



**2021
Ky. Cattlemen's
president**

Chris Cooper is the newly elected president of Kentucky Cattlemen's Association.

Cooper leads state's cattle industry

RICHMOND, Ky. – New president of Kentucky Cattlemen's Association Chris Cooper talks schooling on the farm, being at the mercy of the markets and the huge wake-up call of COVID-19 on farmers and society.

Chris Cooper feels bad for Steve Dunning, the past president of the Kentucky Cattlemen's Association.

"I always said the first order of business he had after becoming president was canceling all the meetings."

Like most everything else over the past year, KCA has been meeting virtually since the coronavirus pandemic hit in March.

A Madison County farmer and loan officer, Cooper was announced as the association's new president in January. He says his first order is an important one: "Keep listening to what the people need, and keep the ball rolling."

Cooper said executive vice president Dave Maples "called me up and said, 'Hey Chris, we've got this YCC (Young Cattlemen's Council) trip to Denver ... if we send you to this, we're expecting some return on this investment...So here I am.'"

Cooper actually has an extensive background with the organization, involved with it for almost two decades now. First serving on the local level in Madison County, he worked his way up to the regional board, county president, onto the executive committee and then became association chair.

Although raised in Fayette County, Cooper's family is from Lee and Owsley counties, "up in the mountains. My dad loved to farm and helped my grandfather. That's where I kind of grew up."

That's where he spent vacations.

"We didn't go to Disneyland or the beach, we went to the farm. We went to the hayfield and the tobacco patch – that was okay for me," he said.

Eventually, his parents bought a farm in Madison, where he's been since 1981. After getting married in 1988 then having four sons in four years, Cooper and his wife bought their own farm in 1995, raising tobacco and start-

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Celebrating Black farmers in Ky. ag

As a celebration of Black History month, the Feb. 24 UK CAFE Conversation centered on Black agriculture in Kentucky.

The virtual event was sponsored by the UK College of Agriculture, Food and Environmental Science Office of Philanthropy and Alumni.

Jim Coleman, owner of Coleman Crest Farm near Lexington, and Ashley Smith, co-founder of Black Soil, spoke about the history and current trends in Black agriculture.

As the fourth generation to own Coleman Crest, Coleman told the remarkable history of the farm purchased by his great grandfather, James Coleman, in 1888. Coleman acknowledged that over 300 family members could credit their opportunity to pursue a college degree back to Coleman Crest. Following generations benefited from the farm revenue and the perseverance of the family primogenitor born a slave in 1845 in Spotsylvania County, Virginia. Coleman noted that his ancestors originated from Nigeria.

At the end of the civil war and during reconstruction, Coleman said free enslaved Africans, such as his great grandfather, had three choices. One was to do nothing; they could not read or write, had no opportunity for education, and couldn't get a bank loan. Second, they could leave the United States and move to the newly created country of Liberia on the west coast of Africa, which some of the Coleman family members chose to do.

"But, fortunately, James Coleman took the third option and seized the moment and focused on all the things that he could do," Coleman said.

With the help of the Union Benevolent Society created by Booker T. Washington, the elder

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Cooper compliments Association as 'well-oiled' machine

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ing a beef cattle operation.

"I have about 30 head right now, try to keep about 30 mamma cows," he said. He helps his dad some, who has over 100 head. Three of Cooper's sons are in beef cattle too, "and have public jobs like I do."

If it ain't broke ...

A loan officer with Central Kentucky Ag Credit for 15 years, Cooper said the financial cooperative has been extremely supportive of his role in the association. Especially his boss, Jim Caldwell, president and CEO, who he goes back years with.

"I tell people the first person I asked about (becoming president of KCA) was the Lord, the second person was my wife and the third person was Jim Caldwell. I had to have his support; it was going to be a time requirement. He said 'go for it,' and that was the last approval I needed ..."

He loves his job there, in a role that helps farmers.

"It's very demanding at times. A lot of times you hate to say the word 'no,' and you can't help people, but most of the time, I'm able to," he said.

Cooper studied accounting at Eastern Kentucky University, something sparked by an FFA career day he attended.

"I wanted to be a CPA and do tax returns for farmers," he said.

He began interning at the water company in Lexington while a senior, then stayed on for five years before becoming the office manager and controller for Bluegrass Stockyards on Lyle and Forbes roads. He also did "a little interim into politics" when he ran for county clerk in 2002, but was unsuccessful. "I trusted that," Cooper said.

As far as any big changes on the horizon for KCA, Cooper thinks a second.

"From what I know about the association, it's a pretty well-oiled machine. Dave (Maples) has put together an awesome staff. They work together very well; it's an amazing group."

That's something he doesn't take for granted.

"We've all been involved in work situations – the chemistry doesn't fit sometimes," a problem he says does not exist here. "The chemistry is amazing, from the outside looking in, and now from looking out. If it ain't broke, don't fix it."

Cooper says a leadership job with KCA is "a lot easier because they do take care of the day to day things ... There's a lot on the list that's going on, so I guess my role is to keep the ball rolling with what's already started."

Short memory on beef shortage

Trying to find some normalcy in the midst of COVID-19 has been a challenge, he said.

"It's going to be different, and it has been different."

Cooper says cattle people are "a unique group of folks" – a group he calls the backbone of the nation.

"They have been for a long time, but it seems like the respect for that group has diminished a lot over the years. We've got one, or two generations that don't know where their food comes

from, so quickly removed from the ag-base, the agrarian society. That's part of being in positions like this, constantly telling our story to everybody we come into contact with."

And the beef story was one of the first to be told, after the pandemic resulted in the big processing plants' closures due to workers contracting the virus.

"We went to the grocery and saw the shelves empty, people were running scared. You couldn't get your beef into the processor, everyone was thinking local food supply and safety for their family ... It was survival mode," Cooper said.

And the Meat Processing Investment Program was approved by the Kentucky Ag Development Board, aiming money into local processing centers meeting requirements for expansions.

"It's a good idea to invest in a lot of these regional and local processors, help them expand and upgrade, become USDA certified," he said.

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Heifers: Medium and Large 1-2 340# 110.00.

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Baby Heifer calves: 8 head 20.00-60.00, 7 head 120.00-190.00 Beef Cross, 4 head 60.00-110.00 Crossbred.

