

'Beef on Dairy' draws interest

Hutchison hits mark by beef focus at dairy

COLUMBIA, Ky. – David Hutchison of H & H Dairy recognized there was an issue facing him and other dairy farmers around the area. In the past, dairy calves would draw a good price at market. There was a good supply of the animals, and farmers very much had a need.

In the last five to six years, however, that has changed. There seems to be an overabundance of calves and the price cows are selling for has gone significantly down. Hutchison and his nephew Matt Sabo decided to fix that issue. Instead of breeding only dairy cow to dairy cow, they're also now breeding a beef sire to a dairy cow.

"Cow numbers have gotten so high," said Hutchison. "You used to be able to get \$1,500 or \$2,000 for a good cow any day of the week. You can't get that now because there are so many out there. We raise all of our replacements and we have too many because it is hard to find a place to send them. So, we started cutting back and using beef on the lower end cows."

He said by breeding the beef bull to the dairy cow, it cuts his numbers down and the beef calf is worth more than the Holstein calf.

Dairy production is big business in Adair County, and local Extension agent Nick Roy has taken an interest in what Hutchison is doing.

"There is a strategy of adding value to calves that you're going to sell anyway, but also improving the calves he's going to be keeping," said Nick Roy, extension agent for agriculture and natural resources. "The replacement calves are better than the calves he was going to sell."

Hutchison and Sabo run the farm on Hutchison Road, just off Bull Run Road in Adair County. Hutchison's grandfather started with Guernseys around the 1920s and 1930s. David Hutchison

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Beef on Dairy is a fairly new concept but is drawing a lot of interest from the region's dairy producers. A recent meeting at Blue Grass Stockyards in Lexington brought a full house to the meeting room.

Beef focus could add profit to dairy farms

LEXINGTON – "I've never ever thought about hosting a dairy meeting on beef — but times have changed."

That was H.H. Barlow's opening statement at the Kentucky Dairy Development Council's "Beef on Dairy" summer meeting held recently at Blue Grass Stockyards in Lexington.

As executive director of KDDC and a lifelong dairy farmer, Barlow is all too familiar with the decline of the dairy industry. And KDDC enlisted the help of a few experts to talk to regional dairy farmers who are interested in diversifying. It drew an event room packed full of those desperately wanting to not only improve profitability, but to remain sustainable in today's world.

"I don't think I have to tell any of you in here that times are pretty tough financially in the dairy industry. If we can add \$100 or \$150 to a baby bull calf ... I think it would be a good advantage for us," Barlow said. And in the advent of more farmers using sexed semen, he thinks it's a perfect time to try some diver-

sification into the beef market.

Sexed semen is when the X-bearing (female) and Y-bearing (male) sperm has been modified from the natural mix through sorting and selection. Cross-breeding low genetic/productive dairy cows with beef semen is becoming a growing practice with dairies, where sexed semen is used on the top of the herd to create replacement heifers, increasing the selection intensity and speeding up the genetic process.

Barlow said the intent of dispersing this new technology to dairy producers is not to "change anybody's ideas of how to manage or run your operation, but to give you the opportunity to try something different if you want to."

He said he has been using sexed semen for about eight years with a 98-99 percent effectiveness.

New Technology Involved

"The Beef on Dairy concept is not new in a lot of

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Hutchison hits mark with beef to dairy breeding

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began working the farm with his father, Billy.

H&H Dairy has continued to grow through the years. David said they once milked 50 cows and tried to fill a 600-gallon tank, thinking that was doing well. He said he couldn't survive on that now. Currently, Hutchison said, they're producing over 100 pounds of milk per cow, per day, and that is while milking 130 cows.

Hutchison said breeding beef to dairy cows has been profitable in many ways.

"We had too many heifers and this was the only way I knew how to get rid of them," Hutchison said. "We don't have room and it costs so much to feed them. When you sell a heifer, you're probably doing good to break even.

"You're making money by breeding beef to dairy. We've got one guy that gets our beef calves and our heifer calves. (We have found) the first cross

is not the best, but the second cross is better. They are a quarter Holstein and three quarters beef."

Roy said focusing on beef quality gives dairy producers additional options.

"By using artificial insemination, he can choose which cows he breeds Holsteins out of and which cows he wants to breed his beef calves out of," Roy said. "So, the fact he is selecting only his best cows to breed Holsteins, that means the quality of his cow herd is going to be much better quicker. By breeding the lower end of the cow herd to the beef sires, those calves can still be sold on market because he's not holding them back."

Hutchison said they tried a lot of different trends that have come through, but had never found anything as good as breeding beef to dairy. He said 10 years ago there was a push to crossbreed dairy cows.

"It was supposed to have gotten bet-

ter health traits," he said. "However, you were cutting the milk. It just didn't work for us."

Now, he has found something that works, and works well.

"In farming," Roy said, "we have very little control of the price we're paid. So, we have to be efficient and creative."

By Scott Wilson
Field Reporter



Adair County dairy producer is adding revenue to his operation by focusing on beef genetics for calves coming from the low end of the herd.

UK to host fall grazing school in Woodford County

PRINCETON, Ky. – The University of Kentucky will host the Kentucky Grazing School Sept. 22-23 at the Woodford County office of the University of Kentucky Cooperative Extension Service to help ruminant producers maximize the use of their forages as the fall grazing season begins.

The school includes a mixture of classroom presentations, onsite demonstrations and hands-on activities.

University of Kentucky College of Agriculture, Food and Environment specialists in livestock, forages, engineering and economics will join county extension agents and representatives from the Natural Resources Conservation Service and industry to lead the schools.

Each day begins at 7:30 a.m. EDT and ends at 5 p.m. The day begins at the Woodford County Extension office and hands-on activities will take place at UK's nearby C. Oran Little Research Center and on a local producer's farm.

During the first day, participants will break into small groups with an assigned set of calves. Students will then calculate the amount of forage their calves need for a 24-hour period.

At the research farm, students will estimate the available forage in the pasture and set up a paddock using tem-

porary fencing and water that provides enough forage for the 24-hour period. Cattle will then graze the paddocks.

Attendees will observe and report on their paddocks to the entire class near the end of day two. Also in groups, participants will design a grazing system for a local producer's farm and share their designs with everyone.

Participation is limited to 45 people and is filled on a first come, first served basis. The cost to attend is \$60 per person and includes all educational materials, grazing manuals, breaks and lunch both days. Sept. 17 is the registration deadline.

Individuals can register online at www.fallgrazingschool.eventbrite.com or mail registration and a check payable to the Kentucky Forage and Grassland Council to Carrie Thrailkill, University of Kentucky Research and Education Center, 348 University Drive, Princeton, KY, 42445.

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Heifers: Medium and Large 1-2: 460# 145.00. Large 1: 545# 128.00; 590# 129.00; 690# 128.00. Large 2: 445# 125.00.

Slaughter Cattle: Breaker 75-80%: 1410-1860# 65.00-73.00; 1410-1660# 74.00-77.00; Boner 80-85% 1095-1420# 63.00-73.00; 1115-1460# 50.00-61.00; Lean 85-90% 845-1230# 54.00-63.00; 925-1065# 64.00-71.00; 700-1080# 42.00-52.00.

