

Consumers invited to: 'Meat Me at the Table'

LEXINGTON – Kentucky's farm groups and several state officials gathered at White Farm in Lexington last week to kick off a "Meat Me at the Table" campaign.

The Kentucky Livestock Coalition is encouraging consumers to make meat the centerpiece of their meals this summer and is promoting an online contest using the hashtag #MeatMeAtTheTable.

Beef producer Tim White welcomed the crowd to his family's farm.

"Any time we can do anything to be a part of – host, help – to add to agriculture in Kentucky, that's where we are in our family. We want to do anything we can to make this a better state for agriculture because we are a huge agriculture state."

Lt. Gov. Jacqueline Coleman attended the event and presented a proclamation signed by Gov. Andy Beshear proclaiming July as "Meat Me at the Table Month" in Kentucky.

"This is an industry that we value. This is an industry that makes our state what it is. From someone who is from rural Kentucky, I know that. I lived it. I know what it does, not just for our families and our communities, but the entire commonwealth of Kentucky," Coleman said.

Energy and Environment Secretary Rebecca Goodman also attended the event and spoke about a recent trip she made in western Kentucky with Kentucky's corn, soybean and small grain groups.

"That trip to western Kentucky was a real eye opener for me. It was very exciting and informative to see farming at such a large scale. I grew up on a very, very small farm in Scott County... I had an opportunity to see several different types of farming operations," Coleman said. "We hope to visit other farming endeavors across the state and talk to them about the marriage of agriculture and the environment."

Warren Beeler, spokesman for the Kentucky Livestock Coalition, said the purpose of the "Meat Me at the Table"

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Martha White and David Martin check their Black-Eyed Susan bed at Free Range Flowers at Martin Farm in Gracey.

July spotlights farmer florists

With summer in full bloom, there is no better time to celebrate Kentucky's farmer florists, with July serving as Kentucky Grown Cut Flower Month.

Meadowview Flowers, and Free Range Flowers at Martin Farm are two of the 90 farmer florists recognized by this second annual event organized by the Kentucky Horticulture Council and the University of Kentucky Cooperative Extension Service.

While only 25 miles apart, both have thriving operations with different farming practices and markets and are not in direct competition.

Free Range Flowers at Martin Farm is located just inside the Trigg/Christian County line near Gracey, and is operated by husband and wife David Martin and Martha White.

The idea of selling flowers came to Martha in 2009 when she and David were dating. She was visiting friends and asked to pick some flowers for dinner from the friend's garden.

"They were zinnias and sunflowers, and they were so pretty," she recalled. She immediately called David, a horticulturist who was developing a perennial flower business at the farm. She suggested he grow her some

sunflowers and zinnia, and she would sell those at the farmers' market when he sold his perennials.

David admits he thought it was the dumbest idea ever and didn't believe anyone would pay money for flowers.

"The first time we took flowers, I was so embarrassed and would only let Martha sell them for \$3 a bouquet," he said.

Those \$3 bouquets quickly sold out, and the cut flower portion of the business began growing.

When Martha and David mar-

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July is cut flower month in Kentucky

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ried in 2012, the cut flower business ramped up and was outselling the perennials. They then decided to stop selling perennials.

Now nine years later, the flower farm is their full-time business. Martha's education career has given way to her creativity for arranging bouquets and especially wedding arbors. David says Martha's arbor design is her superpower.

David has more than a nine-page spreadsheet of the bloom schedule for the nearly 400 plants grown in five different production areas and a hoop house. The full sun perennial bed, the shade bed with sandy soil, the shade bed with rich soil, the annuals, and the woodies are perennial shrubs that provide greenery and texture to designs.

Beginning in December, David will start lasianthous seeds, a must-have flower for bridal bouquets. By March, the seedlings are large enough to be transferred to the hoop house.

Martha pointed out that flowers are their business.

"We regularly get calls from photographers who want our flowers in photo shoots. While we are honored, we are a working farm, not an arboretum. If we have flowers, we are making money," she said.

Free Range Flowers at Martin Farm specializes in weddings, and David developed a lovely book highlighting their floral wedding designs to enable brides to make decisions. They also sell wholesale to florists and still enjoy making bouquets for the Hopkinsville Farmers' Market.

Meadowview Flowers grew out of Sara Brown's love for gardening. Sara, who grew up in the lakes area, loved visiting a friend whose mother had a vegetable garden and was eager to help.

In 2003, she and her husband, Michael, who had come back to the six-generation family farm a few years earlier, built a home on the Hwy. 1272 near Princeton to raise their four children.

Sara could have her vegetables but found that four active children and a vegetable garden were not compatible.

She purchased a book entitled, "The Cutting Garden" at the National Farm Machinery Show, and she was back to gardening. In 2006 she planted raised beds and was excited to have 20 different annuals.

In 2009, Sara had to leave her teaching career and gardening due to health concerns. Michael kept encouraging her to get her gardens back, and with regular

physical therapy, her health improved to allow her to be back in the garden.

Her first business was a reception she designed in 2013. Then she provided flowers for the wedding of a friend's daughter in 2014, and Meadowview Flowers became a business.

Her garage turned studio is full of antique glass, brass, silver vases, as well as the popular farmhouse chic. She has 15 weddings scheduled for 2021.

Meadowview Flowers' farming plan is simply an extension of the landscape design of Sara's home. While she has a flower patch for annuals, the perennials are around the house. She is extending her very first bed "to keep me honest" when it comes to weeding since it is right out her back door. She has woodies to protect them from deer, which frequent the acre garden where the annuals, some perennials, and dahlias grow.

She estimates she has 125 varieties on her farm, and while she doesn't have an extensive spreadsheet, she does have a book with a bloom schedule. She starts her seeds under grow lights in the studio. She has a hoop house where she starts the early spring varieties, including sweetpeas and anemones.

Her flower farm has developed through different markets. She tried the Princeton Farmers' Market, but it was on Thursday from 4-7, and the afternoon heat was brutal on the flowers.

Sales were inconsistent – she would sell out some weeks, and the following week she would only sell three bouquets.

The turning point for the business was locating an online farmers' market group in Caldwell County. She would post what she would have available each week. Customers would order, and she would deliver the bouquets to a central location for customer pickup.

Another opportunity developed when she made popup sales at coffee shops. People started calling for traditional bouquets, and this helped her develop a subscription bouquet business, now the most significant portion of Meadowview Flowers.

From May through August she offers subscriptions of one, two or four delivered bouquets a month. Currently, she makes 85 bouquets each month. She offers bouquets for any occasion with 24-hour notice and will offer U-pick on Saturdays in August.

While she loves the business, Sara said she is just a gardener at heart.

"When I first started, sometimes I didn't have enough flowers to meet my cus-



White mesh bags protect dahlia blossoms from Japanese beetles at Meadowview Flowers, which is operated by Sara Brown.

tomers' demand, so one of my goals was to have more flowers than I knew what to do with and also to have plenty extra for pollinators."

Learn more about both flower farms at

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Steers: Medium and Large 1-2: 565# 135.00; 652# 134.00. Medium and Large 2-3: 490# 119.00.

Dairy Steers: Large 1-2: 423# 92.00.

Heifers: Medium and Large 1-2: 495# 127.00; 610# 124.00; 675# 119.00; 795# 95.00. Medium and Large 2-3: 490# 110.00; 675# 104.00.

Bulls: Medium and Large 1-2: 260# 160.00. Medium and Large 2-3: 615# 114.00.

Slaughter Cattle: Breaker 75-80%: 1420-1635# 61.00-72.00; 1410-1640# 73.00-88.00. Boner 80-85%: 1095-1410# 61.00-72.00; 1160-1365# 73.00-86.00; 1145-1430# 47.00-60.00. Lean 85-90%: 800-1185# 53.00-62.00; 770-1030# 64.00-68.00; 1035-1165# 44.00-51.00. Bulls 1-2: 1520-2365# 96.00-105.00; 1560-2085# 106.00-115.00; 1455-1765# 80.00-93.00.

Fresh/Milking Cows: Approved 1375.00; Medium 1175.00-1275.00; Common 750.00-1050.00; Common 925.00.

Bred Heifers: Medium T2 875.00; Common T2 675.00-850.00.

Springer Heifers: Approved T3 1150.00-1275; Medium T3 875.00-1075.00; Common T3 675.00-850.00.

Open Heifers: Supreme 450# 485.00.

