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Former FFA members create endowment to support local ag education programs

There is a long list of successful Hopkinsville High School graduates who credit their agriculture teacher, Mr. Earl Webb, for having a tremendous influence on them in high school.

"We had an excellent vocational agriculture/FFA advisor," said Terry Ashby, who graduated in 1975. "He had a very positive influence on several of us in Hopkinsville and Christian County. Because of that positive impact I wanted to do something in appreciation and recognition of him and other FFA advisors."

After high school, Ashby earned his degree in agricultural economics from the University of Kentucky and went on to have a 41-year career with Perdue Farms. He held positions in sales and production with Perdue, which took him to several other states and eventually returned him to Kentucky in the late 1990s.

A couple of years ago, he came up with an idea for a fund to support current agriculture programs in Christian County while recognizing the impact of current and past agriculture teachers. He bounced the idea off a few of his classmates, who wholeheartedly supported it and were excited to get involved.

One of those classmates, Keith Buckingham, credits his time in Mr. Webb's agriculture classes for giving him a sense of direction, leadership skills, problem solving practice, and other tools that he still uses in his day-to-day career with Bayer Crop Science.

Buckingham had stayed involved in supporting FFA and helped Ashby make a connection with the Kentucky FFA Foundation. Executive Director Sheldon McKinney loved the idea also, and not only helped the Christian County group get organized, but used Ashby's idea as the basis for the Foundation's recently formed Forever Blue Endowment Fund.

"The goal of the Kentucky FFA Foundation's For-

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A LEGACY IN THE MAKING

Fourth generation leads farm in new direction

At nine years old, Ally Jones was the typical "girly girl," with bows and frilly everything. She had nothing to do with a farm or dairy cattle. Then she joined 4-H and started showing her first Brown Swiss dairy heifer.

Now at 22 years old, her alarm goes a little after 4 a.m. She drives 18 miles and at 5 a.m. milks the same breed and some of the same cows from her show string at her familyowned Legacy Dairy, the state's only single-source cream-lined dairy.

Ally's enthusiasm for milking cows is evident as she talks about starting this business venture. She admits that it was that first show heifer purchased in 2009 and known affectionately as Leah Torpedo that brought her family to "where we are today."

She boarded her cows at another farm until 2013 when her family purchased what the community of Hiseville, near Cave City, knows as the "Old Glen Jones Farm."

Glen Jones was her father's uncle. The farm originated with Ally's great grandfather, making her the fourth generation to milk and continuing the family legacy, hence Legacy Dairy's name.

The family started milking in 2014, selling milk through a co-op and as well as raw milk. Then in 2016, a fire devastated a barn full of hay, and they



Ally Jones in her favorite spot – the Legacy Dairy milking parlor.

closed the milking parlor doors.

Ally went off to the University of Kentucky to college and realized that she was too far from home. She kept badgering her dad, saying, "Let's milk cows again – let's milk cows again."

Ally came home after a semester and her family began developing a plan to milk cows and sell the milk themselves.

After hours and hours of planning and locating a funding source, Legacy Dairy built a processing plant and started selling their own milk in March of 2020, just as the COVID-19 pandemic closed down the country. But this was actually a surprising ben-

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UK to host Summer Annual Forage Field Walk in July



Summer annual forages like crabgrass can help producers get through the warm summer months. Photo by Jordyn Bush, UK graduate student.

University of Kentucky forage specialists will showcase their research and dis-

cuss considerations for livestock producers wishing to incorporate summer annuals in their operations during a free Summer Annual Forage Field Walk. The walk will take place July 15 at the UK Research and Education Center in Princeton.

Summer annual forages include sorghum, sudangrass, sorghum-sudangrass hybrids, crabgrass, teff and millets. They grow best when temperatures are between 80 and 90 degrees F. They can provide producers with high quality grazing when cool-season forages struggle in the heat and can help producers who are renovating pastures control erosion and weeds until they can seed cool-season perennials in the fall.

Participants will tour research plots and variety trials and see hands-on demonstrations. Topics include fertility, establishment, grazing management, pest control, economics, species and testing for nitrates and prussic acid.

"We encourage producers to come

with their questions," said Chris Teutsch, extension forage specialist in the UK College of Agriculture, Food and Environment. "We hope to frame our discussion around topics that interest our audience."

The event begins with registration and dinner at 4:30 p.m. CDT. Field walks will start shortly after 5 p.m. and last until 8 p.m.

While the event is free, organizers encourage interested individuals to register online to help with meal planning.

Event sponsors include the UK Grain and Forage Center of Excellence, Kentucky Master Grazer Educational Program and the UK Cooperative Extension Service.

Additional information is available by contacting Brandon Dooley, UK's U.S. Department of Agriculture intern.

By Katie Pratt University of Kentucky

KDA extends deadline for specialty crop block grant applications

The Kentucky Department of Agriculture is extending the dead-line for new concept proposals for the second round of the specialty crop block grant program. The new deadline for preliminary proposals is July 9.

"With the extended deadline, we are hoping more people are able to take advantage of this program," Commissioner of Agriculture Dr. Ryan Quarles said. "The specialty crop program is intended to help make Kentucky specialty crops more competitive in domestic and foreign markets. Specialty crops make up a significant part of Kentucky's agricultural economy, and there is plenty of room to grow."

The second round of the specialty crop block grant program is made possible through COVID-19 funding provided by the U.S. Department of Agriculture. The program is a federal grant program aimed at supporting specialty crops in agriculture. Applicants must describe how the projects will potentially affect and produce measurable outcomes for the specialty crop industry and/or the public.

501 (c) (3) nonprofit organizations and quasi government entities, including public universities, are eligible to apply. All projects are subject to the availability of funds. The new funding may allow for costs associated with COVID-19 to be eligible for funding as part of a submitted proposal. The Kentucky Department of Agriculture will not award grant funds for projects that solely benefit a particular commercial product or provide profit to a single organization, institution, or individual.

Preliminary proposals must be submitted by email to David.W.

Morris@ky.gov no later than 4:30 p.m. EST on July 9, 2021. Qualifying applicants will be notified and invited to complete a full grant application.

Specialty crops are defined as fruits and vegetables, tree nuts, dried fruits, horticultural products, nursery crops (including floriculture), and honey. For a comprehensive list, interested parties may visit www.ams.usda.gov/services/grant s/scbgp/specialty-crop.

KDA receives grant funding from the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) Agricultural Marketing Service (AMS) for the specialty crop grant program and conducts an annual competitive application process to award grant funds.



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More on the 'Economics' of Baleage



Well, I 'fessed up' to one of my Ag economics colleagues about my foray into baleage economics. Turns out I will not be banished or excommunicated (yet).

To recap, I was asked recently how many acres you would need to justify owning your own bale wrapper. A very good question. And like so many others, it needs a lot of thought to really develop a decent answer.

In my original very simple analysis, I simply compared the cost of buying a wrapper (price range from \$5000 to

\$30,000), financed over five years with the benefits of less dry matter and quality loss from weathering and storage and less need to feed supplements during winter for cows in late gestation and lactation.

These assumptions led me to conclude that you would only need to be cutting and wrapping 62 acres of forage for the savings in weathering/storage losses and supplement purchases to make the payments on the bale wrapper. Here are a few other things that my ag econ colleagues identified that would affect this calculation.

Upgrading tractors. Baleage is heavy. With a target moisture of 50 to 60 percent, that makes silage bales about double the weight of dry hay bales of the same size. Tractors will need to have

the hydraulic capacity to lift these heavier bales. The loader mechanism and bale spear will also need to be able to handle the heavier packages.

Baler modifications or upgrades. Balers for round bale silage must be able to handle both the weight and the physical characteristics of wet forage. Some balers are designated as silage balers, these have heavier components plus modifications that facilitate handling of the wet forage. Other balers can be retrofitted with kits to be able to make baleage.

Cost of plastic. Production of baleage requires wrapping bales with six layers of UV-resistant plastic to exclude oxygen and facilitate good fermentation. This cost is in addition to that of twine or net wrap. The cost will vary with plastic prices, but will be in the range of \$3 to \$5 per bale. Coincidentally, \$3 to \$5 per bale is less than the value of loss in dry matter of hay valued at \$60 per ton than loses four inches due to weathering from outside storage.

Labor: The wrapping of bales takes extra time, whether you or someone

else does it.

Risk of a bad outcome. Although infrequent, sometimes baleage just does not work and the forage is not usable. In worst case scenarios, it can kill animals from botulism. UK has surveyed the quality of baleage in Kentucky over the past three years and we know we can easily prevent bad outcomes by adequately wilting forage before baling, wrapping bales soon after baling, making dense bales, and by excluding oxygen from the fermenting bales by using six layers of plastic and patching any holes that occur.

Weather unpredictability. A commercial hay producer told me he had half the usual number of 'baling days' in 2020 compared to other years. I am sure that 2021 will prove to be a much better year for hay given the good drying weather we have had in May and June. Buying a bale wrapper before the 2020 growing season would have proved to be much more profitable than in 2021, but that is only looking at a limited time pe-

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The ability to make baleage allows the timely harvest of high quality forage. While bale wrappers are becoming more widely available to rent, access is often limited during peak times. The economics of owning your own wrapper is a complex calculation involving many factors, including number of acres harvested and whether additional or heavier equipment is needed.