Bulls: 1-2: 1425-2380# 93.00-104.00; 1555-2230# 106.00-113.00; 1120-1385# 81.00-92.00.

Fresh/Milking Cows: Supreme: 1500.00-1950.00; Common: 775.00-1025.00.

Bred Heifers: Medium T2 900.00-950.00; Common T2 825.00-850.00

Springer Heifers: Approved T3 1100.00-1275.00; Medium T3 900.00-1050.00; Common T3 800.00.

Baby Bull Calves: 6 Head 35.00-90.00; 1 Head 60.00 Ayshire; 8 Head 140.00-240.00 Beef Cross; 5 Head 100.00-120.00 Crossbred; 11 Head 5.00-45.00 Jersey.

Baby Heifer Calves: 11 Head 50.00-85.00; 3 Head 150.00-240.00 Beef Cross; 3 Head 50.00-85.00 Crossbred; 6 Head 50.00-80.00 Jersey.

Forage field walk features research on summer annuals



Mark Kirk discusses brown midrib summer annuals. This variety of pearl millet, sorghum-sedan and Sudan grass has lower plant lignin and increased digestibility.

PRINCETON, Ky. – The annual UK Forage Field Walk held July 15 had a slightly different look in 2021 as it provided those in attendance with timely information to enhance their forage plans through using summer annuals.

In past year's the field walk highlighted a particular farm's forage place. This year's event, organized by UK Forage Specialist Dr. Chris Teutsch, was held at the UK Research and Education Center at Princeton and concentrated on the summer annual variety trials the forage department is studying.

The format change came from a suggestion from the Christian County Cattleman's Association. Association President Don Pemberton said the March 2021 county board meeting generated the idea, and Teutsch quickly responded.

The late afternoon session began with Dr. Ray Smith, UK forage specialist based in Lexington, cautioning producers about possible toxicity issues from prussic acid and nitrate in sorghum varieties and crabgrass.

Most farmers are aware of the dangers of prussic acid or cyanide poisoning from wilted wild cherry leaves. Still, the sorghum varieties, especially Johnson grass, contain prussic acid after frosts or during stress conditions.

He pointed out that over nitrogen fertilization can cause nitrate toxicity, especially during droughts. In drought conditions, the plants take up nitrogen but can't assimilate the mineral into proteins, causing a concentration of nitrate and leading to potential toxicity.

Producers using summer annuals for silage, baleage or haylage should be particularly aware of this since nitrate levels do not decrease even after harvest.

Both of these concerns can be elevated by using test kits, available from the county Extension office.

The tests provide results in minutes but do not provide a quantitative value or exact nitrate level. They do provide producers with information that would indicate a level that would require a more detailed analysis.

As the field walk began, Teutsch was quick to say that the summer annuals are not designed to take the place of a perennial pasture but will help fill in the gaps to provide continual nutrition.

"Summer annuals are meant to serve to help in rejuvenating pastures and not serve as an entire pasture system," he said.

The first stop was a trial showing the response to different nitrogen levels on different crabgrass varieties. Teutsch pointed out crabgrass is commonly considered a weed but can be excellent for grazing and is a prolific reseeder.

If left to go to the head, it will come back next spring. Teutsch pointed out the growth and heading characteristics of the different varieties tested, noting that all showed a linear response to the different nitrogen levels.

In attendance was Todd County dairyman Jesse Raymer, who uses crabgrass in rough ground he doesn't want to run a drill over or in high traffic feeding areas where cattle have trampled the existing pasture.

He broadcasts crabgrass seed mixed with fertilizer beginning in November but no later than April. The cattle movement and the freezing and thawing help the tiny seed make contact with the soil.

He noted that broadcasting rather than drilling into a seedbed could have varied results, but a strong seedbed will develop by broadcasting over several years.

As the group of 40 walked down the 100-yard long strip of test plots, each plot provided different information to help producers make informed decisions about pasture management. Presenters discussed several pearl millet, sorghum-sudan and sudangrass and how they could enhance an already existing pasture or serve as haylage or baleage.

Teutsch said one of the disadvantages of summer annuals is how fast they grow.

"Summer annuals get out of control quickly and can grow up to four inches a day and can 'get away from us' and become too mature with decreased forage quality," Teutsch said.

Test plots featured brown midrib, a

variety of sudan, sorghum sudan, and pearl millet, gaining in popularity. This variety has a genetic trait decreasing the lignin in the plant and ultimately increasing digestibility by as much as 3-4 percent.

The evening concluded with Teutsch showing how the different forages are harvested using a machine resembling a small combine that would harvest and weigh sections of the plots for further analysis.

Variety results are available on the UK forage publications page forages.ca.uky.edu/foragepublications.

While the information presented can be found on the UK Forage page, Jesse Raymer has no substitute for being at the field walk "in person."

"It's important to me to see the results and interact with presentors and other producers. The questions they ask help all of us be better producers," he said.

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Field Reporter**



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My husband, the truck driver, loves to be outside. The minute he gets home from the road he heads outdoors.

The front porch is his throne and the yard is his kingdom.

I love the outdoors, too, but I have learned over the years that any project done outside our home might as well be his. If I try, he takes over. It makes me wonder if that means I don't meet his expectations.

I can start cleaning the siding, he will start cleaning the siding (and I only start doing it because he lets it go too long). Same with the porches; if I try to clean them, he will say he was going to do it a certain way, and then he will.

He has told people that his daughter never would mow the yard growing up, but she and I both know that he never would let her. Mowing the yard is his sacred ritual. Just stay out of his way and let him have his yard time.

He grows his garden the way his grandmother taught him. I can imagine him following her down the rows as a small child. She always had amazing gardens. His usually never measures up to hers, and my guess is it's my fault for not taking over while he is away. I would, if he would tell me he wanted me to. Otherwise, I leave his kingdom alone.

This year has been quite challenging for him. First, the deer chose his garden over the field of corn on one side and the yard on the other. They brutalized it. He's heard all the tips and recommendations for keeping them out, but he hasn't taken the time to try them. My guess is, he knows he will end up on the road and the garden will suffer or he will have to expect me to help with it, and he would rather let the deer have it.

Then his mower broke. He made repairs, but it needs a belt, and he has been unable to find one. The yard is overgrown. His stress level is growing along with it. I just stay out of the way.

I may not have found a replacement for the mower, but I have been very appreciative of our local growers who provide abundant, fresh produce at the farmers' market. This morning I enjoyed fresh tomatoes and eggs from local farmers; it doesn't get any better than that.

Thanks to our producers who fight the battles with the wilds to protect their fresh produce. This week has been declared Farmers' Market Week, and there is no better time to share our appreciation to you. Garden or not, I have access to plenty of healthy products for my breakfast, lunch or dinner!

Join Kentucky at the State Fair this August

It's time. After a year and half of shutdowns and extreme social distancing, Kentucky will have the opportunity to come together at the 117th Kentucky State Fair, Aug. 19-29 at the Kentucky Expo Center. The Kentucky State Fair is one of our state's oldest events, one that truly embodies the best of Kentucky.

In a time when we seem to be so divided, the state fair presents an opportunity to unify as one. In a true spirit of unity, the state fair will kick off with a bipartisan moment: the constitutional officers, both Democrats and Republicans, will roll up their sleeves to serve breakfast to fairgoers.