Baby Bull Calves: 16 Head 30.00-110.00; 13 Head 160.00-330.00 Beef Cross; 10 Head 50.00-140.00 Crossbred; 3 Head 40.00 Jersey.

Baby Heifer Calves: 15 Head 20.00-90.00; 8 Head 140.00-260.00 Beef Cross; 7 Head 50.00-130.00 Crossbred; 1 Head 110.00 Guernsey; 2 Head 80.00-90.00 Jersey.



(Above) Lt. Gov. Jacqueline Coleman visits with Debbie Ellis, executive director of KySoy; Energy and Environment Secretary Rebecca Goodman; and Jennifer Elwell, executive director of Kentucky Agriculture and Environment in the Classroom. (Right) Host Tim White welcomes guests to his farm during the “Meat Me at the Table” campaign kick-off.

Livestock Coalition promotes ‘Meat Me at the Table’ campaign

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campaign is to proactively explain animal agriculture and to promote meat. “We have never done animal agriculture as good as we are today,” Beeler said.

Agriculture Commissioner Dr. Ryan Quarles called livestock “superheroes” because they convert grass to tasty meat.

Quarles also talked about successful efforts to expand meat processing in Kentucky.

“Now we have 30 USDA inspected meat processing facilities across Kentucky, and hopefully more to come. I know there are some in the pipeline we are working on,” he said. We are going to support the fact that we need more meat processing this side of the Mississippi River.”

Following the brief program, attendees were treated to a variety of Kentucky-raised meats. From ribeye steaks to chicken breast and thighs to pork chops, goat brats and lambburgers, there was a wide variety of protein available for sampling.

Meat is a great source of protein, but it’s important to note that it’s also rich in many essential vitamins, minerals, and amino acids that are essential for human health. Vitamin B12, in particular, can only be found in foods of animal origin. Zinc helps maintain a healthy immune system, while Niacin supports energy production and metabolism.

July is National Grilling Month, and The Kentucky Livestock Coalition is encouraging families and friends to post photos of themselves enjoying meat hot off the grill this month on Facebook or Instagram using the hashtag #MeatMeAtTheTable. Random posts will be awarded a box full of prizes from the Coalition’s member organizations.

The farm families of the Kentucky Livestock Coalition are committed to advancing environmentally friendly, socially responsible, and economically viable livestock farming practices while providing safe, affordable food.

For more information on the Kentucky Livestock Coalition or the Meat Me at the Table campaign, visit www.KyLivestockCoalition.org.



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Sharon Burton

As a member of the National Newspaper Association, I've taken notice of the problem and serve with a group of my peers who is working with a congressional committee that has proposed a bipartisan postal reform bill.

If you have contacted the office of *The Farmer's Pride* recently wondering why your newspaper is taking awhile to get to your house, you are not alone.

Thankfully, we aren't receiving hundreds of calls, not even dozens, really. But we have received a few calls, and the issue is something I'm keenly aware of because I have been working on the solution on a national level.

Our mail service is failing in a major way, and newspapers mailed to readers labeled "out of county" are spending too much time bogged down in the system before reaching their destination.

For a newspaper like ours, those "out of county" readers are the majority of our readers. So I worry that many of you are not getting your Pride in a timely matter.

We always encourage our advertisers to publish ads for events with plenty of lead time so that you get your paper before the event occurs. We also try to publish any news item about upcoming field days with plenty of notice.

Even so, it's not something any of us should have to worry about. But we do.

As a member of the National Newspaper Association, I've taken notice of the problem and serve with a group of my peers who is working with a congressional committee that has proposed a bipartisan postal reform bill.

While the bill is bipartisan, it is difficult to get anything accomplished in Congress these days.

My congressman, U.S. Rep. James Comer – our former agriculture commissioner – is the top Republican on the committee and is working hard to push postal reform and help solve some of the problems that are affecting our mailing process.

In the meantime, if you are having issues receiving the Pride, don't hesitate to give us a call. I can't promise that we can find the solution quickly, but we will do everything we can.

In addition, our subscribers can always access a digital copy of the newspaper, which is uploaded to the web the day the newspaper is mailed. Call our office at 270-384-9454 or email readerservice@farmlandpub.com to get password access to the digital version.

We value our readers and we will do everything we can to get our newspaper into your hands as quickly as possible. We appreciate Congressman Comer and others who are trying to work out the multitude of problems the postal service is facing.

Rural America is very reliant on our mail service. We need an efficient and affordable system that will remain viable for years to come.

How do you grow agriculture literacy?

I had the wonderful opportunity to visit the National Agriculture in the Classroom annual conference last month in Des Moines, Iowa. I connected with other state organizations and many educators who are just as passionate about agriculture education and literacy.

While chatting up a lesson with Kentucky's National Excellence in Teaching about Agriculture winner Kelly Gates, a teacher at Pride Elementary in Madisonville, she remarked that she was not aware of our organization or our resources. This did not surprise me.

We know the magic formula for growing plants and nurturing our livestock, assuming nature cooperates, but getting a message to spread like wildfire is a more difficult task. Each time I get the chance to provide my thoughts to *The Farmer's Pride* readers, it reminds me that I wish we could do more and make a bigger impact. How do we convince the non-farming community that agriculture knowledge is worthwhile for education? It is a science and art we cannot live without.

I was recently reminded that connecting with our education administrators may be the most successful approach to make them more aware of what we have to offer. With 171 school districts, it seems like such a daunting task. We have been able to plant a seed at several county and independent education boards thanks to our county agriculture organizations, and this needs to continue. A visit to the Kentucky Association of School Administrators leadership conference later this month should allow us to reach many in one place.

When I was granted the opportunity to lead this effort seven years ago, I knew that I needed help from our farm community. One of the first programs we supported was the Agriculture Literacy Network, to outfit volunteer and non-traditional educators with the tools they needed to teach students and the public about food production.

There have been so many wonderful programs that have been implemented around the commonwealth, from Ag Days to farm field trips to classroom visits and sponsored mobile programs. These things happened long before I showed up, but my hope was that I was either making it easier for those who had not been involved before or they were looking for something new.

In addition, we administer and support visiting school programs to connect directly with students. With the pandemic hopefully behind us, we are receiving several inquiries about



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Jennifer Elwell

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Grains can be rowdy In July



MARKET WATCH

Dewey Strickler

Wheat is mostly a follower of corn and soybeans, but recent showers in the upper Plains could stabilize the spring crop.

July tends to be a bit rowdy for the grains, and this month is no exception as corn is seeing daily price swings of 27-60 cents. This will continue as long as weather remains a factor.

Showers forecast in the dry sections of the upper Midwest for the next 5-10 days was the factor behind prices tumbling after the July 4th holiday.

Last week, the crop rating stood unchanged at 64 percent in good-to-excellent condition and compares to 71 percent a year ago and 67 percent for the 10-year average. According to Ag Watch's yield model, this equates to a national yield of 167.0 bushels per acre versus 172 bushels per acre last year.

Looking at exports, they are beginning to show signs of weakness. Inspections last week were 48.6 million bushels and are a far cry from the levels seen since May-June. Since mid-May, the pace of shipments has fallen 31 percent. While China remains the largest buyer of our corn, taking 33 percent of last week's shipments, the pace to them has declined for two weeks.

Like corn, soybeans are seeing some sharp price swings that have ranged between 76 cents to \$1.12. While July is a critical month for soybeans, August is a more crucial period. Last week, the crop rating slipped one point to 59 percent in good-to-excellent condition and compares to 71 percent last year and the 10-year average of 64 percent.

According to Ag Watch's yield model, the national yield is 47.3 bushels per acre versus 50.2 bushels per acre a year ago.

Looking at exports, inspections last week were 7.5 million bushels, the highest seen since early June. While weather will continue to reign as the dominant factor in soybeans for the next several weeks, exports must improve for the market to have solid footing.

Wheat is mostly a follower of corn and soybeans, but recent showers in the upper Plains could stabilize the spring crop. However, the damage from the drought has taken its toll and conditions are unlikely to be reversed. Last week, the rating for the spring crop fell 4 points to 16 percent in good-to-excellent condition, which is far below the rating of 70 percent a year ago and the 10-year average of 68 percent. Winter wheat harvest is progressing slowly at 45 percent complete compared to 53 last year.

In other developments, export inspections last week were a marketing year low of 9.4 million bushels and must average 17.7 million bushels each week to reach USDA's target of 900 million bushels.