Slaughter Cows: Breaker 75-80 percent lean 1510-1845# 57.00-64.00 H.Dr. 1485-1845# 65.00-74.00, Boner 1095-1450# 54.00-64.00, H.Dr. 1115-1470# 65.00-74.00, L.Dr. 1100-1740# 45.00-53.00, Lean 85-90 percent lean 730-1285# 45.00-53.00, H.Dr. 850-1070# 57.00-64.00, L.Dr. 820-1265# 35.00-43.00.

Bulls: Y.G. 1-2 1285-2400# 90.00-101.00, H.Dr. 1460-2345# 102.00-109.00, L.Dr. 1130-2165# 76.00-89.00.

Farmers are at the mercy of the markets

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More began turning to local sources for beef. But, Cooper said, “We have a short memory,” adding that people are getting back into thinking things “aren’t as bad as we thought it would be.”

COVID-19 hit farmers pretty bad, Cooper said, because most are like him. “I’m a people-person. I love to shake hands, see their faces, put faces with names.”

He considers the silver lining to the pandemic as being the huge wake-up call we all needed.

“We live in a fast-paced society that ran, ran, ran. We didn’t take time for family,” he said.

“And we got back to the basics of survival. That’s the farmer’s thing about life in general – they’ve always been survivors.”

But farmers are at the mercy of the markets, Cooper said.

“And one of the first things Dave says is you can’t fix the cattle market. That’s what people think we can do, but we

can’t. But we can advocate for it. It’s the voice of the producers, and we work hand-in-hand with Farm Bureau, that’s an awesome relationship ...”

But, farming comes with “a lot of stress. The profession, or the occupation, has lost a lot of appreciation for what we’re doing,” Cooper said.

That’s why it’s important to him for ag groups to get into schools, in front of younger ages.

“Younger people are very interested in where their food comes from, if they’re given the chance to see. Kind of neat to see kids, their eyes light up when you tell them milk doesn’t come from Kroger and chocolate milk doesn’t come from a brown cow.”

Cooper considers the farm as “God’s most wonderful classroom,” with lessons continually taught on responsibility.

“You learn about life and death, chores, teamwork. We raised our boys on the farm, we homeschooled them. When they got done with schooling, then went to the farm classroom. And I’d want them on my team.”



Cooper is asked the first thing on his agenda as president of KCA.

“I don’t have one, that’s the first thing I told them. My agenda is to listen to the

people, and see what I can do to help them.”

By Bobbie Curd
Field Reporter

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ONE VOICE

Sharon Burton

“...I stood on a bridge and watched as the water inched its way up on the road toward my feet.”

Before I got to the office this fine Monday morning I drove around a portion of our county to view the flooding situation.

While some floodwaters caused by a weekend of torrential rainfall had subsided, we still had several roads closed down. I talked with a state road department employee at one closure who told me about a number of vehicles in the water on the other side of the closed area.

I don't consider myself to be overly cautious, but I definitely have an irrational fear when it comes to driving into water. I don't think I will ever be one of those people who get rescued then tells the news media that, "I thought I could make it across."

Nope, I'm not gonna try.

I'm so irrational that when my husband and I drove down by the creek near our house that I begged him not to drive through the water flowing over the road due to a clogged tile. It probably wasn't two inches deep, but I didn't want to go. Before he could back up and turn around, however, another car came up behind us. Since he doesn't have the same irrational fear, I guess he realized he would look really silly if he held up traffic because he refused to drive though two inches of water, so on we went.

"No we have to go back and do it again," I whined. We live on a dead-end road, so there was only one way back to the house.

I don't mind driving around looking at flooding, but I will take great measures to avoid driving through any water. I recall one time while out surveying a flood (no, I'm not just nosy, I'm in the newspaper business...honest), I stood on a bridge and watched as the water inched its way up on the road toward my feet. That didn't scare me. It just that whole "car in the water" thing that terrifies me.

This being Kentucky, we are all aware of our level of comfort for just about any weather hazard. I've driven into a town under a black sky as the tornado sirens were screaming ahead of me. I've slid on slick roads to get to the office because the newspaper had to get to press.

Once, in my younger days, I rode around with a friend who owned a Volkswagon Bug looking for snow pictures. When she turned on the heat, snow flew into the car through the vents. It was awesome.

In Kentucky, you have weather memories, that's just the way it is. During the past couple of weeks, we've had snow, ice and now a flood.

Some places would be in a panic. Some people would blame climate change. Those of us who have been around awhile, we just say, "Welcome to Kentucky. If you don't like the weather, stick around, because it will change shortly."

Since we have had our rain, snow and ice, I'm hoping a little sunshine is around the corner!

Honored to be KCA's president

As I sit here and write my first article for *The Farmer's Pride*, I am again humbled at the thought of being Kentucky Cattlemen's Association president for 2021. I have been involved with KCA now for over 18 years and I have enjoyed every moment of being part of such a great organization that represents over 10,000 members and over 30,000 cattle producers and essentially everyone that has a part in the Kentucky beef industry.

I fell in love with cattle a long time ago as a youngster helping my dad and grandpa feeding and checking on cattle. Those beautiful Hereford cattle with their "feather-necks" that transitioned to "rednecks" that transitioned to Black-White-Face cattle that have now basically become a Sim-Angus commercial cow/calf herd.

I love feeding and caring for cattle and as with all things it comes with its challenges and opportunities. When I go feed cattle with my life partner, best friend and wife (Ms. Patty), she will ask me what I am doing and I will tell her that I am listening to them eat. She looks at me kind of funny and I tell her that if I ever get old and sick for her to bring me up to the barn and just let me hear the cattle eat. It is one of the most unique, quiet, comforting sounds I know.

I was born in Fayette County but ever since I was just a month old I have been making the journey to Lee County where my parents are from. My dad has always helped my grandpa farm in Lee and Owsley counties and I have always enjoyed the farm. In 1981 we moved to Madison County where we bought a farm at Waco.

I was thrilled to actually live on the farm. I graduated from Madison Central High School in 1985 where I was very involved in FFA as secretary and president and Blue Grass Region secretary.

My greatest highlight was being a part of the Madison Central FFA Land Judging Team that won the 1985 National Land Judging contest in Oklahoma. I will never forget the experience that my advisors Mr. Charles Metcalf and Mr. Billy Glenn Turpin gave to an 18-year-old boy from Madison County. I believe that the encouragement they gave me back then was the spark that has inspired me to be engaged, be involved and to help others.