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Salmonella outbreaks in backyard poultry sicken Kentuckians

At least 17 people in Kentucky have become sick in an outbreak of Salmonella bacteria that are linked to backyard poultry, according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

"One in three sick people is a child younger than 5 years," the CDC warned Thursday. "Don't let young children touch chicks, ducklings, or other backyard poultry."

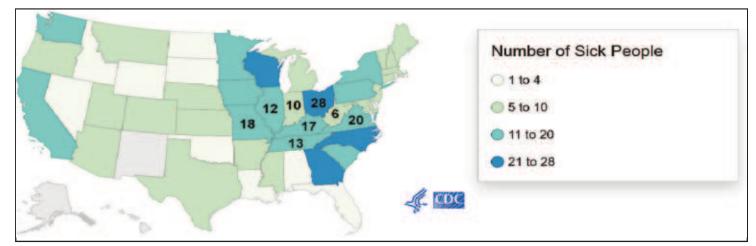
The outbreaks have affected almost 500 people and caused more than 100 hospitalizations in 46 states; Kentucky's case numbers are higher than average for the nation.

Poultry can carry salmonella "even if they look healthy and clean," the CDC said. "These germs can easily spread to anything in the areas where the poultry live and roam. You can get sick from touching your backyard poultry or anything in their environment and then touching your mouth or food."

The CDC said owners of backyard poultry should:

Wash your hands

- Always wash your hands with soap and water immediately after touching backyard poultry, their eggs, or anything in the area where they live and roam.
- Use hand sanitizer if soap and water are not readily available. Consider having hand sanitizer at your coop.



- Be safe around backyard flocks.
- Don't kiss or snuggle backyard poultry, and don't eat or drink around them. This can spread Salmonella germs to your mouth and make you sick.
- Keep your backyard flock and supplies you use to care for them (like feed containers and shoes you wear in the coop) outside of the house. You should also clean the supplies outside the house.

Supervise kids around flocks

- Always supervise children around backyard poultry and make sure they wash their hands properly afterward.
- Don't let children younger than 5 years touch chicks, ducklings, or other backyard poultry. Young children are more likely to get sick from germs like

Salmonella.

Handle eggs safely

- Collect eggs often. Eggs that sit in the nest can become dirty or break.
- Throw away cracked eggs. Germs on the shell can more easily enter the egg through a cracked shell.
- Rub off dirt on eggs with fine sandpaper, a brush, or a cloth. Don't wash them because colder water can pull germs into the egg.
- Refrigerate eggs to keep them fresh and slow the growth of germs.
- Cook eggs until both the yolk and white are firm, and cook egg dishes to

an internal temperature of 160°F to kill all germs.

Call your health-care

provider right away if you have any of these severe symptoms:

- Diarrhea and a fever higher than 102°F
- Diarrhea for more than three days that is not improving
- Bloody diarrhea
- So much vomiting that you cannot keep liquids down
 - Signs of dehydration, such as:
 - Not urinating much
 - Dry mouth and throat
 - Feeling dizzy when standing up

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riod.

The time factor. There is an aspect of farming that is very hard to quantify; the value of time. Farmers are the ultimate multi-taskers. In a perfect forage world, they could just wait until haying conditions get right, making a bale wrapper somewhat unnecessary. Realistically,

how do you place a value on being able to get your stored forage work done without having to wait for perfect weather? I am not sure, but I know it would be substantial.

The ability to take on custom work. Owning your own wrapper would allow the generation of extra revenue by doing custom work for others. Sharing the investment with another farmer would greatly lessen your upfront costs.

Ultimately, all of this means that it likely will take a few more than 62 acres to justify owning your own bale wrapper, and maybe quite a bit more. We will continue to work on this so that we can make a full accounting of the costs and benefits of making baleage. Stay tuned.

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ever Blue endowment program is to give donors the opportunity to make a difference to something they are passionate about – the lives of FFA members – for generations to come," said McKinney.

The FFA Foundation will disperse 5 percent of the total endowment annually to Christian County.

"When we set up the framework, we thought, 'this has to still work in 50 years, when there's a different foundation director, different teachers, agriculture is different," McKinney said. "We believe we have created that opportunity to be philanthropic for generations in a sustainable way."

Locally, the goal is to raise \$100,000 for the Christian County Ag Teacher Appreciation endowment from supporters of agriculture in Christian County. The proceeds will be granted directly to the agricultural education programs at Hopkinsville High School and Christian County High School each year. These funds will be used by the programs to provide opportunities for agriculture students, like helping them pay for trips to FFA Camp, national and state FFA convention, and purchase FFA jackets.

"We have a very diverse group of students from a wide variety of backgrounds," said Olivia Clark, an agriculture teacher at Christian County High School. "There is more financial need than many people realize. This endowment is going to give our students opportunities to see what's beyond the classroom and expand their horizons. We are fortunate to have a very supportive community."

Those are exactly the kinds of opportunities Mr. Webb showed his students, and they credit him with setting a foundation for their future careers. David Delaney, who was a member of the same class as Ashby and Buckingham, said his four years with Mr. Webb helped him develop from a timid freshman to a confident graduate with a clear direction.

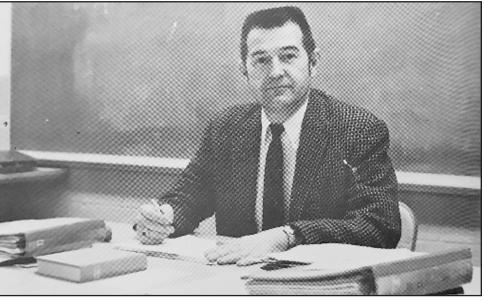
"I will forever be grateful for the huge impact Mr. Webb and FFA had on my development during my high school years," he said. "The skills that I obtained during this time have served me well over and over again throughout my life"

"I think young people today have more challenges than they've ever had," said Ashby. "Agricultural education and FFA can be a big benefit to help young people as they begin to consider careers and even what their whole ethics and morals will be. We saw this as a great opportunity to help young people make great decisions to benefit them like it has us."

Besides having the idea to start the endowment, Ashby, along with his wife, Donna Sadler Ashby (also a Hopkinsville native), have made a gift to help get it started.

Yet another classmate, local farmer David Wimpy, has made a gift as well, and is excited about the possibilities.

"I just can't emphasize enough the importance of FFA, and if you've got the



Hopkinsville FFA advisor Mr. Webb

right teachers in there, the impact it can have on kids at an early age. It can be life-changing," said Wimpy. "Mr. Webb was a pioneer. He started the first ag program at Hopkinsville High School. I'm still using things he taught me in class today, and everyone in our 1975 class can tell you the same thing – how much impact FFA had on our careers and our love for agriculture."

Buckingham and his wife, Loloy, have designated a portion of their estate be gifted to the endowment.

"It was important for us to leave something back to the process that helped us so much," said Buckingham.

Anyone can contribute to the endowment at any gift size, said McKinney.

"A \$1,000 gift, a gift from an estate, a

donation of grain....it all goes back to the cause of supporting opportunities to FFA members in Christian County," she said

Buckingham is encouraging anyone who felt the positive impact of FFA in Christian County to help support the endowment.

"I would like for people in all aspects of business in Christian County that have anything to do with ag to step in and financially support this cause," said Buckingham.

To contribute to the Christian County Agriculture Teacher Development Endowment Fund, contact McKinney at 606-782-4620 or sheldon.mckinney@kvffa.org.

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CORN DISEASE UPDATE — Preparing for foliar fungicide application decisions in corn

Corn is moving through growth stages quickly, and April planted corn is at or approaching tasseling in many fields across the state. Pre-tassel and tasseling fungicide applications are common, although fungicide use in corn is not always an automatic decision. This article discusses some of the factors that influence the profitability of a fungicide application

1. Crop Production Factors

Check hybrid ratings for foliar diseases such as gray leaf spot and northern corn leaf blight prior to foliar fungicide application. Fungicide applications to hybrids with good foliar disease resistance are less likely to provide economic returns. Hybrids susceptible to foliar diseases are more likely to respond to foliar fungicides, especially if planted in continuous corn or fields under conservation tillage. These fields are at higher risk for foliar disease development since the fungi that cause several foliar diseases survive in residue.

Additionally, irrigated fields are at higher risk for foliar diseases since irri-

gation creates an environment favorable for disease development.

2. Fungicide Timing

University research indicates that foliar fungicides applied at tasseling or early silking (VT-R1) provide optimal foliar disease control for gray leaf spot and northern corn leaf blight and also the best chance for seeing a yield response, compared to applications that occur after "brown silk" (R2) in corn.

Early vegetative stage applications (V6) are less likely to provide an economic return. A recent national summary of foliar fungicide trials comparing yield response of early fungicide applications to applications that occur at VT-R1 can be found online.

Recent UK research has indicated that V12 or pre-tassel fungicide applications provide comparable foliar disease control and yield response as VT-R1 applications under low to moderate levels of foliar diseases like gray leaf spot.