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Everything - corn, soybeans, the truth - needs sunshine

Stop me if you've heard this one before: A local grain company does well year-in, year-out buying, storing, and processing a few million bushels of soybeans. Nearby farmers love it; a strong local processor means strong local prices.

As the years pass, the plant ages and—too soon for local farmers—closes. A statewide farm group, knowing the plant's importance to the regional ag economy, joins some investors to purchase it. Shortly thereafter, however, that group throws in the towel, too.

Two ag titans, poultry producer Perdue Farms and grain giant Archer-Daniels-Midland, show an interest in buying the aging (Estill, SC) facility. The former plant manager urges the investor-owners to sell to the chicken grower hoping it could integrate the plant into its poultry operation. Instead, the group sells to ADM in December 2010 for a reported \$5.5 million.

Shortly thereafter—as the former manager “suspected”—ADM shuts the plant. That move has “a huge impact on the town,” and removes an important market for the region's farmers because it “meant ADM, one of the biggest players in soy processing, could purchase beans at a lower cost.”

In short, he opines, “They bought the market.”

Old story, right? U.S. farmers and ranchers have witnessed similar, market-flattening events over the last 30 years as almost every aspect of American agriculture has been consolidated, industrialized, and integrated.

This one is different, however, because of who and what comes next.

That part of the story, told June 29 by the *Washington Post* in a 4,500-word account, begins in 2015 when ADM approached Danny Brown, the president of a company named AGrowStar, to buy the plant for the discounted price of \$4 million. Too high, Brown tells ADM, and both haggle for more than a year over a better price.

Finally, in February 2017, they agree on a price almost as shocking as the name of the new owner: ADM sells the plant for the bargain basement price of \$250,000 to the former Georgia governor and just-nominated secretary of agriculture, Sonny Perdue.

How does anyone buy an aging soybean processing plant with 3 million bushel storage—that an independent appraiser recently valued at \$4.6 million—for less than a nickel on the dollar?

The Post suggests an answer: “The timing of the sale just as Perdue was about to become the most powerful man in U.S. agriculture raises legal and ethics concerns, from the narrow question of whether the secretary followed federal financial disclosure requirements to whether the transaction could have been an attempt to influence an incoming government official...”

And, worse, “Months after Perdue took over the U.S. Department of Agriculture,” explains the Post, “his family trust sold AGrowStar to a group of investors along with all its real estate...” for what Brown, its former president, says was “about \$12 million.”

The quick sale was “obscured by complex financial moves that appear to have evaded at least the spirit of an agreement Perdue made with the U.S. Office of Government Ethics,” reports the Post. Those moves, mostly involving asset transfers among Perdue family trusts, were as technical then as they now appear to be questionable.

And questioned they will be, promised the Senate Ag Committee



FOOD & FARM FILE

Alan Guebert

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As a fellow cattleman, neighbor, friend and citizen of the United State of America, I know there are many things going on today that disturbs you and me very much, and I hear every day the heartfelt concerns about your families, our communities and our nation.

I see the cattle markets not excelling as other ag commodities. I see our input costs constantly rising. I hear folks talking bad about beef and the false information they are spreading about beef cattle and the environment.

I see “fake meat” and “plant based” products competing against us. All of these circumstances could cause folks to become very discouraged and disheartened, but I would like to encourage everyone to not get mad or point fingers at the problems or even cast stones at those who are working hard for us every day. Let’s work together to find solutions instead of just pointing out the problems. Let’s be part of the solution and not make the situation worse. Now more than ever, cattlemen and cattlemen across our great commonwealth and across our nation need to pull together and work together and not against each other, because we definitely have enough working against us. Let’s be united in our effort to make the cattle business in Kentucky the best in the nation.

The staff at KCA and KBC are always willing to listen to your concerns in a reasonable, rational and mature fashion. The folks at KCA and KBC are working very hard every day on our behalf, defending our cattle business and promoting our product while we work on our farms taking care of our cattle.

The cattle producers of Kentucky are very fortunate to have such a highly skilled and talented group of folks at KCA and KBC that really care about us as cattle producers and our livelihood.

Another advocate we are very blessed to have on our side is the National Cattlemen’s Beef Association. I have been to

Denver, Colorado and Washington, D.C. and have seen these folks in action. I was very impressed at the professionalism and the respect that NCBA has on the national level. After seeing the passion that Colin Woodall and Ethan Lane have for the beef cattle industry, I left D.C. with the comfort of knowing that the beef cattle industry is in good hands regardless of what you may hear in the news media and social media realms – I saw it firsthand. I would caution you to really check out your information sources because a lot of these social media spokespersons are supported and funded by folks that want to put us out of business.

I would sure hate to think of what our beef cattle industry would look like without the representation of NCBA on the national level and KCA and KBC on the local, state and national level. I am proud to be a member of both KCA and NCBA because they represent ALL cattle producers.

I would remind you again that we all have a role in telling our beef cattle story, and what better place to start than with your neighbor and what better time to start than now! You may even take it to a higher level and call or write your congressmen and senators; they love to hear the real life stories of cattle folks and Kentucky farm families.

I would also like to remind you of the Cattle Industry Convention and Trade Show to be held August 10-12, 2021 at the Gaylord Opryland Resort and Convention Center in Nashville, TN, well within a half or days drive for anyone in Kentucky. For more information on this event visit convention.ncba.org.

I will leave you with this encouragement from God’s Holy Word:

If my people, which are called by name, shall humble themselves, and pray, and seek my face, and turn from their wicked ways; then will I hear from Heaven, and will forgive their sin, and will heal their land.

II Chronicles 7:14

Growing agriculture literacy

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these programs as schools are planning for the next school year. I am realizing that we could use additional volunteers to meet demand. If you are interested in assisting with this effort, please contact me. I would love to have two or three willing educators in every county.

The third component of our plan to grow agriculture literacy is providing lessons and resources to teachers. We recently provided a new curriculum focusing on the horse to teachers who participated in the Kentucky Farm Bureau Regional Teacher Workshops, and as this paper hits your mailbox, we will be presenting an educator workshop that headlines beef cattle and the environment. Any opportunity we have to connect with teachers is prized, as they each may be connecting with hundreds, if not thousands of students during their careers.

Over the next few months, my goal is to work more diligently to figure out how to crack the code on selling agriculture literacy, and I will be calling on you to join the cause.

Do you have a passion for sharing about agriculture but don’t have time to prepare a lesson or speech? We have ready-to-use lessons. Want to support a teacher, school, or student event? We have programs. Do you know local teachers, administrative staff, or school board members? Help us reach out to them.

There are many ways we can work together to grow agriculture literacy. If you would like to learn more about our programs and resources, please visit www.teachkyag.org.

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Chairwoman Debbie Stabenow, D. MI, June 30.

“I’ve already called on the Office of Government Ethics to review this situation,” Stabenow told the Post, “and believe (it should) coordinate with the Department of Justice, the Department of Agriculture, (and USDA’s) Inspector General... to get to the bottom of this.”

Perdue declined to comment either for the story or after it was published. ADM strenuously denied any link between the sweet South Carolina soybean deal and any sweet deals it may

have gotten during the Trump Administration through Perdue.

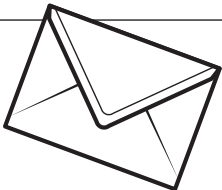
The “no comment” by public officials on details of actions, private or public, while on the public payroll has become a tiresome fact, too. If you hold public office, the public has every right to know what happened under your watch.

If you’ve nothing to hide, let the sunshine, Sec. Sunny, er, Sonny.

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Product of the USA...

Or is it?

On June 10, the National Cattlemen's Beef Association filed a petition with the Food Safety and Inspection Service over the highly contested "Product of the USA" labeling claims for beef products many say are misleading to consumers.

For years, farmers and consumer advocate groups have asked FSIS, part of the U.S. Department of Agriculture, to rethink the country of origin labeling, or "COOL," in order to clarify when meat is from animals born and raised outside of the country.

And once again, the USDA said it will conduct a review of the label, acknowledging the concern but offering no commitment on any specific reform.

NCBA said a ruling is expected soon.

"Labeling is a very, very hot topic,"

says Niki Whitaker with the Kentucky Cattlemen's Association. She's not only the membership coordinator for the organization but also takes care of policy and legislation, so she's no stranger to the argument over "Product of the USA" labels.