KENTUCKY CATTLEMEN'S ASSOCIATION PRESIDENT

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The hour hand is ticking



MARKET WATCH

Dewey Strickler

According to the USDA, producers will plant 90 million acres of soybeans this year, an increase of 6.9 million from a year ago.

The hour hand on the clock is ticking closer to March, which means weather and planting intentions will gain greater prominence in the weeks ahead. In the Ag Outlook Forum, the USDA projects producers planting 92 million acres of corn, an increase of 1.2 million from a year ago. However, this is not carved in stone as weather will be a big factor influencing producers' decisions.

As far as the long-range forecast for March-May, warmer temperatures are expected with above normal precipitation in the east, and normal to below rainfall in the west. Traders can make what they want out of that forecast. Looking at exports, inspections were down this week at 48.4 million bushels. For the first time in 14 weeks, the pace of shipments fell. Meanwhile, the bulls will hold the upper hand into planting.

Soybean demand from China has been talked to death in ag circles for the past few months, and its allure may be starting to wear off. However, prices remain underpinned from tight stocks, harvest delays in Brazil, and uncertainty of the growing season that lies ahead. As of last week, Brazil's harvest was 15 percent done compared to 31 percent a year ago.

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Keep in mind that this will be subject to change because of weather and whether there is an early start in corn planting. Looking at exports, inspections set a marketing year low for the second straight week at 26.5 million bushels. This was largely because of the Lunar New Year celebrated in China. Since peaking last November, the overall pace of shipments is down 50 percent. Meanwhile, shipments to China are down 63 percent. This will likely deteriorate further as Brazil's crop becomes more available for export.

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Desire for jobs exploited

Corporate America uses rural America as dump site

There's a clear lesson in the chemical and ethical cloud now shrouding AltEn, a 25-million-gallon per year ethanol plant just south of Mead, Neb.

In fact, there's more than one lesson but the big one – how rural America is becoming a legal dumping ground for wastes created by corporate America – may be AltEn's enduring legacy.

The plant, opened as E3BioFuels in 2007, was to be unique because methane from anaerobic digesters fueled by manure from a nearby cattle feedlot helped power it. Distiller's grain, an ethanol byproduct, would then be fed back to the cattle.

That closed-loop system was an engineering challenge. A boiler explosion in late 2007 led to bankruptcy and a long shutdown. In 2011 the plant was purchased by a Kansas City group with a new business plan.

But the plan, like the investor group, was murky. Recent reporting by The Guardian and the Lincoln (Neb.) Journal Star, shows that in 2014 the Mead plant, now AltEn, received a "conditional" permit to restart. In June 2015, AltEn notified Nebraska regulators that if it used "discarded seed" to make ethanol, the resulting distiller's grain would not be used for cattle feed but composted.

That revelation was an early indication that AltEn wasn't using farm-grown corn as its ethanol feedstock. Moreover, reported The Guardian Jan. 10, AltEn was the only U.S. ethanol plant (out of 203) to use seed coated with "fungicides and insecticides, including those known as neonicotinoids, or neonics."

The reason was clear: "Instead of paying to incinerate unused treated seed or paying fees to dispose of it in a solid-waste facility," reported the Journal Star Feb. 14, "seed companies could haul or ship the seed to the village [of Mead]... where AltEn would accept it at little to no cost."

And, boy, did it.

"AltEn soon cornered the market... receiving 'nearly 98 percent of all the discard created by the seed industry in North America..." It "touted to potential customers in (an) Aug. 3, 2020 email" that it was "processing 600,000 to 900,000 pounds of treated seed into ethanol daily."

Every pound, however, created byproducts – principally distiller's grain and water

– laced with "neonics levels," explained The Guardian that were "just off the charts."

Way off. One neonics, clothianidin, has a "benchmark" of 11 parts per billion (ppb)," according to the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, explained the newspaper. One test at the plant, however, recorded "a staggering 427,000 ppb" in a sample.

Other contaminants hit lunar levels, too. "High levels of 10 other pesticides were also found in the plant lagoon," reported The Guardian, a wastewater system that "holds approximately 175 million gallons."

The details of AltEn's biomass mess – its peddling suspicious byproducts as a "soil additive;" the state's shabby monitoring of the plant, its opaque ownership, and the seed industry's complicity in making Mead into "A dump for seed companies" – all made for a classic case of corporate sharpies exploiting cracks in rural America. (Read supporting documents at farmandfoodfile.com.)

But that's an old story. BigBiz often turns rural America's eager search for new jobs, new taxes, and new people into a shovel to either ditch its dirty secrets or bury its dirty byproducts.

Big Meat, in fact, has been doing it for decades.

Iowa, for example, is home to 110 million head of livestock and poultry grown almost exclusively under contract for packer-integrators. The animals, calculates Christopher Jones, a research engineer at the University of Iowa, produce the equivalent waste of 165 million people, a number 51 times more than the state's actual population.

That creates a lot of "byproduct" just so America can enjoy cheap chicken, cheap eggs, and cheap ham.

That also creates a bigger problem when, inevitably, these byproduct "dumps" become a problem: Assigning fault is as rare as finding fixes and regulatory rules either don't exist or are purposely so vague that businesses often skate around them.

And that just stinks. For proof, ask the people who live in Mead, Neb.



FOOD & FARM FILE

Alan Guebert

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Honored to be Cattlemen's president

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I have known my wife, Patty, since 1981. We started dating in 1984 and she led me to the Lord in 1985. I married my high school sweetheart in 1988 and we have been on the same track since then. And a “fast-track” it has been over the last 32 years. We have been blessed with four sons, four beautiful “daughters” in-law and now five wonderful grandchildren and counting!

We live on our farm located on Tates Creek Road in the northwest quadrant

of Madison County where we produce forages and take care of our Sim-Angus beef cow/calf herd. We worship at the Newby Baptist Church just five miles from our house where I am a Sunday school teacher and treasurer. I am also a member of the Madison County Beef Cattle Association, a director and the treasurer of the Madison County farm Bureau and a member of the Madison County Board of Adjustments.

