

Bee school teaches beginning and advance beekeepers



A queen bee is surrounded by worker bees who meet her every need, giving her food and disposing of her waste.

Kentucky beekeeping and honey production have been growing in popularity over the last several years. According to state apiarist Tammy Horn Potter, there were 15,659 honey producing hives in Kentucky in 2017. Backyard beekeepers with fewer than 20 hives make up 96 percent of that total. Another 3 percent are sideline beekeepers with 20-100 hives and the remaining 1-2 are commercial beekeepers with more than 200 hives.

Each year across Kentucky, beekeeping associations offer programs to help beginning and experienced beekeepers improve care and management of their hives and stay on top of the critical hive health.

The Eastern Kentucky Beekeeping School, which began 10 years ago, was the only school offered to Kentucky beekeepers this year. The school, held on Jan. 9, was a virtual conference originating from the Perry County Cooperative Extension Office with more than 100 participants. While this year's numbers were lower than previous schools held each

year at the Hazard Community and Technical College, it drew an audience from a wider geographic area.

Phil Craft, retired Kentucky apiarist, was quick to point out that he could not cover everything about "Basic Beginning Beekeeping" in an hour. He suggested those who truly want to begin beekeeping take a class, join a beekeeping association and find a mentor. He discussed three ways to obtain bees, purchasing a nuc—or nuclear hive—being the preferred choice. This system has up to five frames with the comb, brood of approximately 10,000 bees, and a laying queen. This system is transferred to the hive, and the bees can go to work immediately making honey.

University of Kentucky Ph.D. candidate Rebecca Westwick researched bee behavior and discussed her research on a bee phenomenon called laying workers. The beehive is a model of cooperative society and is controlled by the queen's

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BEEF EFFICIENCY CONFERENCE

Producers urged to consider consumer first

This year's beef efficiency conference held in conjunction with the Kentucky Cattlemen's Association convention moved away from the traditional focus on production and management and encouraged producers to see themselves as the producers of food.

Three sessions were held virtually with the overall theme of "Designing Beef Production Programs for the Consumer." Dr. Gordan Jones and Dr. Jeff

Lehmkuhler moderated the conference, which is now in its eighth year.

Shawn Darcy, director of market research with the National Cattlemen's Beef Association, discussed research conducted by the organization on consumer preferences. NCBA learned, for instance, that 84 percent of those surveyed said they were cooking beef at home and planned to continue and had

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Viruses can affect hives

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pheromones.

If the queen dies and the hive is unable to requeen, workers will lay eggs. Under normal conditions, workers' ovaries are nonfunctioning due to the queen's pheromones. But with no pheromones, ovarian development will begin, and workers will lay unfertilized eggs. These eggs become drones.

"This is a last-ditch effort to save the genetics of the hive through the drones before the hive collapses," Westwick said.

Bees, like any other farm commodity, are subjected to different types of stress. How they handle that stress or the combination of different stress factors can be the difference between a healthy and unhealthy hive. Dr. Clare Rittschof, University of Kentucky entomologist, discussed her citizen science research to study the abundance of bee viruses. There are several viruses that are prevalent in Kentucky, meaning many hives

may be infected. However, the abundance of the virus within the bee determines if the bee can hold off the virus or other stress factors that might affect a bee in a weakened condition.

With support from the Kentucky Agricultural Development Fund, Rittschof works to develop methods to reliably measure viral abundance and evaluate how nutrition – one of the top bee stress factors – impacts viral abundance. Last summer Rittschof and her team sampled 85 hives across 16 counties, from Paducah to Williamsburg, and are currently analyzing the data.

She needs more statewide samples and is looking for beekeepers to participate. She will visit participants' apiaries to collect bees. In return, beekeepers will receive free information about Varroa mites and viruses found in their hives. Any beekeeper who would like to be a part of this research project can

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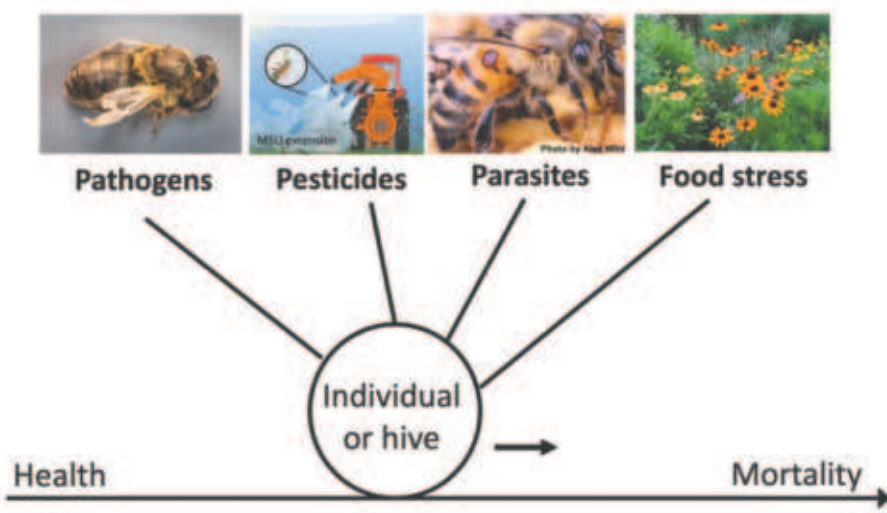
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More hives needed for statewide samples

Lots of threats to honey bees

Synergy of many stressors



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contact her at clare.rittshof@uky.edu. Regular observation of the hive is essential to hive health, and recognizing the queen is part of that observation. Potter concluded the school by advising participants that winter is the perfect time to “get into their hive” and locate the queen.

“Bees are more docile and less active in colder months, and the larger queen is easier to find,” she said. Many queens come marked and can be found easier. She also noted that having a nuc or hive that could serve as a first aid kit would help eliminate situations such as laying workers. With this hive, a brood frame is transferred to a hive that has lost its queen and the requeening process would be immediate.

Potter said that when planning the school, organizers try to have something for beginners as well as advanced beekeepers. She pointed out that bee schools can help teach beekeepers to develop a baseline for bee health and get a sense of what the patterns should be in their hives.

By Toni Riley
Field Reporter

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If you have a closet full of tractors, know that your investment in Kentucky FFA has prospered.

After 26 years, the Kentucky FFA Foundation tractor collection is coming to a close. The tractor collection was started in 1995 in a partnership with Southern States stores, led mostly by agriculture teacher Brenda Oldfield. To date, the program has raised well over \$500,000 for the foundation and it's maintained a connection to hundreds of tractor collectors that support FFA.

Income from the tractors allowed the foundation to hire staff, giving us stability, leadership and an opportunity to grow. I can confidently say that the Kentucky FFA Foundation wouldn't be what is today without the collectible tractor program. If you have a closet full of tractors, know that your investment in Kentucky FFA has prospered.

Our tractors are retailed in all Southern States stores and this partnership is absolutely invaluable to us. It's what made the program successful across Kentucky. We look forward to offering some new ways to partner with Southern States in the future, but it's important to thank them for housing, shipping, retailing and promoting our tractor collection for 26 years. Many states have tried to do a collection; only a couple have been successful. The secret sauce to our success was Southern States, they've been great partners.

The most essential thing to our success are the hundreds of folks who bought our tractors every year. I've had the pleasure of meeting many of them at trade shows and have delighted in your stories. Many grandchildren have been

commemorated by KY FFA Tractors and we sure have made Christmas presents for many dads and granddads easy! Thank you for supporting this program for 26 years.

Though some will be sad, I know this will come as a relief to the many wives who say without fail, "Where are you going to put this?" And they describe their kitchens, living rooms, closets that are full of FFA tractors.