"In FSIS language, it states that if it's labeled from in the country, it has to be from the country or processed in the U.S. There are four different stages: born, raised, harvested and sold," and Whitaker said currently, this meat only has to be processed and sold in the U.S. to be considered a product of the U.S.

"So, it can be born somewhere else and come into the states, live out its life and be processed here and be sold as a product of the U.S. Some have issues with that," she said.

In addition, it can have minimal processing in the states, mostly from Mexico and Canada, the countries the states do a lot of trading with. This is why the "Product of the USA" labels are misleading.

"People think it's lived its entire life here, and that is nefarious — not necessarily true," she said.

Whitaker says there are other petitions out there that state if it claims to be a U.S. product, it needs have gone

through all those stages inside of the country.

"But the NCBA is asking that they change it to more of a general 'Processed in the U.S.," which is a mandatory claim, meaning it falls under FSIS jurisdiction. The rules are numerous, Whitaker said, and even the voluntary labels — which are not legally required — like the "Made in Kentucky" labels KCA chose to use, "we do all the work for traceable. The labeling process for us was the most tedious process we've ever experienced, but again, it was a voluntary claim, wasn't mandated."

On July 1, the Federal Trade Commission finalized a rule codifying standards for these product labels. The Consumer

Federation of America said that FTC policy has required "Made in the USA" claims only apply when "all or virtually all" of the product is made here, in order to pursue civil penalties against companies violating those standards.

NCBA's director of international trade and market access, Kent Bacus, said the move

has been in the works for a few years within the industry.

"We had a label that was a U.S. law from '09-'15, the country of origin, which was a federally mandated label," Bacus said. In order to carry that label, the animals had to be born, raised and harvested here.

"The implementation and compliance with that marketing label led to segregation in our cattle herds with foreign-born head. Cattle were going to receive a discounted price from packers and processors ..." which created a disadvantage for imported cattle.

Congress repealed those requirements after Canada and Mexico successfully challenged it in the World Trade Organization.

"Canada sued the U.S., we appealed but ultimately lost ... over a several-year period ... finally resulted in the WTO au-

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A Psalmist made the same statements: “Whom have I in heaven but You? And earth has nothing that I desire besides You.”

No one or no thing can do for us what our Heavenly Father can do for us. Nor is there anyone anywhere who will ever mean more to us or be more for us than our Lord – if we allow Him.

Some, we know, turn to materialism rather than the Master. There is nothing wrong with having money and what money can buy, but it is wrong when we worship money, allow our lives to be consumed with making money so we can acquire the things of this world. In the end, materialism consumes us because there is never enough to calm our fears or give us peace.

Others look for the answers to life in science. Science has provided many benefits and increased and made our lives more enjoyable. But science cannot cleanse us from sin or assure us of peace and hope in this world and a life with our Father in the world to come. Science can improve our earthly lives, but it cannot impart eternal life.

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Espresso Bourbon Steaks with Mashed Sweet Potatoes

4 beef Tenderloin Steaks, cut 1 inch thick (about 4 ounces each)
2-1/8 to 4-1/8 teaspoons coarsely cracked black pepper, divided
9 ounces peeled and cubed sweet potatoes
2 tablespoons butter
Steamed green beans (optional)

Espresso-Bourbon Sauce:

1/4 cup bourbon
1/4 cup maple syrup
1/4 cup reduced sodium soy sauce
1 tablespoon fresh lemon juice
2 teaspoons instant espresso coffee powder
1/8 teaspoon black pepper



Combine all sauce ingredients, except pepper, in small saucepan; bring to a boil. Reduce heat and simmer, uncovered 12 to 15 minutes or until sauce is thickened and reduced by about half, stirring occasionally. Stir in 1/8 teaspoon pepper. Keep warm.

Press 2 to 4 teaspoons coarsely cracked pepper on both sides of beef steak. Heat large nonstick skillet over medium heat until hot. Place steaks in skillet; cook 10 to 13 minutes for medium rare (145°F) to medium (160°F) doneness, turning occasionally.

Cook's Tip: To broil, place steaks on rack in broiler pan so surface of beef is 2 to 3 inches from heat. Broil 13 to 16 minutes for medium rare to medium doneness, turning once.

To grill, place steaks on grid over medium, ash-covered coals. Grill, covered, 10 to 14 minutes (over medium heat on preheated gas grill, 11 to 15 minutes) for medium rare (145°F) to medium (160°F) doneness, turning occasionally.

Meanwhile, prepare Mashed Sweet Potatoes. Place sweet potatoes and 1 teaspoon salt in large saucepan. Cover with water; bring to a boil. Cook 4 to 5 minutes or until potatoes are tender. Drain. Combine potatoes, butter, remaining 1/8 teaspoon salt and remaining 1/8 teaspoon black pepper. Beat until mashed and smooth.

Evenly divide sauce onto 4 plates. Place steak on top of sauce. Serve with Mashed Sweet potatoes and green beans.

Recipe courtesy of beefitswhatsfordinner.com

Chocolate Brownie Lovers Ice Cream



Recipe courtesy of [The Dairy Alliance](http://TheDairyAlliance.com)

1/2 cup milk chocolate chips
1 (14-ounce) can sweetened condensed milk
1/2 cup cocoa powder
2 cups heavy whipping cream, plus 1 tablespoon
1 cup whole milk
1 tablespoon vanilla extract
2 cups brownie pieces, chopped

Place chocolate chips and 1 tablespoon heavy whipping cream in a large microwave-safe bowl and heat for 30-45 seconds, or until chips are melted. Remove from microwave and whisk together until smooth. Whisk in sweetened condensed milk, stirring until well combined. Gradually whisk in heavy whipping cream, milk and vanilla extract. Pour mixture into freezer canister of ice cream maker according to your ice maker's instructions. Before transferring out of freezer canister, stir in 1 1/2 cups brownie pieces. Transfer the ice cream to a freezer-safe container with lid, top with remaining brownie pieces. Cover, place in freezer and allow it to harden for at least 4 hours or overnight.

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Welcome to the 23rd annual Ky. Poultry Festival

By Jamie Guffey
Executive Director
Kentucky Poultry Federation

The Kentucky Poultry Federation is hosting the Kentucky Poultry Festival in Lexington, Kentucky.

We invite you to attend the 23rd Annual Kentucky Poultry Festival at the Griffin Gate Marriott Resort and Spa, Lexington on October 2.

We hope that you will mark your calendars and register to join us for an exciting day of food, fun and entertainment.

Join us at the Spa. We will have limited

appointments and they are filled on a first come first served basis. Saturday's times are from 8 a.m.- 4 p.m.

The Griffin Gate Marriott Resort Golf Club is the location for this year's best ball scramble on Saturday, October 2. The course is located at 1800 Newtown Pike, Lexington (859-231-5100). We will also host a Horse Farm, Hooch & Historical Tour Friday on October 1.

An extension of the festival is the Kentucky Poultry Federation Scholarship Fundraiser.

On Saturday evening, we will host a silent auction, where all proceeds are

designated for scholarships given to children and grandchildren of Kentucky's poultry families, employees, and allied members.

If you would like to donate an item for the silent auction please email me at jguffey@kypoultry.org

The day will conclude with the annual Hall of Fame Banquet where we will recognize our Hall of Fame members, Family Farm Environmental Award winners, scholarship winners, and our ticket sales winners.

After an evening of good food and recognizing the successes of friends, the

grand finale is another great event, Monte Carlo Night.

Please make plans to attend our 23rd Annual Kentucky Poultry Festival in Lexington. If you are unable to attend the events but would like to support Kentucky's poultry industry, we have many ways that you can get involved without being present.

If you would like to purchase tickets, please visit our website at www.kypoultry.org or if you need more information please contact the Kentucky Poultry Federation office at 270-404-2277 or e-mail jguffey@kypoultry.org.

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Kentucky 4-H Poultry Contest



The Kentucky 4-H Poultry programs are thriving again this summer. Five different competitions will be held with the senior division winners representing Kentucky at the National 4-H Poultry and Egg Conference in November at the Kentucky State Fairgrounds, Louisville.

Kentucky has had a national 4-H winner in the past and we are hopeful for another one this year. There are a wide

variety of activities that provides opportunities for youth, no matter what their interest or ability.