At the State Fair, people from all ages and backgrounds come together to share in some of our greatest traditions. The Great Kentucky Cook Out Tent (over by the West Wing of the Expo Center), is home to a number of delicious Kentucky Proud food items that our farm families hope you'll enjoy. In the South Wing, AgLand welcomes each person to get better educated about the basics – and the science – behind agriculture. Each evening, free concerts are offered for fairgoers, including one of my personal favorites, The Oak Ridge Boys, who will perform for the 46th time.

The State Fair also represents a chance to connect with some of the sights (and smells) of a bygone era for too many Kentuckians. It is no secret that our agriculture industry is changing, and more and more Kentuckians are removed from farm life than ever before. But odds are many Kentuckians still have a connection to a farm in one way or another, either through a memory or a story from a relative. By closing your eyes and taking a deep breath in the livestock barn or the tobacco room, you find yourself instantly transported to a Kentucky farm. By walking through the numerous exhibits, you can connect with families who are still carrying on the traditions that helped build Kentucky. You might even have a chance to talk to a youngster all about how he or she cured that prize-winning country ham.

And let me tell you: if our county fairs are any indication of how excited people are to be back to normal, then this signature summer event will likely be one of the largest attended state fairs in the history of the commonwealth. It will also be one of the most affordable. Thanks to steps taken by Kentucky Venues President and CEO David Beck, early bird tickets are on sale from now until Aug. 5 for \$8 (and that price includes free parking). The fair is also paying tribute to our veterans and our seniors once again, with dedicated days for both to explore the fair free of charge.

Despite a lawsuit from the governor challenging a state fair board reform bill passed by the General Assembly this

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Weather market has a short shelf life



MARKET WATCH

Dewey Strickler

While weather will command traders' attention a bit longer, keep in mind that it has a short shelf life.

Grain futures are being jerked around from the on again, off again threat of rain in the parched areas of the upper Midwest. Although light showers have developed recently, they are not enough to relieve the situation. Right now, the threat to corn is that extended periods of 90 plus degree heat can cause the reproductive process to shut down prematurely, adversely effecting production.

This increases the chance for a bombshell in the August Crop Report. Last week, the rating for corn was down one point to 64 percent of the crop in good-to-excellent condition. This compares to last year's rating of 72 percent. According to Ag Watch's yield model, this equates to a national yield of 167 bushels per acre compared to 172 bushels per acre a year ago.

In other developments, export inspections last week were 40.8 million bushels with the pace of shipments showing their first uptick since mid-May.

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The soybean crop continues to be plagued with hot, dry conditions in the upper Midwest, and may not see much relief until the second week of August.

The question is, how much further will the crop deteriorate?

Last week, the crop rating fell 2 points to 58 percent in the good-to-excellent category and compares to 72 percent a year ago and 62 percent for the 10-year average. According to Ag Watch's yield model, the national yield is 47.3 bushels per acre versus 50.2 bushels per acre last year. In other developments, export inspections last week exceeded the previous week at 8.8 million bushels. While there was an uptick in the average pace of shipments, we have a way to go in reaching USDA's target of 2.27 billion bushels. Keep in mind that while the uncertainty in weather is supporting the market now, demand will be key once interest fades.

Problems persist with the spring wheat crop in the upper Midwest as the rating fell 2 points last week to 9 percent in the good-to-excellent category.

The record low was a rating of 4 percent in good-to-excellent condition set in 1988. Meanwhile, winter wheat harvest is winding down at 84 percent done and should be wrapped up soon.

Looking at exports, inspections last week were down slightly at 17.5 million bushels, but above the average needed to reach USDA's projection of 875 million bushels.

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Bigger means bitter, not better

In an essay in his new book, "Hogs Are Up," Wes Jackson, founder of the Land Institute near Salina, Kansas, revisits a speech he gave in Coon Rapids, Iowa in August 2009 to mark the 50th anniversary of Nikita Khrushchev's famous visit to the Roswell Garst farm.

During that cornfield summit, suggests Jackson, Garst and Khrushchev chatted about how their political systems – one that minimized government, the other with near-total government control – supported their nations' agricultural aspirations.

What no one at that historic meeting "could have imagined," however, was "the speed of change to come over the next fifty years." No one anywhere did, in fact, because no one foresaw the enormous impact ag "industrialization" would soon have on American farms.

But, "Within three decades, yields of several major crops had doubled in some places, tripled in others," points out Jackson.

The two-centuries-old Industrial Revolution had finally made it to the farm as the Green Revolution, notes Jackson, a shrewd observer of U.S. agriculture. This revolution featured diesel fuel, anhydrous ammonia, hybrid seed, and oceans of new pesticides, herbicides, and insecticides that, combined with new "wonder" drugs like antibiotics, allowed the world's population to double in less than two generations.

That success also led to another, equally massive change, however; the rise of what Jackson calls the "Industrial Mind" in both academic and production agriculture.

"Imagine two ends of a spectrum--human cleverness at one end and nature's wisdom at the other," explains Jackson. "The Industrial Mind, over the past one hundred years, has increasingly relied on human cleverness" as the culmination of "(o)ur ten-thousand-year history of growing food... tied to the notion that nature is to be subdued or ignored."

And it worked until it didn't.

Today this "cleverness" has also delivered future-altering consequences like soil erosion, climate change, and hypoxic zones in both inland and coastal waters. To surmount these growing problems "will require extraordinary political will, both to conserve topsoil and stop climate change and develop renewable energy technology."

There is hope, however, Jackson suggests.

"I am not proposing that we quit being clever; instead, cleverness should be subordinated to nature." And, despite industrial ag's strong effort to slow or halt much of it, that subordination is happening. Slowly, at least.

For example, renewable energy – solar, wind, and water power – now delivers 18 percent of America's electricity. That will more than double by 2050. In 2020, U.S. organic food sales totaled \$62 billion, a record six percent of all U.S. food sales. So change is coming.

One crucial element that continues to fuel both the good and bad growth of the Industrial Mind is the rise of government in agriculture. In 1961, the U.S. Department of Agriculture had 96,000 employees and the U.S., 13 million farmers, according to Peter Daniel's 2013 book "Dispossession." By 2010, USDA had 113,000 employees and the U.S. only 2 million farmers.

So, in the five decades that encompass the Industrial Mind's salad days in agriculture, USDA's bureaucracy grew by 18 percent while the number of farmers it served collapsed 85 percent. That's not a success in anyone's mind.

Even more revealing is the taxpayer cost during this golden, 50-year marriage between big government and getting-big ag. From



FOOD & FARM FILE

Alan Guebert

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1961 through 2010, U.S. direct farm program payments, in 2009 dollars, totaled \$712.5 billion. Yes, \$712.5 billion.

If you expand the period from 1961 to 2021 (again, in 2009 dollars), U.S. direct farm program payments total \$909 billion.

And that's just direct government costs. Unaccounted costs – those Jackson points to like soil loss, foul water, climate change, and others such as health care – are at least three times more costly than that every year, according to an analysis released in mid-July by the Rockefeller Foundation.

That's the problem with the Industrial Mind in today's agriculture: it floats along on a rising sea of taxpayer money and unaccounted costs to a place where few profit but everyone pays one way or another.

It's too clever by half and too expensive by miles.





