

## DESPITE COVID-19 Ky. agricultural receipts hold steady to 2019 levels

The COVID-19 pandemic made for a tumultuous year in Kentucky agriculture, but the state's agricultural receipts will likely hold steady to 2019 levels.

Agricultural economists from the University of Kentucky College of Agriculture, Food and Environment are projecting 2020 farm cash receipts to be \$5.5 billion, equaling 2019 receipts. The economists estimate that net farm income will likely exceed the \$2.2 billion Kentucky producers earned in 2019.

"Like most businesses, agriculture has experienced a crazy and challenging year, but unlike a lot of industries, the farm economy not only survived, but is ending 2020 on a positive note," said Will Snell, UK agricultural economist.

Snell and fellow UK agricultural economists Kenny Burdine, Greg Halich and Tim Woods, Jerry Pierce from the Kentucky Farm Business Management Program, and Bobby Ammerman from UK's Department of Forestry and Natural Resources shared their annual outlook with Kentucky Farm Bureau members.

2020 began with optimism across the industry due to new trade deals, continued low production costs and improved supply/demand balances. But the coronavirus greatly impacted the industry and the agricultural markets. While markets initially plummeted at the pandemic's onset, some sectors recovered.

In Kentucky, higher grain prices, induced primarily by an increase in exports, and crop yields near all-time highs helped offset lower equine, poultry, cattle, dairy and tobacco re-

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2020 file photo

The National Farm Machinery Show, which is the largest indoor farm show in the country and held annually in February, is now scheduled for the first full week in April with quite a few changes to accommodate social distancing and contact tracing.

## ANNUAL MEETING SEASON

### The show must go...online for some, others remain in person with changes

While many organizations are moving to virtual platforms for annual meetings and even some trade shows, the National Farm Machinery Show decided to go forward with an in-person event.

Held in February for more than 50 years, the show and 53rd annual championship tractor pull will now be held March 31-April 3, which is during planting season.

David Beck, president and CEO of the Kentucky State Fair Board, which owns the NFMS, says yes – he's aware the new dates come right as planting is starting up, something the organization has heard some griping about on social media.

"We recognized it might be a problem for some to come, but I didn't feel comfortable pulling the plug," Beck said.

Planning on next year's show already began before this year's show even happened, he says.

"I'm from western Kentucky; I know agriculture," said Beck, who served as CEO for Kentucky Farm Bureau Federation for 23 years. "I have a lot of friends and family that plant early. Everyone's anxious to get into the field, so it'll be a factor – but it's an individual decision ..." of whether to come or not, he said.

"We regret it, but we weigh that among those who really want us to have the show."

The show's hosts were getting a lot of inquiries if the show was going to happen or not early on, Beck said. Nor-

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# Ag receipts hold steady despite COVID-19

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ceipts.

“The increase in grain prices along with outstanding yields could help make 2020 the most profitable year for grain producers since 2013,” Halich said.

Livestock producers, however, did not fare so well.

“The impacts of covid on the livestock sector were huge, as labor challenges created a significant processing bottleneck in the spring and the marketing system had to adjust to a major shift away from restaurant consumption and toward at-home consumption,” Burdine said.

A significant addition to Kentucky’s increased farm income is two rounds of government payments producers received through the Coronavirus Food Assistance Program and the last payments from the 2019 Market Facilitation Program. Accounting for these and other federal programs, Kentucky farmers may receive close to \$500 million in direct government payments in 2020.

Nationally, direct government payments may account for nearly 40 percent of the country’s net farm income. The U.S. Department of Agriculture forecasts net farm income will be \$119.6 billion, up 43 percent from 2019.

“Despite an expected increase in net farm income and potential for improved commodity prices in 2021, the national and Kentucky farm economies remain very vulnerable, especially if the ag sector experiences large crops, additional trade disruptions, a significant pullback in direct government payments, higher interest rates, and/or a decline in asset values,” Snell said.

Poultry remains Kentucky’s top agricultural commodity, comprising 19 percent of all projected sales for the year.

Corn and soybeans tied for second, each accounting for 17 percent of all projected sales. Equine fell to fourth, with 16 percent of all projected sales.

Highlights from selected commodities are:

**Poultry** – Markets were adversely impacted by COVID-19 with wholesale broiler prices down 20 percent in 2020. While most poultry growers were not directly impacted by broiler prices, many were indirectly impacted by increased time between flocks. However, the industry remains relatively stable, and 2021 is likely to be much improved.

**Corn** – Exports are expected to see a significant increase during the 2020-2021 marketing year, which could push on-farm prices up to \$4 a bushel.

**Soybeans** – Exports are expected to increase 14 percent above the five-year average. This should push on-farm prices to \$10.40 a bushel.

**Equine** – After surpassing \$1 billion in 2018 and 2019, receipts are expected to drop considerably in 2020 given a sharp sales decline. Another decrease is likely for 2021 as both stud fees and the number of mares bred should decrease.

**Cattle** – COVID-19 impacts on demand and supply chain disruptions rocked the markets, especially in the spring and summer. Assuming COVID-19 impacts lessen in 2021, demand should improve. The demand increase and a smaller calf crop should increase prices next year.

**Hemp** – Production dropped significantly from 2019 record highs. Licensed acreage was down by nearly half from 2019. Low price expectations, unsold stocks, minimal infrastructure development and market and regulatory uncertainties will keep acreage down in 2021.

**Tobacco** – The sector continued to shrink with acreage down 10 percent to

15 percent and variable yields reported. Despite higher prices, receipts are expected to drop \$30 million to \$40 million from 2019.

**Produce and Nursery** – While early for a 2020 estimate, total produce and nursery receipts are expected to reach \$160 million, which is a state record. CSA’s, agritourism, produce auctions and garden center nursery sales are expected to be up significantly.

**Forestry** – The sector contributed \$12.9 billion to Kentucky’s economy in 2020 with timber and lumber prices improving from 2018-2019 levels. UK foresters expect this contribution to remain steady with stumpage values continuing to improve. Going into 2021, concerns exist for logging capacity, the long-term health of small sawmills and the lack of markets for low-grade pulpwood in Kentucky.

For the entire outlook, visit the UK Department of Agricultural Economics website at [agecon.ca.uky.edu/2020-2021-economic-situation-outlook](http://agecon.ca.uky.edu/2020-2021-economic-situation-outlook) or visit their Facebook, Twitter and YouTube accounts @UKYAgEcon.

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The increase in grain prices may be the most profitable year for producers since 2013.



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# NFMS moved to spring despite farmers in fields

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mally, they see about 300,000 attendees in four days, with just shy of 900 exhibitors.

“This year, I anticipate a reduction in all those categories, for lots of reasons,” Beck says. Some are reluctant to travel due to the virus numbers and may not feel comfortable attending; others may be less interested due to planting.

The upcoming event will be a “reduced show,” as far as the number of exhibits due to the capacity limits, but Beck says “we’re not having a show just to have it – we want it to be a value.”

He said the event is important to the global ag community, “and with vaccines on the horizon, moving the National

Farm Machinery Show allows more time to deliver a safe event.”

The trade show will offer a hybrid model to allow for both in-person and virtual attendance. For in-person, it now requires a new registration process, which allows participants to reserve for specific days, while maintaining a safe attendance cap during all show hours.

The registration will require names and contact information, which will be used for contact tracing and attendance management.

Capacity will be capped to allow for 36 square feet of space per person at any given time. Beck says if an exhibitor wants to display virtually, “we will work with them. If they’re being creative in their new market, we want to be in a po-

sition to help them facilitate it, and not dictate to everyone – we’ve learned to adapt.”

He said it’s not always the “biggest, newest or fittest who survive – it’s the ones who can adapt. This has been a major disrupter to our economy, so everyone’s evaluating what works for them.”

The largest indoor farm show in the country, NFMS is held at the Kentucky Exposition Center in 1.2 million square feet of exhibit space. Top brands unveil the latest models of not only machinery, but technological advances each year.

Beck said the organization made the decision to carry forward with the event

“after the success of our other events, and earning accreditation from the Worldwide Cleaning Industry Association for our sanitization and outbreak prevention procedures.” He said they feel “confident in our ability to safely produce this crucial event.”

Some other changes NFMS has enacted to ensure participants safety against COVID-19 include required facial coverings and increased hand sanitizer and hand washing stations to be available throughout the property.

Only half of the rows in Freedom Hall will be available for spectators of the

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## LEGAL NOTICE

If you grew burley tobacco in any of the 2015–2020 crop years in Kentucky, West Virginia, Ohio, Indiana, or Missouri, you could get money from a proposed settlement.

A partial settlement has been proposed in a legal matter concerning the Burley Tobacco Growers Cooperative Association (“the Co-op”) that would result in dissolving the Co-op and payments to certain tobacco growers in Kentucky, West Virginia, Ohio, Indiana, and Missouri. The payment is estimated to be \$2000-\$6000 for each eligible grower.

### What’s this about?

The partial settlement stems from a lawsuit against the Co-op in Lexington, Kentucky, seeking, in part, the dissolution of the Co-op because of its alleged lack of any continuing purpose.

You may have heard that a special meeting was called for Co-op members to vote on the Co-op’s dissolution. That special meeting was postponed and, if the settlement is given final approval, will be canceled.

### Who’s affected?

Any person or business that was a landowner, operator, landlord, tenant, or sharecropper growing burley tobacco in Kentucky, West Virginia, Ohio, Indiana, or Missouri during at least one of the 2015–2020 crop years is a member of the settlement class.

You should promptly check whether you are identified as a member of the settlement class by calling the number or visiting the website listed below. If you are not (but should be) identified as a settlement class member, there is a process to have your membership verified. You should complete the verification process by January 29, 2021. Information about how you verify membership is available through the number and website listed below.

### What is the proposed settlement?

If this partial settlement is approved, the Co-op will be dissolved and its assets will be liquidated and debts paid. The net assets that will remain are estimated to be worth as much as \$28 million. The Court will oversee the process. From the Co-op’s net assets, \$1.5 million will be set aside to establish a farming related non-profit, costs relating to the administration of the settlement will be deducted, and a service award to representatives of the settlement class and attorney’s fees up to 25% of the net assets may be awarded by the Court. The assets that remain will then be paid out equally to

members of the settlement class.