I graduated from Eastern Kentucky University in 1989 with a BBA major in accounting and a minor in agriculture. I

had plans to be a CPA and prepare farmers' tax returns but the Lord had other plans, which are always better. I started my career at the Kentucky American Water Company in Lexington, then was the controller and office manager for Blue Grass Stockyards, which all prepared me for my current occupation as a loan officer for Central Kentucky Ag Credit in Richmond.

I truly love my job of helping farmers with their plans and goals. I couldn't ask for a better place to work that supports and allows me to be involved with agri-

culture and farmers.

I am a firm believer that God directs our path in life and he prepares us for each step. However, we have a responsibility to love and serve Him. I am the first to confess that I fail Him every day but I am thankful for His mercy and grace.

CHRIS COOPER is president of the Kentucky Cattlemen's Association.



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Home cooking has seen a dramatic increase during the pandemic, and according to a recent report, more consumers are reaching for organic produce.

A January 2020 report from the Organic Produce Network report showed 2020 organic produce sales finished with a 14.2 percent increase over 2019, outpacing conventionally grown produce in sales and volume, while increasing organic produce sales by \$1 billion to a record \$8.5 billion.

With these significant numbers, organic farmers, researchers, and food advocates are “hungry” for state-of-the-art trends and opportunities to advance food and farming around organics.

The Organic Association of Kentucky provided just that with its annual conference, now in its 10th year.

This year’s conference, held in January, was virtual but still offered the 375 attendees from 23 states and four countries an incredible array of speakers, workshops, and networking opportunities.

OAK Executive Director Brooke Gen-

tile said input from the association’s 420 members is the basis for the conference. She and the staff, which includes two full-time and two part-time employees, realized virtual was necessary.

They began a very tedious but successful strategy to offer the same number of sessions as the regular two-day conference where sessions are concurrent. Working through Zoom, Gentile and her staff flawlessly brought speakers from as far away as Montreal Canada and Bluffton, Ga. and integrated Powerpoints and videos into the presentations.

Each day’s program contained distinguished keynote speakers, different subject matter workshops, research studies, producer panels, and discussion groups.

On Wednesday, one of the country’s foremost organic farmers, Will Harris, told how he moved the family farm back to the regenerative agriculture his great grandfather originated and subsequently increased income from \$2 million to \$29 million. All the while he helped revitalize the small town of Bluffton, Ga. by employing locally for the farm and its value-



White Oak Pasture Farms, the six generational Harris family farm pasture, raises five species of red meat, and five species of poultry on their organic rotational grazing system. All the meat is harvested at the farm’s processing plant.

added products and recruiting a significant number of “the best and brightest,” as Harris put it, to work in the different divisions of the now six-generation White Oak Pastures.

Attending the conference for the second time was Michael Call, from Nelson County. Call grew up with traditional

agriculture, and now at age 39, is moving into organic. Call said the keynotes were inspirational, but as someone who is just beginning his organic operation, he wanted to hear from producers.

“It was clearly evident that organic

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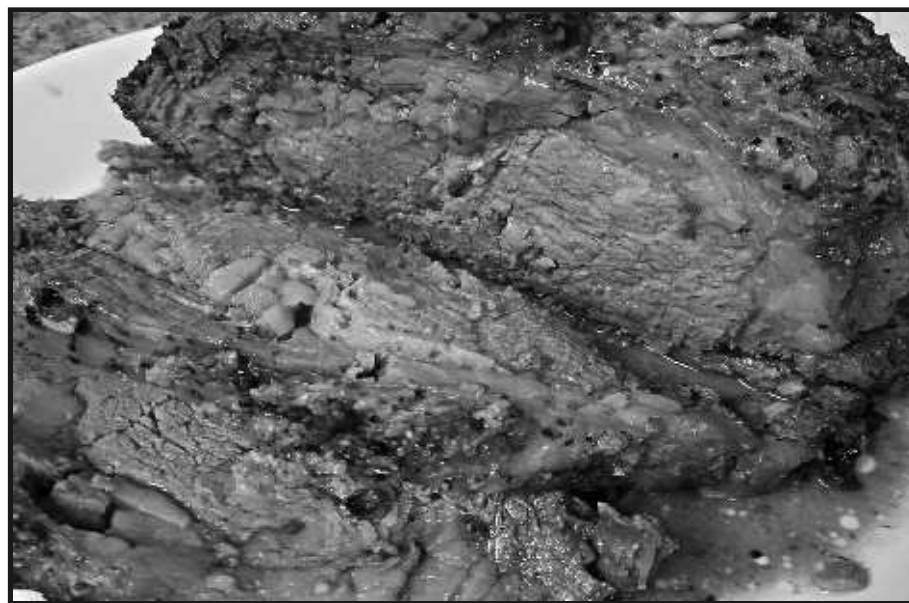
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6 cloves garlic, minced
1 (4 pound) bone-in rib-eye roast
sea salt to taste
cracked black pepper to taste

Preheat an oven to 500 degrees F.
 Beat butter and garlic together in a bowl. Poke several holes in roast with a sharp knife. Rub butter mixture all over roast and season meat with salt and black pepper. Place roast, fat-side up, in a roasting pan.

Roast in the preheated oven for 20 minutes, reduce heat to 325 degrees, and continue cooking until roast is reddish-pink and juicy in the center, 1 1/2 to 2 hours. An instant-read thermometer inserted into the center should read 145 degrees F.



Breaded brussels sprouts

1 1/2 pounds Brussels sprouts
1 teaspoon salt
4 tablespoons butter, melted
4 tablespoons grated Parmesan cheese
4 tablespoons dried bread crumbs
1/4 teaspoon garlic powder
1/4 teaspoon ground black pepper
1/4 teaspoon seasoning salt

Wash and trim Brussels sprouts. Cut an "X" about 1/8 inch deep in the stem of the sprouts (this helps cook the sprouts more evenly and quickly).

In a medium-size pot, cover Brussels sprouts with water; add 1 teaspoon salt and bring to boil. Cover and simmer for 6 minutes or until tender; drain. Be careful not to over-cook sprouts.

Place sprouts in a small casserole dish. Sprinkle 2 tablespoons of melted butter over the sprouts and mix well to coat.

Combine Parmesan cheese, dried bread crumbs, garlic powder, black pepper, seasoning salt, and remaining butter and mix well; sprinkle mixture over sprouts.

Heat sprouts under broiler (about 4 inches away from heat) for about 5 minutes or until crumb mixture is lightly browned. Serve hot.

