrass Stockyards on Oct. 2-4, and from what I understand, their partnership with Kentucky Department of Agriculture is a huge success.

I am so proud of our youth and new cattlemen. My advice (for what it is worth) to new cattlemen and cattlemen, as it is for every cattle-

man, is to look at each setback as an earning opportunity. Perseverance is an underrated characteristic and one that will take you very far in life.

Being a cattleman is a personal devotion resulting in a lifelong skill. There is every indication that the cattle industry will see growth again within a couple of years.

So while the immediate future may be a little murkier than it was a year ago, I am confident that with perseverance today's new cattlemen will see a rewarding future in the cattle business. When I see the aspiring new cattlemen eager to start their careers, it's impossible not to reflect on my own journey to becoming successful in this industry.

Finessing our financials and gaining confidence to do what we love. I was blessed to be able to support myself with a sideline business and I know not all are as fortunate.

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programs, but also assuring collaboration.”

He said to simplify it, that “some adjustments are needed” to the agreement. When asked again to specify what those are, Pogotshnik said, “They’re not academic in nature, so I prefer not to. It’s out of my area of specialty, and I don’t want to say anything that will misrepresent where negotiations are, since I’m not directly involved in negotiations, per se.”

But, he feels certain “we’re going to get through this. I’ve talked to Dean Cox and others ... I think we’re all on the same page, there’s just some technical issues to work through.”

Community Leader Voices Concern for Dairy Industry

H.H. Barlow, executive director of the Kentucky Dairy Development Council, sent an emphatically worded letter to UK’s president. The letter concluded with, “We, in the industry, are very con-

cerned that the continuation of the UK dairy will never materialize.”

UK’s Dr. Coffey said it’s important to communicate to the public and dairy producers that, “... We are absolutely committed to providing support to the dairy industry. We don’t plan on that ending.”

Pogotshnik said, “I know folks on both sides are frustrated that it hasn’t moved forward quickly, but at the same time, we both understand the situation and the other things we’re all facing – both on UK’s campus, and certainly here.”

Even if the shared dairy operation comes to fruition, Barlow said he still thinks it’s a bad decision that will cost UK enrollment in the dairy program. If he had a grandchild who wanted to go into dairy, “why would I send him to UK if they don’t even have a dairy there for them to work with, hands-on cows or to be involved in a research project.”

Barlow said he realizes the “attitude, as much as anything, is that ‘we’re hamstrung by finances,’ which they are. But



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at the same time, in my life I’ve learned that whatever I make a priority, I will make happen. I think dairy has fallen off the radar, as far as this being important. Kentucky should be much larger where dairy is concerned. We’ve got excellent weather and water resources. We should be bigger in dairy, and this will not help.”

Barlow said of the top 29 states with dairy cows, “we’re No. 14 in the number of dairy farms ... So, of the top 20 states, we’re the only one in the top 20 that doesn’t have a university dairy. That’s a sad story in my book.”

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½ teaspoon dried sage
½ teaspoon ground black pepper
5 cups plain stuffing bread cubes

Whisk 1/2 cup broth and egg together in a mixing bowl. Set aside.

Turn on a multi-functional pressure cooker (such as Instant Pot) and select Saute function. Add sausage and cook, breaking up with a spoon, for 3 minutes. Add butter, onion, celery, and water chestnuts. Cook 4 minutes more and turn pot off. Add parsley, salt, thyme, sage, and black pepper. Stir to combine. Add bread cubes to pot and pour egg mixture on top. Toss to combine.

Close and lock the lid. Select manual and set the timer for 6 minutes; allow 2 minutes for pressure to build. There will be no pressure to release in this step; when timer is up, carefully remove the lid and add remaining broth.

Close and lock the lid again. Select manual and set the timer for 5 minutes; allow 2 minutes for pressure to build. Release pressure carefully using the quick-release method according to manufacturer's instructions, about 5 minutes. Unlock and remove the lid.

Remove the lid and transfer dressing to a serving dish.

Cook's Notes:

Due to the way the bread absorbs the liquid, it is important that you cook this in two steps as noted.

If store-bought stuffing bread cubes are not available, you can easily make your own. Cube 8 slices of bread and place on a baking sheet. Cook for 15 to 20 minutes in an oven set to 300 degrees F.

**All recipes are courtesy
of Family Features and All Recipes.**

Sweet Potato Pie

1 (1 pound) sweet potato
½ cup butter, softened
1 cup white sugar
½ cup milk
2 eggs
½ teaspoon ground nutmeg
½ teaspoon ground cinnamon
1 teaspoon vanilla extract
1 (9 inch) unbaked pie crust

Boil sweet potato whole in skin for 40 to 50 minutes, or until done. Run cold water over the sweet potato, and remove the skin.

Break apart sweet potato in a bowl. Add butter, and mix well with mixer. Stir in sugar, milk, eggs, nutmeg, cinnamon and vanilla. Beat on medium speed until mixture is smooth. Pour filling into an unbaked pie crust.

Bake at 350 degrees F. for 55 to 60 minutes, or until knife inserted in center comes out clean. Pie will puff up like a souffle, and then will sink down as it cools.



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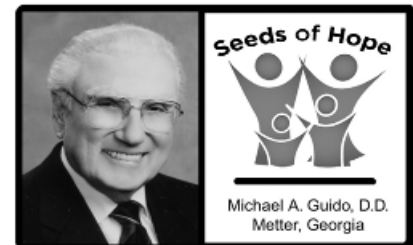
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Spray 9 in. x 13 in. baking pan with vegetable pan spray. Bake spice cake in prepared pan following recipe instructions. Cool completely.

Tint about 1 cup icing yellow; tint remainder ivory. Using a spatula, smooth ice the cake with ivory buttercream. Pipe tip #21 yellow buttercream shell bottom border; pipe tip #14 shells in straight lines on top of the cake. Use decorating stencils, sugars and Color Dust to create Thanksgiving images in each square following instructions on the package. Gently press leaf sprinkles onto sides of cake.



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When 4-year-old Sammy awoke after surgery, the nurse explained that it would be necessary for him to be fed intravenously for the next few days.

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Hay contest helps producers improve forages, livestock

LEXINGTON – For more than 25 years, the Eastern Kentucky Hay Contest has helped the region’s forage and livestock producers improve their operations.