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ship.

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Ideas needed for bourbon industry's surplus stillage

With the number of Kentucky distillers increasing 250 percent the past decade, the need to address the industry's spent-grain byproduct known as stillage has grown as well.

Now, innovators and entrepreneurs can submit creative ideas, technologies and solutions for expanded uses of distilling byproduct. The top submitted ideas will enter a reverse pitch competition Oct. 25 during the [25th Distillers Grains Symposium](#) in Louisville to an audience of distillers and industry stakeholders.

"Our state's bourbon industry continues to grow at an incredible rate. That means more revenue coming into the state, more quality job opportunities for Kentucky residents and more global recognition for our outstanding brands," Gov. Andy Beshear said. "However, it also means a rise in byproduct within the industry, so we are asking people for their best ideas to use this stillage in ways that create jobs and moves Kentucky's agritech industry forward. We're building a sustainable economy that works for all Kentuckians, and that

includes ensuring our industries operate as efficiently as possible."

Individuals are invited to submit proposals by Aug. 30, when five winners will be selected to present their ideas at the reverse pitch competition during the Distillers Grains Symposium.

Leading up to the symposium, presenters will work with entrepreneurs and pitch experts to refine their pitches.

Among other prizes, the pitch competition winner will get the opportunity to work alongside distilleries and stakeholders across the state to implement their ideas for surplus stillage usage.

For every gallon of bourbon produced, approximately 10 gallons of stillage remains, with an estimated 96 million gallons of stillage produced statewide annually. Currently, demand for stillage – including traditional low-tech uses – is declining as the supply of stillage con-

Currently, demand for stillage – including traditional low-tech uses – is declining as the supply of stillage continues to increase.

tinues to increase.

Whole stillage, though mostly water, is acidic and has a high biological oxygen demand. Its useful life ranges from one to two days for wet – or thin – stillage, to an extended shelf life for dried distillers grains. Current uses of stillage include animal feed and supplements.

Ideally, pitches should meet the following criteria:

- Prioritize sustainability and environmental impact;
- Demonstrate an economic value to the distillery and the end-user of the stillage;
- Identify the size of the distillery the solution is targeting;
- Address the location and space requirements of the solution, if any equipment or process footprint is required;
- Estimate product development costs,

if applicable;

- Estimate the initial investment, ongoing costs and profits, if applicable, of the solution to the parties involved;
- Highlight the financial, sustainable and environmental benefits of the solution;
- Explain if/what testing or pilot demonstration has taken place and whether it was successful;
- Highlight the scalability of the solution; and
- Project the solution's implementation/start-up time.

The reverse pitch competition will be hosted through a partnership between the Distillers Grains Technology Council, the James B. Beam Institute for Kentucky Spirits, Incubation Innovated, the EEC and KY Innovation, the Kentucky Cabinet for Economic Development, with support and guidance from the Kentucky Distillers' Association.

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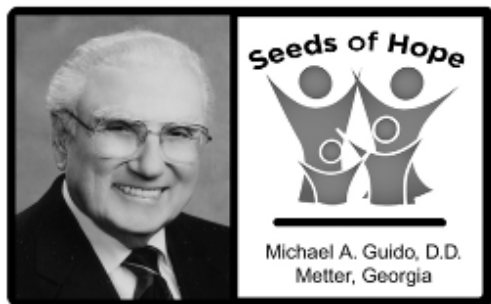
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Weeks later her son returned home, opened the door and shouted, "Mother, I'm saved!" Then he described what had happened, how he had been swept overboard. As he was sinking in the swirling waves, he remembered thinking, "I'm lost forever!" Then he remembered a hymn he once sang in church about looking to Jesus to be saved. He cried out, "O God, I look to Jesus to be saved," and another wave swept him back onto the ship.

When he finished his story, his mother told her story. They then thanked God for the storm that saved his soul. As the Psalmist wrote, "Pursue them with Your tempest and terrify them with your storm." God does all He can to reach us. Our God is amazing.

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Grilled Ribeye Steaks and Potatoes with Smoky Paprika Rub



2 beef Ribeye Steaks Boneless, cut 1 inch thick (about 12 ounces each)
2 tablespoons vegetable oil
1/2 teaspoon salt
2 large russet potatoes, cut lengthwise into 8 wedges each
1 tablespoon minced green onions
Sour Cream and Onion Sauce (recipe follows) (optional)

Seasoning:

2 tablespoons smoked or Spanish paprika
1-1/2 teaspoons sugar
1-1/2 teaspoons chili powder
1 teaspoon ground black pepper
1/2 teaspoon ground red pepper

Combine seasoning ingredients in small bowl; remove and reserve 2 tablespoons. Press remaining seasoning evenly onto beef steaks; set aside. Combine reserved seasoning, oil and salt in large bowl. Add potatoes; toss to coat.

Place steaks on grid over medium, ash-covered coals; arrange potatoes around steaks. Grill steaks, covered, 10 to 14 minutes (over medium heat on preheated gas grill, 9 to 14 minutes) for medium rare (145°F) to medium (160°F) doneness, turning occasionally. Grill potatoes 14 to 17 minutes (over medium heat on preheated gas grill, 13 to 15 minutes) or until tender, turning occasionally.

Carve steaks into slices; season with salt, as desired. Sprinkle green onion over potatoes. Serve potatoes with Sour Cream and Onion Sauce for dipping, if desired.

Sour Cream and Onion Sauce: Combine 1/2 cup dairy sour cream and 2 tablespoons minced green onion. Sprinkle with smoked or Spanish paprika, as desired. Yield: 1/2 cup

Recipe courtesy of beefitswhatsfordinner.com

Broccoli Salad

1 Head Fresh Broccoli (Cut into small pieces)
1 Lb Country Bacon (Cooked and Crumbled)
1 Small Red Onion (Chopped)
1/2 Cup Raisins
1 Cup Sunflower Seeds

For the Dressing:
1 cup mayonnaise
1/2 cup sugar
2 tbsp Red Wine Vinegar

Mix dressing ingredients in a separate bowl and then pour over salad.
Refrigerate until ready to serve.

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Eunice Schlappi at a recent event.

Eunice Schlappi retires from KDA

Eunice Schlappi has announced her retirement from the Kentucky Department of Agriculture as of August 1.

She said she will still be at the Kentucky State Fair and the NAILE Dairy shows and looks forward to seeing producers and friends there.

"It has been my true honor to work with you all over the years," Schlappi said. "I have truly loved what I have done over the last 21 years as dairy marketing specialist at KDA."

Schlappi's retirement was announced at the recent KDDC board meeting. She is retiring after 21 years with KDA.

Scales retires from KDDC

Meredith Scales has officially announced his retirement from the Ky Dairy Development Council as of Aug. 1.

Scales joined the KDDC in October 2011. His career with the dairy industry has spanned over 50 years.

He married his high school sweetheart, Rethie, in 1969 and graduated from UK in 1971. He began working for Cudahy Foods in Russell Springs in 1972.

Over the years, he moved to Cynthia, Harrodsburg, Tompkinsville and Russell Springs.

In 1982, Meredith started working for Southern Belle and the Southeast Graded Dairy Producers Association. He stayed there until he retired in 2011.