White chocolate raspberry cheesecake

1 cup chocolate cookie crumbs
3 tablespoons white sugar
1/4 cup butter, melted
1 (10 ounce) package frozen raspberries
2 tablespoons white sugar
2 tablespoons cornstarch
1/2 cup water
2 cups white chocolate chips
1/2 cup half-and-half cream
3 (8 oz) packages cream cheese, softened
1/2 cup white sugar
3 eggs
1 teaspoon vanilla extract

In a medium bowl, mix together cookie crumbs, 3 tablespoons sugar, and melted butter. Press mixture into the bottom of a 9 inch springform pan.

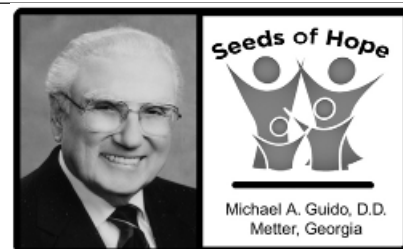
In a saucepan, combine raspberries, 2 tablespoons sugar, cornstarch, and water. Bring to boil, and continue boiling 5 minutes, or until sauce is thick. Strain sauce through a mesh strainer to remove seeds.

Preheat oven to 325 degrees F (165 degrees C). In a metal bowl over a pan of simmering water, melt white chocolate chips with half-and-half, stirring occasionally until smooth.



In a large bowl, mix together cream cheese and 1/2 cup sugar until smooth. Beat in eggs one at a time. Blend in vanilla and melted white chocolate. Pour half of batter over crust. Spoon 3 tablespoons raspberry sauce over batter. Pour remaining cheesecake batter into pan, and again spoon 3 tablespoons raspberry sauce over the top. Swirl batter with the tip of a knife to create a marbled effect.

Bake for 55 to 60 minutes, or until filling is set. Cool, cover with plastic wrap, and refrigerate for 8 hours before removing from pan. Serve with remaining raspberry sauce.



Listen and obey

"How many more times do I have to tell you before you remember what I'm trying to teach you?" asked Jim's Dad.

"Probably as many times as it takes for me to see what's in it for me," answered Jim.

Most of us have been involved in similar "discussions." Some "lessons" are more difficult to learn than others if we see no immediate benefits.

So it was with the Children of Israel. Psalm 78 begins with a plea from God: "Oh my people, hear my teaching!" Notice that God is pleading with His people to hear Him. There is a difference between listening and hearing. We often listen but do not hear. So God emphasized that fact: "listen to the words of my mouth."

Of course we want to know what He means when He asks us to "listen to the words of my mouth."

Then, as now, many only listen when any speaker has anything to say that has value to them - even God. If we do not believe that the words of the speaker - even God - will benefit us personally and tangibly we will not hear their voice. Sadly, what was true then is true today.

God spoke to the Israelites many times on many different occasions through many different individuals and unexpected miracles. Yet, His message did not penetrate into the depth of their hearts and make a lasting impression in their lives. They seemed to forget the importance of His teachings and paid a price.

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Can you identify these common weeds?


The Forage Doctor

By Jimmy Henning







(Figure 1) Buttercup should be vegetative to get good herbicidal control. Leaves are shiny and about the size of a fingertip.



(Figure 2) Vegetative henbit is easily confused with purple deadnettle which is a closely related species. Leaves are 1/2 to 3/4 inch across but are more 'lobed' than deadnettle.



(Figure 3) Vegetative purple deadnettle. Leaves are about 1/2 to 3/4 inch across and are more heart shaped.



(Figure 4) Poison hemlock grows in patches in fields and has a fern-like appearance with triangular, dark green leaves. At later stages, stems have a characteristic purple mottling.

Kentucky has literally gone from winter to spring in a week. All I have to say is "Thank Goodness!" It confirms the saying that if you don't like Kentucky weather, wait 15 minutes. Warmer temperatures and sunshine will be just what pastures and hayfields need to green up.

Trouble is, weeds always seem to start earlier and crowd out or shade out our desirable pasture plants. Identification of these in the vegetative stage is key to effective control. These weeds can be recognized pretty easily (with a little coaching, which is just about to happen, so read on).

Some of the most aggressive weed invaders are buttercup, chickweed, henbit (and its cousin purple deadnettle) and poison hemlock. These plants germinate in fall or early spring and can be very competitive with our perennial cool season grasses, especially in new seedings. Mowing these weeds is generally ineffective, but they can easily be controlled with common broadleaf herbicides in the coming weeks if we get temperatures approaching 60 degrees F if sprayed be-

fore flowering.


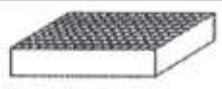
This article will focus on four very common winter weeds of pasture: buttercup, henbit, purple deadnettle and poison hemlock.

Identification

Buttercup is the common name for several *Ranunculus* species that are short-lived perennials. Most often,

we are not aware of buttercup until their yellow flowers appear. Once you see the yellow flowers, buttercup has won and will produce seed. Right now, buttercups are present in pastures as individual or clumps of plants

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Identifying common Kentucky weeds

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(Figure 1). Leaves are shiny and lobed.

Henbit and purple deadnettle are winter annual species of the same genus (*Lamium*) and are frequently confused with each other. Henbit leaves (Figure 2) are more lobed than deadnettle, which are more heart shaped (Figure 3). The most striking difference between these weeds is that the purple deadnettle's upper leaves and stems are very red in appearance compared to henbit.

Poison hemlock is a toxic plant actively growing now in many pastures (Figure 4). Hemlock is aggressive and

can overtake areas if uncontrolled. Although not usually grazed, poison hemlock can be poisonous to livestock, particularly when other forages are limited or when hay contains large quantities of hemlock. Cattle, goats and horses are considered to be most susceptible to toxicity. In addition, poison hemlock can crowd out desirable plants in areas where it becomes established.

Control Options

The best weed control in pastures is a thick stand of perennial grass. In any weed management scenario, all methods of control should be considered, not just chemical. The UK publication

'Broadleaf weeds of Kentucky pastures' (AGR-207) is one of the best places to start in developing a control strategy. To utilize the herbicide table, locate the weed to be controlled, note the time(s) of most effective control and find the herbicide choice(s) that give good control.