The contest, which is a free program of the University of Kentucky Cooperative Extension Service, allows producers in participating counties to submit hay samples to UK for testing each fall.

“The great thing about the hay contest is it gives producers a way to get a detailed forage quality test for their hay that includes the usual parameters like crude protein and total digestible nutrients and also high value parameters like fiber digestibility,” said Jimmy Henning, forage extension specialist in the UK College of Agriculture, Food and Environment who helps lead the annual contest with county extension agents.

The contest has grown dramatically in recent years. 2020 was a record-setting year for the number of entries submitted. Producers from 15 eastern Kentucky counties submitted 624 samples for testing.

Producers have the option to submit their test results to Jeff Lehmkuhler, UK beef cattle extension specialist; Bob Coleman, UK equine extension specialist, or Ken Andries, Kentucky State University small ruminant specialist. The specialists use the results to develop farm-specific, balanced feed rations for each producer’s livestock.

Chad Allen is a third-generation beef cattle producer in Perry County and has participated in the contest for the past decade.

“As producers, we need to take advantage of resources like the hay contest, especially when profit margins are tight. Otherwise, we are not putting ourselves in the best situation to be successful,” he said. “I’m seeing better weight gain on my calves through the winter, and the cows are holding their body condition scores better through the winter as a result of the balanced feed rations.”

Allen purchases his hay from another producer. He has used the contest results to improve both operations.

“Before the contest, I just bought hay and fed it,” he said. “Now, we are not flying blind. When I showed my hay producer the science and data from the contest, he got a soil test and applied fertilizer. I now know what I am paying for, and he knows the quality his hay needs to be to get the prices he wants.”

The hay contest began in 1993 when the Mountain Cattlemen’s Association and the Highland Cattlemen’s Association joined forces to try to improve their producers’ forage quality. At the time, producers across the region were seeing low weaning weights and nutritional deficiencies in their cattle. The cattlemen’s associations consulted UK extension agents and David Ditsch, UK professor emeritus who was then a forage specialist stationed at the UK Robinson Center for Appalachian Sustainability in Quicksand. The agents and Ditsch decided to make it a contest to entice producers to participate.

Lyndall Harned, Boyd County agriculture and natural resources extension agent, was the agriculture and natural resources agent in Leslie County when the con-

test began.
“At the time, we were concerned about the quality of hay our producers were feeding their animals, and we were seeing a lot of reclaimed mine land come back

into production,” Harned said. “Because of this contest, producers in our area have taken steps to imple-

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Hay contest helps foragers improve their operations

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ment better soil fertility, better weed control and better variety selection.”

Extension agents like Harned pull each hay sample, then grind and package it for testing at UK's Robinson Center. The samples then go to Chris Teustsch, UK forage extension specialist, who tests each sample at his lab at the Grain and Forage Center of Excellence in Princeton.

“The real leaders of the East Kentucky Hay Contest are the extension agents,” Henning said. “They have been the driving force for the origination and the continuation of this annual event for more than two decades.”

While there are annual quality winners, a traveling trophy and bragging rights, Harned said most producers in his county are entering the contest for the education they get from the results and balanced feed rations.

Mike Dixon is a Boyd County beef cattle producer who has submitted samples for several years. He had the highest overall individual quality rating one year but enters the contest each year because

it is a great educational process.

“I have learned how hay maturity and quality are linked,” he said. “Getting that first cutting of hay on time in the spring is critical to getting a high protein content. Having your feed ration balanced saves you money, because you are not overfeeding or underfeeding your animals.”

Charles May, Perry County agriculture and natural resources extension agent, has encouraged producers to submit entries to the program since it started. He said the forage production in his county has improved tremendously and has resulted in some producers expanding their production and diversifying their operations.

“I have people in my county growing alfalfa now, and a couple of producers that have started custom hay businesses and are using the results to market their hay,” he said. “People are really trying to cut their hay at the right time and are seeing the positive impacts of feeding their animals the proper ration.”

By Katie Pratt
University of Kentucky



Photo by Charles May

(From left) Reed Graham, Breathitt County agriculture and natural resources extension agent, David Appelman, Bracken County agriculture and natural resources extension agent, and Dalton May, Perry County extension intern, prepare hay samples for testing at UK's Robinson Center for Appalachian Sustainability.

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Grants from FFA Foundation helps Kentucky's newest FFA chapters

Despite the many challenges COVID-19 has presented to Kentucky schools this year, agricultural education in the state is continuing to gain traction.

Campbellsville Independent, Franklin-Simpson Middle School, McLean County Middle School, and Murray High School have all started agriculture programs this school year, and the Kentucky FFA Foundation has awarded each one a Rising Sun Grant to help them get going.

The Rising Sun Initiative is an effort by the Kentucky FFA Foundation to support the expansion of agricultural education in Kentucky, and is funded through its project LEAD endowment.

The schools are using the grant funds to purchase FFA jackets, stock their classrooms with curriculum and other lesson materials, and begin constructing greenhouses or other hands-on learning facilities for their students.

"Finances should never be the reason a student can't participate in FFA," said Sheldon McKinney, executive director of the Kentucky FFA Foundation. "The Foundation seeks to remove barriers and improve access to students, and alleviating some of the start-up costs for new chapters does that."

"Our program has no funding," said Michaela Boeglin, the agriculture

teacher at McLean County Middle School. She is planning to use the grant to purchase things needed for the school's new FFA chapter as well as materials to build raised vegetable gardens her students will use as learning labs.

Each of the teachers whose program received a Rising Sun grant expressed deep gratitude.

"The best thanks the Foundation could receive is seeing agricultural education continuing to impact more students each year here in our state," said McKinney. "Proceeds from our LEAD Endowment were originally funded from the Kentucky Ag Development Fund and they make Rising Sun grants possible. Our supporters believe agricultural education has the power to positively influence the lives of students, and these new programs are helping us make that happen."

The Kentucky FFA Foundation cultivates partnerships which support the FFA vision to grow leaders, build communities, and strengthen agriculture. Kentucky FFA Foundation initiatives impact nearly 14,500 FFA members in 161 FFA chapters across Kentucky.


Learn more about how you can support the mission of the Kentucky FFA Foundation at kyffa.org/ways-to-give.