The Kentucky 4-H Poultry Judging Contest and Avian Bowl Contest will be held on the first Friday of the Kentucky State Fair, Aug. 19. Contestants can register online at the Kentucky State Fair website. Rules for both contests are

posted on the 4-H website (ca.uky.edu/Agcollege/4H/projects_events/statefair). Check with your local 4-H agent for the registration deadline and additional information.

In the 4-H Poultry Judging Contest, participants judge laying hens for past egg production, evaluate market eggs and ready to cook poultry. Participants learn to make decisions and to defend their decision with oral reasons. The top four senior contestants will compete at the national competition.

The Avian Bowl Competition is an academic quick recall competition that is based on information about poultry and eggs. There are both junior and senior divisions. Teams compete against each other in a double elimination tournament format. The top competitors in the senior division represent Kentucky at

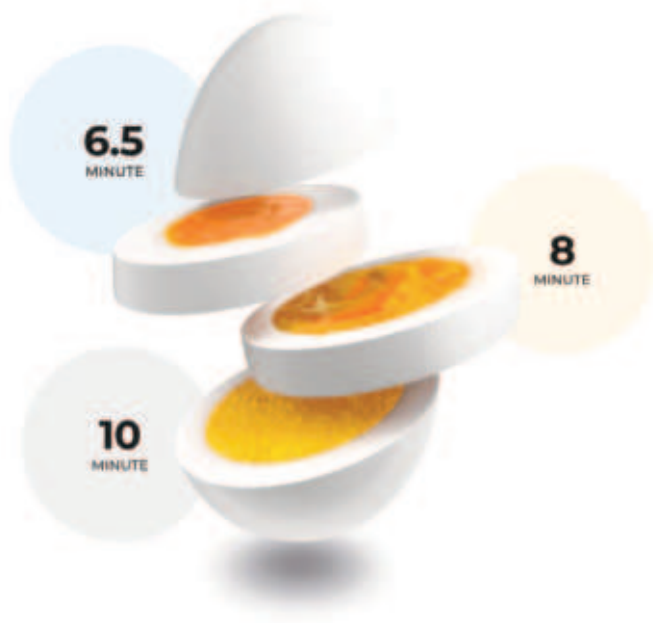
the National Avian Bowl Competition.

The 4-H Turkey Barbecue contest, 4-H Chicken Barbecue contest and the Egg Preparation contest will be held on July 24. The location of the event is the Madison County Extension Office.

There are junior and senior divisions in both the turkey and chicken barbecue contests. The contestants are judged on their skill in starting and maintaining a fire, food safety, cooking skills, and of course, their finished product. The senior division winners, in both contests, will receive a \$300 sponsorship from the Kentucky Poultry Federation to attend the National Competition.

For additional information on all poultry contests contact your local extension office or Dr. Tony Pescatore at 859-257-7529 or via e-mail at apescato@email.uky.edu.

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KY Livestock Coalition’s “Meat Me At The Table” campaign is the ideal way to celebrate #NationalGrillingMonth! To help promote this campaign, this month’s app’s and recipes were chosen to get you around the grill. Get out, get to grilling and try something new. Dr. Gordon Jones always told us, “Anybody can burn it; you’re here to make sure that doesn’t happen.”

The farm families of the Kentucky Livestock Coalition encourage you to choose meat as the centerpiece of your

meal. Our families are proud to provide safe, nutritious, affordable, and delicious meat for your family. Whether you buy directly from a farmer or at a meat market or grocery store, you can feel confident in the quality of the meat provided by farm families. Everyone knows that meat is a great source of protein, but it’s important to know that it’s also rich in many essential nutrients – iron, iodine, zinc, and B vitamins (including B-12, which is only found in foods of animal origin), all of which are essential for

human health. Whether your favorite grilling menu includes hamburgers and hot dogs, steaks and sausage, or chicken and chops, Kentucky’s farm families invite you to “Meat Me at the Table!”

App’s to try:

How to BBQ Right – with this app you can follow Pitmaster Malcom Reed and his ways of the grill. The app has weekly updates of all his barbecue, smoking

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Ultimate Recipes

Smoked Ultimate Turkey Sandwich

- 1 loaf sourdough bread

8 ounces brie cheese, sliced

4 ounces stuffing, cooked

4 ounces mashed pota-
- toes and gravy, cooked

4 ounces green bean casserole, cooked

2 ounces mayonnaise

2 tablespoons Colden's Freakin' Greek Rub
- Pre-heat the recteq grill or wood pellet grill to 325°F.

Slice the sourdough bread lengthwise in half.

Add mayonnaise to both sides of bread, then add cranberry, stuffing,
- mashed potatoes and gravy, green bean casse-
role, brie cheese, and Colden’s Freakin’ Greek Rub.

Place on grill until cheese starts to melt, re-
move, and slice.



Grilled Lemon Pepper Chicken

- 1 (3 1/2–4-lb.) chicken, cut in half

4 tsp. kosher salt

2 tsp. freshly ground black pepper, divided

Vegetable oil (for grill)
- 1 1/2 lemons, divided

4 Tbsp. unsalted butter

1 Tbsp. honey
- Sprinkle chicken all over with salt and 1 1/2 tsp. pep-
per. Let sit at room temperature 1 hour.

Meanwhile, prepare a grill for medium heat and
brush grate with oil. Thinly slice lemon half into
rounds. Heat butter and honey in a small saucepan
until butter is melted and foaming, then remove from
heat and add lemon slices.

Grill chicken, skin side down, until skin is lightly
charred and releases from grate without tearing, about
6 minutes. Turn chicken over and lightly brush with
lemon butter. Cover grill and continue grilling chicken,
- brushing with lemon butter every 5 minutes or so,
until an instant-read thermometer inserted into the
thickest part of breast registers 150°F, 25–28 minutes.

Just before chicken is ready, cut remaining lemon
into quarters and grill, cut side down, until charred
and softened, 6–8 minutes. Transfer chicken and
lemons to a cutting board; let rest 10 minutes before
carving chicken into pieces.

To serve, squeeze grilled lemons over chicken and
sprinkle with remaining 1/2 tsp. pepper.



Grilled Chicken Caesar Sandwiches

1 Tbsp. Dijon mustard
2 tsp. Worcestershire sauce
2 garlic cloves, finely grated
2 Tbsp. plus 2 tsp. fresh lemon juice
2 tsp. freshly ground black pepper,
plus more
1/3 cup plus 2 tsp. extra-virgin olive
oil; plus more for grill
6 Tbsp. mayonnaise

1/4 cup chopped cornichons (about
9)
Kosher salt
4 large skinless, boneless chicken
thighs (about 1 1/2 lb. total)
4 brioche buns, split
1 medium fennel bulb, halved, thinly
sliced, fronds coarsely chopped
1 cup basil leaves, torn if large.

Whisk mustard, Worcestershire sauce, garlic, 2 Tbsp. lemon juice, and 2 tsp. pepper in a medium bowl. Stream in 1/3 cup oil, whisking constantly until emulsified. Transfer half of marinade to a small bowl, then whisk in mayonnaise and cornichons; season dressing with salt. Set aside.

Season chicken thighs all over with salt and place in bowl with remaining marinade; turn to coat. Let sit at room temperature, turning occasionally, at least 30 minutes, or cover and chill up to 4 hours.

Prepare a grill for medium-high heat; lightly oil grate. Grill chicken, turning

halfway through, until deeply browned and cooked through, 8–10 minutes. Transfer to a platter and let rest 5 minutes.

Meanwhile, grill buns, cut side down, until lightly toasted, about 30 seconds. Transfer to platter with chicken.

Toss sliced fennel, fennel fronds, basil, and remaining 2 tsp. oil and 2 tsp. lemon juice in a medium bowl to combine; season with salt and pepper.

Spread reserved dressing over cut sides of each bun. Assemble sandwiches with buns, chicken, and fennel salad.

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Midsummer thoughts

The Forage Doctor



By Jimmy Henning

Forages in midsummer can easily get pushed to the back burner. First and even second cuttings of hay are made and in the barn and it feels like a good time to take a break. Mid-summer can be a key time to make important assessments of your forage system. Here are some midsummer considerations that will help you up your forage game.

1. Adjust your stocking rate. Our cool season forages produce about two thirds of their annual production by June 15. To keep from overgrazing and to keep forage intake up, more acres should be added to the grazing system or the stocking rate should be reduced.
2. Don't overgraze. Overgrazing kills forage productivity. It reduces the green leaf area available to drive regrowth. Consequently, pastures don't meet their productive potential. Overgrazing in midsummer will result in hotter crown temperatures in our cool season grasses, which also lowers their viability

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Midsummer may seem like a down time for forage systems. In fact, mid-summer can be a key time to make important assessments of your pasture system.