All of the weeds in this article are poorly managed by mowing, but many herbicide choices are available. Weeds should be sprayed when vegetative for best control. Temperatures need to be approaching 60 for herbicides to be effective, so be ready to spray when these warm periods occur. Purchase your desired product and make sure spraying

equipment is working and calibrated now so that fields can be treated when the temperatures are favorable. As with any herbicide, always read and follow label instructions.

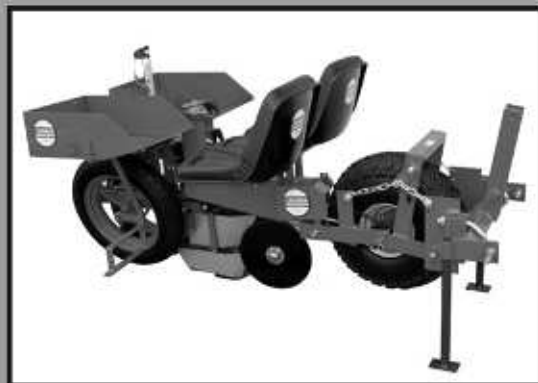
Summary

Right now, winter pasture weeds are present but are small and often overlooked. Weeds like those in this article can be identified with a little practice. Early identification along with timely herbicide application can give you a head start on cleaner spring pastures.

Happy foraging.

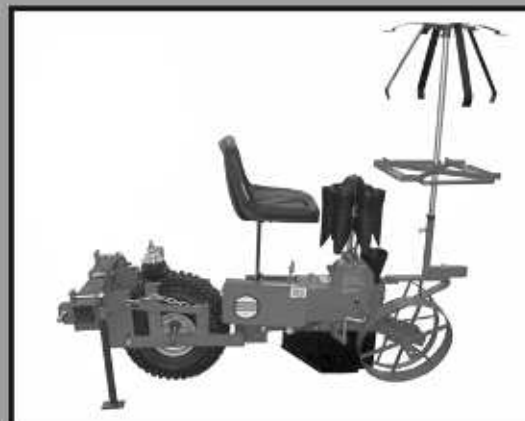
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– Ag Career Profile –

Animal Byproduct Manufacturing and Management

Name: Terry Paschall
Title: Vice President for Mid-Central Region
Company: Darling Ingredients

Terry Paschall grew up on a small family farm in Murray, Kentucky, where they grew tobacco, soybeans, and corn. His plan growing up was to continue farming for his entire life, as there was no substitute for being able to work daily with parents, grandparents, and great grandparents and learning the lessons of life.

When he became unsure if the family farm could support a new generation, he took his FFA experience and love for agriculture to Murray State University to study agribusiness. Following graduation, Paschall entered the agriculture job force working in the poultry industry.

“I took one poultry class in college, and really had not given any thought to pursuing a career in this area,” he remarked. “My college advisor, Dr. Charles Chaney, was a poultry specialist. After graduation, he called me to his office one day and said I should consider a career in the poultry industry. I accepted a job in eastern North Carolina with Perdue Farms in April of 1985. I got married, got in the car, and drove 800 miles from home to work at an operation of 2,500 employees, and which processed 400,000 chickens a day.”

Just a few years later, Paschall learned Seaboard Farms was building a chicken processing facility in Mayfield, just 30 miles from his home.

“I accepted a position with Seaboard Farms and was involved in the startup of that operation in 1990,” he said. “This was the first poultry processing facility in the state of Kentucky. It was the neatest experience of my life to be involved in the startup of that operation.”

Fast forward 30 years, Paschall began working for Darling Ingredients and is currently the

Vice President of the Mid-Central Region, where he oversees operations at plants in Kentucky and Arkansas. Darling takes animal and food byproducts from various companies across the world and recycles them into other renewable ingredients for feed, farm, health, and fuel applications among many others. He said his company collects 8 to 15 million pounds of material each week that would otherwise end up in a landfill.

When asked what he likes most about his job, he said, “One word – People.”

“The poultry industry allowed me to see things I would have never seen and meet people I would have never met. All business generally has one thing in common – PEOPLE. The people and employees of a business are the heart and soul of what can be accomplished and achievements which can be met. There is nothing more rewarding in life than to be surrounded by great people who help to make you successful. The best part is seeing these people grow and become successful as well. The poultry industry is a challenging business, but it is also a very rewarding one. There are never two days the same and any time you think you have it all figured out, you find out quickly that you probably do not. We all grow in life, not through the easy times, but during those times which can be challenging and encourage us to get out of our comfort zone.

Paschall also said that he learned very quickly after college graduation that the major a student chooses is just one small part of career success.

“Education is the root to our knowledge and allows us to learn and understand the basics we need to know as we travel on the journey of life. Understanding the basic principles of business and how the business world operates is very important. Interpersonal skills are very important, especially in today’s world. There is never a substitute for experience, and many of those experiences can be painful. We have lost some of the



personal interaction today with email and social media. People still want to be treated like a person and not be considered a number or domain name. It is amazing that so many struggle in today’s world just carrying on a one on one conversation. There is no alternative for interpersonal relationships.”

Paschall had a treasure trove of advice for young people looking at careers in agriculture and how to be successful at any career. You can read more of that advice at www.kyfoodandfarm.com. Click on “Ag Careers” under Topics to read more of his story.

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LIFE LESSONS

Remembering Bill Maksymowicz

By Traci Missun
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Bill Maksymowicz's unexpected passing late last year was a shock. We felt the loss keenly for ourselves and for his family, we remembered his accomplishments, and we thought about the way he touched our lives.

More than two decades ago, I started my first hands-on ag job at the University of Kentucky Research Center in Princeton. That's where I met Bill, then UK's dark tobacco specialist. He was known by many folks and answered to many names – Bill Mak or Maks, Dr. Bill, and sometimes just Bill.

As a research technician, I helped Bill put in tobacco plots and collect data at the research station and with farmers across west Kentucky. This information would end up in production guides, tobacco meetings, and across-the-tailgate conversations. It was meaningful work to me, and I loved it. I learned a lot about tobacco, but the life lessons learned from Bill were even more valuable to me.

Those who knew him know that Bill had his own way of doing things. I believe his wife Melinda and co-worker Kay joked that there was Bill's way or the

wrong way. He was the first to admit it. He showed me the right way to grow tobacco transplants in the greenhouse. I remember getting started on seeding trays that March. We had already bought trays, soil mix, and seeds, so he turned me loose on it.