A student from Campbellsville Independent School participates in hands-on instruction in his ag class.



A McLean County Middle School student participates in her ag class.




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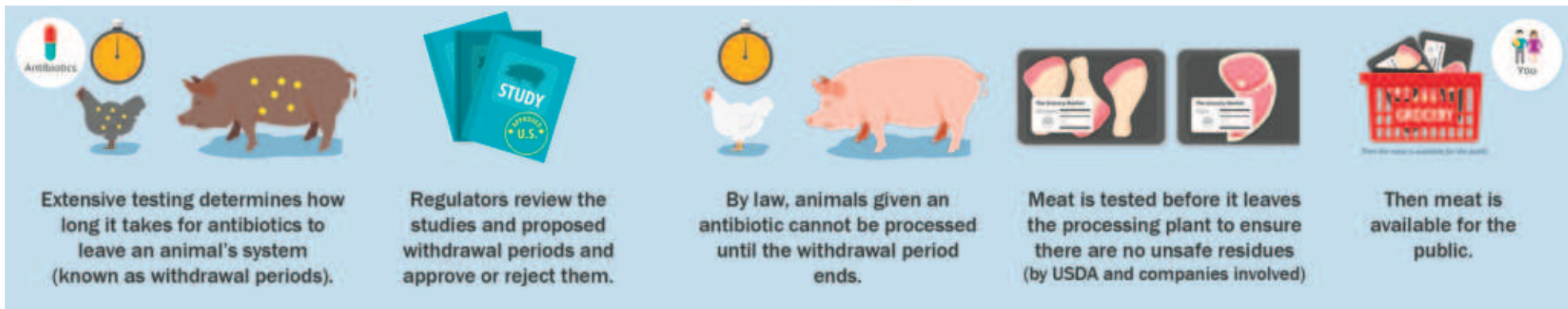
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THE EVIDENCE IS IN

Are you ready for the truth about antibiotic use?

By Dr. Leah Dorman, [ExploreAnimalHealth.com](#)

For several years, an area of focus for those of us involved in farm animal care has been a commitment to the responsible use of antibiotics. Some called it window dressing. They said the commitments made by farmers, veterinarians, and the animal health community to optimize the use of antibiotics on the farm would have little impact. Today, evidence suggests otherwise.

The Food and Drug Administration recently released a report summarizing the sales of medically important antibiotics for agricultural use in 2018. There was a 21 percent decrease in sales from 2009, the first year of reported sales.

The decline is even more significant when compared with 2015 – a 38 percent decrease according to the FDA report. That doesn't sound like window dressing to me.

As we look at antibiotics sold year over year, there may be years where there are more or less, depending on the illnesses that can come and go, weather patterns, and changes in livestock populations.

As I look to analyze whether the industry is making good on its commitment, my eye is firmly on continuous improvement over time, focusing on antibiotic stewardship through responsible use

while maintaining animal health and well-being.

In addition, changes were instituted in 2017 that included ending the use of medically important antibiotics to promote animal growth and requiring stricter veterinarian oversight.

Those who said it wasn't enough have continued to call for more changes in antibiotic use and some advocate a complete ban. But, as the FDA report demonstrates, the agricultural community's shared concern about antibiotic resistance led to a real commitment to responsible antibiotic use.

Can a person be too thin? On the surface, some would initially say no. But after further consideration, most would say there are, in fact, some serious health consequences associated with the extreme cases. Antibiotic use on the farm is quite similar.

It is important to focus on responsible use, optimizing use and reducing the need for antibiotics rather than random target reductions. We should never consider reducing antibiotic use without considering other parameters such as animal health, animal welfare and mortality rates.

For example, denying an animal an antibiotic when it is sick is not stewardship, but rather is a random reduction in antibiotic use that can contribute to ani-

mal suffering. We must be mindful of the unintended consequences of not using antibiotics when needed.

Health for Animals, the global animal medicines association, has created a Roadmap to Reducing the Need for Antibiotics, which includes member pledges regarding specific actions that will be taken to achieve the goals. "By better protecting animals from the threat of disease, identifying health issues earlier and treating them quickly and responsibly, we can decrease disease levels and with it, the need for antibiotics."

The [exploreanimalhealth.org](#) website is listed on page 39 of this report as one of the commitments to engaging consumers on this important subject.

In order to reduce the need for antibiotics, farmers employ a whole range of tools to prevent disease that include vaccination programs, nutritional products,

and advances in animal housing and biosecurity. As is often the case, there isn't a single solution. There is a single commitment that leads to an array of solutions.

The overall reduction in sales points to a commitment by farmers to use antibiotics responsibly. Said differently, a reduction in sales is one slice of the antibiotic stewardship pie.

This is an important conversation to have within the food system.

Explore this topic further by visiting [www.exploreanimalhealth.org](#). The Kentucky Agriculture and Environment in the Classroom, in partnership with the Kentucky Livestock Coalition, has also compiled a number of articles on antibiotic use and animal health on the [www.kyfoodandfarm.com](#) web site.

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Kentucky hemp application portal now open

FRANKFORT – The window to apply for the Kentucky Department of Agriculture’s 2021 hemp licensing program is now open, Agriculture Commissioner Dr. Ryan Quarles has announced.

“We believe there will be a long-term hemp market in Kentucky, but across America the hemp industry has been having a difficult year,” Commissioner Quarles said. “Acreage is down significantly across the nation in light of FDA regulatory burdens and overproduction concerns. There are some bright spots on the horizon, but we’ve always said we are building an industry from the ground up and that it is going to take time for the market to mature. As always, the Kentucky Department of Agriculture encourages growers to do their homework and assess the risk when evaluating whether or not to enter this industry.”

The Kentucky Department of Agriculture, which administers Kentucky’s hemp licensing program, is hosting an online application portal on its hemp

webpage, kyagr.com/hemp.

Grower applications must be submitted by March 15, 2021. Processor applications may be submitted year-round.

KDA also communicated to the U.S. Department of Agriculture that it will take advantage of language included in recent omnibus bill passed by Congress this year that allows states to continue operating hemp programs under the research pilot program provisions of the 2014 farm bill. The move is meant to help ensure a smooth transition for growers to the final rules planned to be issued by USDA next summer.