Though we are sad to see this collection come to an end, I sincerely hope the support of the hundreds of folks that bought one each year does not. I invite you to include the \$10 donation on your Ag Tag bill, to make a gift during Give FFA Day at www.kyffa.org and continue to proudly share your support of FFA with your friends.

If you want to dig through your tractor closet and check your collection, I want to make that easy for you.

The Kentucky FFA Foundation started our collection with Ertl in 1995.

- 1995 - Farmall Super M-TA
- 1996 - Farmall 706
- 1997 - Farmall H
- 1998 - International 140
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- 2000 - John Deere A
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- 2002 - John Deere 60
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- 2004 - John Deere 4020
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- 2006 - Ford 8N
- 2007 - Ford 901
- 2008 - Allis Chalmers D21
- 2009 - Allis Chalmers D19

- 2010 - Oliver 1950-T
- 2011 - John Deere 720
- 2012 - John Deere 2010
- 2013 - Farmall 1256
- 2014 - Farmall 656

In 2015, we released a commemorative collection, honoring Kentucky FFA history with SpecCast.

- 2015 - John Deere 62
- 2016 - Farmall 350
- 2017 - International 544
- 2018 - Oliver 1850
- 2019 - Pink Case DC3
- 2020 - Massey Ferguson 62

While you're reviewing your tractors, let me answer some questions many folks ask. The Kentucky FFA Foundation does not keep or resale our old inventory. If you are looking for a tractor, I send folks to eBay. If you are wanting to sell a collection, that's also usually the best bet. Post what you have or are looking for on Facebook; tractor news travels fast there!

Like most collectibles, they don't have a certain defined value. I have had someone tell me they paid \$800 for the 1995. It was the one they needed and they finally found it. I have also had collectors sell their entire collection for \$50 each.

Whatever it is worth to you today, I can promise you the investment you made in Kentucky FFA has come back ten-fold. 26 years ago the tractors

started with a goal that maybe one day... the foundation could raise a collective \$75,000 or so a year. I've been told stories of "passing the hat" at state convention to get us there.

Not to boast, but to share the impact of your gifts, we closed 2020 by raising more than \$1 million for the third year in a row. More dollars means more impact to FFA chapters and members in Kentucky.

If you have shelves full of FFA tractors, thank you. Your investment and support matters deeply and its made an immeasurable difference to young people in Kentucky agriculture. If you see me at a trade show, I hope you'll still stop and talk, even if I don't have a new tractor to sell you!

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China energizes corn



MARKET WATCH

Dewey Strickler

They must average 58.9 million bushels each week to reach USDA's projection of 2.55 billion bushels.

Last week's announced purchases of 230 million bushels of corn by China energized bullish sentiment and sent the market to an 8-year high. Because of the strength, traders will have great interest in next week's supply-demand report as they look for a possible increase in China's import estimate by the USDA. Meanwhile, the export pace has risen for 11 straight weeks with inspections last week at 43.4 million bushels.

They must average 58.9 million bushels each week to reach USDA's projection of 2.55 billion bushels. Currently, they are on track for 2.1 billion bushels. However, the target could be met if China remains aggressive. While the outlook for corn looks bright, the dollar is rising, and the funds are long a staggering 2.025 billion bushels which could become a stumbling block.

Because of the slow harvest in Brazil, 2 percent complete versus 9 percent a year ago, it will be March before they have an exportable supply of soybeans as virtually no old crop stocks are left. As a result, there has been an uptick in the pace of U.S. shipments the past couple of weeks with inspections last week a healthy 65.8 million bushels. China took 36.2 million bushels, or 55 percent of shipments.

The pace of shipments to them has risen the past 4 weeks because of low supplies in Brazil. However, the overall U.S. export pace is down 32 percent from the peak set in November. In the meantime, until March rolls around, soybean values will likely be supported until South American supplies become more available.

Until Russia's export quotas go into effect, U.S. exports will continue to struggle. Last week, inspections were modest at 14.5 million bushels and must average 22.1 million bushels to reach USDA's projection of 985 million bushels. The bottoming action in the dollar may also cause a headwind. That said, until the crop comes out of dormancy, the wheat market may be resigned to follow the lead of corn and soybeans.

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You're in charge of USDA; where do you start?

The impossibly improbable has occurred and you're now secretary of agriculture. What you think or say about farm and rural policy matters as much – and, often, more – than what other political and farm “leaders” think or say.

So what do you think about U.S. agriculture today?

You're entering office with major grain markets on a bull run. Indeed, corn, soybeans, and wheat prices are above \$5-, \$13-, and \$6-per-bushel, respectively, for the first time in almost a decade.

But worries loom.

Market seers suspect U.S. farmers will plant enormous acres of both corn and soybeans – 90 million-plus each – to send 2021-22 prices lower.

Fall futures markets already reflect that concern. New crop corn prices are a solid \$1 per bushel lower than current cash prices and new crop soybean prices are \$2 per bushel lower. Both remain profitable, but each is poised to drop should record acres bring record crops.

So what do you do – and, equally important, not do – to keep prices high and government payments low?

And, yes, private prayer is permitted in public offices but what will you pray for: poor crops and good prices or good crops and poor prices?

Meanwhile, your White House boss (who's ridden the Amtrak more than a tractor) has given you 150 days to recommend a plan to make U.S. agriculture carbon neutral by 2050.

Oh, and he started that clock two weeks ago.

Sure, that puts you under the gun but if you really want to worry, consider that no one really knows if carbon can be stored effectively in working farmland. So far, the evidence isn't good.

Right, that's a problem.

Additionally, the ethanol industry has been through four years of big talk, bad faith, and red ink. President Joe Biden, however, thinks ethanol will be a key element in his carbon reduction scheme.

Fine, but we're going to need to see the math on that.

It's also been reported that the Biden Administration's carbon plan will tap some or all of the \$30 billion credit line at USDA's Commodity Credit Corp., a sleepy agency awakened by the Trump White House to prop up farm income after its tariff war with China sent commodity prices deep into the red.

Which sounds more like a way to change the CCC from its historical role of propping up farm markets and income into a \$30-billion-per-year White House slush fund to underwrite more vote buying.

Worse, do you think this is still good policy if, like many in Congress have already suggested, its annual funding increases to \$60 billion?

Speaking of China, recent news reports claim its leaders are hotly pursuing a White House meeting “to ease the tensions” that grew between the world's two leading economies during the previous administration.

The Biden White House, though, has said it will only talk with China after it confers with its allies on how all will “jointly confront” China over its aggressive moves on the Pacific Rim.

As ominous as that sounds, China is lighting up U.S. commodity markets with a buying spree not seen since 2017. As such, the very last thing any American farmer or rancher wants is a big stick confrontation with their best cash-and-carry customer, China.

Will you as secretary firmly remind the White House that muscling China right now would slap the overall ag economy?

Also, do you think you should order the Economic Research Service back to Washington, D.C. from Kansas City?

Then, will you order hearings on how to fix the pandemic-exposed dysfunction in the nation's livestock, poultry, dairy, and meatpacking sectors?

How about hearings on the ownership concentration of ag input suppliers, livestock and poultry slaughterers, and food processors?

Also, how much longer must America wait before USDA effectively addresses racial and gender discrimination within the department and tackle immigrant labor reform?

One final question: Do you still want this job?



FOOD & FARM FILE

Alan Guebert

So what do you do – and, equally important, not do – to keep prices high and government payments low?

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To say we are inundated daily with information is quite an understatement considering all the electronic devices we have.

Our phones, tablets and computers have become magnets for everyday doses of news and opinions that circulate throughout the digital airwaves.

In a perfect world, all this information would be truthful and helpful, but, unfortunately, that is not always the case.

We have found so-called “experts” speaking up at every log-on and anyone who has access to a smartphone can become an instant reporter.