If the partial settlement is approved, any claims you may have against the Co-op or its officers and directors will be released or limited. Details about the partial settlement and the release or limitation of claims are available by calling the number or visiting the website listed below

### How do you get a money payment?

After verifying your membership in the settlement class, submit a W-9 (tax i.d.) form as soon as possible, and no later than January 29, 2021. More information about getting a payment is available by calling the number or visiting the website listed below.

### What are your options?

You must verify that you are a member and submit a W-9 to receive a payment. If you are a member of the settlement class and the partial settlement is approved by the Court, you will be bound by its terms even if you do not receive a payment.

The Court will hold a hearing in this case — Haynes Properties, LLC, et al. v. Burley Tobacco Growers Cooperative Association, No. 20-CI-332, Fayette Circuit Court — on February 24, 2021, to consider whether to approve the partial settlement and award attorneys’ fees and other expenses. You have the right to object to the partial settlement and may attend, with or without an attorney, at the hearing, but you are not required to attend in order to potentially share in the money paid out.

For more information, call toll free 1-855-965-5569, go to [www.BTGCASettlement.com](http://www.BTGCASettlement.com), or write to 1650 Arch Street, Suite 2210, Philadelphia, PA 19103.

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# Reflecting on the inspiring moments of 2020



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**M**entoring the Kentucky FFA state officers is a highlight of my work. It is a joy and a real honor to get to walk with them through a big year in their lives. This year has been challenging for all young people, and our state FFA officers have had a fraction of the experience we usually offer.

This semester of college was masked, understated and mostly virtual. If there was a group of young people who is able to share some complaints and grievances with 2020, it's them. But... They haven't. They have been positive, hopeful and understanding, even though it's them who missed so many milestones.

To close out the year, I encouraged them to do some reflection on their year and identify seven moments they hope to always remember from 2020. I did this personally and it was cathartic to document the craziest year of our collective lives. To close the year with the Kentucky FFA Foundation, I thought I would do the same.

When COVID started closing schools in the middle of March, we were smack dab in the middle of regional FFA events. About half of our regions hosted competitions days before the world shut down. The ones that didn't, adapted almost immediately as they figured out how they could host contests virtually. It was ag teachers in every corner of the state showing up for our students and doing what seemed impossible.

Because of those teachers, state staff and FFA members committing to show up for each other from their living rooms, we were able to host a virtual FFA State Convention. I will always remember that we had nearly 1,000 FFA members compete virtually and hundreds of volunteer judges.

I will always remember Cecil Goodlett and Wendell Bruce's photo, as they learned how to judge a virtual FFA Convention via Zoom. Collectively, they have been judging our State FFA convention for at least 105 years and they weren't going to miss this year.

– I will never forget the 2020 Kentucky FFA

State Star Farmer, Randall Mattingly telling me he stopped his excavator to watch our Star Farmer presentation where his name was called and a lifelong dream realized while he was working.

– 2020 was the rollout of our new Forever Blue giving program, which allows individuals the opportunity to support our vision and direct it to a local FFA chapter. In March, I believed a global pandemic could sideline that. So I will never forget the abundant generosity from Kee-lan and Diana Pulliam and Arthur Green as they stepped up and believed in our mission enough to give through an adverse year.

– I will never forget the sponsors and donors that just kept showing up for us because they believe in our mission and were dedicated to seeing us through.

– To add to my wealth of gala memories, I will remember getting all dressed up with just my colleague, Emily Mitchell, as we live broadcasted our Virtual Blue and Gold Gala to an internet audience of a couple thousand and raised more than \$90,000. FFA supporters are the very best.

– I'll never forget how inspired I have been with my colleagues, board members, ag teachers, farmers, FFA members and everyone in agriculture who just haven't quit for a minute. We have all kept working, adapting and showing up for each other. My heart just swells up when I think of everyone who has kept going.

I encourage you to write down things you won't forget from this historical year. I know that I've learned some lessons I hope to carry throughout my life. I want to spend my days investing in people I care about and things that make a difference. I have no doubts about dedicating my time to Kentucky FFA.

Since I'm in the spirit of making lists, instead of just offering you warm fuzzy feelings about FFA, I want to also offer a year end philanthropic to-do list. If you are in a position to support causes that are important to you, I assure you, they need it in 2020.

The CARES Act allows a \$300 deduction for those who take the standard deduction rather than itemize. You can do that at [kyffa.org/donate](http://kyffa.org/donate).

**Giving Through an IRA:** If you are 59½ or older, you can take a distribution from your IRA and then make a gift to the Foundation without penalty. If you are 70½ or older, you can give any amount up to \$100,000 from your IRA directly to the Kentucky FFA Foundation. You will not pay income taxes on the transfer. If you are 72 or older, you can use this transfer to satisfy your required minimum distribution.

- **Appreciated Stock:** You may enjoy two tax benefits with a gift of appreciated stock: Avoid paying taxes on the appreciated value, and qualify for an income tax charitable deduction based on today's market value, when you itemize.

- **Donor Advised Funds:** Contribute to a donor advised fund and enjoy a tax savings on that amount when you itemize.

- Check these off your to-do list to end the year on an organized note.

- Update your will or living trust. Ensure that your designations are still appropriate and your charitable intentions are noted.

- Review your retirement plan beneficiaries. Assess your named beneficiaries to ensure you've considered your loved ones and favorite causes.

- Review your life insurance policy. If you have a policy that is no longer a significant piece of your estate plan, consider making a gift by assigning ownership to the Kentucky FFA Foundation or making us the beneficiary.

As we approach the end of the year, we're happy to help ensure that you realize the most tax benefit through charitable giving. Please feel free to contact Sheldon McKinney at (606) 782-4620 or [sheldon.mckinney@kyffa.org](mailto:sheldon.mckinney@kyffa.org).

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# Everyone is bullish



## MARKET WATCH

Dewey Strickler

The fundamentals in corn are improving as stocks are getting tighter. However, the funds are sporting their largest long position since 2010, which means the bulls are fully committed. With a position of this magnitude, disappointing news will not be tolerated.

USDA left their ending stocks estimate for corn in the December Supply-Demand Report unchanged at 1.702 billion bushels. Exports were also unchanged at 2.65 billion bushels.

Meanwhile, global stocks fell 2.4 million tons 289 million, their lowest since 2014. China's imports were raised 3.5 million tons to 16.5 million. Some are expecting them to import 22-30 million tons. Right now, it is difficult to find someone not bullish which is troubling.

Sales to China have largely been absent the past three weeks, which has caused profit taking in soybeans. Shipments to them peaked during the first week of November and have fallen nearly 6 percent. With improving crop conditions in Brazil, their focus could turn more to them. In the December Supply-Demand Report, the USDA lowered ending stocks 15 million bushels to 175 million bushels. Traders thought that it might be more.

No changes were made to exports, leaving them at 2.2 billion bushels. Meanwhile, global stocks fell 900,000 tons to 85.6 million. China's imports remained unchanged at 100 million tons. Overall, the report was slightly disappointing.

The wheat crop has gone into dormancy, but the market is coming to life from reports that Russia intends to implement measures to control food inflation through increased taxes or quotas. This could give U.S. exports a much-needed lift. In the December Supply-Demand Report, the USDA lowered ending stocks 15 million bushels to 862 million.

This came from exports being raised 15 million bushels to 985 million bushels. What came as a surprise is that world stockpiles fell more than expected to 316.5 million tons which should be supportive as stocks appear to have peaked.

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# 'Political democracy can endure only as guardian of economic democracy'

In early 1999, I wrote a column about lions and gazelles. More precisely, I wrote a column on how, in the 1990s, American livestock farmers had become "gazelles... in the brutal world of global agriculture."

What that meant was "Every morning the gazelle awakens knowing it must run faster than the fastest lion to live to see tomorrow" while "the lion awakens knowing it must run only as fast as the slowest gazelle..."

As such, that era's low-profit hog, cattle, and dairy sectors were slow, easy targets for packers and processors who, unchecked by government, were integrating "producers" – previously known as farmers – into their "supply chains" through contracts that ensured supplies at capped prices.

That meant "fatter lions in 1999." The spark for the column came in Jan. 1999 when "Senate Ag Committee Chairman Richard Lugar, R-IN, during a... hearing on concentration in agriculture urged his colleagues to keep their noses out" of Cargill's recent offer to buy competitor Continental's grain business.

The buyout, declared Lugar, "is a question more for 'lawyers,' not 'legislatures.'"

Turns out, Lugar, who died in 2019, is right. Finally.

Some of the biggest AgBiz lions – Tyson Foods, Dairy Farmers of America, Bayer, Pilgrim's Pride, Kroger, Cargill, JBS USA, and even the U.S. Department of Agriculture – now face a blizzard of price-fixing probes and other market-related litigation.

In fact, as a friend pointed out on Twitter shortly after Thanksgiving, "Turkey is now the only meat in (U.S. flag emoji) right now not under investigation for price-fixing."

That should infuriate all Americans for two reasons: First for what it says about today's largely dysfunctional livestock and poultry markets and, secondly, that it has taken 20 years for end users to confront Big Meat over how it uses its sledgehammer market power to suck unearned profits out of both livestock growers and meat buyers.

Equally infuriating is how Lugar's edict for "legislatures" to stay out of Big Agbiz's biz has remained in effect de-

spite mountains of evidence that the corporatization of key ag sectors has cost farmers, ranchers, rural America, and consumers billions of dollars and an untold number of jobs.

And that's on top of what boneheaded farm policies advocated by AgBiz—like 1996's Freedom to Farm – cost taxpayers. (From 1997 to 2002, F2F cost taxpayers \$122 billion, or three times its projected cost.)

Many of these policies also took down antitrust fences and, shortly thereafter, consolidation in ag inputs, production, and processing went into overdrive.

The move was so swift that in one generation, according to research published Nov. 19 by Hendrickson et al. (a link is posted at [farmandfoodfile.com](http://farmandfoodfile.com)), "... the midpoint of sale" – where half U.S. herds were each side of the divide – in hogs "has increased from 1,200 to 51,300 head and, in dairy, ...from 80 to 1,300 cows" from 1987 to 2017.