“With everything going on in the hemp industry nationally and the uncertainty with the pandemic, we think it is prudent to take another year under the research status provisions of the 2014 farm bill as we transition our program to whatever final rules are issued by the U.S. Department of Agriculture,” Quarles

said.

“Agriculture Commissioner Ryan Quarles deserves our gratitude for his tireless leadership on behalf of Kentucky hemp growers. As we keep working with the USDA to overcome the remaining hurdles, Kentucky will continue to benefit from the stability of the hemp pilot program I established in the 2014 farm bill,” said U.S. Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell. “Even now, we’re seeing new examples of this crop’s versatility and potential. I’ll continue strongly advocating on behalf of hemp farmers, processors, and manufacturers for a workable regulatory framework in the USDA’s final rule.”

The Kentucky Department of Agriculture has submitted two rounds of comments on the Interim Final Rule to USDA to encourage the agency to develop a regulatory framework aligned more closely with the rules in Kentucky.

KDA offers internship opportunities

Agriculture Commissioner Dr. Ryan Quarles encourages Kentucky college students seeking a career in agriculture or government to apply for positions in the Kentucky Department of Agriculture’s internship program for the 2021 summer.

“Our KDA interns gain the unique opportunity to work alongside department employees and serve the citizens of the Commonwealth,” Commissioner Quarles said. “Our past interns used their experiences at the department to launch careers in agriculture or an ag-related field. If you are a college student with an interest in an agricultural career, we encourage you to apply.”

In addition to agriculture, KDA interns may work in education, computer science, marketing, communications, pre-law, and other fields. Internships, dependent upon workplace situations due to the ongoing coronavirus pandemic, will run from June to August.

Applicants must be currently enrolled in a college, university, or vocational-technical program. Applicants can be enrolled in either undergraduate or graduate school.

To apply, download the application on the KDA’s website at kyagr.com/marketing/internship-program.html and fill it out. Applicants must provide a résumé, cover letter, and three references. Applications and attachments must be emailed to mark.white@ky.gov or mailed to Mark White, director, Division of Human Resources, Kentucky Department of Agriculture, 107 Corporate Drive, Frankfort, KY 40601.

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

UK begins on-farm variable rate irrigation research

By Katie Pratt

A University of Kentucky research project that could have significant impacts for Kentucky grain producers with irrigated acres is beginning on a Western Kentucky farm.

Ole Wendroth, soil physicist in the UK College of Agriculture, Food and Environment, is leading a study examining the effects of a variable rate irrigation system that, to his knowledge, is the first-of-its-kind in the state.

"When we irrigate, we practice environmental stewardship," said Wendroth, a professor in the UK Department of Plant and Soil Sciences. "Irrigation keeps the soil wet, which

means plant roots better penetrate the soil and take up nutrients. This lowers the amount of nitrogen in the soil and reduces our risk of nitrate leaching during the winter, when we tend to have a lot of rainfall."

Wendroth is conducting this research in partnership with Princeton farmer Trevor Gilkey at his Hillview Farms. The two men have worked together on various projects for more than 15 years, beginning with a variable rate nitrogen study.

"I'm interested in conserving water, preventing runoff and putting the water where we need it, especially when we have different soil types within the same field," Gilkey said.



Historically, Kentucky farmers do not irrigate many acres compared to growers in drier climates. Often, the state receives adequate rainfall to produce a crop, but the rainfall does not always occur at the key growing times during the season, when crops need it the most. As a result, some producers have invested in irrigation over the past 20 years. This has created the need for research tailored to the state's climate.

"While we only have a small percentage of producers who irrigate, those producers have many center pivots and would benefit from research to help them figure out scheduling, develop a better understanding of soil-crop interactions and determine the thresholds for water application," said Carrie Knott, director of the UK Research and Education Center and one of Wendroth's research collaborators. "We hope to answer these questions through research studies like this one."

Gilkey's field where the variable rate irrigation research is occurring is 137 acres and usually rotates between corn, wheat and double-crop soybeans. Not only does the field have Kentucky's typical crop rotation, it also contains common soil types found in much of the state's irrigated acres.

"Our mission at the UK Grain and Forage Center of Excellence is to help farmers be more efficient, improve productivity and preserve the natural resources that they have, and we



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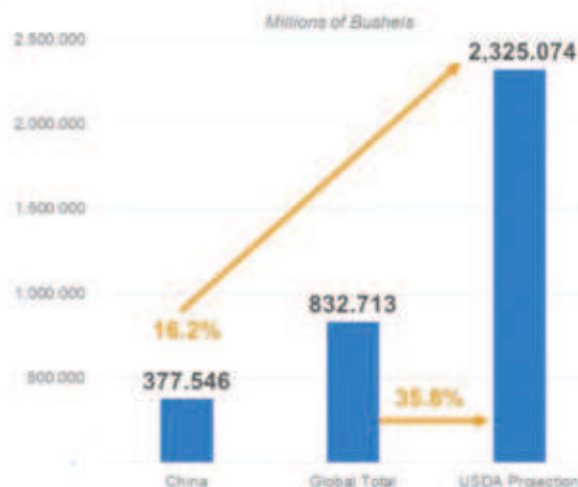


believe that practicing smart irrigation is a step toward achieving those goals," said Chad Lee, center director and a research collaborator with Wendroth. "We believe the results from this study will be applicable to most Kentucky farms with center pivots."

Over the past five years, Wendroth and his graduate students have conducted extensive research on Gilkey's farm. They have collected soil samples, identified soil fertility trends, created an intensive soil mapping system and developed what Wendroth believes is a variable irrigation prescription for the field. In this newest research project, Wendroth will be able to control the flow of water at each sprinkler.

"As scientists we need to develop a sense for spatial variability out in the landscape, which is what farmers have to deal with all the time," Wendroth said. "If we know that water is not taken up by the soil at the same rate at different parts of the field, then we have to do something about it. We believe variable technology can work for us here."

The project is an effort of the UK Grain and Forage Center of Excellence and has received overwhelming support from the state's agricultural groups. It has received funding from the **Kentucky Corn Growers**, Kentucky Small Grain Growers, Kentucky Soybean Promotion Board, Southern Soybean Research Program, Kentucky Farm Bureau's Water Quality Initiative and Siemer Milling Company.