Fungicide applications that occur at brown silk or later may be too late to realize the full benefit of fungicide application for diseases like gray leaf spot. However, if the disease southern rust arrives in Kentucky before corn is through milk stage (R3), later fungicide applications may be needed to manage this disease.

3. Fungicide Class

Recent University research indicates that fungicide class influences the potential for yield response from foliar fungicide applications occurring at VT.

Applications of products containing both strobilurin (QoI; FRAC group 11) and triazole (DMI; FRAC group 3) fungicide classes are more likely to result in a positive return on fungicide investment compared to applications of products containing only a strobilurin or triazole fungicide active ingredient.

Fungicide classes and efficacy of specific fungicide products for foliar diseases like gray leaf spot are described in the updated fungicide efficacy table for management of corn diseases, which is developed by the national Corn Disease Working Group and posted on the Crop Protection Network website:

4. Yield potential in damaged corn

Flooding, hail damage, and other weather events have reduced corn yield potential in certain fields in Kentucky. Before applying a fungicide to these fields, assess yield potential and determine if additional investment in the crop is warranted.

Remember that fungicide applications are most successful when used to help protect yield from foliar diseases. Fungicide applications used to "recover" yield in a compromised crop may be less economically viable.

5. Disease identification

It is important to scout corn and determine if foliar diseases are present and at levels that need management before deciding if a fungicide application is needed.

If help is needed identifying diseases present in corn, have your county agent submit samples to the University of Kentucky Plant and Pest Diagnostic Laboratory. This lab can provide an accurate diagnosis that can aid in management decisions.

By Kiersten Wise,

University of Kentucky Plant Pathology Extension Specialist - From Kentucky Pest News





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Kentucky Commissioner of Agriculture Dr. Ryan Quarles announced the winners of the KDA Poster and Essay Contest at an awards ceremony last week at Whitaker Bank Ballpark. Winners of the 2020 and 2021 contest were in attendance

Commissioner Quarles announces winners of KDA poster and essay contest

Kentucky Commissioner of Agriculture Dr. Ryan Quarles announced the winners of the Kentucky Department of Agriculture's annual Poster and Essay Contest during an awards ceremony last week at Whitaker Bank Ballpark.

The theme of the contest, "Kentucky Agriculture Never Stops," honored farm families during the COVID-19 pandemic.

"Congratulations to each of these winners who so vividly depicted in art and writing how our farmers all across the state are dedicated to grow the safest, most abundant food supply in the world. That is especially true as we continue to recover from the worldwide health crisis," Commissioner Quarles said. "These poster and essay submissions are a true reminder and honor of the hard work and dedication our farm families put in during the COVID-19 pandemic."

The KDA received 507 entries, including 388 posters. Each winning entry will receive a \$100 award from Kentucky Agriculture and Environment in the Classroom, and will be displayed at the 2021 Kentucky State Fair in August in Louisville.

The digital winner, which includes photos or original digital artwork, is fifth-grader Isabella Young of John Paul II Catholic School in Morganfield, Kentucky. Her teacher is Emily Girten.

Poster winners with their schools and teachers are:

Kindergarten: Val Royalty, home school, Dana Royalty

First grade: Ashleigh McDonald, Waco Elementary, Sarah Sears Second grade: Lexi Decker, North Butler Elementary, Stacie Gleichauf Third grade: Sawver Decker, North Butler Elementary, Stephanie Parrish Fourth grade: Greta Gibson, Highlands Latin School, Janice Murdoch Fifth grade: Jason McDonald, Waco Elementary, Nicole Jeck

Sixth grade: Blakely Callahan, South Laurel Middle School, Heather Ponder Seventh grade: Rylee Crist, West Hardin Middle School, Leslie Meredith Eighth grade: Jesse McClain, North Washington Elementary, Lolita Blanton Ninth grade: Gabrielle Kriedler, Randall K. Cooper High School, Kearsten

Connelly 10th grade: Laura Gibson, Highlands Latin School, Janice Murdoch

11th grade: Graci Leach, Butler County High School, Catron Burdette 12th grade: Makenna Lanham, Randall K. Cooper High School, Cameron White

Essay winners with their schools and teachers are:

First grade: Madeleine Sarver, Alvaton Elementary, Carolyn Gifford

Second grade: Remmi Prince, Southern Elementary, Maxie Kordes

Third grade: Ellie Bailey, Caldwell County Elementary, Taylor Farless Fourth grade: Annalee Wood, Spencer County Elementary, Darla Browning Fifth grade: Emerson Daniels, Mercer County Intermediate, Monnie Berger

Sixth grade: Brindalyn Fawbush, North Laurel Middle School, Robin Hacker

Seventh grade: Cyrus Bivens, LaRue County Middle School, Laura Reed Eighth grade: Abby George, St. Joseph School, Kara Lewis

Ninth grade: Kaelin Cook, Spencer County High School, Darilyn Hamilton 10th grade: Maggie White, Webster County High School, Christina Ramage 11th grade: Jaxen Miller, Webster County High School, Christina Ramage 12th grade: Annabel Wilmurth

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- Timpte 40' Hopper Elec. Tarp and **Gate Trailer**
- Chamberlin 34' Alum Hopper Trailer
- 1984 Fuel Truck 466
- 2 Semi IMP Trailers
- 5 Semi Box Trailers
- 40' Flat Semi Trailer
- 40 ' Flat Semi Trailer
- 2003 GMC Yukon
- 2011 Chevy Silverado •IH 4700 Service Truck, 444, 7SP,
- Miller Bobcat Welder/Generator
- JD 158 Loader
- 3 Hay Wagons with JD Gear
- 4 Gravity Wagons
- Brent 420 Grain Cart

- Chisel Plow JD 3X
- **Proxibid** and **Plow** Antique in-person

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- Tobacco Setter • 6' MF Disc
- IH 470 Disc, Man Wings
- Kenwanee 1020 Disc, Man Wings
- JD Hoover Potato Planter
- 1000 Gal Fuel Tank
- Fork Lift
- Kinze 16-31 W/20-20 Mot.
- JD 930 Flex Head (Parts)
- 2-1580 JD Batwings 3PT Bushhoa
- Center Dump Gravity Wagon JD 757 Zero Turn
- JD 757 Zero Turn
- JD 935 Mower (Parts)
- JD 710 Mower
- JD 912, 72" Mower
- JD 188 Mower
- JD 111 Mower
- JD 210 Mower
- JD 212 Mower Yetter Seed Jet
- Misc. Tires
- JD 7000 Planter w/ mont 12 row
- Sebert 498 Seeder Cleaner
- 16 Units w/ Agleader Row Clutches
- AGCO Allis 20 Stripper Head 801 Hitch
- 2 JD Cultivator 2 Row
- 45KW Diesel Generator w/trailer
- Allis Planter Parts
- Rhino Hydraulic 10' blade
- BMB Hvdraulic 10' blade
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- 1219 JD Havbine
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AUCTION/MARKET

Blue Grass South Stanford, KY June 14, 2021 Feeder Steers: Medium & Large 1-2

77 hd. 642# 157.75 blk-charx 108 hd. 843# 141.30 blk 61 hd. 851# 132.50 mixed 61 hd. 871# 130.75 blk-charx 65 hd. 892# 137.50 blk-fancy 62 hd. 901# 124.90 mixed

61 hd. 920# 135.30 blk-fancy 120 hd. 925# 130.90 blk 58 hd. 942# 124.90 56 hd. 951# 128.25 blk 59 hd. 954# 127.00 blk 56 hd. 971# 131.60 blk

58 hd. 973# 129.95 blk Holstein Steers: Large 3 64 hd. 900# 101.10

Feeder Heifers: Medium & Large 1-2

43 hd. 523# 141.50 mixed 59 hd. 629# 138.75 blk 74 hd. 644# 143.25 blk 83 hd. 650# 140.50 blk 28 hd. 671# 112.50 mixed 205 hd. 749# 139.40 blk-charx 66 hd. 821# 132.00 charx 40 hd. 822# 119.50 mixed 65 hd. 862# 122.75 mixed

Mid-KY Livestock Market

Upton, KY June 15, 2021

Feeder Steers: Medium & Large 1-2 52 hd. 632# 148.00 blk

Feeder Heifers: Medium & Large 1-2 56 hd. 668# 136.00 blk

20 hd. 638# 137.50 blk

Blue Grass of Albany

Albany, KY June 16, 2021

Feeder Steers: Medium & Large 1-2 58 hd. 936# 130.80 mixed

KY-TN Livestock Auction

Guthrie, KY June 17, 2021

Feeder Steers: Medium & Large 1-2 28 hd. 546# 161.25 bbwf

36 hd. 635# 142.75 bbwf 21 hd. 705# 132.50 bbwf

Feeder Bulls: Medium & Large 1-2 27 hd. 431# 169.00 bbwf

33 hd. 546# 149.50 bbwf

Feeder Heifers: Medium & Large 1-2 27 hd. 448# 149.00 bbwf 37 hd. 498# 139.00 bbwf 35 hd. 525# 154.00 blk 35 hd. 566# 140.00 bbwf 35 hd. 622# 126.00 bbwf