One topic related to agriculture that is likely to show up in those newsfeeds soon, if not already, is the idea that net farm income could reach its highest level in seven years. On the surface, that is a fact, but it should come with an asterisk.

Much of that revenue comes from tariff relief funding, natural disaster assistance, and COVID-19 assistance legislation.

But to fully understand that farm families are in no way getting rich off government payments, you have to hear the whole story; something most internet “experts” don’t provide.

Our friends and colleagues at the American Farm Bureau Federation have provided some very eye-opening information that gives a more complete picture of this issue. Take a look at this excerpt from their report:

“While farm profitability will certainly be higher in 2020, it’s a false positive. Farm cash receipts from the sales of all crop and livestock commodities are now projected at \$367 billion, down \$3 billion, or one percent, from 2019. Cash receipts this year will be the lowest since 2016 and they remain \$57 billion

less than the \$424 billion in cash receipts received during 2014. There has been some relief in production expenses, which, at a projected \$344 billion, are down \$5 billion, or one percent, from 2019 and the lowest since 2011.”

Those statistics and this information from AFBF paint a much different picture for our farm economy than some of the “surface only” reports moving about the world wide web.

The truth is, most farm families struggle to make ends meet but they continue with the tradition and labor of farming because of their love for the land and their desire to produce the most abundant, safest, and most affordable food supply in the world.

At the end of the day, the Ameri-

can farmer is important to anyone in this country who eats. It’s as simple as that. Less than two percent of the total U.S. workforce is comprised of farmers and ranchers, and that number continues to decline. Therefore, we must understand how vital it is to keep farm families on the farm and to encourage a new generation to take up the cause.

One of our goals at Kentucky Farm Bureau is to always provide correct information about the agriculture industry, all based on scientific fact. We don’t have anything to hide and the general public deserves to know the full story.

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Cattle industry leaders honored during convention

Five deserving cattlemen were honored during this year's virtual Kentucky Cattlemen's Association Convention. Sherrell Calhoun, Doug Shepherd, Tim Dietrich, Dan Shearer and Tommy Harold Mink were the association's 2020



Sherrell Calhoun

Hall of Fame inductees. Sherrell Calhoun owned and operated Calhoun Feed Service in Madisonville from 1962 until his retirement in

2007. The business is still family owned and operated and Calhoun is still a part of the business. He has been a leader in local agriculture for over 50 years and has been instrumental in helping young farmers get started through advising them, contracting livestock, and occasionally financing their start-up operations. He has always been a supporter of FFA and 4-H and is still very active in promoting youth through participation in the county fair. Sherrell has been married to his wife Jeannie for 60 years and they have five children and 10 grandchildren. Doug Shepherd is the Hardin County Extension Agent for Agriculture and Natural Resources and has been in

Hardin County since 1990. Shepherd also has been involved in the North American International Livestock Expo for 30 years and brought national recognition to Kentucky as the standard of livestock shows across the nation. He also played a vital role in the Beef IRM programs and helped establish the guidelines for the use of ag development funds after the tobacco buyout. In 2005 he started a retained ownership program in cooperation with Iowa State University to show farmers how genetic improvements have helped their cattle. Producers from 15 counties and Tennessee have sent over 3,000 head

through the program. More recently he was the lead agent in developing the building plan for the new Hardin County Extension Office in conjunction with the new livestock events center. Doug has been



Doug Shepherd

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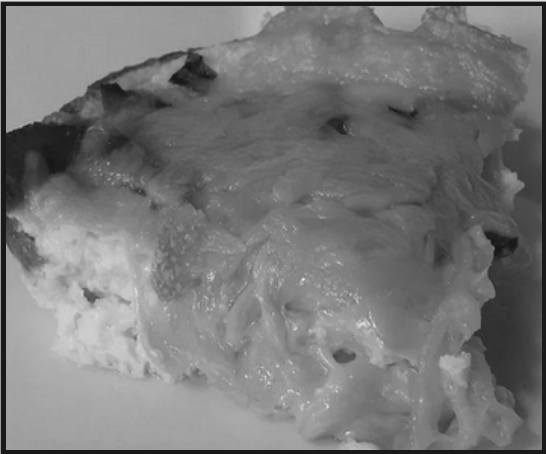
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Cheesy Bacon Breakfast Casserole

Cooking spray
4 slices bread, crusts removed
1 ½ cups skim milk
1 cup egg substitute (such as Egg Beaters®)
1 tablespoon chopped fresh chives
6 slices cooked bacon, crumbled
1 cup Cheddar cheese

Spray a 9-inch square baking dish with cooking spray. Place bread slices in a single layer in the bottom of the prepared baking dish.

Whisk milk, egg substitute, and chives together in a bowl; pour over bread slices into prepared baking dish. Sprinkle bacon crumbles over the top. Cover the dish with plastic wrap and refrigerate, 8 hours to overnight.

Remove and discard plastic wrap from baking dish; let dish come to room temperature, about 30 minutes.

Preheat oven to 350 degrees F

Bake casserole in the preheated oven for 40 minutes. Sprinkle cheese over the top and continue baking until cheese is melted and casserole is set, about 5 minutes more.



Strawberry Cheesecake French Toast

1 cup mashed fresh strawberries
½ cup white sugar
2 tablespoons cornstarch
1 cup water
1 cup milk
6 eggs
1 (8 ounce) pkg cream cheese, softened
1 teaspoon vanilla extract
¾ cup white sugar
8 slices bread, cut in half diagonally
1 teaspoon butter
8 sliced fresh strawberries
1 tablespoon confectioners' sugar for dusting
1 cup whipped cream

Preheat an oven to 100 degrees F (40 degrees C).

Heat mashed strawberries and 1/2 cup white sugar in a saucepan over medium heat.

Mix cornstarch and water together in a bowl, then stir into the strawberries.

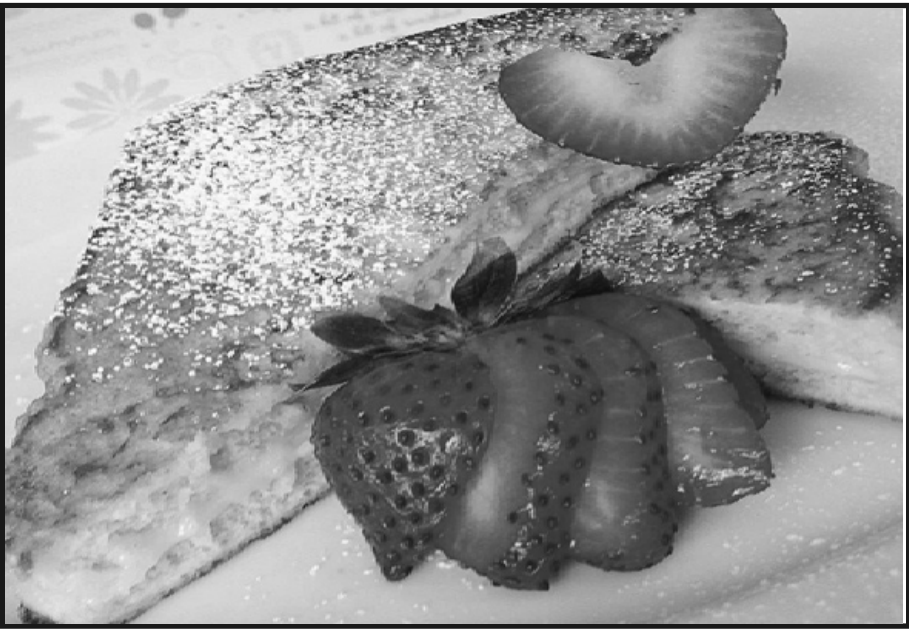
Cook and stir until thickened, about 5 minutes. Reduce heat to low and simmer while preparing remaining ingredients, stirring occasionally.

Whisk together the milk and eggs in a bowl; set aside.