China Sales Fuel Fast Start to Current Marketing Year

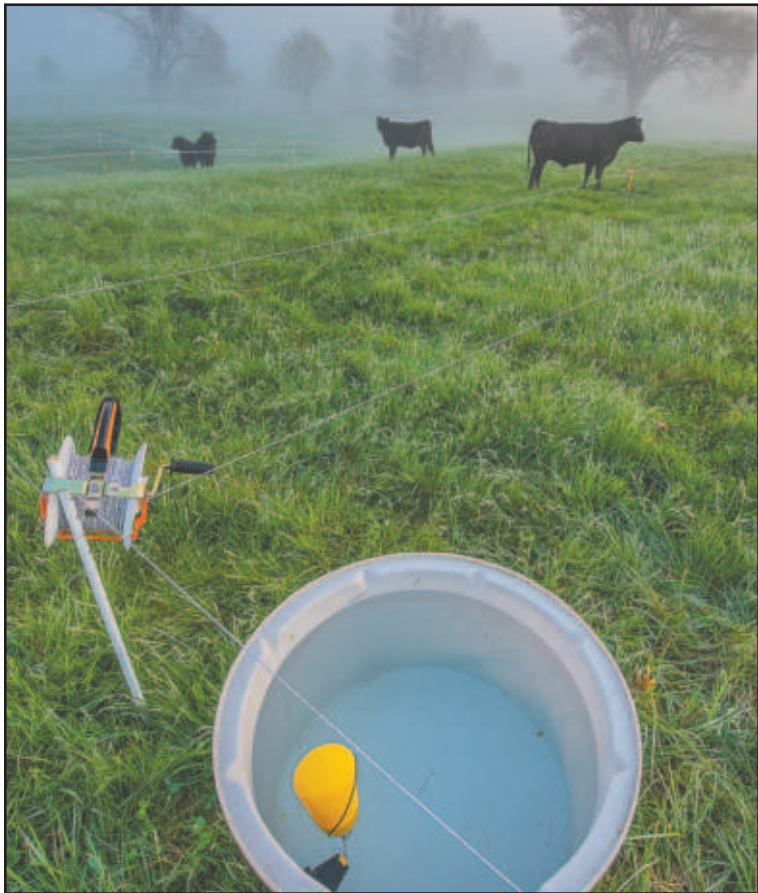


The U.S. corn marketing year began Sept. 1 and already has 832.7 million bushels of corn sold on the books, including 377.546 million bushels (9.59 million tons) destined for China alone.

Most of these sales are known as "outstanding sales," meaning corn contracted but not yet delivered. Total outstanding sales at any point in the marketing year have surpassed 20 million metric tons only a few times since data started being collected in 1990.

Since U.S. corn sales tend to pick up post-harvest, between January and March, having such a significant amount of outstanding sales already in place creates a solid foundation for the new crop year and indicates the potential for large corn sales overall in the coming 12 months.

Such large numbers, particularly from sales to China, are also having a positive impact on price, which is influenced by many supply and demand factors.



(Figure 1) Water placement and access is key to a successful rotational grazing system. Water location – especially distance to water – drives dry matter intake, improves forage utilization and helps manure and urine to be more evenly distributed.

Water and rotational grazing

Water is the most important nutrient for livestock. Dry matter intake is directly related to water intake; the less an animal drinks, the less feed it will consume. Access to water is an essential component for rotational grazing systems.

Water and water location influence dry matter intake, average daily gains, pasture utilization and nutrient distribution from manure and urine.

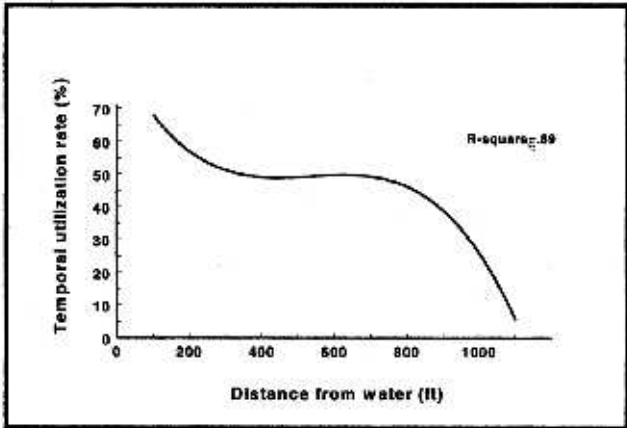
It is not by accident that many distilleries and breweries tout the source and quality of the water in their products. Water is that important for fermentation. The rumen of cattle is a fermentation vat on legs, with a capacity of 40 gallons or more in mature cows. Adequate water is essential for the microbes in the rumen to digest the fiber in forages.

Water location has a bigger influence on rotational grazing systems than you might realize. Ideally water should be in every paddock and animals should not have to walk more than 800 feet to drink. When water is within 800 feet or less, livestock

will tend to act as individuals or small groups when they go to water instead of as a whole herd.

Having water within 800 feet or less in a paddock will increase the extent and utilization of forage in that field. Research at the Forage Systems Research Center in Missouri measured the utilization of forage within a

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(Figure 2) The influence of distance to water on pasture utilization rate. Jim Gerrish, Forage Systems Research Center, University of Missouri.



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Water and rotational grazing

The Forage Doctor

By Jimmy Henning



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paddock at different distances from water (Figure 1). Pasture utilization was very high at less than 200 feet to water, fairly uniform from 200 to 800 feet, and less at further distances. This research is the basis for what we call 'The 800 Foot Rule' a key guideline for planning water locations in a grazing system.