He began working with the KDDC that same year and has been a vital part of Ky's dairy industry as a regional dairy consultant.

His wife, Rethie, retired from the Bank of Jamestown in 2014. She has worked with Meredith regularly at dairy events and meetings.

Meredith and Rethie have one daughter, Jennifer. She and her husband Seth have two children, Alexa and Owen.

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In the MDL lawsuit, Plaintiffs allege (1) that the Manufacturing Defendants' 303 THF Products did not meet the equipment manufacturers' specifications or provide the performance benefits listed on the product labels, (2) that the 303 THF Products were made with inappropriate ingredients, including used transformer oil, used turbine oil, and line flush, and (3) that use of the 303 THF Products in equipment causes damage to various parts of the equipment. Because of the used oil and line flush contained in the 303 THF Products, Plaintiffs allege that those 303 THF Products should not be used as tractor hydraulic fluid and that the fluid should be flushed from equipment systems if one can afford the cost of doing so.

The Manufacturer Defendants have denied the allegations and claims of wrongdoing, and the claims against those Manufacturer Defendants are ongoing. The Retailer Defendants deny any allegations and claims of wrongdoing on their part. The Court has not decided who is right or made a final ruling on Plaintiffs' claims. Plaintiffs and the Retailer Defendants have agreed to the Proposed Settlement as to the Retailer Defendants' liability to avoid the risk and expense of further litigation.

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The Court will decide whether to approve the Proposed Retailer Settlement at the Final Fairness Hearing on January 6, 2022, at 1:30 p.m. Class Counsel also will ask that the Court award up to \$2,300,000.00 in attorneys' fees, \$300,000.00 in expenses, and an incentive payment of \$500 for each of the class representatives. The amounts awarded for attorneys' fees, expenses, and incentive awards come out of the Retailer Settlement Class Fund. This date for the hearing may change; see www.303tractorhydraulicfluidsettlement.com



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KDDC provides overview of Beef on Dairy program



Jim Akers, CEO of Bluegrass Stockyards, gives a tour of the facility.

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ways, but some of the technology is,” said Jim Akers, CEO of the stockyards. He gave a “30,000-foot view of this Beef on Dairy thing,” explaining some of the challenges and what the stockyards are doing to help customers on the marketing side with the calves as they begin to show up at the marketplace, like having specific collection days for calves in the program.

Akers said the genesis of the program is a “convergence of a bunch of technologies on the dairy business,” and that sexed semen is just a piece of the puzzle.

“The idea is that once you’ve identified that small group of cows you need to produce the replacements that are necessary, that hopefully over time, the number it takes to produce those replacements gets smaller and smaller.”

Akers said that the biggest missing piece of the “Beef on Dairy” practice up to this point was the male sexed semen but semen companies are “getting there.” Several representatives were on hand with tables set up offering information on the process and what they offer.

“One of our biggest challenges in marketing these Beef on Dairy calves right now is that when you go to a barn and you’re looking at them, you’re dealing with half steers and half heifers. Which, from our perspective, creates a real problem,” he said, not only from a pricing perspective, but in terms of being able to put together load lots “and really get the value out of these cattle — it’s a challenge.”

But he said he sees that taking care of itself over time.

Akers said the early adopters of Beef on Dairy — the bigger operations — are going into the pipeline system, “the coordinated supply chain networks. And I’ll tell you right now, the packing industry sees this beef on dairy thing as the perfect opportunity to

create an integration model within the beef industry. Whether you’ve got a beef cow or not on your farm... you’re in the beef industry, whether you like it or not. You’ve got cull cows and, hopefully, now you’re going to have a much more marketable steer calf coming off that 60-70 percent of your cow herd that can be bred selectively.”

And solutions are being sought to help farmers, he said, to market the calves, get them into a network where they can get started, grown and into merchantable load lots.

The Challenges Ahead

Another challenge that’s a real frustration, Akers said, is how many cattle are on the open marketplace that are outside of those integrated pipelines.

Beef on Dairy calves are already being sold, and loads include some of what the stockyards calls “generics — some call them dirty Holsteins ...” he said, referring to calves they don’t know the genetics on but are “generally recognized as beef calves” and selling extremely well.

The last challenge is pricing.

“Like anything that’s new, it’s a hot topic ... Everybody’s reading about Beef on Dairy and wants to get on the train. Because of that, the price of these calves is crazy, especially in the program ... but it’s even elevated the price of these generic calves.”

Akers thinks once more numbers start getting into the open marketplace outside of the pipeline systems, “we will see that price level reach some sort of livable equilibrium where everybody can make money.”

But his biggest concern with this right now is that “you’ve got a lot of people spending a lot of money on these generic calves that we know nothing about. And I’m concerned that at some point, there’s going to be a train wreck, whether it happens at the feedlot level or the packing level, where folks are going to realize there’s a lot of cattle in this system that aren’t what they’re held up to be. And it’s going to be a problem for somebody. ... But like we always do in agriculture, we’ll learn and move on, hopefully.”

Focus Must Start Early

Most of the charge on sexed semen is being led by the semen companies, Akers said.

“There are some magnificent programs out there through them ... we’re trying to work with several of them to have an open platform to market these calves,” he said. He thinks eventually they will mix some of the programs together to make merchantable loads.

Akers said Beef on Dairy cattle are designed to be “pushed pretty hard, from day one,” harvested at a very young age (13-14 months) with specific carcass size and attributes, which takes additional nutritional tweaking.

Adam Geiger, a technical nutritionist with Zinpro, gave participants an overall look on how to “start out right” with beef on dairy cows, focusing on the importance of colostrum management and how imperative it is. The nutritional goals should start with the calf’s mom, he said, and explained how stressed, lacking-in-nutrient cows living in the wrong environments will affect the quality of that calf even before birth.

“The goal of everyone in this room, whether you are raising cattle, working with or supporting producers, should be to make sure that calf’s first meal consumed is high-quality colostrum,” Geiger said. “If we do it right, it’s going to provide an incredible return on investment.”

He advised farmers to use a colostrumeter, which were given out free by KDDC to producers at the meeting.

Brent Williams, with Burkmann Nutrition, relayed more on the nutritional template overview for Beef on Dairy success. He emphasized the importance of several criteria to achieve that, including genetic data, age and source verification and nutritional changes. Calves require more starch and protein at the right times and balances in order to achieve the formation of muscle and the marbling for beef-grade carcasses.

Williams went back to Akers’ point about how Beef on Dairy calves are already being viewed in the marketplace.

“There’s thousands of these calves being born every day. They’re going to a phase 1 farm, then they’re leaving. Where they going? They’re going out West. Why? Because they want to control the nutrition. They don’t want us to screw it up, plain and simple.”

Williams said he’s spoken to different nutritionists from across the country and that’s the common sentiment he hears: “Gosh, I hope they don’t screw it up. But we want those calves here, right?”

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Field reporter

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Do I kill it or start over?

The Forage Doctor

By Jimmy Henning



Replanting decisions are tough..... tougher yet when they involve alfalfa. The following scenarios are actual case studies sent to me from county agents.

I need to state up front that I am basing most of this column on the new weed control publication for alfalfa and other legume crops, AGR-148, recently updated by Dr. JD Green and Dr. Travis Legleiter. If you raise alfalfa, you need this publication. You can find it like I do, by typing 'AGR-148 UKY' into your browser window. Or just 'alfalfa weed control uky'.....both will get you there.