Mash cream cheese, vanilla extract, and 3/4 cup white sugar in a bowl until smooth.

Spread the cream cheese mixture over a triangle-shaped piece of bread, and top with another piece. Repeat with remaining bread and cream cheese mixture to make 8 triangle-shaped sandwiches.

Heat butter in a large skillet over



medium heat.

Dip the sandwiches into the egg mixture, 2 or 3 at a time, and place in the skillet.

Cook until golden brown on both sides, about 3 minutes per side.

Transfer pan-fried sandwiches to a baking sheet and place in the preheated oven to keep warm while cooking remaining sandwiches.

To serve, top French toast with warm strawberry glaze and sliced fresh strawberries and sprinkle with confectioners' sugar. Serve with a dollop of whipped cream.

Classic Hash Browns

2 russet potatoes, peeled
3 tablespoons clarified butter
salt and ground black pepper to taste

Shred potatoes into a large bowl filled with cold water. Stir until water is cloudy, drain, and cover potatoes again with fresh cold water. Stir again to dissolve excess starch. Drain potatoes well, pat dry with paper towels, and squeeze out any excess moisture.

Heat clarified butter in a large non-stick pan over medium heat.

1 pinch cayenne pepper, or to taste
1 pinch paprika, or to taste

Sprinkle shredded potatoes into the hot butter and season with salt, black pepper, cayenne pepper, and paprika.

Cook potatoes until a brown crust forms on the bottom, about 5 minutes. Continue to cook and stir until potatoes are browned all over, about 5 more minutes.

All recipes are courtesy of AllRecipes.com



The Good Shepherd

There is, perhaps, no more reassuring picture of God's presence and protection than that of a shepherd leading and protecting his flock. That image from Psalm 23 brings us comfort and assurance whenever we face insecure moments when our lives are filled with uncertainties. It brings to memory the grace, goodness, mercy and might of our God.

In bringing Psalm 77 to a conclusion the author presents a picture of the Good Shepherd - the One who was with the children of Israel and of the One who could come as Redeemer and one day Ruler. He writes, "You led your people like a flock, by the hand of Moses and Aaron."

Can you picture what he wanted those who read this Psalm to visualize in their minds? Seas writhing and convulsing, drenching rains falling from dark clouds that covered their path; skies that cried out and echoed with deafening thunder; flaming arrows flying above their heads; a whirlwind with noise and lightning; earthquakes that shook the ground under their feet. He wanted to remind them that through it all and in it all was their Creator-Sustainer-God who not only brought them into existence and would not let them perish, but had a plan and purpose for their lives.

Here then is what the Psalmist said to them then and is saying to us today: "Whenever life seems to be coming to an end it is only the beginning for My chosen. I am your Shepherd and will love you and lead you. You are mine and no one can take you from me! I'll always be with you."

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Industry leaders inducted into KCA Hall of Fame

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married to his wife Allison for 30 years and they have four children and four grandchildren.

Tim Dietrich most recently served as the Beef Cattle Marketing Specialist for the Kentucky Department of Agriculture.

He recently retired but during his tenure he has assisted producers in the state in adding value and marketing their cattle through programs like CPH-45 and heifer sales across the state. He has also assisted purebred producers across the state and in surrounding states in marketing their cat-



Tim Dietrich

tle, and served as a ringman in numerous auctions each year.

He served as the Anderson County Cattlemen's president from 2010-2014, Anderson County Ag Development Board and as Anderson County Farm Bureau president in 2017-18. He has always been a strong advocate for the Kentucky beef cattle industry and committed to improving the quality and reputation of the cattle industry in Kentucky. Tim has one son.

Dan Shearer is a full-time farmer and has farmed his entire life. He has a cow/calf herd and also backgrounds feeder steers.



Dan Shearer

Dan also raised milking cows and shows dairy cattle. He has shown cattle at the Kentucky State Fair for 48 years straight.

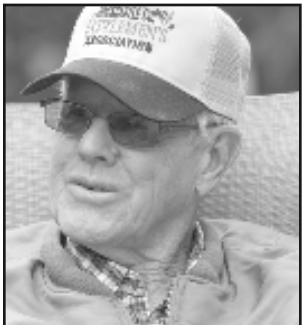
He worked as the federal/state market reporter for 30 years. Dan started his work as a market reporter when the program was in its infancy and was the sole grader for Kentucky feeder calf sales. He reported the market for five different yards each week. His depth of overall understanding of the beef industry is something that is very special. He is a wealth of knowledge regarding the history and development of the livestock marketing structure that cattle producers know today.

Dan has been married to his wife, Shirley, for 30 years and they have three children and seven grandchildren.

Tommy Harold Mink has been farming his whole life. He was born and raised on a dairy farm and developed a

passion for farming at a young age. After attending college, he served in the United States Army and completed two tours of active duty. When he returned, he continued to farm and work off the farm but in 1980 he went back to farming full time. He has always realized the significance of serving his community and has served on numerous boards in leadership roles.

He currently owns and manages a 350 head cow/calf and backgrounding operation, along with his son. Tommy Harold has been married to his wife Lora Lee for 60 years and they have three children and five grandchildren.



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Consumers want more direct market beef

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stocked their freezer with beef.

Dr. Chad Carr, a meat extension specialist at the University of Florida, reported that he has received calls from all over the country from producers who want to direct market beef. He outlined the challenges and opportunities and discussed online marketing, telling the farm story, selling freezer beef and branded beef.

Dr. Nevil Speer, an industry consultant from Bowling Green, completed the evening with discussion about “where your food comes from.” Speer discussed a customer-centric business model, starting with the customer and adapting the value chain around the customer.

The take away from all three presentations is beef consumers want a quality product but have become more concerned that it be raised humanely with consideration as to environmental impact.

KENTUCKY FORAGE

Producers also heard from forage specialists during a forage conference, where Dr. Chris Teutsch University of Kentucky forage specialist, discussed hay quality.

Teutsch gave detailed instructions on taking a forage sample, including the number of bales to sample per field, where to probe, how far into the bale to probe, and once taking a sample to include all the forage in the sample to send for analysis. He pointed out there is a new UK forage publication as well as a YouTube video on the proper way to take a forage sample.

He also presented a research study he completed on 14,067 Kentucky hay samples taken from 2007-2017. These samples showed that 80 percent of clover grass hay samples meet the needs of a mid-gestation dry cow, but as nutritional needs increased, the hay’s ability to meet nutritional needs decreased.

A natural segway from taking a sample was how to use forage results. Dr. Jeff Lehmkuhler, UK extension beef specialist, discussed how to use the information from forage test results. Lehmkuhler reminded everyone that feeding is a balancing act between the feed nu-

trient supply compared to the animal’s nutritional requirement, and a forage sample is a key tool in keeping that balance.

He outlined a four-step process to maintain the nutritional balance. First, estimate the dry matter intact the cow needs and be aware of factors that affect in-

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Hay quality a must to produce quality beef

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take. Second, determine the nutrient requirements of animals. Third, using a forage sample, determine the forage's nutritional value, and fourth, develop a supplement strategy.

Dr. Dennis Hancock discussed practical considerations in making high-quality baleage as an alternative to baled hay, especially when weather conditions prevent hay from drying properly. The U.S dairy forage researcher explained handling, wrapping, and the essential moisture content in the all-important fermentation process.

Rounding out the evening, Dr. Jimmy Henning discussed improving hay quality. He said it is essential to have a good forage stand, cut at an early stage of maturity, use legumes whenever possible, don't ted or rake when the hay is too dry, store properly and feed efficiently.

The Beef Efficiency Conference can be viewed at:
youtu.be/yZyjLw11Kgo

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Maximizing success with frost seedings of clover

The Forage
Doctor



By Jimmy Henning



Clover can be successfully frost seeded in Kentucky with good seed soil contact, soil fertility, and control of grass competition. These small seedlings are the number one method for dealing with the negative effects of the tall fescue endophyte in cattle.