When Bill checked my progress a day or two later, he was pleased I was doing it the right way. But he also mentioned that if I didn't go faster I wouldn't have plants ready in time to set.

Lesson #1 – You can do it right but it won't matter if you miss your deadline. Sometimes we focus on doing things just so, but often there's a make or break point where you have to decide whether you're going to fish or keep cutting bait. Life doesn't wait around on us.

Bill and I would meet in the smoking lounge at the research station before 8 a.m. many mornings to go over work plans. One day we were thinking out loud on the need for storage cabinets in the stripping room. So we headed out for a couple and unloaded them in the barn.

Then Bill announced he was headed out to work on



Bill Maksymowicz loved tobacco, its people, and its culture. He died at the age of 71 on Nov. 27, 2020.

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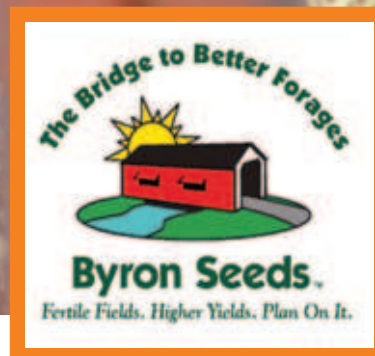
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Maksymowicz's legacy will live on in others

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something else. It could have been a tobacco meeting, writing up research, or planning the season. I'm not sure but I looked at those two big boxes in the floor with alarm. I'd never put together anything that big before. I was sure they would end up falling apart if I ever managed to get them together. Long story short – they didn't. I put them together, and they were fine.

That's **Lesson #2** – Sometimes we don't know what we can do until we do it.

Bill was known by farmers to be practical. He was a scientist and researcher, but he also had the important quality of being able to relate research findings into practical recommendations for tobacco growers. Research possibilities are endless with any crop, but Bill focused on research that would be of direct benefit to farmers. He was able to strip the results down into practical advice for improving production or solving problems.

Bill was not known to sugarcoat his advice. Even though this fluffed up a person every now and then, most people appreciated his frankness.

Be practical and be frank – **Lesson #3 and #4.** Being frank is not always easy to do, and it took me a good while to be comfortable doing it.

Bill introduced me to farmers and ag industry folks who would become future friends and co-workers. From the Corbins in Springfield, Tenn. to the Elliotts in Philpot, and many others in between, I've gotten to know some fine people through Bill.

Some wouldn't think of him as being warm and fuzzy, but Bill cared about his job, and he cared about the farmers he worked with.

Caring is the foundation for good business relationships as much as it is for our personal relationships.

That's **Lesson #5**, and really it's the most important one. It has stuck with me over my career in agriculture.

Bill Maks was my boss, mentor, and one of my best friends. He taught me a lot, and my life and career paths were changed for the good by knowing him. I believe his impact on the tobacco world was the same.

There is no doubt of his contributions and their significance to tobacco farmers and the industry. But his legacy may well be his personal relationships with fam-

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BLACK SOIL: Networking for market opportunities

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to their legacy and heritage in agriculture. Smith explained why this connection is essential.

She pointed out there are only 433 Black owned farms out of 77,000 Kentucky farms, and collectively, the Black community is losing 30,000 acres of family land each year.

“Black farms average 31 percent less in their average market value of products, and their Black farm products are valued at a little over \$10 million compared to their White counterparts’ valuation at \$5 billion,” she said.

It’s the goal of Black Soil to provide Black farmers with new market opportunities by building infrastructure using creative placemaking, bringing together producers, culinary artisans, chefs, and rural and urban people for community revitalization.

To accomplish this goal, Black Soil organizes year-round events that include farm tours, Farm to Table dinners, and off-season workshops to connect Kentuckians with Kentucky’s Black farmers/growers and producers. The events allow attendees to learn the narratives, experience, and expertise of the partnering Black farmers.

Currently, Black Soil works with 300 Black farm families who offer various agriculture products, from beekeeping to bed and breakfast. They reach 35 counties, primarily in central Kentucky, but have several in Warren County and as far west as Christian County.

“Black Soil wants to improve the quality of life for Kentucky’s African American community by helping Black farmers and producers obtain a greater market share as they provide healthy food options for a larger consumer base,” Smith said.

Dr. Mia Farrell, University of Kentucky assistant dean for diversity, explained why discussing Black farmers is important.


“Historically, Black farmers have faced many challenges as opposed to their counterparts. Programs such as the Black Farmer CAFE Conversations are reinvigorating to learn that Black farmers are reclaiming their families’ farmland. Jim Coleman is a prime

example of creating intergenerational wealth while focusing on community and economic development in the Lexington-Fayette County community.”

By Toni Riley
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Virtual OAK conference gives farmers a way to network



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producers on the program are really, really good at working through the details and problems and provided me the tangible information I need,” he said. He also said he had no idea the number of organic resources available through the different state agencies and research at the University of Kentucky.

For Call, learning that OAK offers “transition trainers” was critical. These are people who help new producers transition from traditional agriculture into organic. Call applied and was accepted and will have an organic producer’s expertise as he begins his first year in organic production.

Courtney Bartenslager, Central Ag Credit assistant vice president and marketing specialist, has attended the conference for five years.

She said that while Ag Credit does not have data for loans specifically for organic farming, in the last 10 years, the number of small (less than \$250,000 in gross sales) and beginning (less than 10 years experience) farmers in their portfolio has doubled.

“We see a strong interest in organic production in central Kentucky,” she added.

Looking back on the origins of the conference, Gentile said it was started simply as a way for organic farmers to network, which is still the conference’s overall goal. She said the sense of community engagement during the small groups exceeded what she thought could be achieved on virtual.

“There are always so many rich in-person experiences which we never expected to replicate virtually, but they were and many, many new connections established,” she said.