This industrialization hasn't helped rural America: "Agrifood consolidation reduces farmer autonomy and redistributes costs and benefits across the food chain, squeezing farmer incomes."

Recently, a friend telephoned to discuss how rural America had become so deeply, almost savagely, split on existential issues like climate change and resource conservation. My reply was a lengthy letter that, I'm pretty sure, didn't answer his questions or allay his fears.

Two weeks later, however, I pulled a slim volume of Wendell Berry essays off a shelf and found a much better answer in far fewer words.

"Political democracy," wrote Berry in the foreword to his 1995 book, *Another Turn of the Crank*, "can endure only as the guardian of economic democracy... A democratic government fails in failing to protect the integrity of ordinary lives and local communities."

That wisdom bears repeating: We will continue to fail if we continue to fail "to protect the integrity of ordinary lives and local communities."

Just ask a gazelle – if you can find one.



## FOOD & FARM FILE

Alan Guebort

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# Trade shows, meetings adjusted amid pandemic

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championship tractor pull, which will also be live streamed. In person attendance will be capped at 33 percent, which equates to 7,000 people. The Pit in Broadbent Arena will be closed to the public.

Registration will be available soon and information will be made available at [farmmachineryshow.org](http://farmmachineryshow.org).

Additional safety measures and other show information are available at [farmmachineryshow.org](http://farmmachineryshow.org), or [champpull.org](http://champpull.org).

## Fruit, Vegetable Conference

In late November, Ag Commissioner Ryan Quarles announced that the 2021 Kentucky Fruit and Vegetable Conference will be a virtual event, planned to span across four days in January.

While Quarles said the conference will “look at bit different,” the Kentucky Department of Agriculture is proud to be a part of such an educational experience. He said that each year, produce community experts come together to share knowledge with the rest of the state,

something he finds imperative.

This is the first time the conference has gone virtual. It’s taken the work of KDA in cooperation with other state organizations to arrange it. Those include the Vegetable Growers Association, Organic Association of Kentucky Wineries Association, Horticulture Council, the University of Kentucky College of Agriculture, Food and Environment, and the Kentucky State University College of Agriculture, Communities and the Environment.

In addition to four days worth of virtual events – including sessions on protected ag production technologies, organic production, beginner and advanced vegetable and fruit production and business management – a virtual wine and cider-tasting event and a farmers’ market “short course” organized by KDA will be offered.

Registration will continue online through Jan. 26; the fee is \$25, and includes a year’s membership in the KVGa, KSHS, or OAK and full access to the recorded content for a year.

Registered participants will be emailed

to join the conference via Zoom on Jan. 5, 12, 19 and 26. Those without computer access who want to participate may attend in-person viewing sessions at local county Extension offices. Those locations are available, along with other conference information, at [kyhortcouncil.org/2021-ky-fruit-vegetable-conference](http://kyhortcouncil.org/2021-ky-fruit-vegetable-conference). Registration can also be made by calling 859-490-0889 or emailing [info@kyhortcouncil.org](mailto:info@kyhortcouncil.org).

## Kentucky Pork Producers

Bonnie Jolly, executive director for Kentucky Pork Producers, has been in her role for the last decade, but with the organization for 30 years. Their group will go viral with its annual meeting this year, the first time it has ever done so.

“It’s the first time, and I hope it’s the last,” Jolly said. Although the socializing part is always an important part to the annual gathering, Jolly said maybe there is a silver lining.

“There might be people who join us who normally wouldn’t,” she said, due to the added accessibility of being online. Jolly said they have “an idea” of what

they’re going to do and are following guidelines based on CDC recommendations, “which you know can change in any instant.”

She asks those interested in participating to stay tuned.

The organization is required to have an annual meeting, so the virtual layout will consist of regular business, such as going over the last meeting’s minutes, as well as holding the election of officers.

They also want to welcome new state veterinarian Dr. Katie Flynn and deputy state veterinarian Dr. Alex Hagan. A financial report of the association will be delivered, as well.

“One thing we’re really excited about is that we’re trying to get our pork into Kroger, like the beef and cheese everybody else is able to sell there. But that’s all falling into place, and it’s a wonderful opportunity we’re looking forward to,” Jolly said.

The rest, she says, “really depends on what’s going on at that time.” The meet-

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# Elections held during KFB's annual meeting

LOUISVILLE – Pulaski County farmer Mark Haney was re-elected Kentucky Farm Bureau president on the concluding day of the organization's 101st annual meeting. Also re-elected were Webster County's Eddie Melton as First vice president and Sharon Furches of Calloway County as second vice president.

Haney has served on the Kentucky Farm Bureau executive committee for more than 20 years and has been a state director since 1993. For many years he chaired the state resolutions committee. Haney is a member of the American Farm Bureau board of directors and a member of the board of directors for Southern Farm Bureau Life Insurance Company.

Haney is a former member of the American Farm Bureau Federation Executive committee and past president of the Kentucky Center for Agriculture and Rural Development. He is past president of the Kentucky Center for Cooperative Development and past chairman of the Kentucky Horticulture Council. Haney also served as president of the Pulaski County Farm Bureau.

He and his brother, Don, produce apples and peaches near Nancy, where they also raise beef cattle. They sell fresh produce from their orchards – as well as cider, jellies, baked goods and other products – at a KFB Certified Farm Market located on the farm. He and his wife, Marlene, have two sons and a daughter.

Melton, a former president of Webster County Farm Bureau, is chairman of KFB's state resolutions committee and is president of the board of directors for the Kentucky Center for Agriculture and Rural Development. Melton additionally serves on the board of directors for Southern Farm Bureau Life Insurance Company. He produces corn, soybeans, and beef cattle on his farming operation, in Sebree. He and his wife, Regina, have a daughter.

Furches has been a member of KFB's board of directors since 2017. She is the chair of KFB's Vision 100 strategic planning committee and a member of the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency Farm, Ranch, and Rural Communities federal advisory committee. She is a former member of the Kentucky State Fair



Mark Haney

Eddie Melton

Sharon Furches

Board and State Board of Agriculture. She and her husband, Tripp, reside in Murray, where they raise corn, soybeans, wheat and canola. They have a son and a daughter.

Eight new members were elected to the KFB board of directors this year: Mitchel Logsdon of Hart County will serve as a District 3 representative to the Board, PJ Milburn of Nelson County will serve as a District 5 representative to the board, Tim Goodlett of Casey County will serve as a District 7 representative to the board, Scott Barnes of

Garrard County will serve as a District 8 representative to the board, Tyler Ferguson of Johnson County will serve as a District 10 representative to the board, Mary Jayne Cannon of Fleming County will serve on the board as the chair of the KFB state women's advisory committee, Heather Graham of Wolfe County will serve on the board as chair of the KFB State Young Farmer Advisory committee, and Ricky Arnett of Green County will serve on the board representing the Kentucky Association of County Agricultural Agents.



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**2 eggs**  
**5 ½ cups unbleached all-purpose flour, divided**  
**¼ cup butter, softened**  
**¼ cup white sugar**  
**2 teaspoons baking powder**  
**2 teaspoons salt**  
**2 tablespoons butter, softened**  
**½ cup white sugar**  
**2 teaspoons ground cinnamon**  
**½ cup butter, melted**  
**½ cup packed brown sugar**  
**⅓ cup raisins**  
**⅔ cup chopped pecans**

In a large bowl, dissolve yeast in warm water. Let stand until creamy, about 10 minutes.

Combine the yeast mixture with the buttermilk, eggs, 2 1/2 cups flour, 1/4 cup softened butter, 1/4 cup sugar, baking powder and salt; stir well to combine. Stir in the remaining flour, 1/2 cup at a time, beating well after each addition. Dough should remain soft and slightly sticky. When the dough has pulled together, turn it out onto a lightly floured surface and knead until smooth and elastic, about 8 minutes.

Divide dough in half and roll each half into a 12x7 inch rectangle. Spread each half with 1 tablespoon softened butter and sprinkle with 1/4 cup sugar and 1 teaspoon cinnamon. Roll up halves, beginning at wide side. Seal well by pinching the seams. Cut each roll into 12 slices.

Coat two 9 inch round cake pans each with 1/4 cup melted butter, 1/4 cup brown sugar, 2 tablespoons raisins and 1/2 cup chopped pecans. Place 12 dough slices in each pan, leaving a small space between slices. Cover and let rise until doubled.

Preheat the oven to 375 degrees F (190 degrees C).

Bake in a preheated oven for about 30 minutes. Invert pans onto plates and serve.

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**3 pounds boneless, spiral cut whole ham**  
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**2 tablespoons sriracha sauce**

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Release pressure using the natural-release method according to manufacturer's instructions, about 10 to 40 minutes. Transfer ham to a plate and let rest 5 minutes before serving.



## Corn Casserole

**2 (15.25 ounce) cans shoepeg corn, drained**  
**1 (10.75 ounce) can condensed cream of celery soup**  
**1 (8 ounce) container sour cream**  
**1 cup grated Cheddar cheese**  
**½ cup butter**  
**1 sleeve crushed buttery round crackers (such as Ritz®)**

Preheat the oven to 350 degrees F (175 degrees C).

Pour corn in a flat casserole dish. Combine condensed soup, sour cream, and Cheddar cheese in a bowl. Mix well and spread over corn.

Melt butter in a saucepan over medium-low heat, add crackers, and mix to combine. Spread over corn.

Bake in the preheated oven until bubbly, about 25 to 30 minutes.

## Easy Broccoli Casserole

**4 cups chopped fresh broccoli**  
**1 (10.75 ounce) can cream of mushroom soup**  
**1 cup shredded Cheddar cheese**  
**¼ cup mayonnaise**  
**2 cups dry bread crumbs**  
**½ cup melted butter**

Preheat oven to 350 degrees F (175 degrees C). Grease a 2-quart casserole dish.

Put broccoli in a large microwave-safe bowl with a small amount of water in the bottom; cook in microwave until tender, about 5 minutes. Drain liquid from bowl. Stir mushroom soup, Cheddar cheese, and mayonnaise with the broccoli until evenly mixed; pour into prepared casserole dish.