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and plant vigor. Overgrazing will also result in shorter and smaller root systems. Grazing tall fescue too closely has an even more damaging effect: UK research has shown that the crown or base of endophyte infected tall fescue contains the greatest concentration of the toxin, ergovaline.

3. Check voltage on electrified fence. As my colleague Chris Teutsch says, you want every livestock experience with electric fence to be a bad one! Midsummer can point out a common weakness of electric fence systems – a poor ground system. A good ground system should have three galvanized ground rods, 10 feet apart and six feet deep. Electric fencing systems rely on the grazing animal to complete the circuit between the fence and the ground, and the charge must flow from the fence through the animal to the ground and back to the grounding rods. Low mid-summer voltage can be an indicator of a poor ground system. A fence system that can sustain a high voltage in the dry soil of mid-summer is an indirect confirmation that the ground system is good.

4. Prepare for fall. Mid-July is only four weeks away from the start of the optimum autumn window to seed cool season forages. If a fall seeding is being considered, go ahead and take a soil sample and submit for results. Any needed lime or fertilizer can then be secured and applied in a timely fashion. If a fall seeding is planned, give your preferred ag supplier time to secure the variety you want.

5. Assess weed problems. Annual weeds like pigweed indicate the base forage stand may need to be thickened. Perennial weeds like ironweed can be managed by herbicides but only when the plants are young and tender, such as when they have regrown for two or three weeks after mowing. If a herbicide is used during mid-summer, be especially mindful of the replant interval if the field is to be overseeded in the fall. UK has updated pasture weed publication, AGR-207 Broadleaf weeds of Kentucky pastures to assist in weed control decisions.

6. Assess legume stands. Achieving and maintaining a good legume stand is critical to successful livestock enterprises. Legumes fix atmospheric nitrogen into their forage and this nitrogen is cycled through grazing livestock and returned to the pasture in the ma-

nure and urine. Fields where legumes are thin or absent are good candidates for renovation.

Midsummer can be a key time to assess your forage system. Assessing stocking rates, grazing pressure,

fence voltage, legume and weed stands and readiness for fall will make this time very productive in improving your livestock forage enterprise.

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thorizing Canada and Mexico to retaliate with tariffs in excess of \$1 billion," Bacus says. "Which didn't happen, because the mandatory label was repealed."

He said some in the industry wanted the label to certify that any product that carried it was born, raised and harvested here.

"But that would be a restoration of mandatory country of origin ... so all those were denied. Simply because what they're asking, it would've done nothing short but trigger a trade war."

So NCBA took a different approach.

"Because it is a generic label, there's not a lot of incentive from retail markets to purchase beef from our labels that are from processed-verified programs," he said.

The organization and other affiliates created a working group to investigate the criteria and use of the labels.

"For several months, that taskforce looked at retail markets, grocery stores all over the country, found a few examples that raised some eyebrows and caused us to question the extend of this label," Bacus said. "But, it also confirmed our concerns that there's not a lot of criteria that prevented retailers from using that label."

In its petition, the NCBA asked FSIS to eliminate the

"Product of the USA" generic label and replace it with a more descriptive term, such as "Processed in the USA."

"Let's clear up the confusion of inferring that the animal was born, raised and harvested here. Let's call it what it is — processed. This doesn't apply to the origin of the cattle, it applies to the beef. This will be a trade-compliant measure," Bacus says.

He said the petition is the first step.

"If we can resolve the underlying issue without triggering a trade war, that leads to the second step ..." of working closely with USDA to promote processed-verified programs for producers and retail markets.

"If a grocery wants to advertise those origin-sourced labels, the alternative is to participate in one of these programs."

NCBA President Jerry Bohn said the label simply doesn't meet the expectations of today's consumers. "There is a growing desire ... to know more about the origin of food they purchase," he said, and it's critical

that producers are "empowered with opportunities to market their high-quality beef in a way that allows them to differentiate the source of their product from competitors and potentially increase profitability."

The FTC has now codified its ability to penalize false claims, meaning it will be able to fine those who break the rules more than \$43,000 per violation. After that move, the USDA announced it will give a "top-to-bottom review" of how the label is applied, but has made no commitments on the outcome or timeframe.

"We are expecting an announcement soon from the administration about forthcoming rulemakings," said Ashley Willits, NCBA's associate director. "It sounds like the USDA will be using their 'top-to-bottom review' to inform the rulemaking."

Comments can be made on NCBA's petition to FSIS until Aug. 17, and may be added by visiting fsis.usda.gov/policy/petitions.

By Bobbie Curd
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Blue Grass South Stanford, KY June 24, 2021 Feeder Steers: Medium & Large 1-2 34 hd. 654# 144.00 mixed 71 hd. 764# 141.25 mixed 59 hd. 854# 140.30 blk 125 hd. 854# 137.00 blk-charx 57 hd. 900# 134.90 blk-charx Feeder Heifers: Medium & Large 1-2 44 hd. 597# 145.00 blk 22 hd. 624# 141.50 blk 232 hd. 649# 141.00 blk 42 hd. 691# 138.25 blk 69 hd. 695# 138.30 blk-charx 81 hd. 706# 140.40 blk 74 hd. 731# 134.75 blk-charx 20 hd. 771# 130.00 blk-charx 71 hd. 778# 137.80 charx 64 hd. 791# 138.00 charx-blk	KY-TN Livestock Auction Guthrie, KY June 24, 2021 Feeder Steers: Medium & Large 1-2 25 hd. 630# 142.50 bbwf Feeder Heifers: Medium & Large 1-2 21 hd. 428# 150.50 bbwf 22 hd. 494# 146.00 bbwf 40 hd. 551# 139.50 bbwf 22 hd. 630# 129.50 bbwf	Blue Grass Stockyards Lexington, KY June 21 & 22, 2021 Feeder Steers: Medium & Large 1-2 121 hd. 832# 135.35 blk-mixed 59 hd. 842# 139.85 blk 60 hd. 937# 133.75 blk 55 hd. 942# 133.00 blk 130 hd. 954# 131.00 blk-mixed 109 hd. 979# 128.90 blk-charx 114 hd.1027#125.00 blk 24 hd.1030#124.00 blk 51 hd.1042#125.80 blk-mixed 55 hd.1027#129.00 blk Feeder Heifers: Medium & Large 1-2 146 hd. 711# 135.50 blk 75 hd. 684# 139.00 blk-mixed 146 hd. 695# 142.00 blk-red 71 hd. 737# 139.00 blk-red 65 hd. 748# 137.75 blk 65 hd. 785# 132.00 blk 64 hd. 801# 137.00 blk	Paris Stockyards Paris, KY June 24, 2021 Feeder Steers: Medium & Large 1-2 72 hd. 631# 155.00 blk-charx 20 hd. 683# 135.25 blk-charx 27 hd. 722# 128.50 blk 29 hd. 846# 132.75 blk-charx 29 hd. 978# 131.00 blk 55 hd. 999# 129.50 blk Feeder Heifers: Medium & Large 1-2 55 hd. 594# 147.75 blk-charx 21 hd. 783# 125.00 blk
Mid-KY Livestock Market Upton, KY June 22, 2021 Feeder Heifers: Medium & Large 1-2 20 hd. 700# 134.00 blk	Blue Grass Maysville Maysville, KY June 22, 2021 Feeder Steers: Medium & Large 1-2 41 hd. 828# 142.00 blk 66 hd. 889# 134.00 mixed Feeder Heifers: Medium & Large 1-2 28 hd. 810# 132.00 blk	Washington Co. Livestock Springfield, KY June 21, 2021 Feeder Steers: Medium & Large 1-2 40 hd. 664# 151.90 blk 64 hd. 835# 135.05 mixed 59 hd. 851# 139.95 blk	United Producers Owenton Owenton, KY June 23, 2021 Feeder Steers: Medium & Large 1-2 57 hd. 926# 132.60 blk-charx Feeder Heifers: Medium & Large 1-2 50 hd. 628# 144.85 blk
Blue Grass of Albany Albany, KY June 23, 2021 Feeder Steers: Medium & Large 1-2 63 hd. 807# 143.10 mixed	Blue Grass of Campbellsville Campbellsville, KY June 26, 2021 Holstein Steers: Large 3 21 hd. 621# 110.00		Russell County Stockyards Russell Springs, KY June 23, 2021 Feeder Heifers: Medium & Large 1-2 78 hd. 646# 140.35 blk-charx 65 hd. 753# 134.25 blk-charx
Blue Grass East Mt. Sterling, KY June 23, 2021 Feeder Heifers: Medium & Large 1-2 75 hd. 551# 146.00 blk-mixed	Blue Grass of Richmond Richmond, KY June 25, 2021 Feeder Steers: Medium & Large 1-2 58 hd. 921# 135.90 mixed 54 hd. 986# 130.00 mixed Feeder Heifers: Medium & Large 1-2 80 hd. 661# 144.40 mixed 76 hd. 712# 140.80 blk-charx 75 hd. 719# 139.90 blk-charx		
National Daily Direct Slaughter Cattle Negotiated Purchases 06/25/2021 Live Bids- weighed average weights & prices Steers: 80%-up Choice 1449.4 lbs 125.47 Heifers 80%-up Choice 1331.3 lbs 124.48	United Producers Bowling Green Bowling Green, KY June 22, 2021 Feeder Steers: Medium & Large 1-2 60 hd. 865# 133.00 blk-charx-red		