A good friend has chided me about always talking about renovating pastures with clover. Our conversations go something like this: "How long are you going to keep telling us to renovate pastures with clover?" My response: "When producers do what I say!" To be fair, this is a producer that DOES do what I say, but he makes a good point. Why do we talk about it every year?

Because it is that important. In fact with our forage base dominated by toxic tall fescue, renovation with clover is arguable THE most important practice for pastures. Clover improves yields and quality and directly counteracts the toxic effects of endophyte-infected tall fescue.

The good news is that red clover and white clover can be established by overseeding right now (mid-February to early March) into closely grazed pastures. The freezing and thawing action works these small seeds down into the soil; rain and warmth later in spring results in germination.

Since the seeding operation can be this simple, it is easy to forget that all of the establishment rules still apply. We need soil pH 6.4 or better and a medium test for phosphorous and potassium. We need to withhold fertilizer nitrogen (unless we have to use diammonium phosphate to get the needed phosphorus). And we need to control the grass competition long enough to let the clover seedlings get up and going. That means we need to top graze or mow to control the spring flush of grass.

More often than not, I think producers feel like clover overseeding is a hit or miss affair. Consequently, there is a real temptation to go cheap on seed, using a common or VNS (Variety Not Stated) brand of clover seed. Certified or proprietary varieties with improved genetics perform markedly better than common or VNS seed, and prices are often not that different. Access the latest UK variety reports by typing 'clover variety uky' into your internet browser to find all of

these reports.

Here are some ways to stretch your clover dollar even further:

Use an improved seeding method to increase your chance of success. No till drills are an option, but access and setup can be challenging especially for rental equipment. Other seeding options are available. I recently saw a cultimulcher (spring tooth harrow followed by a corrugated roller) customized with an air seeder for small seeds (Figure 1).

The air seeder was mounted on an old cultimulcher frame and can be accurately and easily calibrated to deliver the desired amount of seed. The action of the harrow teeth will open up the sod allowing the seed to be placed just in front of the rear rollers which enhance seed-soil contact. I thought it was a very simple yet innovative improvement over broadcasting seed with a spinner seeder.

Another way to save money with

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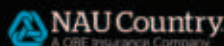
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Soil renovation with clover

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broadcast clover seedlings is to use a GPS guidance system mounted to your broadcast seeder to avoid overlaps and skips in the field. A field demonstration by Dr. Chris Teutsch at the UK Grain and Forage Center of Excellence in Princeton found a 50 percent savings in clover seed from using a guidance system. Finally a way to tell where you have been when broadcasting clover seed!

If the cost of renovating large acreages is putting you off, consider intensively working on a small area that can be creep grazed by calves in spring. Creep grazing is where access to a field of high quality forage is limited by fence or gates so that calves can pass through but not cows. You have the double savings of less area to seed and fertilize. This method can be very attractive if the cost of liming and fertilizing the

whole field is prohibitive.

The key message here is that clover seedlings are important enough that we need to do them regularly. And just because the seeding operation can be simple, we still need to pay attention to the details of seed placement, soil fertility and competition control. Finally, there are ways to improve your return on investment in clover seed.

Happy foraging.

Note: Please mark your calendars for the 2021 virtual Alfalfa and Stored Forage Conference, March 2, 3, 4 at 7 p.m. Eastern/6 p.m. Central each evening. The program will feature presentations on forage quality, marketing hay, drying rates of alfalfa, adjusting hay equipment to minimize losses, what to do with thin stands of alfalfa and a farmer panel on what to do when weather does not cooperate with making hay. This is a free event but you must register at forages.ca.uky.edu/Events.



(Figure 1) Seeding clover does not have to be the same old thing. This old cultimulcher frame was modified by adding an air seeder that will handle clover seed. The combination of light harrowing, good seed placement and rolling with the rear rollers is an innovative way to increase the chances of success with clover.



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Chris Cooper was elected president of the Kentucky Cattlemen's Association for 2021.

KCA elects new leadership

LEXINGTON – Kentucky cattlemen from across the state voted for new officers during their annual convention held virtually Jan. 15. Chris Cooper, a cattleman from Madison County, was elected to serve as the president for 2021.

“I’m very excited to serve our membership,” said Cooper. “2020 is a year we are all happy to have behind us and I look forward to giving back to this organization in this role.”

Cooper has been involved with the Kentucky Cattlemen's Association for over 18 years as a member, county president, director, regional vice president, association chairman, vice president and most recently serving as president elect.

Cooper was also a graduate of the KCA Leadership Development Program and was Chair of Class VI. Chris and his wife Patty have a Sim-Angus cow/calf

commercial operation in Madison County. He also currently serves as a loan officer for Central Kentucky Ag Credit in Richmond.

Other officers include president elect, Cary King of Harrodsburg; vice president Andy Bishop of Cox's Creek; secretary/treasurer, Ken Adams of Upton; and past president, Steve Dunning of Hopkinsville.

Others on the executive committee include KCA program chair Jeff Pettit, Seabree; KBC Program chair, Joe Lowe, Smith's Grove; and KBN chairman, Cary King, Harrodsburg.

Regional vice presidents from across the state were elected by their regions at the convention, including Bobby Bell, Region 1; Adam Maulden, Region 2; Allan Bryant, Region 3; Randy Warner, Region 4; and Phillip Reese, Region 5.



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Lyon County FFA alums join efforts to honor ag teachers

A number of people who value their experiences in the agriculture program at Lyon County High School are joining an initiative to raise \$100,000 as a way to show their appreciation for Lyon County agriculture teachers and FFA advisors past and present.

The funds will be endowed as part of the Kentucky FFA Foundation's Forever Blue program. If the group reaches their fundraising goal \$4,000-\$5,000 would be available to the Lyon County agricultural education program each year going forward. These funds could be used to support student success through scholarships to FFA leadership camps and conferences, FFA jackets, to help students start SAE projects, or for other programs that benefit the agricultural education and the community.

Lyon County native Dwight Armstrong and his two brothers, Jeff and Randy, have long supported FFA as a way to honor their former agriculture teacher, Ray Fowler. When Dwight learned of the Kentucky FFA Foundation's Forever Blue Endowment Fund, he saw an opportunity for their donations to make an even more direct impact on the community where the brothers got their start.

Dwight began reaching out to other previous members of Lyon County FFA, asking if they'd like to contribute to the fund. So far, the response has been a resounding yes.

It turns out that the list of Lyon County FFA alumni contains quite a few people who have gone on from their FFA experiences to be leaders both at

home and around the United States.

Among other positions within the agriculture industry, Dwight served as both COO and CEO of the National FFA Organization for seven years. His brother Jeff is currently the president of California Polytechnic State University in San Luis Obispo. Randy is back on the family farm in Lyon County after retiring from a career in which he served as administrative vice president for Jim Smith Contracting.

Other Lyon County FFA alumni include David Beck, president and CEO of Kentucky Venues, Paul Akridge, president of Akridge Farm Supply, and Jay Akridge, provost and executive vice president for academic affairs and diver-

sity at Purdue University.

One thing these men seem to share is the common thread of having an agriculture teacher who motivated them. Clyde Grace, Ray Fowler and Stanley DeBoe are names that came up again and again.

In addition to the Armstrongs, Becks, and Akridges, a host of other families and individuals have joined the initiative as founding donors. Like the others, they haven't forgotten the influence made by their agriculture teachers, and want to ensure that future Lyon County agriculture students and FFA members

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KSA elects officers, two new directors

In its January meeting, the Kentucky Soybean Association board of directors elected a new slate of officers for the year. Allen Pace of Ballard County was chosen to serve as president. He is joined by Brent Gatton of Muhlenberg County as vice president, Adam Hendricks of Logan County as secretary, and Jonathan Reynolds of Hickman County as treasurer.