Mix bread crumbs and melted butter together in a separate bowl; spread evenly over the broccoli mixture.

Bake in preheated oven until the surface is bubbling, 20 to 30 minutes.

**All recipes are courtesy of AllRecipes.com**



## Christmas

And while they were there, the time came for her baby to be born. She gave birth to her first child, a son. She wrapped him snugly in strips of cloth and laid him in a manger, because there was no lodging available for them.

That night there were shepherds staying in the fields nearby, guarding their flocks of sheep. Suddenly, an angel of the Lord appeared among them, and the radiance of the Lord's glory surrounded them. They were terrified, but the angel reassured them. "Don't be afraid!" he said. "I bring you good news that will bring great joy to all people. The Savior – yes, the Messiah, the Lord – has been born today in Bethlehem, the city of David! And you will recognize him by this sign: You will find a baby wrapped snugly in strips of cloth, lying in a manger."

Suddenly, the angel was joined by a vast host of others – the armies of heaven – praising God and saying,

"Glory to God in highest heaven,  
and peace on earth to those with whom  
God is pleased."

When the angels had returned to heaven, the shepherds said to each other, "Let's go to Bethlehem! Let's see this thing that has happened, which the Lord has told us about."

They hurried to the village and found Mary and Joseph. And there was the baby, lying in the manger.

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# Annual meetings must go on

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ing is set for Jan. 15 with more details to be released. The website, pork.org, will be updated closer to the event date. Those who have questions or want to register can email kypork@bbtel.com.

“We’re just looking forward to the 2022 convention. Hopefully it will be back to normal.”

### Commodity Conference

The Kentucky Commodity Conference is always an important event, consisting of a trade show, grain marketing sessions, a luncheon, annual meetings and yield contest awards for the state’s corn, soybean and wheat producers.

Organizers from the Kentucky Soybean Association, Corn Growers Association and Small Grain Growers Association originally developed plans to hold a modified event but just recently made the difficult decision to hold the entire event virtually.

“While conference organizers had planned for an in-person event and are understandably disappointed

with this scenario, we feel strongly about putting the health and safety of our farmers and industry partners first,” organizers posted in a release announcing plans to go to a virtual format.

Details for online registration are available at ky-commodityconference.org.

### Kentucky Cattlemen’s Association

The Kentucky Cattlemen’s Association is holding a modified on Jan. 15 at the Owensboro Convention Center. It will be a one-day event, including the five Regional Delegate Caucus meetings, the KCA opening and closing general sessions, and the Hall of Fame award presentations. There is no trade show this year.

The venue site only allows 580 attendees at this year’s convention, so registration to county delegates opened first, but general membership registrations are now being taken.

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Field Reporter

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# Connecting farm and food, head and heart

*I met Michele about 10 years ago as our Kentucky commodity groups were starting to focus on how to best connect with the public. She presented a “how to” on social media for local farm women involved in the CommonGround program. I have since witnessed the continued growth and success of her business of helping the farm community connect with the public, which has included writing and publishing three books. When I learned she would be the keynote speaker of the Kentucky Commodity Conference next month, I thought it would be a great time to introduce you to her work in hopes that she may inspire you to be part of the conversation surrounding food. – Jennifer Elwell, TeachKyAg*

Michele Payn personifies passion. Known as one of North America’s leading experts in connecting farm and food, she serves as a resource for people around the plate.

Michele encourages all her clients and audiences to find people’s hot buttons and speak their language - whether it’s growing the farm and food conversation, developing an advocacy strategy, or discussing mental health. Michele delivers high energy training programs, motivational keynotes, and thought-provoking webinars to empower you to build connected communities.

Utilizing her diverse professional experience in the agricultural, sales and not-for-profit sectors, Michele founded Cause Matters Corp., a company designed to create connections around the food plate, in 2001. Cause Matters Corp. focuses on addressing food myths, developing science communication, and connecting farm to food.

In each of these core areas, Michele helps organizations clearly identify issues, understand their audience and develop big picture solutions. Michele’s goal is to help you communicate “why your cause matters” – whether you’re a farmer, scientist, dietitian or in agribusiness.

She knows agriculture because she lives agriculture. Her lifelong passion for agriculture stems from childhood; she has been breeding and judging dairy cattle as a registered Holstein breeder since the age of nine and now resides on a small central Indiana farm. Follow-

ing her dedicated involvement in 4-H and FFA, Michele earned degrees in Agricultural Communications and Animal Science from Michigan State University. She then went to work as a Regional Director for the National FFA Foundation and has also marketed and sold dairy genetics to more than 25 countries.

In 2009, she founded #AgChat and #FoodChat on Twitter, where tens of thousands of people from more than 25 countries participated in this highly visible conversation around food and farm issues.

Michele’s newest book, Food Bullying: How to Avoid Buying B.S., was just named an International Book Award Finalist and the IPPY 2020 gold medal award winner for medicine, health, and nutrition. This startling look at the misrepresentation of food sheds light on bogus nutrition and environmental claims to help people recognize and stand up to the bullies was an Amazon best seller.

She most recently became a podcast host, launching the “Food Bullying Podcast” with Eliz Greene to help more people understand the many reasons that food should be about comfort and celebration.

Her second book was awarded an IPPY bronze medal for medicine, health, and nutrition. “Food Truths from Farm to Table: 25 Ways to Shop & Eat Without Guilt”, a #1 best seller on Amazon, brings clarity to grocery shopping and address food marketing myths. She also wrote the two-sided book “No More Food Fights! Growing a Pro-

ductive Farm & Food Conversation” to encourage farm and food people to reach across the plate to find commonalities.

Michele’s strong belief in community-building and overcoming food insecurity stems from experience on four continents, including working in the Ukraine and Egypt, through United States Agency for International Development projects. She is also active in her central Indiana community, volunteering with FFA, 4-H, church, and school.

Payn continues to hone her skills after helping thousands of people around the world. As a member of the National Speakers Association, Michele is the founder of a professional networking group for generation X and Y speakers. She has earned her Certified Speaking Professional, a designation awarded to less than 10 percent of professional speakers globally.

Michele measures success in conversations around the food plate by people who are willing to reach out to help make their cause matter. You can connect with her on social media at @mpaynspeaker.



## How Have Food Conversations Changed?

“Trust in farmers has increased as the world has been busy trying to discover the best way to combat a pandemic. People have returned to the basics, and after the disruption in the food system, have greater appreciation for how food is grown. However, the food bullies continue fear-based marketing around COVID-19, so it’s critical we continue to help people understand the people of farming. It’s also essential agriculture address mental health, which we’ll be talking about at the Commodity Conference.”

Find links to Cause Matters and Michele’s blog and podcasts at [www.kyfoodandfarm.com/engage](http://www.kyfoodandfarm.com/engage).



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# Kentucky farmer elected chair of Soy Transportation Coalition



The Soy Transportation Coalition elected its officers and established its strategy and agenda for 2021 during the organization’s annual meeting on Nov. 30.

During the annual meeting, Jonathan Miller, of Island, was elected chairman. Miller previously served as the STC secretary-treasurer

from 2019-2020. Miller and his wife, Cindy, have two children and raise soybeans, corn and wheat. He is also a director on the Kentucky Soybean Association board. Kentucky is also represented on the STC board by Allen Pace of LaCenter.

“I appreciate the opportunity to serve as chairman of the Soy Transportation Coalition,” said Miller. “Whether it is promoting the deepening of the lower Mississippi River, sustainable funding for our inland waterway system, more cost-effective ways to maintain our rural roads and bridges, or advocating for any other part of our supply chain, I am proud of how the STC continues to help promote a transportation system

that will allow farmers to remain profitable. I look forward to continuing this important work.”

Chris Brossart, of North Dakota, was elected vice chairman and Tim Gottman, from Missouri, was

elected secretary-treasurer.

For more information on soybean farming in Kentucky, visit [kysoy.org](http://kysoy.org).



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# Glencoe teen wins two classes at the American Royal

Amos Phillips put years of show experience to work in October when he was able to participate in the American Royal Livestock Show, presented by Stock Show Secrets in Kansas City, Mo.

The show is one of the most prestigious livestock shows in the nation. Each year, exhibitors gather from across the country to show their livestock.

Amos is the 15-year-old son of Asa and Alesha Phillips of Glencoe. Phillips has shown animals since he was 8 years old, participating in many local, district, state and national shows.

He said he remembers when he was 10 years old and won the lightweight division at the state fair. Judge Brad Mortson told the crowd, "This is the best pig I've seen in years," and Phillips said he has been on board ever since.

He started last January with 22 pigs in the barn feeding, cleaning pens and bedding pens every day. Then in March he started walking, washing and training the pigs.

"I recall wondering every day if there was going to be a state fair, district shows, or even county shows. I applaud Ag Commissioner Ryan Quarles and the

state fair board for their dedication for making these shows happen," Phillips said.

After attending a few shows throughout the summer, Phillips said during the state fair his dad asked if he wanted to go to the American Royal Show. He took his three gilts with his goal to win at least one class.

He won two classes – one in the medium weight crossbred division and one in the heavyweight crossbred division. He also received a reserve grand champion in the medium weight division and showed in the heavy-weight drive and in the final drive with his medium weight reserve.

The American Royal began its existence in 1899 as the National Hereford Show. Since that time, the American Royal has grown to become one of the toughest competitions and draws an audience of owner, breeders, future business, agricultural leaders, and animal enthusiasts from across the country.

The livestock show is a national show that strives to impact the future of agriculture by providing educational experiences and scholarships.



Amos Phillips (left) wins two class divisions at the American Royal Livestock Show in Kansas City, Mo.

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## Kentucky Corn Works with Green River Distilling Company on Yellow Banks Bourbon



### Congress Reauthorizes U.S. Grain Standards Act

The U.S. Grain Standards Reauthorization Act (S. 4054) was recently passed by the U.S. Senate and the U.S. House of Representatives. The legislation, which sets the framework for the functioning of the U.S. Department of Agriculture's (USDA) Federal Grain Inspection Service, now moves to President Trump's desk to be signed into law.

The U.S. grain inspection system provides certainty to our foreign customers that all U.S. grains and oilseeds have been inspected and certified by an independent agency. The system provides great value to U.S. commodities, enhancing our competitiveness in the world market, and is a significant advantage for U.S. products versus commodities from other origins.