“When producers are talking one on one, they learn

ways that people can come to organic – ways to talk about the practices they learned in the workshops, to reduce input, increase soil health and increase yield,”

she said. “They find common ground.”
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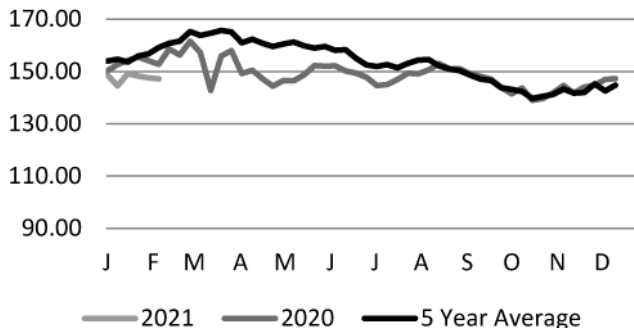
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June/July 2021	\$6.54	-0.15	WN1	\$6.390
Aug. 2021	\$6.51	-0.15	WU1	\$6.360
June/July 2022	\$6.31	-0.30	WN1	\$6.010

Corn:		Basis		
April 21	\$5.46	.00	CZ0	\$5.46
May 21	\$5.35	.00	CH1	\$5.35
June 21	\$5.35	.00	CH1	\$5.35



Current bids are on our website at peterson-farms.com

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BLACK IS THE COLOR

2021 PRODUCTION SALE

**March 20th, 2021
1PM Eastern**

**Location: Triple T Farms LLC
2616 Hwy 1664 Nancy, KY 42544
Tim and Teresa Tarter**



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*Black Dynasty
the Maternal King*

Approximately **92** lots

37 coming 2 years stout Black Hereford Bulls

9 Open Heifers

10 Open Show Prospect Haltered Heifers

15 Young Bred Cows and 3 in ones

23 Bred Heifers

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Prize Drawings and Evening Meals



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**Spring breeding is just around the corner. Bring your semen tank and save on shipping. We will have semen on hand of all of our AI sires.*



We would like to personally invite everyone to be with us for both days. This is not just another cattle sale. It is the Black Hereford event of the year! You don't want to miss this. We hope you will join us.

Tim and Teresa



AUCTION/MARKET

WEEKLY COW SUMMARY				
Slaughter Cows		<u>Average</u>	<u>High</u>	<u>Low</u>
	Breakers	52.00-74.00	54.50-76.00	45.50-52.00
	Boners	38.50-72.50	51.00-75.00	42.00-55.00
	Lean	33.50-64.50	53.00-68.00	30.00-54.00
Slaughter Bulls		<u>Average</u>	<u>High</u>	<u>Low</u>
	Yield Grade 1&2	69.50-100.00	85.00-110.00	62.00-88.00

January 28, 2021

Bowling Green, KY

SLAUGHTER GOATS: 88

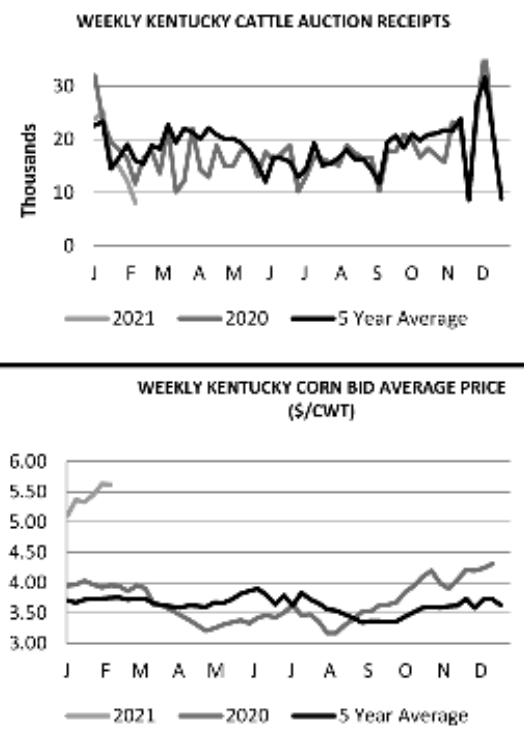
Kids-Selection 1-2 157 lbs 260.00. Kids-Selection 2 48 lbs 260.00; 52 lbs 355.00; 64 lbs 360.00; 75 lbs 300.00; 89 lbs 250.00.

SLAUGHTER SHEEP: 201

Wooled Choice and Prime 1-2 158 lbs 165.00. Hair Breeds-Choice and Prime 1 60 lbs 360.00; 73 lbs 330.00; 83 lbs 310.00. Choice and Prime 1-2 55 lbs 360.00; 70 lbs 305.00; 90 lbs 240.00. Hair Breeds-Choice 2 51-55 lbs 330.00-345.00; 65 lbs 335.00; 72 lbs 310.00.

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GRAINS	This Week	Prior Week	Last Year
Corn	5.15-5.99	5.23-5.87	3.80-4.09
Soybeans	13.16-14.30	13.17-13.97	8.42-9.22
Red Winter Wheat	6.09-6.90	6.13-6.90	5.47-5.79



Bluegrass Gelbvieh Invitational

New Location

Bull & Female Sale

Saturday, March 27, 2021 • 1:00 PM ET

Bluegrass Stockyards, MT. Sterling, KY

Several bulls sired by the calving ease, maternal specialist Godfather 575C

Selling 35

Gelbvieh & Balancer Bulls

Many Homozygous Black and Homozygous Polled

Selling 25

Gelbvieh & Balancer Females

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TOP RESEARCH FUNDING AREAS

- Water Quality
- Disease and Pest Management
- Soil Fertility and Health
- Soybean Variety Trials



RECENT INNOVATIVE RESEARCH PROJECTS

- Blue Water Farms Edge of Field Monitoring in Kentucky Soils
- Use of Plant Growth-Promoting Microbes and Novel Chemicals to Improve Yield and Stress Tolerance



TOP THINGS FOR FARMERS TO KNOW ABOUT CHECKOFF DOLLARS INVESTED IN RESEARCH

The Kentucky Soybean Promotion Board believes research is the key to success in supporting the state's farmers. We work closely with researchers at Kentucky colleges and universities to get local, applicable results to challenging issues. The research projects in which we invest checkoff dollars aim to increase profitability and sustainability.



TOP AREAS OF RESEARCH CRITICAL TO THE FUTURE OF KENTUCKY'S SOYBEAN PRODUCTION

- Communicate Research Results to Producers in Ways They Can be Applied
- Continue to Produce Soybeans in an Environmentally Sound and Sustainable Manner





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\$490,000



“While it's important to continue to do research on our own farms, we realize that we can't do it all. That's why we must continue to invest checkoff dollars to support research efforts to help us make critical decisions.”

— Adam Hendricks, soybean farmer from Auburn, Kentucky

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