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Year Ago (act)	118,000	2,000	468,000	7,000
Week to Date (est)	591,000	6,000	2,343,000	35,000
Same Pd Lt Week (est)	594,000	6,000	2,377,000	34,000
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06/28/2021 4:00 pm est Bids for next day Cash Bids Corn #2 Yellow Corn #2 White Soybeans #1 Y Wheat #2 SRW Barley	Louisville	Pennyrile	Purchase	Bluegrass	Green River	Northern KY	
	6.95-7.05	6.86-6.96	6.08-6.23 6.93	6.72	6.23	7.02	
	13.14 5.83	13.37-13.52 5.96-6.31	13.67-13.77 6.24-6.26	14.43 6.21	13.53 6.32	13.70 6.35	
New Crop Delivery Contract Corn #2 Yellow Corn #2 White Soybeans #1 Y Wheat #2 SRW Barley	5.33	5.37-5.47	5.37-5.47 5.67-5.72	5.22	5.49	5.37	
	12.45 NA	12.73-12.88 NA	13.09-13.13 NA	12.68 NA	12.88 NA	12.99 NA	
Weekly Feed Ingredient Price Wholesale prices, \$ per ton Rail or Truck FOB Location	Owensboro Grain	Commonwealth Agri-Energy Hopkinsville	St. Louis Weekly Feed Prices	Blue Grass Stockyards of Richmond Graded Sheep/Goat Sale - Richmond, Ky. June 28, 2021 Lamb and Kid prices continue to remains strong with good demand. 789 receipts 758 graded animals. SLAUGHTER LAMBS WOOLDED: Choice and Prime 1-2 55 lbs 230.00; 63 lbs 257.00; 80 lbs 232.50. 91 lbs 237.50; 110 lbs 245.00. Choice 2 57-58 lbs 228.00-239.00. Good and Choice 2-3 63 lbs 225.00. HAIR BREEDS: Choice and Prime 1-2 55 lbs 252.50; 68 lbs 263.00; 72 lbs 255.00; 86 lbs 240.00; 90 lbs 268.00; 108-110 lbs 240.00-255.00. Choice 2 55 lbs 232.00; 73 lbs 230.00. Good 3 51 lbs 217.50. SLAUGHTER GOATS KIDS: Selection 2 47 lbs 319.00; 51-56 lbs 337.50-342.50; 63 lbs 347.50; 72 lbs 317.50.00; 105 lbs 282.50. Selection 3 50-55 lbs 230.00-288.00.			
	06/28/2021	06/28/2021	06/22/2021				
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STATE AVERAGES				
Steers (M&L 1-2)				
	<u>This Week</u>	<u>Prior Week</u>	<u>Last Year</u>	
350-400 lbs	164.47	163.43	164.16	
400-450 lbs	160.47	159.67	159.48	
450-500 lbs	159.52	160.90	151.87	
500-550 lbs	156.10	155.38	146.56	
550-600 lbs	152.51	151.45	142.53	
600-650 lbs	146.63	145.25	137.61	
650-700 lbs	140.78	139.52	135.46	
700-750 lbs	133.11	134.83	125.75	
750-800 lbs	132.08	132.20	124.49	
800-850 lbs	132.43	127.87	119.96	
850-900 lbs	125.89	127.25	118.12	
Heifers (M&L 1-2)				
300-350 lbs	145.02	143.99	145.98	
350-400 lbs	143.91	148.40	143.98	
400-450 lbs	144.21	141.70	138.83	
450-500 lbs	142.92	140.92	134.85	
500-550 lbs	136.62	137.23	129.80	
550-600 lbs	134.67	131.83	126.51	
600-650 lbs	128.16	127.14	122.93	
650-700 lbs	127.26	123.42	120.88	
700-750 lbs	121.58	121.33	111.24	
750-800 lbs	119.30	119.93	111.60	

WEEKLY COW SUMMARY				
Slaughter Cows				
	<u>Average</u>	<u>High</u>	<u>Low</u>	
Breakers	60.00-76.50	65.00-84.00	55.00-66.00	
Boners	40.00-76.00	54.50-86.00	48.00-66.00	
Lean	35.00-70.00	54.50-77.00	40.00-63.00	
Slaughter Bulls				
	<u>Average</u>	<u>High</u>	<u>Low</u>	
Yield Grade 1&2	83.00-113.00	94.50-124.00	72.50-93.00	
June 24, 2021 Bowling Green, KY				
SLAUGHTER GOATS: 156				
Kids-Selection 1 120 lbs 375.00; Kids-Selection 1-2 57 lbs 370.00; 63 lbs 370.00.				
Kids-Selection 2 50-52 lbs 270.00-325.00; 60-64 lbs 240.00-345.00; 75 lbs 350.00.				
SLAUGHTER SHEEP: 246				
Wooled-Choice and Prime 1-2 53-59 lbs 275.00-280.00; 74 lbs 270.00; 85 lbs 250.00-252.00; 90 lbs 260.00; 113 lbs 260.00. Choice and Prime 2 185 lbs 140.00.				
Hair Breeds-Choice and Prime 1-2 52-59 lbs 250.00-280.00; 65 lbs 267.50; 73 lbs 260.00; 89 lbs 230.00; 112 lbs 250.00.				
GRAINS				
	<u>This Week</u>	<u>Prior Week</u>	<u>Last Year</u>	
Corn	5.80-6.99	6.43-7.35	3.19-3.63	
Soybeans	12.82-14.65	12.87-15.69	8.44-9.11	
Red Winter Wheat	5.87-6.77	5.95-6.96	4.26-5.12	

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Compared to last week slaughter lambs weak to 10.00 lower. Slaughter ewes firm. Feeder lambs weak to 10.00 lower. Nannies weak to 5.00 lower; kids 10.00-15.00 lower. Trading and demand moderate for heavy supply.

SLAUGHTER LAMBS WOOLED & SHORN: Choice and Prime 1-2 44-45 lbs 284.00-288.00; 53-59 lbs 290.00-298.00; 63-68 lbs 264.00-310.00; 70-79 lbs 250.00-306.00; 84-88 lbs 240.00-260.00; 90-93 lbs 232.00-302.00. Choice and Prime 2-3 118-123 lbs 216.00-224.00. Choice 1-2 40-47 lbs 276.00-364.00; 51-59 272.00-282.00; 63 lbs 260.00; 77-78 lbs 230.00-256.00; 84-85 lbs 220.00-234.00; 93 lbs 220.00; 104-107 lbs 216.00-220.00. HAIR BREEDS: Choice and Prime 1-2 40-49 lbs 286.00-304.00; 50-59 lbs 276.00-318.00; 60-69 lbs 258.00-300.00; 70-79 lbs 240.00-300.00; 80-89 lbs 238.00-258.00; 91-99 lbs 226.00-250.00; 100-106 lbs 224.00-230.00. Choice and Prime 2-3 110-125 lbs 210.00-228.00. Choice 1-2 40-49 lbs 250.00-282.00; 50-59 lbs 250.00-282.00; 60-69 lbs 240.00-265.00; 70-78 lbs 230.00-250.00; 80-89 lbs 220.00-236.00; 94-99 lbs 200.00-232.00; 101-108 lbs 220.00-230.00. Good 1 45 lbs 230.00. SLAUGHTER GOATS KIDS: Selection 1 40 lbs 365.00; 50-59 lbs 245.00-388.00; 60-68 lbs 350.00-385.00; 71-75 lbs 348.00-350.00; 80-85 lbs 380.00-430.00; 90-95 lbs 400.00-415.00; 100-115 lbs 395.00-424.00. Selection 1-2 40-49 lbs 322.00-350.00; 51-59 lbs 320.00-354.00; 60-69 lbs 324.00-358.00; 70-78 lbs 325.00-350.00; 81-85 lbs 326.00-385.00; 93-95 lbs 300.00-305.00. Selection 2 40-49 lbs 250.00-320.00; 50-59 lbs 265.00-326.00; 60-69 lbs 300.00-320.00; 70-79 lbs 280.00-325.00.