A properly functioning grain inspection system is critical. Despite the significant impacts of tariffs on exports, U.S. commodities have maintained some competitiveness in the international market in part to the premium international buyers place on the U.S. grain inspection system.

Given the current uncertainty in trade agreements and many of the bearish factors working against U.S. farmers, it is critical we maintain one of our key advantages. Our customers, foreign and domestic, see tremendous value in the U.S. grain inspection system, and reauthorization of the Grain Standards Act will continue this value for U.S. grain exports.



KY Corn is proud to announce a new collaboration with the Green River Distilling Company in Owensboro on a new bourbon offering that is designed to put a portion of profits back into the corn industry for corn production and sustainability research.

The label, Yellow Banks™ Kentucky Straight Bourbon Whiskey, is a 2020 Gold Medal recipient from the Beverage Testing Institute. It carries the Ky Corn Growers Association logo directly on the bottle. It was released in the Owensboro market on November 1, with expectations to be expanded regionally and eventually nationally over the coming year.

"We are so excited to enter into this relationship with Green River Distilling Company," said Laura Knoth, KY Corn's Executive Director. "The leadership at this distillery has demonstrated it as a priority to incorporate the people behind the production of corn, their commitment to the environment and the culture of corn farming. The commitment to give back financially speaks volumes."

A section of the distillery Visitor's Center and artwork throughout is dedicated to educate visitors about farmers and the production of corn.

Ray Allan Mackey, chairman of the KY Corn Promotion Council, commented, "Bourbon is a big buyer of our corn and the bourbon industry is an incredible platform to educate consumers about corn production in an accurate fashion. It only makes sense for the corn checkoff to invest with bourbon industry stakeholders to empower them in efforts to tell bourbon's and corn's story."

Yellow Banks™ Kentucky Straight Bourbon Whiskey can be purchased at the Green River Distillery, 10 Distillery Rd., Owensboro, KY and at several locations around the Owensboro Area. Visit [www.yellowbankswhiskey.com](http://www.yellowbankswhiskey.com).



## KENTUCKY COMMODITY CONFERENCE IS A GO IN VIRTUAL FORMAT

Thursday, January 14, 2021

The Kentucky Commodity Conference, which includes the Kentucky Soybean Association, Kentucky Corn Growers Association, and Kentucky Small Grain Growers Association annual meetings, is moving forward in a virtual format.

The Kentucky Yield and Quality Contest winners will be announced during the General Session, which will be held on Zoom.

While conference organizers had planned for an in-person event and are understandably disappointed with this scenario, we feel strongly about putting the health and safety of our farmers and industry partners first.

Details for online registration are available on the Conference Website, [www.kycommodityconference.org](http://www.kycommodityconference.org).





# If cows could talk



Interpreting forage quality would be much easier if cows could talk.

If cows could talk, it would be easy to figure out how good your hay is. Until then, we have to utilize a forage test to tell us if our hay is getting the job done that we think it is. Unless you are used to looking at forage reports, they can be hard to interpret.

What follows is my version of a real simple explanation of the major terms on a forage report. More importantly, I have attempted to classify forages based on those numbers (Table 1). Let's face it, numbers always need interpretation.

First, I want to tell a funny story about the genesis of this article. Recently, I was asked for a real simple explanation of the terms on a forage analysis sheet to be handed out to farmers. "We want something simple, not like the technical publication we usually use." Since I actually wrote that 'technical' publication, this dose of honest feedback motivated me to come up with a better version. See what you think.

The Forage Doctor



By Jimmy Henning

**Key Forage Quality Terms, In Order of Importance**  
**Total Digestible Nutrients (TDN)**

This is the most important value on the report. I'll bet you expected crude protein to be listed first. Actually, protein is seldom the limiting factor in livestock diets, especially for ruminants. Protein is seldom limiting because ruminants benefit from the microbial protein produced by the rumen microorganisms and forages are a pretty good source of protein unless excessively mature.

TDN is a calculated estimate of the digestibility or energy content of forage. TDN goes down as forages become more mature. Be aware that the formula to calculate TDN varies among laboratories. Energy is the most limiting nutrient in most, if not all, forage based livestock diets.

**Acid Detergent Fiber (ADF)**

This is the relatively indigestible fiber in a forage sample, containing cellulose, lignin and silica. It is used to calculate TDN. ADF values rise as forages become more mature. ADF and TDN move in opposite directions. The higher the ADF, the lower the TDN.

**Neutral Detergent Fiber (NDF)**

This is the total fiber in a forage sample, made up of cellulose, hemicellulose, lignin, and ash. It is used to estimate intake. Like ADF, NDF values rise with forage maturity. Low NDF values indicate livestock can consume more forage.

**Relative Feed Value (RFV)**

This is an index for ranking cool-season grass and legume forages based on combining digestibility and intake potential. It is calculated from ADF and NDF. The higher the RFV, the better the quality. The RFV of full bloom alfalfa is about 100. RFV is only valid for ranking similar type forages, such as

comparing a grass hay to another grass hay.

**Crude Protein (CP)**

This is an estimate of protein in a forage, calculated by multiplying percent nitrogen by 6.25. As noted earlier, forages are a fairly good source of protein which is seldom the limiting nutrient in cattle diets. By now, you are probably exasperated at my listing crude protein at the bottom of this list. I did so to make a point – we have to look further than protein to know if your forage is 'good.'

Remember that the ultimate measure of forage quality is the performance of the animals to which it is fed. Since cows still can't talk, you will need to observe how much they eat and how well they maintain body condition to 'listen' to what they are telling you about your hay. And if you want to read that 'technical' publication, type 'ID-101 Interpreting Forage Quality Reports' in your internet browser.

Forage Quality				Forage Quality			
TDN	High	Medium	Low	RFV	High	Medium	Low
Alfalfa/Wintergrass	>62	52-62	<52	Alfalfa/Wintergrass	>140	110-140	<110
Alfalfa	>62	52-62	<52	Alfalfa	>170	95-170	<95
Grass and Small Grains	>58	48-58	<48	Grass and Small Grains	>90	75-90	<75
Summer Annuals	>54	44-54	<44	Summer Annuals	>80	70-80	<70
Forage Quality				Forage Quality			
ADF	High	Medium	Low	CP	High	Medium	Low
ADF	>28	18-28	<18	Alfalfa/Wintergrass	>18	15-18	<15
NDF	>65	45-65	<45	NDF	>12	10-12	<10
NDF	>65	45-65	<45	Grass and Small Grains	>40	35-40	<35
Grass and Small Grains	>65	55-65	<55	Summer Annuals	>30	25-30	<25

(Table 1) Ranges for TDN, ADF, NDF, RFV and CP for high, medium and low quality forages in Kentucky.

Mark your calendars for Wednesday, Jan. 13 from 7 p.m. to 8 p.m. EST for a virtual session called 'Improving Hay Quality in Kentucky.' This webinar is hosted by KCA as part of the annual meeting of Kentucky Cattleman's Association. Look for more information soon at the Events tab of the UKY Forages website [forages.ca.uky.edu/Events].

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# THE SUNNYSIDE



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## January begins membership drive

January begins the 2021 membership drive for the Kentucky Poultry Federation where you can either renew or become a new member of the KPF and support Kentucky's poultry industry.

Remember, we are your organization and your voice. The Kentucky Poultry Federation needs your support and commitment to this organization as we enter a new year. By becoming a member,

you can utilize that voice and help build a stronger federation.

To become a member of the Kentucky Poultry Federation simply download a membership application at [www.kypoultry.org](http://www.kypoultry.org). Dues to the federation are payable on a calendar year basis. Membership applications are due by April 1.

As a member you will also receive subscriptions to the Poultry Times and The

Farmer's Pride. Our quarterly newsletter, The Sunnyside, is published in The Farmer's Pride. All members who provide an email address will receive the Cheeps and Chirps newsletter electronically.

Join the Kentucky Poultry Federation today!



## Two farms receive awards at annual KPF's festival

The Kentucky Poultry Federation, Dr. Tony Pescatore, presented two Kentucky poultry farms with the Kentucky Poultry Federation Farm Family Environmental Excellence award during the virtual Annual meeting. The two farms were recognized due to their unique litter management practices, community involvement, conservation techniques, nutrition management, and environmental management.

### Woolf Farms

Woolf Farms is owned and operated by Earl "Sonny" Woolf Jr. of Mayfield. Woolf Farms started in 2015 when Sonny purchased a 1997 poultry operation that consisted of six barns and 67 acres. Now the operation has grown to eight poultry barns and has a flock of 196,200 broiler birds. Woolf Farms is contracted through Tyson and hosts potential new growers to have first-hand experience in what poultry growers do daily to feed the world.

Sonny has dedicated time to water conservation by creating a natural reservoir that slows runoff and creates a self-sustaining water cycle. Buffer zones and gravel drip lines help decrease erosion and in-

crease drainage away from the houses. Inside the houses energy efficiency and increased productivity means that Woolf Farms are always focused on improvements. AV heaters have been added to reduce propane costs and the carbon footprint. Chore-time Chortronic 3 technology assists in controlling environmental conditions and tracks the birds to assist their environmental needs.

Sonny and his fiancée, Whitney, said their goal is to "create sustainability for future generations. We have a passion to instill in our children the responsibility we all have for caring for our environment."

### Twin Lakes Poultry, LLC

Twin Lakes Poultry is owned and operated by Brian Hayden and his mother, Debbie, in Calhoun. Twin Lakes Poultry has six broiler houses and produces birds for Perdue Farms. Brian has made it a priority to attend trainings offered through the extension office or Perdue to better equip himself in conservation efforts. This includes using 65 percent of the litter on the no-till crops and 35 percent for cattle pasture. The poultry houses use

water from two lakes that pump water directly to the houses. The water is filtered through a sand filtration system and chlorinated for the birds to drink.

In 2018, solar panels were installed to the poultry houses. Brian wanted to continue decreasing the farm's carbon footprint, while also increasing cost efficiency. Composting is another tool that Twin Lakes Poultry incorporates to prevent spreading disease and replenish the 550 acres of soil. Brian said that he wants "to be a good steward of the land and environment. I want to keep this place great for the future generations."