Water location and grazing intensity will greatly influence nutrient distribution in pastures. In another Missouri study, manure piles were concentrated near water and shade, and few were deposited further than about 700 feet from water, except as influenced by shade (Figure 2). Manure piles

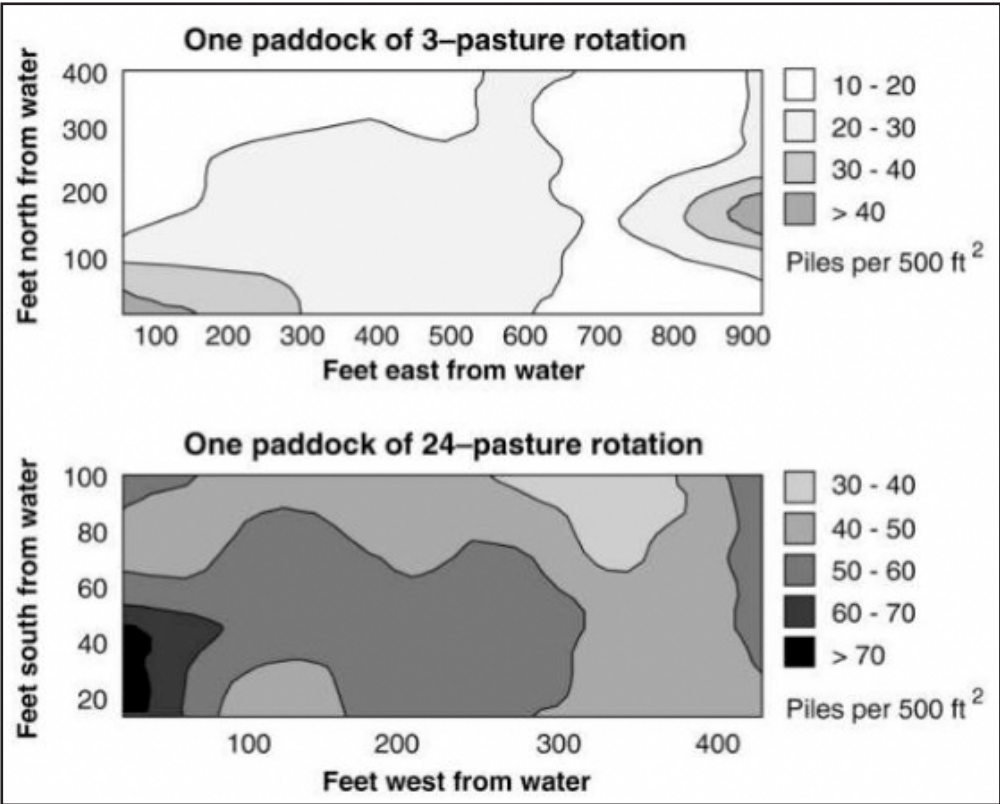
were more evenly and densely distributed in a 24 paddock system (greater numbers per acre but for short durations) compared to a three-paddock system.

In summary, having well-distributed water points across a grazing system will result in more uniform and increased percentage forage utilization as well as better distribution of manure and urine.

You can get more information on the development of water sources from your local UK County Extension Agent, the Natural Resource Conservation Service or a qualified Technical Service Provider.

Happy Foraging.

(Figure 3) The influence on grazing intensity and distance to water on density of manure piles in a North Missouri cool season grass pasture. Manure piles were concentrated near water sources and near shade (on the right side of both paddocks). Jim Gerrish, Forage Systems Research Center, University of Missouri.



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Deter black vultures with effigies

Black vultures have been a nuisance for many livestock producers. Black vultures have been known to attack newborn calves and at times cows during the calving process.

Black vultures are protected under the Migratory Bird Treaty Act of 1918, but producers do have a few options available in help to reduce losses to black vultures.

University of Kentucky Wildlife Specialist Dr. Matthew Springer recommends the use of effigies to deter black vultures. Using effigies of black vultures is both legal and highly effective for deterring them from calving areas. The effigy should be hung at a high point that is visible from all sides of the calving area. Effigies may also be hung near a roost in an effort to disrupt it.

Building your own effigy is easy and inexpensive, as you can reuse many items commonly found around your farm.

Springer and Jonathan Matthews from the University of Kentucky Department of Forestry and Natural Resources have developed a pattern and directions to make a black vulture effigy using a rubber stall mat that you can freely access and print online at forestry.ca.uky.edu/files/forfs18-03.pdf. You may also find the information at your local Extension office.

The entire project costs less than \$30 and takes about two hours to complete. Items needed to build your own effigy include a rubber stall mat, zip ties, a u-bolt, rope, spray paint, and tools to cut the stall mat with.

In 2015, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service approved a statewide depredation permit for the Kentucky Farm Bureau Federation. Through this program KFBF can issue sub-permits that allows legal “takes” of black vultures that are attacking livestock.

There is no cost to apply for the KFBF Livestock Protection Depredation Sub-Permit, but producers who have experienced extreme depredation and have large black vulture roosts nearby are encouraged to apply for an individual black vulture depredation permit with USFWS.

Producers interested in applying for the free KFBF Livestock Protection Depredation Sub-Permit may do so by completing an application and returning a signed copy to Kentucky Farm Bureau, Attn: Joe Cain, P.O. Box 20700, Louisville, Kentucky 40250-0700.

For more information on black vultures, contact your local extension office.

**Submitted by Nick Roy
Adair County Extension Agent**



This model is an example of an effigy that can deter black vultures. It is located at the Adair County Extension Service.

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AUCTION/MARKET

Compared to last week, feeder steers and heifers were unevenly steady with instances of 3.00 higher to 3.00 lower. Significant rain and seasonal temperatures this week created cold and muddy conditions, which drives buyers to continue to show the most interest in long-weaned, preconditioned feeder cattle as health concerns are imminent, especially in freshly weaned calves. Slaughter cows were mostly steady, and slaughter bulls were mostly steady to 1.00 higher with mostly moderate demand for slaughter classes.

STATE AVERAGES

Steers (M&L 1-2)	This Week	Prior Week	Last Year
350-400 lbs	156.08	154.09	140.89
400-450 lbs	149.52	143.14	137.53
450-500 lbs	143.25	141.36	135.53
500-550 lbs	137.11	135.57	136.30
550-600 lbs	132.49	134.48	132.97
600-650 lbs	131.00	128.80	132.03
650-700 lbs	123.10	126.64	130.28
700-750 lbs	121.94	123.12	129.19
750-800 lbs	121.67	123.29	129.09
800-850 lbs	120.90	122.18	128.10
850-900 lbs	125.25	122.29	121.08
Heifers (M&L 1-2)			
300-350 lbs	126.33	126.61	121.90
350-400 lbs	124.45	124.89	122.37
400-450 lbs	122.62	125.05	120.23
450-500 lbs	123.30	122.72	118.45
500-550 lbs	119.96	119.44	117.32
550-600 lbs	117.66	117.68	116.18
600-650 lbs	111.84	115.37	114.71
650-700 lbs	109.88	117.28	114.72
700-750 lbs	110.61	105.37	112.58
750-800 lbs	101.54	105.95	115.32