The Kentucky Soybean Association is a membership-based organization that focuses on policy efforts at both the state and national levels. KSA's farmer-

leaders travel to Frankfort and host legislators on their farms to promote open dialogue about issues that affect those in the agriculture sector. Those same farmer-leaders have also developed relationships with our lawmakers in Washington, D.C. and (under normal circumstances) travel to the Capitol each year to visit our senators, congressmen and their staff members to talk about direct and unintended consequences of legislation and to lobby for the best interests of Kentucky's soybean farmers.

The association's directors are elected to represent the farmers in their respective areas of the state by the farmer-members in those areas. For 2021, KSA's directors are as follows.

Purchase Area: Andrea Williford, Jonathan Reynolds, Dan Pirtle, and Allen Pace.

Pennyryle Area: Craig Roberts, Scott Bridges, and Brent Gatton

Green River Area: Jason Strode, Clay Wells, and Jonathan Miller

Mammoth Cave Area: Adam Hendricks, Andy Alford, and Shane Wells

Lincoln Trail Area: Quint Pottinger, Anna Reding, Caleb Ragland, and (newly elected) Houston Howlett

Central Bluegrass Area: Ben Furnish, Brennan Gilkison, Spencer Sims, and (newly elected) Jeremy Tucker

Directors At-Large include Jeremy Stull, Neal Milliken, and Mark Wilson.

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Kentucky soybean honors retiring directors

The farmer-leaders of the Kentucky Soybean Association honored retiring directors Fred L. Sipes of the Lincoln Trail Area and Jeff King of the Green River Area during the virtual Kentucky Commodity Conference held on Jan. 14.

Sipes, of Ekron, ended his third, three-year term (the maximum allowed by the organizational bylaws) with a year of serving as president. He also serves on the Kentucky Soybean Promotion Board, which is the entity tasked with investing Kentucky's soybean checkoff dollars into research, education, and other programs designed to maximize profit opportunities for growers. Sipes also serves as the Kentucky Soybean Board's representative to the U.S. Meat Export Federation, which drives soybean meal demand by increasing the export of U.S. beef and pork.

King, of Corydon, has also served the maximum of nine years on the KSA board. He has served as chairman of the production and yield contest committee, and represents Kentucky on the Southern Soybean Research Program board. When the COVID-19 pandemic caused the Commodity Conference to transition to a virtual format, King kept the growers in the yield and quality contest in mind and has personally delivered a



Fred Sipes, Lincoln Trail Area

number of trophies and plaques, along with the prestigious 100 Bushel Club jackets for those who surpassed that milestone.

In addition, Keith Tapp of Sebree was recognized for his service to the Kentucky Soybean Board. In addition to his service to the checkoff at the state level, Tapp succeeded George Martin as one of Kentucky's representatives to the United Soybean Board and served as Kentucky's first USB Chairman in 2019. He was the driving force behind the creation of USB Academy and takes pride



Jeff King, Green River Area

in leaving that in-depth new director training as his legacy. Tapp continues to serve his fellow farmers as Kentucky's representative to the National Biodiesel Board.

The farmer-leaders of the Kentucky Soybean Association and the Kentucky



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LEXINGTON – Specialists with the University of Kentucky College of Agriculture, Food and Environment will host their annual IPM Training School virtually March 10.

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“Our IPM training historically has been row crop focused, and while we continue to offer that aspect of the training, we are also offering a horticulture-focused session for the first time in several years. It should have valuable information for both groups of producers,” said Ric Bessin, UK extension entomologist.

Field crop topics include management of foliar soybean diseases, beetle research in soybeans, phosphorus fertility, managing herbicide-resistance weeds and a soybean production update.

Chris Marble, an assistant professor at the University of Florida, will begin the afternoon horticulture session. He will speak about simple steps to reduce weed control costs in nurseries. Other topics UK specialists will present include fungicide resistance and application timing, using beneficial insects, wildlife damage control in fruit and vegetable production and water management.

Preregistration is required by March 8 at uky.zoom.us/join/9tZctc-yqqTMsH9ABPo_ac25xGS7IUZAJkL_p. Registered participants will receive an email containing the link to the Zoom training on March 9.


The meeting is approved for four continuing education units for pesticide applicators in categories 1A, 10 and 12. Certified Crop Advisers can receive the follow-

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– Ag Career Profile –

Director of Breathitt Veterinary Center

Dr. Debbie Reed
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Dr. Debbie Reed chose to work in agriculture/veterinary medicine because she felt very strongly about working in the agricultural industry.

“I have a very deep agriculture background in McLean County, KY,” Reed said. “I really wanted to be a row crop farmer, but I couldn’t drive a tractor in a straight line. I chose veterinary medicine as a career because of my interest in livestock and the opportunity to work daily with people who felt as I did. I spent 18 years as a private practitioner in eastern Kentucky working with all species. In 2006 I took a position with Breathitt Veterinary Center, a state veterinary diagnostic laboratory in Hopkinsville.”

She is now the director of Breathitt Veterinary Center, and in this position her overarching responsibility is to ensure that the most modern equipment and best staff are on hand to diagnose disease.

“It is critical to Kentucky agriculture that veterinary diagnostic labs are equipped and ready to conduct testing on foreign animal diseases and emerging animal diseases. High Pathogenic Avian Influenza is a prime example of the kind of disease we must be ready to diagnose due to the significant economic impact on our commonwealth. African Swine Fever, Foot and Mouth Disease and Zika virus are others that are high impact, foreign animal diseases.”

How did your college/work experiences shape the job you have today? What was your path?

My college jobs centered around agriculture/veterinary medicine. I worked at home feeding and taking care of hogs as well as all the other associated tasks farmer parents find for their kids. I learned from my parents that every job is important and none are too menial for attention.

I worked in a veterinary clinic while in college and learned about tailoring how you approach people to their situation. OK, I probably am still not the greatest, but I am aware there are differences. My boss, Dr. Don Denton, would shake his head and tell me I hadn’t been off the farm long enough. Then he would laugh at me.

After veterinary school, I opened a practice in an area that would now be described as a designated shortage area for veterinarians. I spent 18 years in Jackson County, Kentucky working on every kind of animal. When I moved there I had enough money to stay for 3 months if no one ever darkened the door. I don’t remember a single day that I didn’t have work to do. It was a wonderful place to live and raise children, but not huge amounts of money.

When I became Case Coordinator at BVC, I was interacting with veterinarians and owners of livestock, pets and poultry managers. This position combined veterinary skills with increasing amounts of interviewing skills and administration. I believe practice was a good place to learn these skills.

Explain your job and the skills you need to accomplish your job.

As director of Breathitt Veterinary Center my duties are centered around administration and human resources. I am fortunate enough to have a great associate director, Mr. Bill Lawrence. I also have a fantastic, simply wonderful staff of veterinarians, laboratory techni-

cians and administrative staff that get the testing results out the door no matter what.

One of the skills that is necessary is managing people. Learning to assess how to handle different personalities is very important. Having good organizational skills is very important. Mine are adequate at best. Delegation is very important and I have had to change my thought process. I am a very hands on person and I’d rather be in the midst of the action than on the sidelines directing traffic.

For veterinary medicine in general, I believe that you need skills in handling animals calmly, firmly and safely. I also believe you need to have good people skills – who is going to answer questions and administer meds and pay bills? Owners, trainers and managers are all important in any facet of veterinary medicine.

As I commented before, I believe my primary responsibility is to ensure that the most modern equipment and best trained staff are available to test for veterinary disease. The best equipment and staff are, in a word, expensive. Another skill that I am learning is reaching out to legislators, both state and federal, to lobby for funds to purchase and maintain high level analytic equipment. This is a skill set that includes being able to succinctly state what the equipment is needed for and how it will benefit the taxpayer.