*The Kentucky Poultry Federation was organized in 1957 as a civic and educational non-profit corporation. The federation exists for the purpose of fostering, promoting and encouraging the improvement of production and marketing of all types of poultry, poultry products, eggs and egg products in Kentucky.*

*To be notified about the release of the 2021 KPF Scholarship application email Jamie Guffey at [jguffey@kypoultry.org](mailto:jguffey@kypoultry.org) or visit [www.kypoultry.org](http://www.kypoultry.org).*



(From left) Brayden, Mathiah, Kaler, Whitney and Earl "Sonny" Woolf Jr. of Woolf Farms.



Brian Hayden of Twin Lakes Poultry, LLC.

# SCHOLARSHIPS AWARDED AT FESTIVAL

*The Kentucky Poultry Federation (KPF) awarded four students with scholarships during the virtual Kentucky Poultry Festival Hall of Fame Banquet.*  
*The Kentucky Poultry Federation academic scholar-*

*ships were established to benefit the children and grandchildren of Kentucky poultry complex employees, growers, and allied members. The scholarships assist with graduating high school seniors or currently enrolled college stu-*

*dents in continuing their education. Applicants are required to submit a completed application, current transcripts, two letters of recommendations, and two essays.*



Olivia Henson was the Valedictorian for the 2020 Livingston Central graduating class and is a freshman attending Murray State University in Murray. Olivia is majoring in elementary education. Olivia values education and that is what drives her to teach the future generations. Along with education, family is very important to her and spending time with her Grandpa, who grows with Pilgrim's in Smithland, has taught her about the poultry industry.



Corey Latham graduated from Clinton County High School and is attending Somerset Community College with a focus in science and math. Corey plans to attend Western Kentucky University to complete his bachelors in either engineering or optometry. Corey was active in FFA in high school and wants to further his knowledge in agriculture production, to run his own farm in the future. Corey hails from Albany and his father, Eric Latham, is an employee of Tyson Foods.



Lauren Hughes graduated from Wayne County High school and now attends the University of Kentucky in Lexington. Lauren is majoring in business. She plans to use her business degree to run her own horticulture business, combining her passion for helping people and agriculture. Lauren believes that agriculture, including the poultry industry, is crucial in supporting the local community. Lauren's stepmother, Ann, works for Cobb-Vantress, in Monticello.



Margaret Caroline Morrison hails from Wingo. She is currently a senior at Murray State University, majoring in Agriculture Science technology with an emphasis in Public Service and Leadership. Her passion for agriculture stems from a passion for caring for others. Margaret plans to pursue her goal of being an agriculture extension agent to connect the community with important agriculture commodity groups. Caroline's father, Tim, is a grower for Tyson.

## Sankofa

**By Jamie Guffey**

How has your 2020 been? This question has become commonplace over the last nine months. We have faced significant challenges, issues, restrictions, change of lifestyle, and for many hardships.

In West African culture, there is a mythical bird that has its feet facing forward and his head is looking back. This is an important symbol in African culture that one must reflect on the past to build a successful future.

So, my question for you is what have you done with your time, energy, and efforts this year? Did you have your best crop yield in decades, run a virtual 5K,

or did you spend time baking with the grandkids and making memories? If you have not been able to visit family, go on vacation, travel, or have been laid off from work, what have you done with your time? Many of us have said if I only had time, I could keep the house clean, or I would cook at home more often.

If only I had more time, I could lose those 10 pounds that I have been needing to for the last few years. Well, this was the year, what did you do with it?

The transition of work from home and home schooling has increased stress levels in most homes, negatively affected our budgets, and opened our eyes to what K-12 teachers go through every

day. Do not let the negativity, stress, or circumstances of 2020 define you.

If you are continuing to put off those things you want or need to do, I am going to challenge you today. Do not put those things off any longer! We are not guaranteed tomorrow, so, get after it today. How is my 2020 you ask? I have enjoyed daily walks with the family, hiking trips, biking trips, and playing board games.

The first few months of the pandemic reminded me of working on my grandfather's dairy farm during the summers. We would have breakfast and lunch together around the table.

Those first few months really brought

me back to my childhood. With the beginning of this pandemic, I took the opportunity to set some of those goals I had put off. I increased my steps per day and my oldest daughter became interested in mountain biking, so I became interested.

Additionally, with the lack of fast food, watching what I ate, and smoking a lot of our meals on our new pellet grill, resulted in me dropping 25 pounds in 2020. I attempt to set a goal each year for the number of books I will read. With this crazy year, I decided to bump up by normal allotment. I exceeded my



# Sankofa

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goal this year and completed 12 nonfiction books and over 30 fiction books. For me, those numbers are huge. You may ask how I did that? Most of the books were audiobooks and I would listen to them on my morning walks with the dog, mowing the yard, putting up and taking down holiday decorations, during my 2-hour bike rides, and even listened or read books in the evening instead of watching TV. Additionally, I substituted audiobooks for sports radio and talk radio while

working and while cleaning up around the house. Below is a list of my top book recommendations from 2020.

Nonfiction books: Can't Hurt Me (written by a Sailor - Language warning; one of the best books I have ever read), Bushcraft 101, and A History of Bourbon.

Fiction books: Sheep farmer's Daughter, Arisen Omnibus and Warp Marine Corps.

Getting to the apps, I recommend the following: Audible and YouTube

**Audible** is an app for all your listening needs. Whether you are trying to find

that latest self-help book, survive the zombie apocalypse, listen to podcasts, or read the next series before it comes out on TV, audible is a place to start. You can spend hours listening to your favorite narrator spin a tale. I recommend a monthly membership and all the perks that come with it.

**YouTube** is one of the best tools I have found over the years. Whether you are replacing a wheel bearing on an old truck you refuse to trade, watching a tutorial on how to smoke a turkey, listening to reviews on products you are interested in purchasing, or listening to

audiobooks. YouTube is the place to start. This app can be used for entertainment and education. It will definitely help you around the house and the farm.

Regardless of how your 2020 is going, stay positive. My interpretation of Sankofa is to evaluate yesterday while planning tomorrow.

Do not let your circumstances affect your situation. Take the example of the egg and potato. If you put them both in a pot of boiling water one will get hard while the other will soften. Stay strong and do not put off those goals any longer – start today!

## 2020 Kentucky poultry hall of fame inductees

### JOEY LONG

Poultry has always been in Joey's blood. As a young boy, he would accompany his father to work at Kimber Farms turkey hatchery in California. When he was 10 and living in Chariton, Iowa, he would go to the Williams Turkey Breeding Farms hatchery on Saturday mornings, with his father, and for 15 cents an hour, would transfer eggs from the incubators to the hatching. The family then moved to North Carolina, where Joey attended high school and worked for Goldsboro Milling Company. He became a Wolf-Packer at North Carolina State University and received a degree in Poultry Science in 1980.

He worked at a few different jobs after college, including transporting poult and driving mules at Middleton Place in Charleston, S.C., before landing his first true "professional" job, with Cargill in 1984. In 1988, the egg division of Cargill was acquired by Cal-Maine Foods. In 1999, he was transferred to Guthrie, and remains there today.

Joey is the devoted father of three children, Caitlin, Adam, and Patrick. From cheering on Caitlin during soccer, to coaching in-line hockey with Adam, to being the unofficial roadie and equipment manager of Patrick's bands, he has always been supportive and involved. He currently is the proud grandfather of Francis and Faustina, both of which give him



Joey Long

great joy!

Joey loves adventure. Twice, he completed "The Assault on Mount Mitchell," a 102.7-mile bike event, along the Blue Ridge Parkway. When in Minnesota, he participated in a winter cross country skiing and camping adventure in the Boundary Waters as part of a fundraiser for the Minnesota Lung Association. In 2008, in celebration of his 50th birthday, Joey hiked to the summit of Mt. Rainier, an elevation of over 14,000 feet. Currently, he loves to kayak and will take any opportunity, be it warm or cold weather, to enjoy a paddle on the rivers in Tennessee.

### LYNDE HUGHES

Lynde Hughes, a man with varied interests and hobbies, was born in Texas and moved to Louisiana as a teenager. His southern roots and avid outdoor interests are evident throughout his life.

He received his bachelor's degree from Louisiana Tech University prior to entering the industry. He always jokes that he had 17 years with Con-Agra and was one of those ex-cons. Lynde's sense of humor and wit have been prevalent throughout his career in the industry and with the federation. Lynde Hughes started working for Perdue in Beaver Dam in 1997 and retired after 22 years working in Kentucky's poultry industry. Lynde saw the start of Kentucky's poultry industry and watched it grow to Kentucky's number one agricultural commodities.

He is an avid reader and is always willing to share or recommend his favorite books. One of his favorite authors is Michael Connelly – who has authored over 40 books – Lynde states "I have read them all." The Harry Bosch series is his favorite, Kathy and Lynde even like the TV show that follows the series.

Lynde is also a bike enthusiast and has rode over 2800 miles this year. He enjoys his 34-mile loop around his house. During the winter, he transitions from biking to swimming with his wife at the local Recreation Center.

Lynde operates a 17-acre hobby farm with plenty of pasture for the horses and a pond for him and the dog, Archie, to swim in. He is currently enjoying the retirement lifestyle. He thinks every day is like Saturday when you are retired.



Lynde Hughes and family.

If you are around Lynde any amount of time, you will know that he brags about his daughters. He proudly told me that only 2 percent of college graduates become doctors, and he and his wife Kathy have two of them, Hannah and Allyson.

Lynde served 2-1/2 terms as president of the Kentucky Poultry Federation. Lynde's dedication to our industry was obvious with his willingness to be involved and share his opinions to help promote and grow the poultry industry. One of his most notable contributions to the organization was partnering with Dr. Tony Pescatore to increase

The Kentucky Poultry Federation scholarships by funding them through the silent auction revenues, thus providing many deserving students an opportunity to continue their education.