WEEKLY COW SUMMARY			
Slaughter Cows	Average	High	Low
Breakers	45.50-64.00	50.00-69.00	42.00-49.50
Boners	31.00-62.00	51.00-65.00	30.00-53.00
Lean	30.00-57.00	46.00-59.00	21.50-48.50
Slaughter Bulls	Average	High	Low
Yield Grade 1&2	64.00-92.50	75.50-101.50	40.00-84.00

October 22, 2020 **Bowling Green, KY**

SLAUGHTER GOATS: 161

Kids-Selection 1 62 lbs 290.00, **Selection 1-2** 70 lbs 300.00, **Selection 2** 50 lbs 270.00; 67 lbs 270.00; 75 lbs 255.00, **Selection 2-3** 47 lbs 230.00.

SLAUGHTER SHEEP: 224

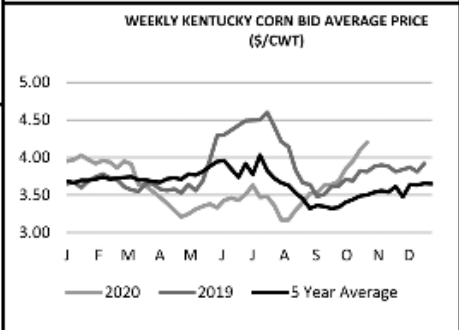
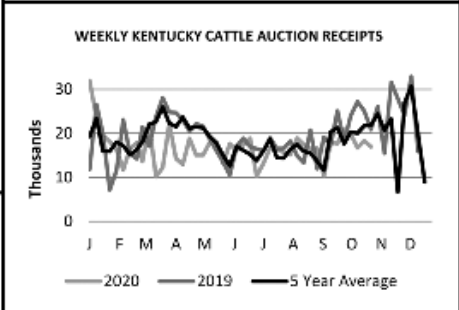
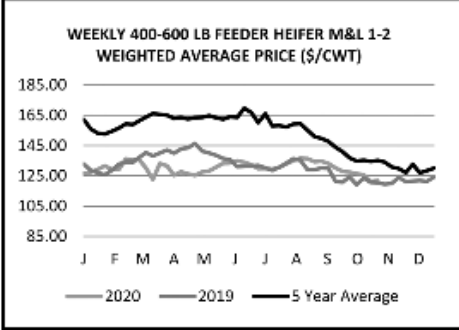
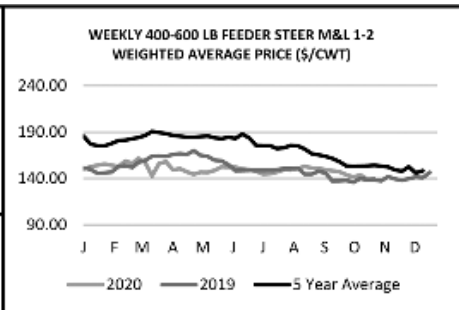
Wooled-Choice and Prime 1-2: 85 lbs 210.00; 150 lbs 135.00.

Hair Breeds-Choice and Prime 1: 57 lbs 250.00; 67 lbs 240.00; 90 lbs 240.00.

Hair Breeds-Choice and Prime 1-2 58 lbs 250.00; 71 kbs 240.00; 89 lbs 195.00; 110 lbs 175.00. **Hair Breeds-Choice 2:** 54 lbs 240.00; 72 lbs ...

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GRAINS	This Week	Prior Week	Last Year
Corn	3.79-4.46	3.82-4.40	3.54-4.07
Soybeans	10.14-11.22	9.92-10.95	8.56-9.40
Red Winter Wheat	5.34-6.43	5.25-6.42	4.39-4.98



Fairview Farm Machinery / Produce AND GREENHOUSE EQUIPMENT CONSIGNMENT AUCTION

Saturday, Dec. 5, 2020 at 9 a.m. cst

Accepting consignments of: ag, construction, and produce equipment and attachments - horsedrawn and conventional • trailers • farm related tools and supplies • horticultural supplies • feed bins, fence posts, gates, etc.

Listing of some early consignments: **FARM EQUIPMENT:** New Holland TC45D compact tractor w 16LA loader, 4WD, 3600 hr. • Claas 380 round baler, netwrap, low bale count, very good condition • New Holland small square baler • New Holland dolbywheel rake • New Idea 5209 haybine • McCormick-Deering #9 mower • bifold crumbler/packer, approx. 20' • Martin 8' silage bagger, nice.

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KENTUCKY GRAIN PRICES <u>LOUISVILLE AREA:</u> Louisville & Bagdad; <u>PENNYRILE AREA:</u> Allensville, Auburn, Franklin, Hopkinsville & Pembroke; <u>BLUEGRASS AREA:</u> Bardstown, Lexington & Winchester; <u>GREEN RIVER:</u> Caneyville & Livermore; <u>NORTHERN KENTUCKY AREA:</u> Silver Grove at Cincinnati; <u>PURCHASE AREA:</u> Clinton & Mayfield. Opening bids at elevators and processing plants.							Eastern Cornbelt Ethanol Plant Report 10/30/2020 Indiana Ohio Illinois Yellow Corn Spot Bid 3.69-4.19 Dried Distillers Grain (\$/ton) 10% moisture 180.00-190.00 Modified Wet Distillers (\$/ton) 50-55% moisture 70.00-85.00	
10/30/2020 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		
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	New Crop Delivery Contract Corn #2 Yellow Corn #2 White Soybeans #1 Y Wheat #2 SRW Barley	4.09-4.13 NA NA	3.79-3.89 10.12-10.56 5.58-5.93	4.14 4.49 10.66-10.71 5.83	4.09 10.32 5.68	4.23 10.72 5.68	4.16-4.17 10.51-10.53 5.85-5.90	Kentucky Weekly Cattle Receipts as reported at local markets: 10/10/20 20,850 10/17/20 18,120 10/24/20 20,970 10/31/20 17,167
Weekly Feed Ingredient Price Wholesale prices, \$ per ton Rail or Truck FOB Location		Owensboro Grain 11/02/2020	Commonwealth Agri-Energy Hopkinsville 11/02/2020	St. Louis Weekly Feed Prices 10/27/2020	Memphis Weekly Feed Report 10/27/2020	Corn Belt Feedstuffs Report 10/27/2020	Eastern Cornbelt Hog Prices 10/30/2020 Barrows & Gilts Receipts: 7,844 Base Price: \$56.00-\$63.50 Wt. Avg. \$61.66 Compared to prior day, wt. avg. base prices were 0.70 lower to 3.00 higher, market trend was not well established. Slow market activity with light demand.	FOR DAILY LIVESTOCK AND GRAIN MARKET REPORTS CALL FARMLOT 1-800-327-6568 1-502-573-0553
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Farmers Livestock