If you knew you would end up in this career, what would you have done/studied differently?

No matter what aspect of veterinary medicine is studied, I believe at least some training on running a business would be helpful. Basic bookkeeping, some training on cost analysis and HR would have been helpful for me. Back in the dark ages it wasn’t considered necessary for students headed to vet school to get training on these subjects.

The same sorts of business skills are also necessary in my position as director. While I don’t have to complete the budget alone, understanding how money flows through a business and the kinds of data necessary to analyze pricing and costs is very valuable.

If I had it to do again, I would also have worked for another veterinarian for a longer period of time before becoming a practice owner.

I believe a good mentor could have helped me learn to be a more successful veterinarian.

What is your favorite part about your job? Most interesting?

There are some tough days where the best part of my job is that I can choose which kind of ink pens I want and they are ordered by the boxful.

I would have to say really my favorite part is working with the outstanding people in the lab. Our staff is made up of such diverse and engaging people with such great and varied talents.

The most interesting part of my job has been traveling to meetings and conferences across the country meeting laboratory professionals from every state. I’ve had the opportunity to visit labs in several other states as well as Homeland Security’s Plum Island National Animal Disease Center off the coast of New York.

What advice would you give a young person looking at this career?

Agriculture/veterinary medicine is wide open right now for career building. The more technology changes, the more agriculture



Debbie Reed

will utilize it and will need people who understand the industry first and can make technology adapt to agriculture second. Technology does not make up for hard work, intense concentration on solving a problem and sometimes simply being too stubborn to give up; most of us in agriculture have that in abundance. Veterinary medicine is an incredibly difficult path and the education is expensive. However I don’t know of any career path that has greater options available and I cannot imagine any other path for me.

The training one receives as a veterinary student is adaptable to many career paths and at the outset of my education, I had no idea how many options were actually out in the world. I would recommend any student look hard at all the different areas of veterinary medicine and ask lots of questions of every veterinarian they meet. Even if they already know what path they want – look at everything because life can change.

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Wood named leader of UK College of Ag

LEXINGTON – A faculty member with a long history of leadership in the University of Kentucky College of Agriculture, Food and Environment was recently named the assistant director of UK Agriculture and Natural Resources Extension.

Craig Wood assumed the leadership position in the UK Cooperative Extension Service Feb. 1. He has served as interim assistant director of the program since 2018.

“Dr. Wood will continue to use his outstanding skills, expertise and visionary leadership to meet challenges and leverage opportunities to move our Agriculture and Natural Resources Extension program forward,” said Laura Stephenson, director of the UK Cooperative Extension Service.

Wood is known across the college for his technology leadership. Prior to becoming interim assistant director, Wood was associate director of the eXtension Initiative. Housed at UK, the initiative provided a one-stop, virtual connection to Cooperative Extension Service specialists across the nation. He also served as director of the Creative Applications for Learning Environments Lab and associate director of UK Agricultural Communications Services.

Wood has been a faculty member in the Department of Animal and Food Sciences since 1985. As an extension professor, he focused on horse production, management, nutrition and muscle physiology. In this position, he also supervised the Kentucky 4-H Horse Program.

As assistant director, Wood will provide vision and

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Gatton earns the Eddie Voils Leadership award

The Kentucky Soybean Association presented its Eddie Voils Leadership Award during the virtual Kentucky Commodity Conference held on Jan. 14.

This award is presented to the past year's top volunteer. It is a reflection of hard work, respect, and dedication to the soybean industry. This award is named for former KSA President Eddie Voils, who was passionate about what the Kentucky Soybean Association stands for.

This year's award winner has been a member of the Kentucky Soybean Association since 2014 and became a lifetime member in 2020. He earned this award through dedication to service in a wide variety of ways. Like many of KSA's farmer-leaders, he

works the soybean exhibit at the National Farm Machinery Show and the Kentucky State Fair. He goes above that, though, and talks to schoolchildren each year at Muhlenberg County's ag day.

He has been a diligent student of the Ag Leader Source Program, completing online modules that are designed to help farmer-leaders become even more effective board members.

At the state level, he has served as KSA treasurer and secretary. He was elected vice president in Wednesday's KSA board meeting. He also serves on the Kentucky Soybean Promotion Board, which is the entity tasked with investing our state check-off dollars into research, education,

and programs to help maximize profit opportunities for Kentucky's soybean producers.

He was appointed to serve on the United Soybean Board in 2019 and has already earned the respect of farmer-leaders from across the country, participating in the Long Range Strategic Planning process for the national soybean checkoff. The 2020 Eddie Voils Leadership Award was awarded to Brent Gatton of Muhlenberg County. In addition to the physical award, Brent will receive a trip to the next Commodity Classic.

For more information on soybean farming in Kentucky, visit www.kysoy.org.



Brent Gatton of Bremen is the Kentucky Soybean Association's 2020 Eddie Voils Leadership Award winner.

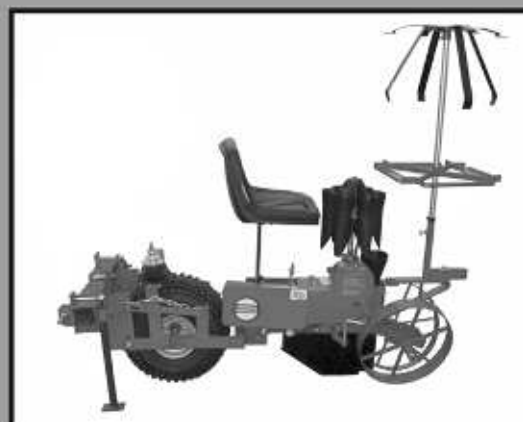
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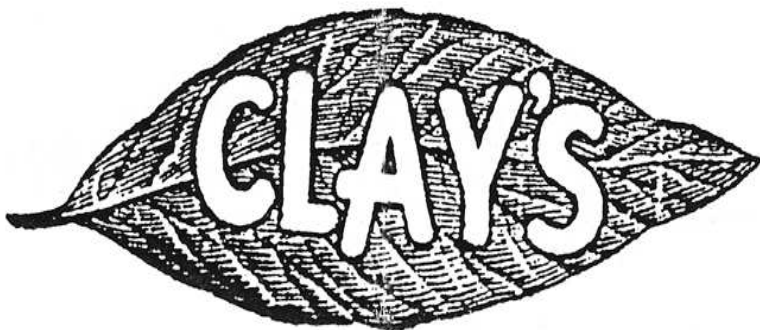
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Kentucky Soybean Association awards Martin memorial scholarship

The farmer-leaders of the Kentucky Soybean Association created a scholarship in memory of George H. Martin. Martin, of Nebo, was actively involved with both KSA and the Kentucky Soybean Board.

The Kentucky Soybean Association was founded in 1970, and George became involved not long after. He was the first agent of the association's first office, collecting membership dues and representing the organization.

He and his wife, Linda, kept the books and sent out correspondence from Kentucky's first soybean office, which happened to be their dining room table.

Martin served in leadership roles in KSA including as secretary and treasurer from 1976 to 1983, vice president from 1984 to 1987, and president from 1988 to 1992. He served as vice-chair of the Ken-Ten Council, made up of Kentucky and Tennessee soybean farmers, and was vice chairman in 1991.

Martin also served on the checkoff side, including as Chairman of the Board in 2005. He, along with Jack Milikan, was one of Kentucky's first representatives to the United Soybean Board and is one of the few farmer directors to complete two nine-year terms on USB.

In February 2003, the Kentucky Soybean Promotion Board joined the Southern Soybean Research Program with George serving as the state's representative. He was elected chairman of that organization, a position he held until his passing in January of 2020.