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# Smoked Spatchcock Turkey



Prep time: 30 minutes Cook time:1 hour, 15 minutes  
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- Ingredients**  
**1 whole turkey**  
**1/2 cup of oil or melted butter**  
**1/4 cup Traeger Chicken Rub**

- 1 teaspoon onion powder**
  - 1 teaspoon garlic powder**
  - 1 tablespoon rubbed sage**
1. Preheat your Traeger to high, following factory directions.
  2. Place the bird breast-side down with the legs pointing towards you and cut up either side of the backbone through the ribs to remove the spine.
  3. Flip the turkey over, season well on both sides, and place skin-side up onto your pre-heated grill. You can also place it in a pan if you want to catch the drippings!
  4. Grill on high heat for 30 minutes, and then turn the temp down to 325 for the remaining 45 minutes.
  5. Check your turkey at around the 60-minute mark because it may be done already depending on the size of your bird! You want it to be at 165° no matter where you test it.
  6. Remove from the grill, let rest for 15-20 minutes, and then cut into pieces and serve.

# Christmas Day Chicken



Prep time: 15 min. plus marinating  
Bake time: 30 min. Yield: 16 servings.

- Ingredients**  
**16 boneless skinless chicken breast halves (4 ounces each)**  
**2 cups sour cream**  
**1/4 cup lemon juice**  
**4 teaspoons Worcestershire sauce**  
**2 teaspoons celery salt**

- 2 teaspoons pepper**
  - 2 teaspoons paprika**
  - 1 teaspoon seasoned salt**
  - 1 teaspoon garlic salt**
  - 1-1/2 to 2 cups crushed butter-flavored crackers**
  - 1/2 cup canola oil**
  - 1/2 cup butter, melted**
1. Place the chicken in 2 large shallow bowls. In another bowl, combine the sour cream, lemon juice, Worcestershire sauce and seasonings. Pour over chicken; turn to coat. Cover and refrigerate overnight.
  2. Preheat oven to 350\*. Drain and discard marinade. Coat chicken with cracker crumbs; place in 2 greased 13x9-in. baking dishes.
  3. Combine oil and butter; drizzle over chicken. Bake, uncovered, until a thermometer reads 165\*, 30-35 minutes.

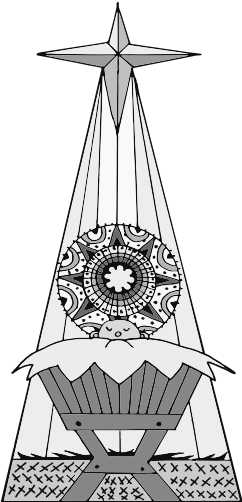


The Kentucky Poultry Federation and Kentucky Egg Council would like to say THANK YOU to all those who have contributed to our organization in 2020. It is

our members and allies who are the backbone of our organization. Through your continued support and dedication to our organization we will continue to make every effort in 2021.

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

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Weekly Feed Ingredient Price Wholesale prices, \$ per ton Rail or Truck FOB Location	Owensboro Grain  11/02/2020	Commonwealth Agri-Energy Hopkinsville  11/23/2020	St. Louis Weekly Feed Prices  11/17/2020	Memphis Weekly Feed Report  11/17/2020	Corn Belt Feedstuffs Report  11/17/2020	Eastern Cornbelt Hog Prices 10/23/2020 Barrows & Gilts Receipts: 4,693 Base Price: \$50.00-\$59.75 Wt. Avg. \$58.83 Compared to prior day, wt. avg. base prices were 1.11 lower to 1.40 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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Distillers Grain Wet	—	6900	—	—	—			
Corn Condensed Solubles	—	NA	—	—	—			
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Wheat:		<u>Basis</u>	<u>Option Month</u>	<u>Futures</u>
June/July 2021	\$5.93	-0.15	WN1	\$6.075
Aug. 2021	\$5.95	-0.15	WU1	\$6.098
June/July 2022	\$5.70	-0.30	WN2	\$5.995

Corn:		<u>Basis</u>		
Dec. 20	\$4.30	.10	CZ0	\$4.25
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**Blue Grass South**  
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Nov. 19, 2020  
**Feeder Steers:** Medium & Large 1-2  
70 hd. 716# 140.00 blk-charx  
64 hd. 806# 138.50 blk  
60 hd. 838# 133.80 blk  
62 hd. 863# 136.00 blk  
40 hd. 1001# 123.25 blk-charx  
**Feeder Heifers:** Medium & Large 1-2  
40 hd. 538# 130.00 blk  
121 hd. 637# 132.90 blk-charx  
69 hd. 739# 128.25 blk  
69 hd. 761# 122.50 mixed  
68 hd. 770# 130.30 blk

**Farmers Livestock**  
Glasgow, KY  
Nov. 16, 2020  
**Feeder Bulls:** Medium & Large 1-2  
27 hd. 456# 144.00 blk  
28 hd. 527# 130.00 blk  
**Feeder Heifers:** Medium & Large 1-2  
26 hd. 449# 130.00 blk  
23 hd. 512# 124.00 blk

**Kentuckiana Livestock Market**  
Owensboro, KY  
Nov. 16, 2020  
**Feeder Steers:** Medium & Large 1-2  
25 hd. 574# 126.50 blk  
**Feeder Bull:** Medium & Large 1-2  
26 hd. 441# 142.00 blk  
28 hd. 516# 130.00 blk  
29 hd. 600# 122.00 blk  
**Feeder Heifers:** Medium & Large 1-2  
25 hd. 507# 125.00 blk  
25 hd. 579# 121.00 blk

**Blue Grass of Richmond**  
Richmond, KY  
Nov. 20, 2020  
**Feeder Steers:** Medium & Large 1-2  
30 hd. 755# 134.75 blk  
42 hd. 782# 129.75 mixed  
127 hd. 835# 137.70 blk-charx  
198 hd. 888# 134.40 blk-charx  
121 hd. 908# 132.60 blk  
110 hd. 914# 125.95 blk-charx  
58 hd. 930# 132.80 blk-charx  
144 hd. 935# 128.00 blk-charx  
56 hd. 973# 127.00 blk-charx  
**Feeder Heifers:** Medium & Large 1-2  
66 hd. 631# 133.75 blk  
93 hd. 696# 128.40 blk-charx

**KY-TN Livestock Auction**  
Guthrie, KY  
Nov. 19, 2020  
**Feeder Steers:** Medium & Large 1-2  
28 hd. 472# 145.00 bbwf  
38 hd. 544# 136.50 bbwf  
20 hd. 630# 128.00 bbwf  
25 hd. 668# 125.00 blk  
24 hd. 709# 120.50 bbwf  
**Feeder Bulls:** Medium & Large 1-2  
24 hd. 441# 146.00 bbwf  
35 hd. 492# 134.00 bbwf  
43 hd. 546# 125.50 bbwf  
41 hd. 628# 115.00 bbwf  
24 hd. 704# 110.00 bbwf  
**Feeder Heifers:** Medium & Large 1-2  
22 hd. 371# 133.00 bbwf  
50 hd. 440# 127.75 bbwf  
36 hd. 493# 120.25 bbwf  
60 hd. 557# 122.00 bbwf  
21 hd. 622# 123.00 blk  
41 hd. 626# 116.00 bbwf  
25 hd. 705# 107.50 bbwf  
29 hd. 792# 113.00 blk

**United Producers Owenton**  
Owenton, KY  
Nov. 18, 2020  
**Feeder Steers:** Medium & Large 1-2  
39 hd. 702# 140.00 blk-rwf  
57 hd. 823# 136.25 blk  
22 hd. 824# 131.25 blk  
56 hd. 855# 132.75 mixed

**Blue Grass Stockyards**  
Lexington, KY  
Nov. 16 & 17, 2020  
**Feeder Steers:** Medium & Large 1-2  
53 hd. 448# 159.00 blk  
22 hd. 685# 133.75 blk  
24 hd. 687# 137.50 blk-mixed  
67 hd. 800# 136.75 blk-mixed  
45 hd. 808# 138.00 blk-rwf  
108 hd. 839# 137.95 blk-charx  
59 hd. 843# 139.95 blk-charx  
61 hd. 849# 137.95 blk-charx  
**Feeder Heifers:** Medium & Large 1-2  
24 hd. 445# 130.00 blk  
159 hd. 645# 131.85 blk-mixed  
77 hd. 671# 135.00 blk-charx  
68 hd. 804# 131.00 blk

**Mid-KY Livestock Market**  
Upton, KY  
Nov. 17, 2020  
**Feeder Bulls:** Medium & Large 1-2  
24 hd. 632# 120.00 blk  
28 hd. 718# 110.00 blk  
**Feeder Heifers:** Medium & Large 1-2  
22 hd. 360# 135.00 blk  
35 hd. 510# 127.50 blk  
25 hd. 628# 115.00 blk

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Lexington Wed, Jan 27, 6:30 PM

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**Blue Grass Maysville**  
Maysville, KY  
Nov. 17, 2020  
**Feeder Steers:** Medium & Large 1-2  
143 hd. 761# 142.00 blk-charx  
**Feeder Heifers:** Medium & Large 1-2  
71 hd. 716# 125.35 blk-charx

**Blue Grass East**  
Mt. Sterling, KY  
Nov. 18, 2020  
**Feeder Steers:** Medium & Large 1-2  
46 hd. 744# 134.50 blk  
**Feeder Heifers:** Medium & Large 1-2  
64 hd. 821# 125.00 mixed

**Russell County Stockyards**  
Russell Springs, KY  
Nov. 18, 2020  
**Feeder Steers:** Medium & Large 1-2  
60 hd. 843# 130.25 blk-red  
**Feeder Heifers:** Medium & Large 1-2  
81 hd. 670# 129.00 blk-charx

**Paris Stockyards**  
Paris, KY  
Nov. 19, 2020  
**Feeder Steers:** Medium & Large 1-2  
20 hd. 584# 139.50 blk  
45 hd. 751# 127.75 mixed  
29 hd. 771# 127.00 charx  
79 hd. 795# 134.50 blk  
60 hd. 811# 136.10 blk  
22 hd. 842# 129.00 blk  
**Feeder Heifers:** Medium & Large 1-2  
21 hd. 805# 120.75 charx