Farmers Livestock

Glasgow, KY June 14, 2021

Feeder Bulls: Medium & Large 1-2 22 hd. 369# 166.00 blk

Blue Grass Maysville

Maysville, KY June 15, 2021

Feeder Heifers: Medium & Large 1-2 61 hd. 592# 143.00 blk-charx 62 hd. 634# 135.60 blk-charx 82 hd. 640# 133.50 blk-charx

34 hd. 675# 134.60 blk

Livingston County Livestock

Ledbetter, KY June 15, 2021

Feeder Heifers: Medium & Large 1-2

25 hd. 352# 158.00 mixed 32 hd. 449# 149.00 blk 20 hd. 581# 136.00 blk 24 hd. 646# 133.00 blk

Blue Grass of Campbellsville

Campbellsville, KY June 19, 2021

Holstein Steers: Large 3 35 hd. 352# 134.00

Blue Grass of Richmond

Springfield, KY June 14, 2021

Feeder Steers: Medium & Large 1-2 40 hd. 615# 158.75 blk

22 hd. 631# 151.25 blk

Washington Co. Livestock

31 hd. 751# 135.10 blk 54 hd. 814# 130.50 blk

61 hd. 853# 135.50 blk

20 hd. 927# 116.25 mixed

Feeder Heifers: Medium & Large 1-2

31 hd. 722# 123.00 mixed 67 hd. 788# 125.40 mixed

Richmond, KY June 18, 2021

Feeder Steers: Medium & Large 1-2

24 hd. 903# 125.50 mixed 68 hd. 908# 128.10 mixed 52 hd.1014#124.90 blk-charx

Blue Grass East

Mt. Sterling, KY June 16, 2021

Feeder Heifers: Medium & Large 1-2 76 hd. 733# 133.30 blk-mixed

Blue Grass Stockyards

Lexinaton, KY June 14, 2021

Feeder Steers: Medium & Large 1-2

21 hd. 498# 179.00 blk 23 hd. 554# 167.00 blk 32 hd. 601# 155.00 blk 23 hd. 673# 154.50 bbwf

76 hd. 679# 152.75 blk 65 hd. 781# 144.75 blk

48 hd. 941# 126.60 blk

56 hd. 951# 124.90 blk-mixed 47 hd.1007#117.50 mixed

Feeder Heifers: Medium & Large 1-2

58 hd. 626# 141.00 blk 58 hd. 710# 132.75 blk

29 hd. 729# 133.00 bbwf

71 hd. 738# 137.60 blk-charx 71 hd. 751# 136.80 blk

70 hd. 762# 136.10 blk-charx

67 hd. 778# 134.50 blk

129 hd. 823# 131.10 blk-mixed

Kentuckiana Livestock Market

Owensboro, KY June 14, 2021

Feeder Steers: Medium & large 1-2

23 hd. 713# 133.25 charx

Feeder Heifers: Medium & Large 1-2 29 hd. 480# 143.00 blk-charx 29 hd. 598# 132.50 charx

Paris Stockyards

Paris, KY June 17, 2021

Feeder Steers: Medium & Large 1-2 53 hd. 784# 133.50 blk-charx

55 hd. 988# 129.80 blk

Feeder Heifers: Medium & Large 1-2 42 hd. 538# 148.00 blk 73 hd. 732# 138.40 blk

United Producers Owenton

Owenton, KY June 16, 2021

Feeder Steers: Medium & Large 1-2

28 hd. 672# 142.00 blk 36 hd. 797# 137.90 blk-charx

Feeder Heifers: Medium & Large 1-2 54 hd. 689# 136.75 blk-charx

Russell County Stockyards

Russell Springs, KY June 16, 2021

Feeder Steers: Medium & Large 1-2

20 hd. 608# 160.75 blk 24 hd. 731# 142.00 blk 26 hd. 783# 132.75 mixed 145 hd. 785# 140.70 blk

Feeder Heifers: Medium & Large 1-2

82 hd. 603# 140.85 blk



Bluegrass Stockyards of Richmond, LLC

348 K. Street · Richmond, Ky.



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Every Friday at 9:30 a.m.

GOAT SALE

Second and 4th Monday of each month at 1 p.m.



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AUCTION/MARKET

KENTUCKY GRAIN PRICES

LOUISVILLE AREA: Louisville & Bagdad; PENNYRILE AREA: Allensville, Auburn, Franklin, Hopkinsville & Pembroke; BLUEGRASS AREA: Bardstown, Lexington & Winchester; GREEN RIVER: Caneyville & Livermore; NORTHERN KENTUCKY AREA: Silver Grove at Cincinnati; PURCHASE AREA: Clinton & Mayfield. Opening bids at elevators and processing plants.

6.27-6.57

06/21/2021 4:00 pm est Louisville Pennyrile Purchase **Bluegrass** Green River Northern KY Bids for next day Cash Bids Corn #2 Yellow 6.76-6.89 6.69-6.79 6.75-6.79 6.82 6.94 6.80 Corn #2 White 6.73 14.10-14.33 Soybeans #1 Y Wheat #2 SRW 13.72 13.95-14.10 14.49 13.99

6.54-6.65

New Crop Delivery Contract Corn #2 Yellow

Barley

5.44 5.74-5.57 5.47-5.63 5.77-5.82 Corn #2 White Soybeans #1 Y 12.50 12.79-12.94 13.15-13.24 NA Wheat #2 SRW NA NA Barley

6.18

Eastern Cornbelt Ethanol Plant Report 06/21/2021 Indiana Ohio Illinois

Yellow Corn Spot Bid 6.55-7.05

Dried Distillers Grain (\$/ton) 10% moisture 190.00-215.00

Modified Wet Distillers (\$/ton) 50-55% moisture 90.00

Kentucky Weekly Cattle Receipts as reported at local markets. 05/29/21 11,832 06/05/21 12.790 06/12/21 19,068

16,248

06/19/21

Weekly Feed Ingredient Price Wholesale prices, \$ per ton Rail or Truck FOB Location	Owensboro Grain	Commonwealth Agri-Energy Hopkinsville	St. Louis Weekly Feed Prices	Memphis Weekly Feed Report	Corn Belt Feedstuffs Report	Daily Direct Hog Prices LM_HG218 06/21/2021 Barrows & Gilts	FOR DAILY LIVESTOCK AND
	06/21/2021	06/21/2021	06/15/2021	06/15/2021	06/15/2021	Purchased Swine Receipts: 3,961 Base Price:	GRAIN MARKET REPORTS
Soybean Meal 48% Sol Soybean Hulls	397.10 200.00	_	390.00-395.00 —	392.40 155.00	360.40-396.40	\$113.00-\$137.00	REPORTS
Corn Distillers Grain Dried Distillers Grain Modified	_	253.00 141.00	_	_	200.00-230.00	Wt. Avg. \$122.62	CALL FARMLOT
Distillers Grain Wet Corn Condensed Solubles	_	87.00 NA	_			Compared to prior day, wt. avg. base	i Aitui 201
Corn Gluten Feed 20-21 pct Corn Gluten Meal 60 pct	_	_	177.00 640.00		155.00-180.00 560.00-598.00	prices were 1.28 higher.	1-800-327- 6568
Cottonseed Meal 41 pct Whole Cottonseed	_	_	380.00-410.00	330.00-340.00 390.00		5 Day Rolling Aver-	1-502-573-
Wheat Middlings	_		185.00-200.00	_	_	age: \$123.25	0553

6.37

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NA

6.47

5.59

12.94

NA

Produce Prices updated 06/18/2021

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Variety	Unit Size	Price Range	Avg. Price	
Tomato #1	20 lbs	13.00-32.00	21.36	
Tomato #2	20 lbs	8.00-20.00	15.03	
Tomato small/canne	er 20 lbs	5.00-22.00	10.40	
Bell Peppers	.5 bu	10.00-19.00	12.66	
Broccoli	hd.	0.35-0.75	0.54	
Cabbage	hd.	0.35-0.70	0.45	
Cucumbers, slicing	.5 bu	2.00-12.00	5.47	
Green Beans	.5 bu	1.50-16.00	6.67	
Sweet Corn	doz.	1.50-5.25	3.28	
Yellow Squash	.5 bu	5.00-19.00	10.19	
Zucchini	.5 bu	2.00-14.00	6.69	

Prices and Quotes furnished by Wholesale and Retail Markets

Loretto Grain

6.73

5.48

13.04 NA

Currently Contracting Fall Grain

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Cave City woman leads dairy farm in new direction

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efit.

Ally recounted what happened. "Phillips IGA, just down the road, had agreed to carry our milk. When the pandemic closed things down, they had no other milk for two weeks but ours. Lots of people tried our milk and stayed our customers. Phillips is our biggest client."

Now Ally's week consists of milking one day, milking and processing the next.

Each morning she milks 15 head, sometimes with help from her Granddad, William, in about an hour and a half. It's mid-morning by the time she finishes cleaning up and feeding the cows in the loafing shed.

While she works with a nutritionist for the feeding ration, the cows are on pasture 365 days a year. The rest of the day is taken up with managing orders, delivering milk to customers, updating the farm's social media sites, and looking for new customers. She milks again at 4 p.m.