New Holland Sheep and Goat Auction New Holland, Pa. June 28, 2021

Compared to last week, woolled and shorn slaughter lambs sold weak; hair breed slaughter lambs sold weak. Ewes sold steady with a strong undertone noted. Hair ewes sold steady on a light comparison. No comparison on bucks and hair bucks. Buyer demand was moderate on a moderate supply with a strong demand noted on light weight slaughter lambs. Slaughter kids sold weak. Nannies/does sold weak. Bucks/billies sold strong with no comparison on wethers. Buyer demand was moderate on a moderate supply.

SLAUGHTER LAMBS WOOLED & SHORN: Choice 1-3 40-49 lbs 280.00-330.00; 50-58 lbs 265.00-335.00; 60-68 lbs 250.00-330.00; 70-79 lbs 245.00-275.00; 80-89 lbs 255.00-310.00; 90-98 lbs 270.00-310.00; 100-125 lbs 265.00-310.00; 140-145 lbs 225.00-285.00; 165-195 lbs 175.00-265.00. Good and Choice 1-2 76 lbs 237.00; 91 lbs 257.00; 100-119 lbs 195.00-235.00; 150 lbs 140.00. HAIR BREEDS: Choice 1-3 34 lbs 300.00; 43 lbs 305.00; 53-59 lbs 245.00-265.00; 61-69 lbs 245.00-267.00; 70-78 lbs 255.00-288.00; 80-89 lbs 242.00-265.00; 90-96 lbs 245.00-270.00; 100-125 lbs 235.00-285.00. Good and Choice 1-2 36 lbs 220.00; 51 lbs 225.00; 74-79 lbs 225.00-245.00; 80-85 lbs 165.00-195.00; 99 lbs 140.00; 105-120 lbs 215.00. SLAUGHTER GOATS KIDS: Selection 1 30-39 lbs 85.00-100.00; 40-49 lbs 95.00-150.00; 50-59 lbs 115.00-195.00; 60-69 lbs 190.00-235.00; 70-79 lbs 220.00-295.00; 80-89 lbs 220.00-295.00; 90-99 lbs 255.00. Selection 2 40-49 lbs 80.00-90.00; 50-59 lbs 95.00-135.00; 60-69 lbs 130.00-155.00; 70 lbs 190.00; 80 lbs 185.00.

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Any producer "age 18 or older" who is a resident of the state and has paid all assessments due may be considered as a delegate candidate and/or participate in the election.

"All eligible producers are encouraged to bring with them a sales receipt proving that hogs were sold in their name and the checkoff deducted."

For more information, contact the Kentucky Pork Producers Association, 1110 Hawkins Drive, Elizabethtown, KY. 42701. Telephone number: (270) 737-5665.

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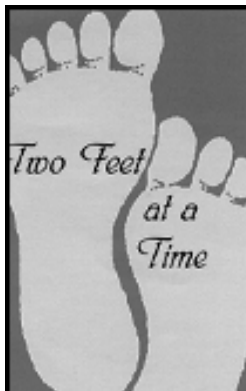
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News from the Kentucky Corn Growers Association and Kentucky Corn Promotion Council

Corn Growers Work to Elevate the Image of America’s Crop

The nation’s corn growers blanketed the Ronald Reagan Washington National Airport earlier this summer to elevate the image of America’s top crop and the farmers who grow it. The campaign was organized as a response to the growing negative view of corn’s impact on the environment.

Featuring the farmers’ hands, the campaign’s platform is built around the following message:

These hands represent something much more powerful than one person alone. They embody an ideal. A proud and chosen profession, inspired through generations. One of unrivaled passion, loyalty and sound moral fiber.

Where calloused flesh tells unsung stories of tireless and unforgiving labor. Driven by months of calculated decisions often reduced to mere hope come harvest. These are the hands of the American corn farmer.

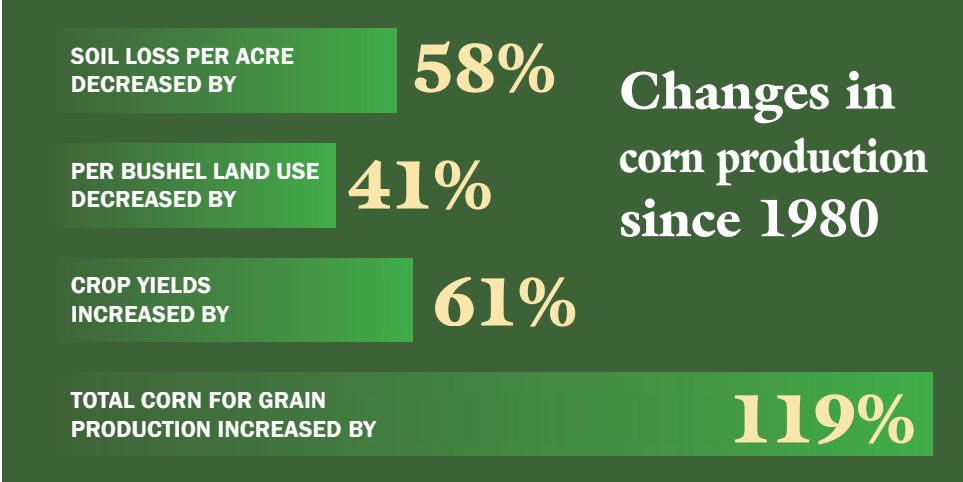
Tested, resilient and committed to giving back as much as they are growing. Because farming in the 21st Century runs deeper than keeping feed stocked and food on the table. And corn growers across the country continue to answer the call.

Pushing the boundaries of what’s possible with every bushel, while replenishing every increasingly precious resource. Like the reduction of soil erosion up. And maximizing seed genetics and planting technology to produce more CO₂ scrubbing crop than ever. In a world where sustainability matters more than ever, we need all the help we can get.

And there’s no greater resource than these. The capable hands of the American corn farmer.



The “Hands of the American Corn Farmer” campaign will run throughout the summer in Washington DC.



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Kentucky State Fair will be SWEET with Corn once again

With planning for the 2021 Kentucky State Fair underway, KyCorn is happy to be once again partnering with Gallrein Farms to bring focus to Kentucky’s farm families. They will be representing the Kentucky Corn Growers Association under the Kentucky Cookout Tent by cooking and serving their delicious sweet corn for the anticipated record crowd of fairgoers. KyCorn began serving Gallrein sweet corn exclusively at the Kentucky State Fair more than a decade ago. Gallrein Farms began managing the cookout tent location seven years ago, which has allowed KyCorn to participate in other fair activities.

Look for the Blue Handle at Thortons

Installation of pumps that can dispense E15 at Thorntons Convenience Stores are now complete. Branded as Unleaded88 and identified by a blue handle, dispensers throughout more than a dozen of their locations in Louisville, Lexington, and a few in western Kentucky, will boost ethanol content by 50 percent compared to regular unleaded. The alterations will expand E-85 to each fueling position as well.

“This normalizes our products in the eyes of hundreds of consumers, at multiple touch-points within Kentucky’s major cities per day,” explained KyCorn Programs Director Adam Andrews. “It allows consumers to see for themselves that they can purchase a lower-cost, higher-octane fuel that is safe for their cars and better for the environment. We are thrilled that Louisville can now join the ranks of many other cities as having a plentiful option for accessing Unleaded88. If efforts by Thorntons and other retailers in other markets are any indication, consumer acceptance of this product will be immediate and significant. The volume of ethanol sales will increase. I can’t wait to see its success in Kentucky.”