**Washington Co. Livestock**  
Springfield, KY  
Nov. 16, 2020  
**Feeder Steers:** Medium & Large 1-2  
20 hd. 501# 145.75 blk  
75 hd. 729# 140.00 blk  
**Feeder Heifers:** Medium & Large 1-2  
73 hd. 602# 137.00 blk  
20 hd. 694# 125.75 blk

**National Daily Direct Slaughter Cattle**  
**Negotiated Purchases 11/20/2020**  
Live Bids- weighed average weights & prices  
**Steers:**  
80%-up Choice 1439.2 lbs 106.85  
**Heifers**  
80%-up Choice 1327.7 lbs 107.15

Statewide Produce Prices updated 11/20/2020

Variety	Unit Size	Price Range	Avg. Price
Tomato #1	20 lbs	10.00-41.00	27.47
Tomato #2	20 lbs	11.50-25.00	18.11
Tomato small/canner	20 lbs	2.00-18.00	9.77
Cauliflower	hd.	0.25-1.15	0.70
Cabbage	hd.	0.10-1.60	1.01

Prices and Quotes furnished by Wholesale and Retail Markets

USDA ESTIMATED DAILY LIVESTOCK SLAUGHTER

	CATTLE	CALVES	HOGS	SHEEP
Friday 11/20/2020 (est)	115,000	1,000	485,000	6,000
Week Ago (est)	118,000	1,000	477,000	5,000
Year Ago (act)	116,000	3,000	488,000	7,000
Week to Date (est)	593,000	8,000	2,434,000	36,000
Same Pd Lt Week (est)	590,000	8,000	2,400,000	34,000
Same Pd Lt Yr (act)	589,000	12,000	2,456,000	41,000



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**TRACTORS:** 1986 John Deere 4850, 2WD w/ CAH, “Powershift”, 3-pt, 1000 pto, (3) SCV’s, (16) front weights, BFG 18.4-R42 radial duals (sharp, 1-owner, 2847 orig. hrs); 1991 John Deere 2955, 2WD w/ CAH, 8/4 gear drive, 3-pt, dual pto, (2) SCV’s, 18.4R38 radial’s (86 pto HP, sharp, 1-owner, 2564 orig. hrs); **PLANTER / DRILL:** John Deere 7200 “MaxEmerge 2”, 6R30 w/ liq. fert & monitor (2300-total acres); John Deere 750, 15’, p.t., no-till drill, 24 x 7 1/2”, dolly wheels (nice, been over a total of 2700 acs); **TILLAGE:** John Deere 726, 22’ Mulch Finisher, 20” blades, rear hitch & hyds (sharp, been over 2400 acs); CIH 496, 18’ x 7 1/2” finish disk w/ rear hitch, front 20”, rear 21 1/4”; UF 225, 23’ double basket crumbler (low usage); DMI “Tiger-Two” 5-sh., p.t. ripper w/ spring reset & hyd-leveler (been over 1000 total acs); JD 400, 15’, 3-pt hoe; **OTHER:** Westfield WR80-61, 61’x8” pto transport auger (less than 4000 bu. ran through it); Parker 275-bu. gravity flow w/ JD gears; JD 40/50 Series s.c. weights; and more.

**TERMS:** All items sold “AS IS”. **NO Buyer’s Premium!** Payment: Cash, Check or Wire transfer prior to 2:00 P.M. EST time on Thurs., Dec. 31st. **LOAD OUT DATE:** Thursday, December 31st from 10 AM - 4 PM EST.



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**11/20/2020 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](https://www.ams.usda.gov/mnreports/lm_xb403.txt) Estimated composite cutout value of Choice 1-3 600-900 lbs carcasses up 0.65 at 238.35; Select 1-3 600-900 lbs carcasses up 1.09 at 214.98; based on 50 loads of choice cuts, 18 loads of select cuts, 12 loads of trimmings, and 25 loads of ground beef. Choice/Select Spread 23.37

**CARCASS PRICE EQUIVALENT INDEX VALUE NW\_LS410** [https://www.ams.usda.gov/mnreports/nw\\_ls410.txt](https://www.ams.usda.gov/mnreports/nw_ls410.txt) Estimated carcass price equivalent value of Choice 1-3 600-900 lbs carcasses up 0.61 at 195.46; Select 1-3 600-900 lbs carcasses up 0.84 at 175.39.

Current index reflects the equivalent of 166,761 head of cattle.

**Producers Livestock Auction Co, San Angelo, Texas Nov. 17, 2020**

Compared to last week slaughter lambs 5.00-10.00 higher. Slaughter ewes weak. Feeder lambs not well tested. Nannies 10.00 higher; kids 10.00-15.00 higher. Trading active, demand good.

**SLAUGHTER LAMBS WOOLED & SHORN:** Choice and Prime 1-2 49 lbs 305.00; 58 lbs 300.00; 82-83 lbs 284.00-298.00; 72-79 lbs 244.00-275.00; 82 lbs 226.00; 90-94 lbs 190.00-198.00. Choice and Prime 2-3 108 lbs 170.00-184.00. Choice 1-2 62-69 lbs 244.00-256.00; 75-76 lbs 233.00-235.00; 88 lbs 190.00; 90-95 lbs 170.00-178.00. Choice 2-3 143 lbs 136.00. **HAIR BREEDS:** Choice and Prime 1-2 37-39 lbs 318.00-324.00; 43-49 lbs 288.00-322.00; 50-59 lbs 290.00-322.00; 80-87 lbs 284.00-324.00; 70-79 lbs 242.00-278.00; 80-87 lbs 220.00-275.00; 90-96 lbs 180.00-258.00; 100-110 lbs 180.00. Choice and Prime 2-3 113-117 lbs 154.00-158.00. Choice 1-2 50-58 lbs 260.00-280.00; 60-69 lbs 252.00-280.00; 73-79 lbs 216.00-230.00; 80-89 lbs 178.00-212.00; 92-98 lbs 148.00-170.00; 100-108 lbs 150.00-170.00. Choice 2-3 113-136 lbs 130.00-146.00. Good 1 58 lbs 240.00; 86 lbs 234.00; 73-78 lbs 186.00-200.00; 84 lbs 188.00. **SLAUGHTER GOATS KIDS:** Selection 1 40-49 lbs 315.00-382.00; 50-58 lbs 314.00-370.00; 60-68 lbs 294.00-335.00; 70 lbs 300.00; 80-84 lbs 290.00; 90 lbs 280.00. Selection 1-2 40-49 lbs 285.00-315.00; 50-59 lbs 270.00-315.00; 60-69 lbs 270.00-302.00; 70-79 lbs 266.00-290.00; 80-88 lbs 220.00-260.00; 90-95 lbs 234.00-262.00. Selection 2 43-45 lbs 238.00-240.00; 54-58 lbs 280.00-288.00; 87-88 lbs 252.00-265; 70-78 lbs 230.00-282.00.

**New Holland Sheep and Goat Auction New Holland, Pa. Nov. 16, 2020**

Compared to two weeks ago, slaughter woolled and shorn lambs, 40 to 60 lbs. sold 10.00 to 12.00 higher; slaughter woolled and shorn lambs, 70 to 90 lbs. sold 5.00 to 10.00 lower. Slaughter hair lambs sold 5.00 to 10.00 higher. Slaughter ewes sold 5.00 to 10.00 higher and slaughter hair ewes sold 3.00 to 4.00 higher. Buyer demand was moderate on a moderate supply for the sheep sale. Slaughter kids sold steady to 15.00 lower. Slaughter nannies/does sold 15.00 to 30.00 higher. Slaughter bucks/billies sold 20.00 to 30.00 higher. Slaughter wethers sold 15.00 to 30.00 higher. Buyer demand was moderate on a moderate supply for the goat sale.

**SLAUGHTER LAMBS WOOLED & SHORN:** Choice and Prime 1-3 45 lbs 400.00; 54 lbs 385.00; 81 lbs 330.00; 70-73 lbs 255.00-270.00; 81-86 lbs 235.00-257.00; 90-97 lbs 220.00-235.00; 100-116 lbs 205.00-225.00; 120-135 lbs 205.00-225.00. Choice 1-3 45 lbs 270.00-285.00; 51-58 lbs 287.00-310.00; 60-69 lbs 260.00-285.00; 70-79 lbs 225.00-242.00; 80-89 lbs 207.00-230.00; 90-98 lbs 195.00-215.00; 100-117 lbs 185.00-202.00; 120-145 lbs 170.00-200.00; 150 lbs 170.00. Good and Choice 1-2 45 lbs 200.00-210.00; 53-57 lbs 242.00-275.00; 65-68 lbs 205.00-235.00; 73-79 lbs 210.00-215.00; 85 lbs 185.00; 90-99 lbs 182.00-192.00; 100-119 lbs 160.00-182.00; 134-147 lbs 140.00-165.00; 150-155 lbs 150.00-160.00. **HAIR BREEDS:** Choice and Prime 1-3 45 lbs 325.00-340.00; 59 lbs 300.00-305.00; 60-65 lbs 285.00-292.00; 70-75 lbs 260.00-280.00; 81-84 lbs 240.00-257.00; 100 lbs 240.00. Choice 1-3 50-58 lbs 275.00-285.00; 60-69 lbs 255.00-280.00; 70-78 lbs 230.00-255.00; 82-88 lbs 215.00-230.00; 90-98 lbs 205.00-220.00; 101-113 lbs 187.00-200.00; 125 lbs 200.00. Good and Choice 1-2 45 lbs 225.00; 55-59 lbs 250.00-270.00; 60-65 lbs 235.00-245.00; 95 lbs 185.00; 100-116 lbs 170.00-180.00; 120-128 lbs 160.00-175.00. **SLAUGHTER GOATS KIDS:** Selection 1 40 lbs 90.00-130.00; 50-59 lbs 125.00-170.00; 80-89 lbs 145.00-185.00; 70-79 lbs 175.00-210.00; 80-89 lbs 185.00-220.00; 90-99 lbs 220.00-285.00. Selection 2 40-49 lbs 95.00-105.00; 50-59 lbs 115.00-130.00; 60-69 lbs 120.00-145.00; 70-79 lbs 150.00-165.00; 80-89 lbs 135.00-165.00; 90-99 lbs 180.00-185.00. Selection 3 50-59 lbs 65.00-75.00.



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