The next day she milks and processes the milk, which amounts to an average of 9 gallons per head per day, or approximately 270 gallons of milk over two days

About 6:30 a.m., she takes a milk sample and drives the 20 miles to Glasgow to a lab to be cleared for processing. She calls her dad, Doug, who is waiting in the processing plant, and tells him the results are good and they can start processing. She joins him, and for the next two and half hours, they process

whole milk into gallon, half-gallon, and pint plastic containers and chocolate into half gallons and pints.

While they would have liked to use glass containers, Ally said the washing equipment was cost-prohibitive, along with the extra work of keeping up with glass containers and deposits.

While Ally runs the milking operation, Doug helps with the processing and any other part of the dairy and is also the farm handyman when not at his full-time job as an ultrasound technician.

Ally's mother, Genelle, teaches kindergarten and is the face of Legacy Dairy at farmers' markets. Her brother, Jagger, helps out, but, "well he's into sports," Ally laughed.

Currently, Legacy milk can be found at 30 locations, nearly all within a 75-mile radius of the farm. Recently Legacy Milk joined Market Wagon and is available on the Lexington and Louisville hubs.

Ally is incredibly proud of the milk her Brown Swiss produce and especially the single source designation.

"That means all our milk comes only from our cows on our farm, and the milk you get today will be the same quality and butterfat you get next month. Our Brown Swiss butter fat count isn't as high as some breeds, but we think it's really rich."

Find Legacy Dairy online at legacy-dairyky.square.site.

By Toni Riley Field Reporter



Legacy Dairy Milk products



Legacy Dairy team members Genelle, Ally, Doug and Jagger Jones.

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MARKET REPORT: WEEK OF June 22, 2021 Farmers Regional Livestock Market of Glasgow, LLC

Total Receipts: 590 18% Feeder Cattle (35% Steers, 30% Dairy Steers, 28% Heifers, 7% Bulls); 62% Slaughter Cattle (77% Cows, 23% Bulls); 20% Replacement Dairy Cattle (5% Fresh/Milking Cows, 4% Bred Heifers, 18% Springer Heifers, 4% Open Heifers, 50% Baby Bull Calves, 19% Baby Heifer Calves). Feeder cattle supply over 600 lbs was 62%.

Dairy Steers: Medium and Large 1-2: 525# 133.00; 575# 126.00; 600#128.00; 720# 115.00; 770# 115.00. Medium and Large 3: 515# 93.0. Large 3: 405-420# 88.00-96.00; 530# 90.00; 594# 97.00; 745# 87.00. Large 4: 498# 77.00.

Steers: Medium and Large 2-3: 335# 123.00

Heifers: Medium and Large 1-3: 597# 119.00; 648# 113.00; 660# 119.00; 736# 95.00; 755# 119.00; 845# 108.00. Medium and Large 2-3: 610# 98.00; 695# 93.00.

Bulls: Medium and Large 1-2: 748# 99.50; 815# 100.00.

Slaughter Cattle: Breaker 75-80%: 1070-1410# 62.00-72.00; 1095-1340# 73.00-82.00; 1115-1385# 50.00-61.00. Boner 80-85% 1070-1410# 62.00-72.00; 1095-1340# 73.00-82.00; 1115-1385# 50.00-61.00. Lean 85-90% 740-1230# 52.00-62.00; 760-1075# 63.00-74.00; 750-1170# 42.00-50.00. Bulls 1-2: 1365-2240# 95.00-106.00; 1670-2165# 107.00-124.00; 1150-2065# 77.00-93.00.

Fresh/Milking Cows: Medium 1175.00; Medium 800.00; Common 750.00-1000.00 Bred Heifers: Medium T1 850.00; Medium T2 975.00; Common T2 750.00-800.00. Springer Heifers: Supreme T3 1375.00-1425.00; Approved T3 1125.00-1225.00; Medium T3 925.00-1075.00; Medium T3 900.00, Jersey; Common T3 675.00-850.00; Common T3 675.00, Jersey.

Open Heifers: Approved 300# 250.00; Medium 375# 220.00; Medium 425# 225.00; Common 600# 310.00.

Baby Bull Calves: 17 Head 10.00-80.00; 15 Head 170.00-280.00 Beef Cross; 2 Head 90.00-100.00 Crossbred; 16 Head 10.00-70.00 Jersey.

Baby Heifer Calves: 13 Head 10.00-150.00; 4 Head 150.00-180.00; 1 Head 120.00, 1 Head 20.00.

AUCTION/MARKET

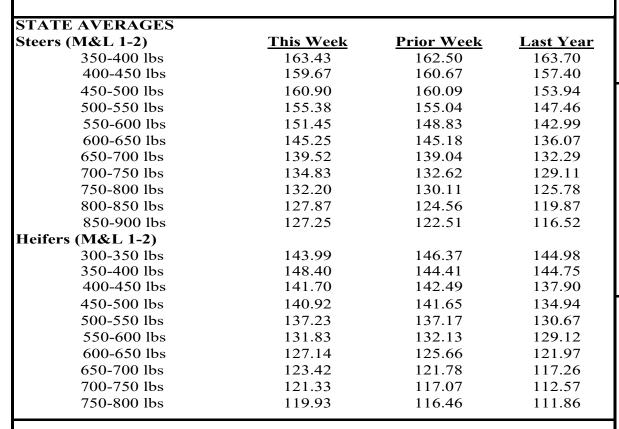
Weekly Kentucky Cattle and Grain Summary

USDA Livestock, Poultry and Grain Market News

Frankfort, KY Monday, June 21, 2021 For Week Ending: Saturday, June 19, 2021

Receipts: 15,897 Last Week: 18,648 Last Yr: 17,402

Compared to last week, feeder steers and heifers were mostly steady to 3.00 higher with moderate to good demand. Slaughter cows and bulls were 2.00-3.00 higher with good demand. Offerings were lighter this week due in part to many producers cutting hay as rain has been prevalent throughout the region.



WEELKY COW SUMMARY

Slaughter Cows	Average	<u>High</u>	Low
Breakers	57.50-76.50	62.50-86.00	51.00-67.00
Boners	49.00-80.50	66.00-86.00	40.00-67.00
Lean	43.00-73.00	64.00-80.00	40.00-64.50
Slaughter Bulls	Average	<u>High</u>	Low
Yield Grade 1&2	80.00-109.00	95.00-122.00	78.00-93.00

June 10, 2021 **Bowling Green, KY**

SLAUGHTER GOATS: 128

Kids-Selection 1 63 lbs 360.00. Kids-Selection 2 49 lbs 320.00; 51 lbs 340.00; 68 lbs 335.00; 70 lbs 300.00; 80 lbs 290.00; 105 lbs 280.00.

SLAUGHTER SHEEP: 334

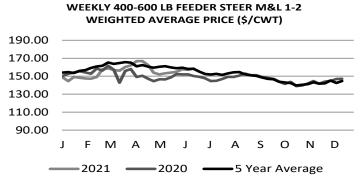
Wooled-Choice and Prime 1-2 55 lbs 250.00; 70 lbs 240.00; 80 lbs 260.00;

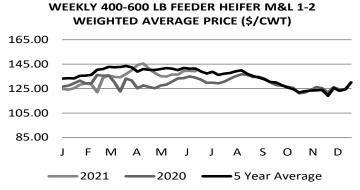
120 lbs 210.00. **Wooled-Choice 2** 58 lbs 247.50; 65 lbs 210.00.

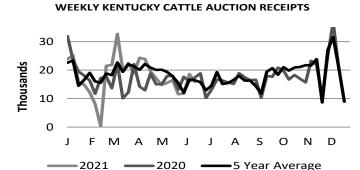
Hair Breeds-Choice and Prime 1-2 51-58 lbs 230.00-240.00; 68 lbs 222.50;

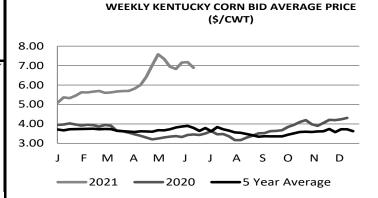
91 lbs 240.00; 101 lbs 240.00

GRAINS	This Week	Prior Week	Last Year
Corn	6.43-7.35	6.95-7.42	3.31-3.61
Soybeans Red Winter Wheat	12.87-15.69 5.95-6.96	14.68-16.30 6.34-7.00	8.31-9.07 4.39-5.25









USDA-KY Livestock, Poultry & Grain Market News Frankfort, KY Jodee Inman, OIC 502-782-4139 Email: Jodee.Inman@usda.gov

AUCTION/MARK

Producers Livestock Sheep and Goat Auction, San Angelo, Texas June 16, 2021

Compared to last week slaughter lambs 5.00-10.00 higher. Slaughter ewes steady. Feeder lambs firm to 5.00 higher. Nannies sharply higher; kids 10.00-20.00 higher. Trading fairly active, demand good.