Martin served as Kentucky's representative to the Soy Aquaculture Alliance since 2012 and was elected chairman in December 2013.

In addition to serving in elected and/or appointed official capacities, George (and his wife Linda) were selfless volunteers at numerous events throughout the year. They worked multiple shifts at our Kentucky State Fair and the National Farm Machinery Show, in addition to setting up a soybean checkoff booth at various smaller events. George was a staunch advocate for soy biodiesel and worked for numerous years in the booth, shared with the National Biodiesel Board, during the Mid America Truck Show.

Martin was well known and well-respected for his knowledge of the soybean industry, and the farmer-leaders of KSA wanted to do something to honor that legacy. The first George H. Martin Memorial Scholarship was recently presented to his great-nephew, Parker Devine. The application for this \$1,000 award will be posted at www.kysoy.org in the fall for awarding in the spring of 2022.



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STATE AVERAGES			
Steers (M&L 1-2)	This Week	Prior Week	Last Year
350-400 lbs	164.41	169.02	161.75
400-450 lbs	156.68	156.27	157.11
450-500 lbs	152.34	152.74	153.98
500-550 lbs	143.80	142.59	149.07
550-600 lbs	139.22	136.94	145.34
600-650 lbs	133.47	131.72	139.02
650-700 lbs	131.27	129.20	134.77
700-750 lbs	127.71	121.86	131.66
750-800 lbs	122.43	121.72	130.43
800-850 lbs	128.02	118.37	131.85
850-900 lbs	118.38	114.06	131.21
Heifers (M&L 1-2)			
300-350 lbs	136.79	136.51	139.41
350-400 lbs	135.40	133.56	137.14
400-450 lbs	132.69	130.58	134.43
450-500 lbs	128.81	127.09	131.46
500-550 lbs	124.71	121.75	128.40
550-600 lbs	123.03	118.98	126.59
600-650 lbs	116.23	116.26	122.32
650-700 lbs	113.76	111.51	120.78
700-750 lbs	112.27	108.42	114.76
750-800 lbs	107.79	106.83	111.82

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Slaughter Cows	Average	High	Low
Breakers	47.00-61.50	51.00-67.50	43.50-53.00
Boners	43.50-60.50	48.00-68.00	36.00-51.00
Lean	30.50-55.50	45.00-63.00	20.00-47.00
Slaughter Bulls	Average	High	Low
Yield Grade 1&2	70.00-99.00	85.00-110.00	51.50-87.00

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25 hd. 811# 128.00 blk
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Jan. 27, 2021
Feeder Steers: Medium & Large 1-2
33 hd. 602# 139.75 blk-charx
26 hd. 608# 139.75 blk-charx
25 hd. 694# 129.75 blk-charx
74 hd. 738# 129.80 mixed
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63 hd. 817# 133.80 blk-charx
63 hd. 852# 127.40 blk-charx
60 hd. 870# 130.90 blk
63 hd. 874# 131.25 blk-bwf
63 hd. 931# 122.50 blk-charx
Holstein Steers: Large 3
52 hd. 919# 95.00
49 hd. 995# 98.80
Feeder Heifers: Medium & Large 1-2
93 hd. 645# 126.85 blk
84 hd. 700# 127.90 blk
80 hd. 720# 123.75 blk-charx

KY-TN Livestock Auction
Guthrie, KY
Jan. 28, 2021

Feeder Steers: Medium & Large 1-2
21 hd. 612# 133.50 blk
Feeder Heifers: Medium & Large 1-2
150 hd. 680# 129.75 blk
70 hd. 720# 123.00 blk

Blue Grass of Richmond
Richmond, KY
Jan. 29, 2021

Feeder Steers: Medium & Large 1-2
21 hd. 695# 135.75 blk
22 hd. 763# 124.75 blk-charx
65 hd. 814# 133.80 blk
56 hd. 900# 130.00 blk
54 hd. 989# 122.80 blk-charx
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80 hd. 662# 140.50 blk-mixed

61 hd. 827# 134.50 blk-charx

117 hd. 830# 132.50 blk-mixed

Feeder Heifers: Medium & Large 1-2

87 hd. 731# 125.60 blk-mixed

79 hd. 854# 120.00 blk-mixed

Mid-KY Livestock Market

Upton, KY

Jan. 26, 2021

Feeder Steers: Medium & Large 1-2

20 hd. 750# 127.00 mixed

Blue Grass of Campbellsville

Campbellsville, KY

Jan. 27, 2021

Feeder Steers: Medium & Large 1-2

43 hd. 669# 134.25 blk

67 hd. 791# 131.60 blk

Lake Cumberland Livestock

Somerset, KY

Jan. 30, 2021

Feeder Steers: Medium & Large 1-2

65 hd. 805# 127.00 mixed

55 hd. 915# 120.75 blk

Paris Stockyards

Paris, KY

Jan. 28, 2021

Feeder Steers: Medium & Large 1-2

64 hd. 803# 130.30 charx-blk

Feeder Heifers: Medium & Large 1-2

55 hd. 519# 136.00 mixed

57 hd. 541# 136.80 blk

86 hd. 597# 131.50 mixed

Washington Co. Livestock

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Jan. 25, 2021

Feeder Steers: Medium & Large 1-2

29 hd. 558# 141.50 mixed

26 hd. 582# 144.00 blk

21 hd. 707# 133.75 blk

72 hd. 715# 134.50 mixed

71 hd. 727# 132.50 mixed

61 hd. 818# 133.60 blk-charx

62 hd. 822# 134.90 blk

Holstein Steers: Large 3

43 hd. 1010# 94.00

Feeder Heifers: Medium & Large 1-2

36 hd. 559# 130.10 blk

26 hd. 577# 125.50 blk

59 hd. 685# 127.95 blk-charx

21 hd. 718# 121.25 blk

Russell County Stockyards

Russell Springs, KY

Jan. 27, 2021

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02/01/2021 4:00 pm est Bids for next day Cash Bids Corn #2 Yellow Corn #2 White Soybeans #1 Y Wheat #2 SRW Barley	Louisville	Pennyrile	Purchase	Bluegrass	Green River	Northern KY	Dried Distillers Grain (\$/ton) 10% moisture 225.00-260.00	
	5.59-5.68	5.49-5.64	5.64-5.74 5.79-5.99 13.71-13.86 NA	5.29 13.35 NA	5.71 13.70 NA	5.62 13.69 NA	Modified Wet Distillers (\$/ton) 50-55% moisture 110.00	
	13.19 6.25	13.45-13.60 6.51-6.61						
New Crop Delivery Contract Corn #2 Yellow Corn #2 White Soybeans #1 Y Wheat #2 SRW Barley	NA NA NA	NA NA 5.99-6.24	NA NA NA 6.26-6.41	NA NA 6.09	NA NA 6.19	NA NA 6.33	Kentucky Weekly Cattle Receipts as reported at local markets: 01/09/21 24,767 01/16/21 25,674 01/23/21 17,442 01/30/21 15,207	
Weekly Feed Ingredient Price Wholesale prices, \$ per ton Rail or Truck FOB Location	Owensboro Grain 02/01/2021	Commonwealth Agri-Energy Hopkinsville 02/01/2021	St. Louis Weekly Feed Prices 01/26/2021	Memphis Weekly Feed Report 01/26/2021	Corn Belt Feedstuffs Report 01/26/2021	Eastern Cornbelt Hog Prices 02/01/2021 Barrows & Gilts Receipts: 6,415 Base Price: \$51.00-\$60.00 Wt. Avg. \$56.95 Compared to prior day, wt. avg. base prices were 0.33 lower. 5 Day Rolling Average: \$56.46	FOR DAILY LIVESTOCK AND GRAIN MARKET REPORTS CALL FARMLOT 1-800-327-6568 1-502-573-0553	
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