Plantain in a new stand of spring seeded alfalfa. This producer burned down a field and planted conventional (not Roundup Ready) alfalfa this spring and has harvested it once. They want to produce hay for the horse market. In the regrowth, they discovered they have about 50 percent plantain (probably buckhorn plantain). Can they kill the plantain, or should they start over? What are the options? Actually, there are not any. Plantain is a persistent perennial and try as you might, you will not find a mention of plantain in AGR-148. So they will need to replant.

If they want to put alfalfa back in this field, then I strongly suggest a Roundup Ready variety. If that is not possible, then you could kill off all the vegetation with a non-selective herbicide like glyphosate/Roundup and plant it in grass. Use broadleaf weed killers over the next one or two seasons to get the plantain under control. Timothy makes a good choice since it also is in demand for the horse market. When the field is clean of plantain, kill out the timothy and plant alfalfa.

A weedy field of newly seeded alfalfa-orchardgrass. They seeded alfalfa and orchardgrass this spring and have cut it twice, and they have a good stand of orchardgrass. The problem is they have a lot of other weeds too. Without going into exactly all of the weeds present (and hopefully plantain is not one of them), let's discuss weed control options in alfalfa-grass fields.

The short answer is that your options are very limited – basically just three herbicides. These are imazethapyr (Pursuit), and pendimethalin (Prowl H2O) and metribuzin (Glory, TriCor).

Imazethapyr is the only herbicide labelled for mixed stands that can be sprayed over the top to kill or suppress weeds. It does have a limited spectrum (foxtail, cocklebur, nightshade, some pigweed and seedling johnsongrass) and may slow the growth of both alfalfa and the grass.

Pendimethalin can be sprayed over the top during the growing season, but it only has pre-emerge activity. It will not kill any weed that has already germinated. Therefore you have to spray pendimethalin as a preventative for things like foxtail and crabgrass, and the exact timing for best control varies from year to year.

Lastly, metribuzin is old compound that used to be sold under the trade-names of Sencor or Lexone. It must be sprayed while the alfalfa is dormant or semi-dormant which means during the early winter or very early spring. It is effective on species like pigweed, ragweed and lambsquarters.

So should this mixed stand be taken out? We are still working on it. If the weeds can be killed by imazethapyr (now) or metribuzin (over winter), maybe it is worth saving. As I said, replanting decisions with alfalfa are tough.

With a high risk/high return crop like alfalfa, it pays to get off to the best start possible. A good start will mean liming and fertilizing according to soil test,



A vigorous, thick stand of alfalfa is the goal when establishing this high value hay crop. But what should you do when you have weeds in your newly established alfalfa? Your options will depend on the weeds present and the type of alfalfa planted. A new publication from the University of Kentucky can help.

controlling problem weeds (like plantain) before seeding, planting a proven, well-adapted variety, and controlling weeds in the seedling stand.

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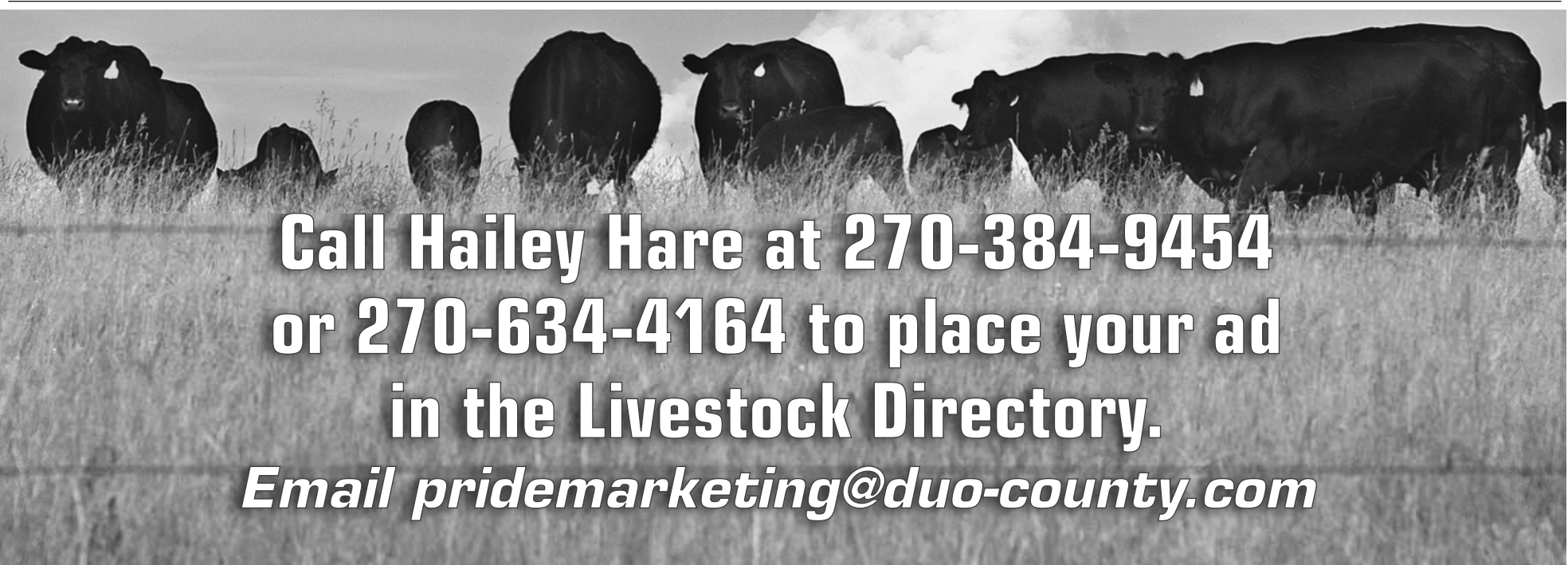
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68 hd. 815# 138.30 blk

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Ledbetter, KY
July 20, 2021

Feeder Steers: Medium & Large 1-2
29 hd. 573# 161.00 blk
23 hd. 675# 147.00 blk-red
Feeder Heifers: Medium & Large 1-2
29 hd. 524# 152.00 blk
21 hd. 601# 146.00 blk
34 hd. 676# 134.00 blk-mixed
22 hd. 718# 135.00 blk
25 hd. 730# 132.00 blk-mixed

Mid-KY Livestock Market

Upton, KY
July 20, 2021

Feeder Steers: Medium & Large 1-2
27 hd. 683# 156.00 blk

KY-TN Livestock Auction

Guthrie, KY
July 22, 2021

Feeder Heifers: Medium & Large 1-2
26 hd. 492# 144.00 blk
29 hd. 561# 140.25 blk
21 hd. 624# 132.25 blk
68 hd. 629# 147.00 blk
21 hd. 624# 132.00 blk

Blue Grass of Albany

Albany, KY
July 21, 2021

Feeder Steers: Medium & Large 1-2
61 hd. 871# 145.10 blk
Feeder Heifers: Medium & Large 1-2
28 hd. 623# 145.25 blk
23 hd. 683# 142.25 blk