SLAUGHTER LAMBS WOOLED & SHORN: Choice and Prime 1-2 44-47 lbs 294.00-298.00; 51-56 lbs 306.00-308.00; 62-68 lbs 276.00-298.00; 70-78 lbs 250.00-282.00; 82-88 lbs 250.00-266.00; 91-92 lbs 244.00-252.00; 104 lbs 252.00. Choice and Prime 2-3 104-146 lbs 200.00-252.00; 150 lbs 200.00. Choice 1-2 65 lbs 262.00; 71 lbs 248.00; 83-88 lbs 234.00-240.00; 93-96 lbs 235.00-238.00. Choice 2-3 135-145 lbs 182.00-185.00. HAIR BREEDS: Choice and Prime 1-2 40-49 lbs 292.00-314.00; 50-59 lbs 290.00-322.00; 60-69 lbs 270.00-318.00; 70-79 lbs 250.00-300.00; 80-89 lbs 240.00-262.00; 90-98 lbs 238.00-284.00; 102-108 lbs 240.00-245.00. Choice and Prime 2-3 103-130 lbs 200.00-218.00. Choice 1-2 42-48 lbs $284.00-288.00; 50-59 \; lbs \; 230.00-288.00; \; 60-69 \; lbs \; 250.00-286.00; \; 75-79 \; lbs \; 228.00-248.00; \; 80-88 \; lbs \; 220.00-240.00; \; 90-99 \; lbs \; 210.00-238.00; \; 100-288.00;$ 106 lbs 220.00-232.00. Choice 2-3 112-143 lbs 162.00-196.00.

SLAUGHTER GOATS KIDS: Selection 1 40-48 lbs 350.00-392.00; 50-59 lbs 354.00-388.00; 60-68 lbs 350.00-386.00; 70-75 lbs 356.00-440.00; 83-87 lbs 400.00-420.00; 100-114 lbs 395.00-410.00. Selection 1-2 40-49 lbs 328.00-358.00; 50-59 lbs 330.00-354.00; 60-69 lbs 336.00-358.00; 71-76 lbs 324.00-338.00. Selection 2 41-48 lbs 290.00-326.00; 53-55 lbs 290.00-325.00; 79 lbs 300.00.

New Holland Sheep and Goat Auction New Holland, Pa. June 14, 2021

Compared to last week, wooled and shorn slaughter lambs and hair breed slaughter lambs sold steady. Ewes and hair ewes sold strong. No comparison on bucks and hair bucks. Buyer demand was moderate on a moderate supply for the slaughter sheep sale. Slaughter kids sold strong. Nannies sold weak. Bucks/billies sold weak. Wethers sold weak. Buyer demand was moderate on a moderate to heavy supply for the slaughter goat sale.

SLAUGHTER LAMBS WOOLED & SHORN: Choice 1-3 35 lbs 260.00-345.00; 45-49 lbs 265.00-345.00; 50-58 lbs 245.00-280.00; 60-68 lbs 265.00-315.00; 70-79 lbs 260.00-305.00; 80-89 lbs 265.00-310.00; 90-98 lbs 272.00-305.00; 100-120 lbs 270.00-310.00; 140-145 lbs 220.00-250.00; 155 lbs 290.00; 180 lbs 220.00. Good and Choice 1-2 40 lbs 247.00; 53 lbs 245.00; 73-75 lbs 245.00-255.00; 95 lbs 225.00; 135 lbs 195.00; 155-180 lbs 245.00-255.00; 140-145 lbs 245.0

HAIR BREEDS: Choice 1-3 35 lbs 220.00-315.00: 48 lbs 285.00: 50-58 lbs 250.00-320.00: 60-68 lbs 260.00-295.00: 70-78 lbs 255.00-300.00: 83-88 lbs 250.00-285.00; 90-96 lbs 250.00-305.00; 100-120 lbs 260.00-305.00; 135-148 lbs 250.00-295.00. Good and Choice 1-2 85 lbs 200.00; 90 lbs 255 00: 100-110 lbs 245 00-260 00

SLAUGHTER GOATS KIDS: Selection 1 25 lbs 90.00; 30-39 lbs 85.00-110.00; 40-49 lbs 100.00-155.00; 50-59 lbs 125.00-200.00; 60-69 lbs 190.00-255.00; 70-79 lbs 255.00-315.00; 80-89 lbs 255.00-285.00; 90-99 lbs 285.00-325.00. Selection 2 30 lbs 82.00; 50-59 lbs 105.00-125.00; 60-69 lbs 155.00-185.00; 70-79 lbs 170.00-230.00; 80 lbs 210.00; 90 lbs 235.00. Selection 3 40 lbs 55.00; 50 lbs 75.00; 69 lbs 110.00.

Washington Co. Graded Sheep/Goat Sale - Springfield, Ky. June 19, 2021

Lamb and Kid prices remains strong with high demand. 1259 receipts 1213 graded animals.

SLAUGHTER LAMBS WOOLED: Choice and Prime 1-2 63-67 lbs 245.00-254.00: 77 lbs 233.00: 84 lbs 229.00. Choice 2 116 lbs 105.00. HAIR BREEDS: Choice and Prime 1-2 53 lbs 258.00; 67 lbs 246.00; 70-77 lbs 235.00-245.00; 86 lbs 221.00; 113-140 lbs 170.00-208.00. Choice 2 49 lbs 250.00; 118 lbs 150.00. Good 3 65 lbs 145.00.

SLAUGHTER GOATS KIDS: Selection 1-2 72 lbs 325.00. Selection 2 46 lbs 318.00; 50-58 lbs 260.00-319.00; 80 lbs 278.00. Selection 2-3 78 lbs

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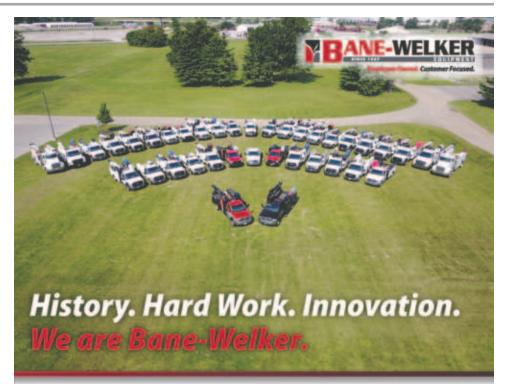
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KALP accepts nominations for class 13



The premier Kentucky agricultural leadership development program is accepting nominations through Sept. 1 for its next class of participants. Housed in the University of Kentucky College of Agriculture, Food and Environment, the Kentucky Agricultural Leadership Program is an opportunity for the state's young farmers and agribusiness professionals who possess leadership potential to refine those skills and build their awareness of many diverse agricultural issues.

"KALP is about more than farming," said Steve Isaacs, UK agricultural economist and program co-director. "With this program, we hope to capture the diversity of agriculture and rural communities across our state. Participants will polish essential leadership skills, identify common rural and urban concerns, understand current public policy issues and establish a basis for lifelong learning and development. We are preparing the future who's who of Kentucky agriculture."

During the nearly two-year intensive program, class members will learn about leadership, agricultural policy, communication and trade. They will also learn about cultural, social and agricultural issues at the local, state, national and international levels.

"The goal is to challenge participants to look beyond their paradigm to enhance the future of Kentucky agriculture and our rural communities," said Will Snell, UK agricultural economist and program co-director. "Program graduates have gone on to become active leaders in legislative bodies, farm and commodity organizations, agribusinesses and their local communities, which is vital for the future of agriculture in today's challenging marketplace and policy arena."

Selected individuals must commit around 50 days during the two years to the program. The program includes 10 domestic seminars devoted to agricultural issues. Members will visit many Kentucky agribusinesses, Frankfort, Washington D.C. and travel domestically and internationally to experience different facets of agriculture in unique settings.

"This program serves to enhance the talents and strengths of young Kentucky farm leaders," said Emily Roe Brown, program coordinator. "KALP is focused on developing the intellectual requirements for contemporary and future problem solving in farming, sustainability, economic productivity, effective communication and cultural understanding."

The program began in the mid-1980s



Members of Class 12 are pictured in a Florida strawberry field during a domestic learning journey in January 2020.

and was originally called the Philip Morris Agricultural Leadership Program. Philip Morris fully funded the first seven classes. Today, the program has nearly 200 financial supporters including the Kentucky Agricultural Development Board, Kentucky agribusinesses, farm organizations program alumni and participants. Selected class members are responsible for tuition of \$2,500 payable in two installments to help offset the \$15,000 per person program costs. Interest is expected to run high for the

by extension agents, farm organizations, trade associations, program alumni and others. Nomination forms and more information is available on the program's website kalp.ca.uky.edu.

Interviews for Class 13 will begin the

22 available seats in Class 13. Candi-

dates can self-nominate or be nominated

week of Dec. 13. The class begins meeting in February 2022 and will graduate in August 2023.

By Katie Pratt University of Kentucky

KFB announces annual country ham breakfast is on for 2021

Kentucky Farm Bureau is excited to announce that the annual ham breakfast is back for 2021. The 57th KFB Country Ham Breakfast will be held at the Kentucky Exposition Center on Aug. 26, 2021 at 7:30 am.

"After the uncertainties of the past year due to the COVID-19 pandemic, we are thrilled to be able to bring back this fine tradition – the Kentucky Farm Bureau Country Ham Breakfast, which gives us an opportunity to celebrate agriculture, bring together urban and rural communities, and raise money for Kentucky charities," remarked Mark Haney, KFB President. "More than ever, it's impor-

tant to come together and give back to our fellow Kentuckians. I know people across the commonwealth are looking forward to this tradition returning."