Glasgow, KY

Oct. 26, 2020

Feeder Bulls: Medium & Large 1-2

27 hd. 532# 127.00 blk

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Feeder Heifers: Medium & Large 1-2

24 hd. 375# 124.00 blk

26 hd. 451# 116.00 blk

36 hd. 519# 110.00 blk

21 hd. 595# 107.50 blk

Kentuckiana Livestock Market

Owensboro, KY

Oct. 26, 2020

Feeder Steers: Medium & Large 1-2

20 hd. 503# 134.00 blk-charx

Feeder Heifers: Medium & Large 1-2

21 hd. 379# 131.00 blk

28 hd. 507# 115.00 blk

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Somerset, KY

Oct. 31, 2020

Feeder Steers: Medium & Large 1-2

67 hd. 803# 135.50 blk-charx

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Richmond, KY

Oct. 30, 2020

Feeder Steers: Medium & Large 1-2

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Feeder Steers: Medium & Large 1-2

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29 hd. 496# 120.75 bbwf

30 hd. 551# 116.50 bbwf

21 hd. 623# 111.75 bbwf

24 hd. 677# 114.50 blk

Feeder Heifers: Medium & Large 1-2

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Oct. 28, 2020

Feeder Steers: Medium & Large 1-2

66 hd. 772# 128.50 charx

88 hd. 774# 132.50 blk

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Feeder Heifers: Medium & Large 1-2

25 hd. 406# 128.50 blk

64 hd. 793# 118.00 blk-charx

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Upton, KY

Oct. 27, 2020

Feeder Steers: Medium & Large 1-2

24 hd. 622# 135.00 blk

66 hd. 780# 126.75 mixed

Feeder Bulls: Medium & Large 1-2

20 hd. 466# 119.00 blk

20 hd. 505# 128.00 blk

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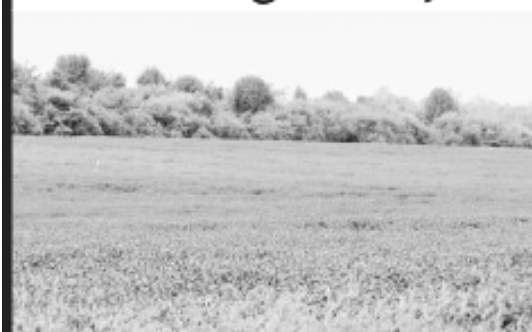
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AUCTION/MARKET

10/30/2020 USDA Carlot Meat Summary, Compared to Previous Day Prices in dollars per hundred weight: Boxed beef cutout values trending up on Choice and Select carcasses.

NATIONAL BOXED BEEF CUTOUT LM_XB403 https://www.ams.usda.gov/mnreports/lm_xb403.txt Estimated composite cutout value of Choice 1-3 600-900 lbs carcasses up 0.78 at 208.10; Select 1-3 600-900 lbs carcasses up 0.01 at 191.24; based on 52 loads of choice cuts, 28 loads of select cuts, 8 loads of trim-mings, and 18 loads of ground beef. Choice/Select Spread 16.88

CARCASS PRICE EQUIVALENT INDEX VALUE NW_LS410https://www.ams.usda.gov/mnreports/nw_ls410.txt Estimated carcass price equivalent value of Choice 1-3 600-900 lbs carcasses up 0.14 at 175.48; Select 1-3 600-900 lbs carcasses down 0.25 at 158.58.

Current index reflects the equivalent of 80,293 head of cattle.

Livingston County Livestock
Ledbetter, KY
Oct.27, 2020
Feeder Heifers: Medium & Large 1-2
32 hd. 605# 123.00 mixed
30 hd. 697# 119.00 mixed

United Producers Bowling Green
Bowling Green, KY
Oct. 27, 2020
Feeder Heifers: Medium & Large 1-2
24 hd. 512# 110.00 blk

Paris Stockyards
Paris, KY
Oct. 29, 2020
Feeder Steers: Medium & Large 1-2
130 hd. 795# 131.90 mixed
58 hd. 879# 129.00 blk-charx
Feeder Heifers: Medium & Large 1-2
97 hd. 530# 136.30 blk
32 hd. 754# 111.75 mixed
127 hd. 802# 123.00 blk-charx

Washington Co. Livestock
Springfield, KY
Oct. 28, 2020
Feeder Steers: Medium & Large 1-2
30 hd. 437# 156.75 blk
88 hd. 738# 134.70 blk-charx

Blue Grass Maysville
Maysville, KY
Oct. 27, 2020
Feeder Steers: Medium & Large 1-2
24 hd. 865# 131.75 blk
68 hd. 780# 135.00 blk
63 hd. 888# 126.25 blk-charx
Feeder Heifers: Medium & Large 1-2
20 hd. 733# 119.85 blk
72 hd. 744# 117.85 blk-charx

Blue Grass East
Mt. Sterling, KY
Oct. 28, 2020
Feeder Steers: Medium & Large 1-2
41 hd. 540# 136.25 mixed

USDA ESTIMATED DAILY LIVESTOCK SLAUGHTER

	CATTLE	CALVES	HOGS	SHEEP
Friday 10/30/2020 (est)	114,000	1,000	485,000	6,000
Week Ago (est)	103,000	1,000	486,000	5,000
Year Ago (act)	118,000	3,000	489,000	5,000
Week to Date (est)	574,000	8,000	2,432,000	38,000
Same Pd Lt Week (est)	583,000	8,000	2,435,000	38,000
Same Pd Lt Yr (act)	583,000	12,000	2,440,000	38,000

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