Russell County Stockyards

Russell Springs, KY
July 21, 2021

Feeder Steers: Medium & Large 1-2
59 hd. 847# 138.00 blk-red

Farmers Livestock

Glasgow, KY
July 19, 2021

Feeder Bulls: Medium & Large 1-2
24 hd. 443# 153.50 blk

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Campbellsville, KY
July 24, 2021

Holstein Steers: Large 3
20 hd. 335# 125.00
113 hd. 338# 125.00
40 hd. 483# 132.00

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Maysville, KY
July 20, 2021

Feeder Steers: Medium & Large 1-2
32 hd. 655# 156.50 blk
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25 hd. 938# 126.85 blk

Washington Co. Livestock

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July 19, 2021

Feeder Steers: Medium & Large 1-2
63 hd. 809# 155.00 blk
Feeder Heifers: Medium & Large 1-2
20 hd. 611# 150.00 blk
77 hd. 650# 153.50 blk
52 hd. 713# 141.90 blk-charx
54 hd. 856# 127.30 blk-charx
56 hd. 968# 123.50 mixed

United Producers Irvington

Irvington, KY
July 19, 2021

Feeder Steers: Medium & Large 1-2
24 hd. 788# 136.50 blk
Feeder Heifers: Medium & Large 1-2
23 hd. 539# 139.00 blk

Blue Grass East

Mt. Sterling, KY
July 21, 2021

Feeder Heifers: Medium & Large 1-2
74 hd. 521# 160.00 blk
83 hd. 598# 152.00 blk-charx-red

Paris Stockyards

Paris, KY
July 22, 2021

Feeder Steers: Medium & Large 1-2
22 hd. 690# 154.50 blk
55 hd. 917# 137.95 blk-charx
30 hd. 936# 134.80 mixed
57 hd. 977# 137.90 blk
Feeder Heifers: Medium & Large 1-2
25 hd. 669# 155.00 blk
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108 hd. 808# 137.95 blk-charx

Blue Grass of Richmond

Richmond, KY
July 23, 2021

Feeder Steers: Medium & Large 1-2
68 hd. 889# 141.40 mixed
64 hd. 900# 140.00 mixed
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60 hd. 982# 137.50 blk
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Somerset, KY
July 24, 2021

Feeder Steers: Medium & Large 1-2
49 hd. 1044# 129.60 blk
Feeder Heifers: Medium & Large 1-2
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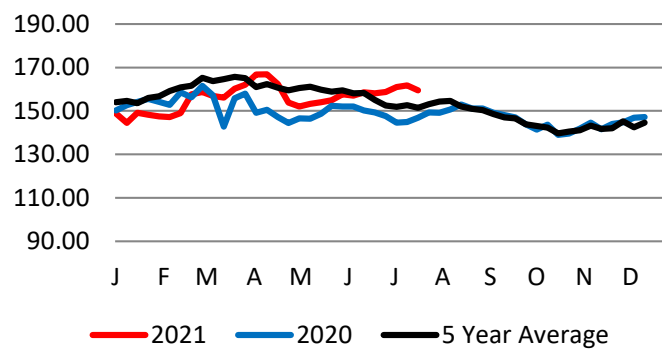
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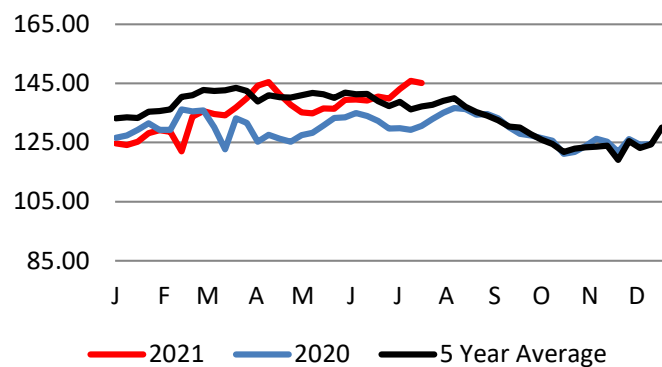
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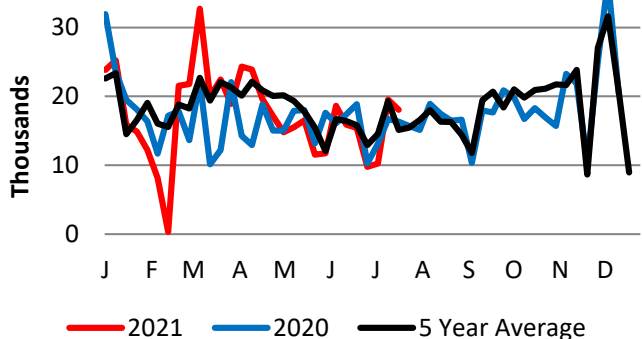
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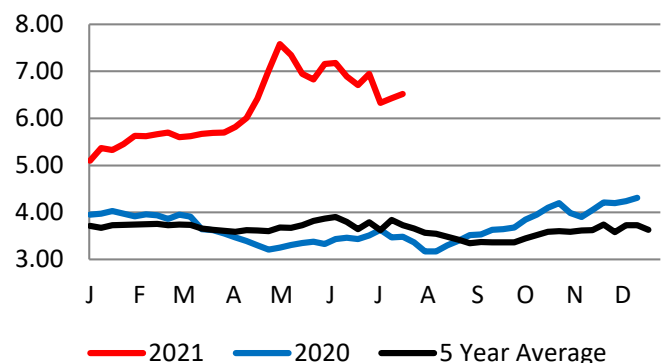
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(\$/CWT)



STATE AVERAGES

Steers (M&L 1-2)

	This Week	Prior Week	Last Year
350-400 lbs	168.94	172.02	152.26
400-450 lbs	167.02	162.14	151.53
450-500 lbs	161.32	163.33	146.57
500-550 lbs	156.37	157.86	143.04
550-600 lbs	156.41	156.00	142.39
600-650 lbs	152.63	147.68	137.69
650-700 lbs	148.30	144.20	133.07
700-750 lbs	141.16	142.12	128.08
750-800 lbs	138.00	141.18	127.94
800-850 lbs	136.34	135.99	128.91
850-900 lbs	138.50	138.34	124.36

Heifers (M&L 1-2)

300-350 lbs	145.14	149.22	137.00
350-400 lbs	146.14	148.20	135.35
400-450 lbs	144.88	145.64	133.58
450-500 lbs	145.05	145.47	131.08
500-550 lbs	142.47	141.76	127.65
550-600 lbs	139.62	138.90	126.04
600-650 lbs	134.26	134.12	121.87
650-700 lbs	133.10	131.14	120.64
700-750 lbs	129.91	124.52	114.10
750-800 lbs	127.34	128.55	113.35

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Farmers Regional Livestock Dairy Auction **Smith Grove, KY** **07/20/2021** **Receipts: 778** **Holsteins unless otherwise stated**

Springer Heifers: Supreme 1325.00-1650.00. Approved 1150.00-1225.00. Medium 875.00-1050.00. Common 675.00-850.00.

Fresh Milking Cows: Supreme 1725.00. Approved 1350.00-1475.00. Medium 1100.00-1225.00. Common 775.00-1075.00.

Bred Heifers: Supreme no test. Approved no test. Medium no test. Common 775.00.

Open Heifers: Supreme no test. Approved no test. Medium no test. Common no test.