In recent years, record-breaking bids for the Grand Champion Country Ham have reached \$2.8 million, resulting in nearly \$14 million given directly to charity since 1964. KFB looks forward to welcoming members, business leaders, organizations, and friends at this year's breakfast. The breakfast is expected to be a sell-out event and a number of elected officials are again invited to attend and speak.



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I found myself, in many ways, and the people in this industry were a big part of that. I realized I had found my home.

recently received a social media message from a woman who was my neighbor in the dorm where I lived while attending Western Kentucky University.

She is reaching out to several people who lived in the small wing on the top floor of what was once known as Central Hall in hopes that we can get together for a reunion.

I have to admit, my first thought was why in the world would she want to reconnect with me – I was the worst neighbor ever.

While I was in college I headed home every weekend to a boyfriend and a part-time job. I was never really into the college scene, and the main reason I lasted so long in the dorm was because my "roommate" really lived with her boyfriend but didn't want her parents to know. So basically, I had the room to myself.

I liked the girls in the nearby rooms and did spend some time with them. I also was somewhat of a recluse, however, and treasured my time alone.

When she messaged me, I thought about how much I have changed since college. I still treasure my time alone, and I still struggle to maintain longterm friendships, but I am definitely more outgoing than I was then.

Anyone who knew me in college would be shocked to know that I actually stand in front of groups and speak publicly or that I ran for, and won, a seat on the Kentucky Press Association executive committee, which led to the position of president.

I literally "grew up" after starting this company and getting involved in Kentucky agriculture. I found myself, in many ways, and the people in this industry were a big part of that. I realized I had found my home.

I guess that is why I am so passionate about FFA and our agriculture programs. I see our youth get involved at such a young age and just wish I had had their courage and self-confidence when going into college.

Our ag programs take timid high school students and help them develop into leaders. I didn't have that when I was in school. I understand the value of that now.

I also understand that agriculture is really only in a small way about plants and livestock and earning a living producing food and fiber.

Agriculture is about people: family, friends, and co-workers each encouraging one another on their journey. Those relationships are what make the ag community so valuable to young and old alike.

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Sometimes you just need a time out!

ime outs are common in sports, but have you ever thought that sometimes you need a time out in life, too? I know that as farmers, most of us are all in, all the time, for our operations.

If we are not actively planting, spraying, or harvesting, we are working on equipment or doing any of the other chores that make up this farming gig.

Some of us, like the farmer-leaders of the Kentucky Soybean Association and Kentucky Soybean Board, spend a lot of time together at meetings, making decisions that will affect the success of our state's soybean farmers for years to come.

Those are some of my favorite times of the year, along with working the soybean exhibit at the Kentucky State Fair and the National Farm Machinery Show.

You gotta love it, but you don't have to live it 24/7. I know, I know. I come from generations of farmers, too, and work-life balance is not something that many of the farmers I know are very good at.

For one thing, being a farmer is more than what we do – it's who we are. For most of us, it's what we know and love the best. I can guarantee that if you're in a restaurant or the bank or the post office and see someone else in the ag world, you can (and probably will) have a good, long conversation with them about crop conditions, prices and the weather. That's fine, but listen – there's more to life than farming.

I think it's important that we consciously PLAN our time outs, and that we don't just call on our family and friends to make last-minute plans when it rains. In recent years, my wife Rhonda and I have discovered a love for camping at Land Between the Lakes. We have a spot at our favorite campground all season, so we have the convenience of being able to hop in the truck and go to our camper without having to book a weekend and pull it to the lake. Sometimes we do go up last-minute, but as I grow older and hopefully wiser, we're planning weekends at the lake in advance.

This Memorial Day weekend, we spent four days at the lake. Could I have been prepping for wheat harvest and the planting of double-crop soybeans? Sure. Could I have been doing any of the hundred things on my long-term to-do list that never quite get done? Absolutely.

But Rhonda and I needed a break, so we took one. It was great. A little sun, some relaxation and spending time together out on the boat was not just good for my mental health, it was

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MARKET WATCH

Dewey Strickler

Meanwhile, exports to China remain strong and have risen for the past five weeks. olatility in corn is on the upswing as we are in the most critical phase of the growing season. It seems like every crop rating report and weather forecast triggers a knee jerk reaction, making 30-40 cent price swings common each day.

Last week, the rating fell 3 points to 65 percent of the crop in good-to-excellent condition. This compares to the rating of 72 percent a year ago, and 69 percent for the 10-year average.

According to Ag Watch's yield model, this equates to a national yield of 167 bushels per acre versus 172 bushels per acre a year ago.

Meanwhile, exports to China remain strong and have risen for the past five weeks. Inspections last week were 58.3 million bushels with China taking 55 percent of the shipments.

However, the overall pace of shipments is falling and down 15.6 percent from a few weeks ago. This reflects values having reached a level that is causing our traditional customers to back away.

Soybeans have also seen a surge in volatility for the same reasons mentioned in corn. Price swings of 40-60 cents are not uncommon.

The reason for the wide range is caused by an increase in algorithmic trading systems.

In other developments, the rating for soybeans fell two points last week to 60 points of the crop in good-to-excellent condition. This compares to last year's rating of 70 percent and the 10-year average of 68 percent.

According to Ag Watch's yield model, this equates to a national yield of 48.2 bushels per acre compared to 50.2 bushels per acre a year ago.

Looking at exports, there is not much to say. Inspections last week were 6.4 million bushels with China barely a heartbeat. Since November, the pace of shipments has fallen 92 percent. Tight stocks and the critical growing season ahead are the factors offering support.

Wheat harvest is off to a slow start at 17 percent complete versus the average of 26 percent. This may be offering some support, but the decline in the condition of the spring crop is underpinning more.

Last week, the rating of the spring crop fell 10 points to 27 percent in good-to-excellent condition. Last year's rating was 75 percent with the 10 year average at 71 percent.

In other developments, export inspections last week were a marketing year high of 20.1 million bushels.

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The scoreboard tells the whole story

n farming, the late Farm Journal economist John Marten liked to say, we keep score with acres. Right or wrong, acres – and the wealth they represent – have always been a measure of personal and professional success. The converse is true, too; the lack or loss of acres usually implies failure of sorts.

That critical measure is at the center of the latest U.S. Department of Agriculture effort to remedy its well-documented, "vast" and "systematic" discrimination against "minority farmers" through Section 1005 of the recently enacted \$1.9 trillion American Rescue Plan, commonly referred to as the 2021 Covid relief package.

In the new legislation, Congress set aside as much as \$4 billion to address the devastating impact USDA's failure to fully implement and fairly administer color-blind, government ag lending programs. That failure can, as usual, be found in the numbers.

According to USDA, 949,889 Black farmers worked 41.4 million acres in 1920. Today, just 48,697, or only 1.4 percent of American's 3.4 million farmers, own or rent 4.7 million acres, a staggering 88 percent less than a century earlier.

By any measure – acres, farmers, percentages – that's a virtual wipeout.

There are many reasons for the steep decline – industrialization of the U.S. economy, domestic migration, the rise of new ag technologies – but one, indisputable reason that USDA itself acknowledges is its widespread discrimination in ag lending programs. That overt action helped fuel an exodus of Black and socially disadvantaged farmers from U.S. agriculture.

A June 18 federal court filing by the U.S. Department of Justice charts decades of USDA loan program discrimination despite several court-ordered and congressionally-mandated remediation efforts.

The revealing, cathartic DOJ filing came in response to a June 10 federal court order that required USDA to halt the \$4 billion loan relief program. The order came after the Wisconsin Institute of Law and Liberty sued USDA on behalf of "White farmers who" contended they were "not eligible for the same debt relief," according to DTN.

The Wisconsin lawsuit isn't the only legal challenge the \$4 billion program faces but it is getting the most attention. After the federal judge issued the temporary restraining order to freeze USDA's action, the lead attorney for the White farmers praised the judge's order by noting the "Biden Administration is radically undermining bedrock principles of equality under the law."

Nonsense, wrote DOJ lawyers in their tart, 42-page reply to the judge's order. Almost every government effort to redress past discrimination in USDA lending programs has been litigated—some, repeatedly—and rendered legal, it noted. The 2021 program is meant to finally fix a broken bureaucracy that USDA now readily admits it has repeatedly failed to remedy.

Remarkably, that failure continued even in the early Covid relief programs because, DOJ explains, "...nearly the entirety of USDA's Market Facilitation Program," a \$14.4 billion Trump Administration scheme to counter the market impact of its export tariff policy, "and almost all of the \$9.2 billion provided through USDA's first Coronavirus Food Assistance Program, went to non-minority farmers."

How does USDA send almost \$24 billion in no-strings-attached taxpayer money to U.S. farmers and ranchers in two years and socially disadvantaged farmers and ranchers end up with nothing more than



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Simple, DOJ notes in its June 18 court filing, "Congress again found... the lingering effects of systemic discrimination in USDA programs."

In fact, it added, quoting Senate Ag Committee Chair Debbie Stabenow, a Michigan Democrat, USDA's "latent barriers and historic discrimination" remain so strong that "73 percent of Black farmers were not even aware of the agricultural aid provision of the[se] coronavirus rescue programs." That's unbelievable until you listen, really listen, to Stabenow's words. Systemic discrimination. Latent barriers. Historic discrimination.

This is 2021, not 1921 or even 1821. But you wouldn't know it by the scoreboard.

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Sometimes you just need a time out!

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good for our marriage, too. If this issue of The Pride hits your mailbox over the July 4th weekend, I hope that you'll find me back at the lake, not in a recently harvested wheat field planting double-crop soybeans.

Camping is my thing – what's yours? A mental health break and work/life balance doesn't have to include a vacation or even a long weekend. Maybe your "time out" is going to watch your son or daughter play T-ball. Maybe you knock off early and take the wife to dinner in town. Maybe it's service-oriented, and you know that you need to come in early the third Thursday of every month to clean up and get to the city council or school board meeting.

I really enjoy our soybean meetings, whether it's association board, promo-

tion board or workshops. I get to see my fellow farmers, we talk about important issues, and I always learn a thing or two.

I have noticed that the younger generation, those parents who have young kids now, do a better job with work-life balance than many of us who have been around longer. Maybe it's a generational thing, or maybe they've seen too many guys my age burn out. Whatever the reason, I am glad to see them having a life that doesn't revolve only around the farm

Whatever you choose as your time out, I hope that it's something that you enjoy, that you find fulfilling. It can be as productive as coaching Little League or as mindless as staring at the end of a fishing pole – as long as it brings you joy or peace, and breaks up the monotony of "all farming, all the time." A time out may be just what the doctor ordered.

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Bipartisan processing capacity bill filed in House

Rep. Dusty Johnson (R-SD) and Rep. Abigail Spanberger (D-VA) have introduced a bipartisan bill to help small, regional facilities expand their processing capabilities.

The "Butcher Block Act" is hailed by the National Cattlemen's Beef Association as a way to create more opportunities for cattle producers to get their cattle processed and to capture more of the beef dollar.

The legislation would establish a stand-alone loan program through the U.S. Department of Agriculture to help processors expand capacity, improve marketing options for cattle producers, and encourage competitive markets and pricing for live cattle.

The legislation would also authorize

the Secretary of Agriculture to establish a grant program that would support a range of research and training efforts aimed at strengthening the workforce to meet labor needs, and helping processors become federally inspected.

"When there's not enough capacity to process the current supply of live cattle, our producers lose leverage in the market. Expanding capacity is an essential component of the multifaceted effort to increase the opportunities for profitability for cattle producers, and we've been hearing for months that the two biggest obstacles standing in the way of that are lack of capital and lack of labor," said NCBA President Jerry Bohn. "The Butcher Block Act addresses both of those hurdles and would go a long way

to alleviating the bottleneck that is depressing live cattle prices for our farmers and ranchers. We thank

Congressman Johnson and Congresswoman Spanberger for their bipartisan work on this urgent need."

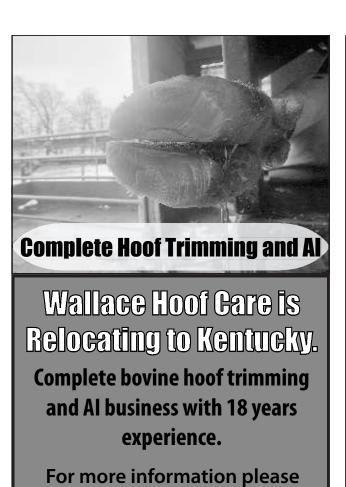
The supply of live cattle and the demand for U.S. beef are both strong, but a lack of processing capacity or "hook space" has stifled producer profitability and created unsustainable market dynamics. The urgency of this need for more hook space has been underscored by recent "black swan" market events, like the COVID-19 pandemic and the 2019 fire at a Tyson Foods plant in Holcomb. Kansas.

A recent study by Rabobank found that under the current dynamics of sup-

ply and demand, the industry could economically accommodate an additional 5,700 hooks per day of processing capacity, or processing roughly 1.5 million additional head per year. However, access to capital is a major barrier. The average start-up cost for a beef processing facility is roughly \$100,000 per hook, which means that someone trying to open a modest 25-hear-per-day facility has to secure \$2.5 million in financing just to turn on the lights.

The Kentucky Agricultural Development Board has created a similar program in Kentucky to help processors expand their operations and provides grants for various levels of expansion as well as support for new processors.

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Ky. Soybean Association seeks next Young Leader

The Kentucky Soybean Association, American Soybean Association and Corteva Agriscience are seeking applicants for the 2021-22 ASA Corteva Young Leader Program.

The Young Leader Program, sponsored by Corteva Agriscience and ASA, is a two-phase educational program for actively farming individuals and couples who are passionate about the future possibilities of agriculture. The women and men who participate in this program will be the leaders that shape the future of agriculture.

Phase I of the 2021-22 ASA Corteva Young Leader program will take place Nov. 30–Dec. 3, 2021, at Corteva's Global Business Center in Johnston, Iowa. The program continues March 8– 12, 2022, in New Orleans, Louisiana in conjunction with the annual Commodity Classic Convention and Trade Show.

"The ASA Corteva Agriscience Young Leader program has made a lasting and extremely important mark on the soybean industry," ASA President Kevin Scott said. "The Young Leader program identifies and helps develop future grower-leaders for our industry while helping participants create meaningful and lifelong relationships with growers from across the U.S. and Canada.

Through my son and daughter-in-law's participation in the program, I've seen firsthand how the Young Leader training provides participants with the tools and knowledge they need to be successful leaders. We are grateful to Corteva Agriscience for continuing to invest in the future of agriculture."

Soybean-growing couples and individuals are encouraged to apply for the program, which focuses on leadership and communication, the latest agricultural information, and the development of a strong peer network. Interested spouses, even if not employed full time on the farm, are encouraged to attend and will be active participants in all elements of the program.

"Soybean farmers are working hard every day to provide food and agricultural products that meet the growing needs of consumers in the United States, Canada, and all over the world. It is critical that their voices be heard as governments, society and other stakeholders work to shape policies and programs that support agriculture and rural communities," said Matt Rekeweg, U.S. Industry Affairs Leader, Corteva Agri-

science. "We are proud to continue our support for the ASA Corteva Agriscience Young Leader Program, which is developing the next generation of grower leaders and advocates for agriculture in North America and around the globe."

Past Young Leaders representing Kentucky include: 1984 - Dan M. Hardaway.1985 – Philip H. Beyke, 1986 – Bob S. White, 1987 – John F. Burns, 1988 – Timothy D. Hughes, 1989 - Richard Wynn White, 1990 – Rod Kuegel, 1991 – Steve Stanley, 1992 – Dave Watson, 1993 - Tripp Furches, 1994 - Homer Lee Richardson, 1995 – Thomas F. Folz, 1996 - Monty Parrish, 1997 - James Spinks, 1998 - Michael Burchett, 1999 - Chad Konow, 2000 - Darren Luttrell, 2001 -Clint Voils, 2002 – Aaron Reding, 2003 – Houston Whitaker, 2004 - Ryan Bivens, 2005 - Bill Clift, 2006 - Chad Sullivan, 2007 - Jed Clark, 2008 - Sam Hancock, 2009 - Ron Davis, 2010 - Chad Thorn, 2011 - Mike Brookshire, 2012 - Caleb Ragland, 2013 - Joanna Carraway, 2014 - Quint Pottinger, 2015 - Brennan Gilkison, 2015 - Andy Alford, 2016 - Ben Furnish, 2016 - Adam Hendricks, 2017 - Kyle Bugg, 2018 - Clay Wells, 2019 -Anna Reding, 2019 - Tyler Cvitkovic, 2020 - Houston Howlett, and 2021 -Collin Cooper.

"The Young Leader program was a really good thing for my wife, Leanne, and me," said 2012 Young Leader Caleb Ragland. "The unique component of it being a program that your spouse is included in, not just as a visitor but as a partner, makes Young Leaders stand out. My wife didn't grow up on a farm, so that part was especially beneficial to us. It helped us understand one another better both personally and professionally."

Ragland added that his first visit to Capitol Hill as an adult was during his time as Kentucky's Young Leader, "That was so interesting to me. Getting in to see our lawmakers and having senators and congressmen ask farmers what their thoughts were really made an impression on me." he said. "I hope that I have returned some of the value that the Kentucky Soybean Association invested in me to the organization through my service," he said. "This is a great leadership development program, and I think it's important to note that many of our national leaders in the soybean organizations started in this program." Ragland



Pictured is Kentucky's 2020-21 Young Leader, Collin Cooper, with Allison Dallas.

currently serves on the Kentucky Soybean Board and the American Soybean Association board of directors, where he is on the executive committee.

Ragland also made sure to tip his hat to the leadership at Corteva for its longterm continued sponsorship of the Young Leader program. "Corteva is just top-notch," he said. "I can't say enough good things about how thankful I am that this company continues to invest in rural leadership."

Those interested in applying for the 2021-22 ASA Corteva Agriscience Young Leaders program may do so online at www.SoyGrowers.com under the Education and Resources tab. Kentucky applications are due September 7.

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