Bull Calves: (per head) Medium and Large 10.00-100.00, Beef Cross 140.00-160.00, Crossbred 55.00-120.00, Jersey 10.00-25.00.

Heifer Calves: (per head) Medium and Large 30.00-110.00, Beef Cross 130.00-220.00, Crossbred 80.00-90.00, Jersey 25.00-40.00.

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07/23/2021 4:00 pm est Bids for next day Cash Bids	Louisville	Pennyrile	Purchase	Bluegrass	Green River	Northern KY
Corn #2 Yellow	6.62-6.89	6.32-6.42	5.97-6.07	6.48	6.12	6.71
Corn #2 White			6.22			
Soybeans #1 Y	13.74	13.91-14.06	14.12-14.36	14.12	14.02	14.47
Wheat #2 SRW	6.17	6.34-6.49	6.54	6.44	6.44	6.67
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Corn #2 Yellow	5.26	5.28-5.38	5.33-5.43	5.18	5.43	5.34
Corn #2 White			5.63-5.68			
Soybeans #1 Y	12.83	13.17-13.32	13.47-13.52	13.07	13.22	13.43
Wheat #2 SRW	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Barley						

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 07/26/2021 Barrows & Gilts Purchased Swine Receipts: 4,279 Base Price: \$103.50-\$109.75 Wt. Avg. \$104.68 Compared to prior day, wt. avg. base prices were 0.50 lower. 5 Day Rolling Aver- age: \$107.19
07/26/2021	07/26/2021	07/20/2021	07/20/2021	07/20/2021	07/20/2021	
Soybean Meal 48% Sol	383.80	—	376.00-381.00	385.50-404.50	355.50-389.50	
Soybean Hulls	200.00	—	—	155.00	—	
Corn Distillers Grain Dried	—	178.00	—	—	140.00-185.00	
Distillers Grain Modified	—	99.00	—	—	—	
Distillers Grain Wet	—	66.00	—	—	—	
Corn Condensed Solubles	—	NA	—	—	—	
Corn Gluten Feed 20-21 pct	—	—	175.00	—	135.00-145.00	
Corn Gluten Meal 60 pct	—	—	585.00	—	515.00-535.00	
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Producers Livestock Sheep and Goat Auction , San Angelo, Texas July 20, 2021

Compared to last week slaughter lambs over 60 lbs 20.00-30.00 lower, lighter lambs weak to 5.00 lower. Slaughter ewes sharply lower. No comparison on feeder lambs. Nannies sharply lower; kids 10.00-20.00 lower. Trading and demand moderate.

SLAUGHTER LAMBS WOOLED & SHORN: Choice and Prime 1-2 67 lbs 260.00; 71 lbs 258.00; 80-83 lbs 246.00-260.00; 92-97 lbs 220.00-222.00. Choice 1-2 68 lbs 250.00; 88 lbs 210.00-220.00; 92-99 lbs 180.00; 113-117 lbs 180.00-188.00. HAIR BREEDS: Choice and Prime 1-2 40-49 lbs 270.00-302.00; 50-59 lbs 268.00-304.00; 60-69 lbs 254.00-286.00; 70-79 lbs 250.00-284.00; 80-88 lbs 210.00-286.00; 90-99 lbs 206.00-268.00; 100-110 lbs 206.00-222.00. Choice 1-2 40-48 lbs 250.00-268.00; 50-59 lbs 240.00-268.00; 60-67 lbs 240.00-250.00; 71-79 lbs 224.00-248.00; 80-86 lbs 218.00-240.00; 90-98 lbs 180.00-200.00. Choice 2-3 120 lbs 190.00. Good 1 40-49 lbs 190.00-220.00; 55 lbs 220.00; 66-68 lbs 220.00; 88 lbs 200.00. SLAUGHTER GOATS KIDS: Selection 1 40-49 lbs 304.00-384.00; 50-59 lbs 300.00-325.00; 60-68 lbs 285.00-320.00; 71-79 lbs 285.00-330.00. Selection 1-2 42-48 lbs 260.00-315.00; 50-59 lbs 260.00-302.00; 60-69 lbs 250.00-300.00; 70-78 lbs 250.00-280.00; 80-88 lbs 260.00-280.00; 93 lbs 230.00. Selection 2 42 lbs 250.00; 51-57 lbs 220.00-250.00; 65-68 lbs 200.00-250.00; 74-79 lbs 230.00-250.00.

New Holland Sheep and Goat Auction New Holland, Pa. July 26, 2021

Compared to last week, woolled and shorn slaughter lambs sold weak with a steady undertone. Hair breed slaughter lambs sold weak. Ewes and hair ewes sold strong. Bucks sold steady on a light comparison. Buyer demand was moderate on a light to moderate supply for the slaughter sheep sale. Slaughter kids 40 to 60 lbs sold strong; slaughter kids 60 to 90 lbs sold weak. Nannies/does sold weak. Bucks/billies overall sold weak. Wethers sold weak. Buyer demand was moderate on a light to moderate supply for the slaughter goat sale.

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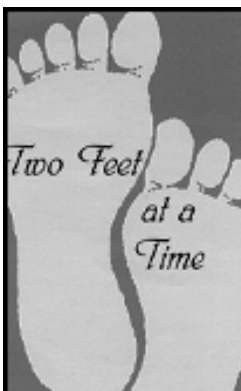
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Commissioner celebrates Kentucky Farmers' Markets Week



Commissioner of Agriculture Dr. Ryan Quarles is urging Kentuckians to celebrate Kentucky Farmers' Markets Week by getting out and supporting Kentucky farm families who bring fresh farm products to the public each week.

"2020 was a struggle for just about everyone," Commissioner Quarles said. "Despite the hardships of the pandemic and its economic effects, our farmers kept producing and bringing locally-grown produce, meat, eggs, dairy products, and more to Kentucky's farmers' markets. We advocated early on for farmers' markets to be treated essential, just like grocery stores. This year, as we come out from under the COVID-19 pandemic, we celebrate the fact that our farmers and producers never gave in and never gave up. Purchasing your food from a Kentucky Proud farmers' market not only supports your local farmers, but gives them the much needed thanks and praise for a job well done."

This year's Farmers' Markets Week is August 1-7 and salutes the 173 farmers' markets in 115 of Kentucky's 120 counties. In those 173 markets, more than 2,900 vendors are offering products for sale.

With reported sales of nearly \$13.5 million last year, farmers' markets are an economic engine that celebrates the state's agricultural roots and brings the farm to Kentucky's consumers.

This year's Farmers' Markets Week takes on special meaning as the state celebrates a return to normalcy after the COVID-19 pandemic.

"Even through the COVID-19 pandemic, farmers' markets remained a vital resource, providing fresh and nutritious food direct from Kentucky's farms," Commissioner Quarles said. "This crisis put a magnifying glass on the reasons we need our agriculture producers. Be sure to stop by a local farmers' market to say thanks during farmers' markets week."

The Kentucky Department of Agriculture and Community Farm Alliance will have a series of events across the state to celebrate Kentucky Farmers' Markets Week and the Kentucky Double Dollars program.

Kentucky Double Dollars allows low-income Kentuckians on federal SNAP, WIC, and senior nutrition benefits to double up their buying power at 43 par-

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