

Value-added dairy leaders share stories

BOWLING GREEN, Ky. – The 76 dairy producers who attended a dairy value-added conference in July came away with a full toolkit of resources to make long-term decisions about the future of their dairy operation.

The Kentucky Dairy Development Council sponsored the event and Jennifer Hickerson, field consultant based in Flemingsburg, served as the Kentucky point of contact for the tristate conference.

When beginning a new venture, the personal experiences of others is invaluable. The conference provided that expertise from six different dairy value-added producers.

On the first afternoon a panel of producers discussed their experiences with different value added products. Hickerson noted the group took particular effort to highlight different value-added products and different size productions.

Willis Shrock, of JD Milk in Logan County, discussed how his fluid milk and ice cream mix business has grown, with several family members working in the business.

Rowlett's Farmhouse Creamery in Henry County is the joint venture of brother and sister Terry and Sharon Rowlett. The Rowletts make ice cream from a purchased mix but use their farm's milk to make several different varieties of cheese as well as butter.

Country View Creamery in Todd County developed from a community vision for the future of dairying. The creamery's many varieties of cheese are produced from local milk. Customers can view cheese production through large windows in the retail area.

An afternoon tour visited the well known Chaney's Dairy Barn, a popular Warren County tourism venue. Carl Chaney outlined the Chaney Dairy evolution, from his grandfather's purchase of two dairy

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Dr. Jordan Shockley presents information about carbon markets to attendees at a crop agronomics tour of the recent UK Corn, Soybean and Tobacco Field Day.

Producers learn tips about carbon marketing

PRINCETON, Ky. – Carbon markets have become a hot topic in recent months, with many questions about how this potential market opportunity actually works and whether it would be feasible for Kentucky landowners.

At a University of Kentucky Corn, Soybean and Tobacco Field Day held July 27, Dr. Jordan Shockley discussed "Carbon Markets 101" to shed some light on this emerging market.

The UK agriculture economist began his presentation by asking the group what they knew about carbon markets. While there were some quiet comments, no one came forth with a description, showing that producers may have heard about carbon markets but

where there to learn more.

With a 20-minute rundown of the main points of carbon markets, Shockley effectively explained how carbon is "sold."

Shockley used the airline industry as an example of an industry who wished to voluntarily reduce greenhouse gas emissions and be net zero by 2050. That's basically impossible in the short term for a company using jet fuel and emitting greenhouse gas.

The airline company partners with another entity typically referred to as an aggregator of carbon credits. These aggregators work directly with agricultural landowners who can lower carbon emissions. The aggregators buy the agriculture carbon offset and

sell these carbon credits to the airline company. In essence they are paying the landowner for doing what the larger company can't do in the short-term. Basically, the landowner is environmentally conscious for the Fortune 500 company or, one might say, being a short-term carbon surrogate.

The landowner is keeping carbon in the ground (sequestering) rather than emitting it into the air.

This scenario is driving the carbon market, but there are many hurdles and considerations for a landowner who is considering the carbon market.

Companies know there are envi-

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Interest in carbon markets grows, but few participate

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Environmentally-conscious consumers. A significant number of people want to do business with environmentally friendly companies. In addition, some company shareholders want their company included in "environmentally friendly" portfolios.

Agriculture can help them create an image of being environmentally friendly. Agriculture amounts to 10 percent of U.S. carbon emissions. Of that, 55 percent is agriculture and soil management emissions. Agriculture can do things to generate carbon credits by becoming more efficient at sequestering carbon.

There are four top practices that agriculture can do to sequester carbon for carbon credit, which companies want to buy. They can turn cropland into pasture, switch to conservation tillage from conventional, add a winter cover crop or switch to no-till.

Of those four, cover crops and no-till are the most viable options for landowners.

The aggregators work directly with

the landowner to adopt production practices that sequester carbon and generate carbon credits. The aggregators work in general with multiple landowners. They will gather the credits, pay the landowner, and sell the credits to companies wishing to lower their carbon footprint.

There are four carbon markets concepts in the U.S. and globally:

Additionality. A landowner adopts a practice that did not exist previously, something new on the farm. The drawback is that many landowners already have these practices in place. This fact reduces the opportunity for large numbers of landowners to sell carbon. There is a company that will pay for practices adopted since 2012, but landowners must show records to substantiate the dates.

Verification. Is the practice actually sequestering the carbon sold? If they adopt no-till, is it truly sequestering?

Permanence. The carbon sold is long term 10-30 years, and the company wants to make sure what they buy stays in the ground.

Enforceability. The landowner must follow specific guidelines and practices based on the contract and do what the contract mandates.

The value of carbon comes in terms of metric ton carbon sequestered and currently is valued at \$15-20 per metric ton. The landowner is paid based on the amount of carbon their soil can sequester.

Typically, an aggregator will do initial soil sampling and run specific farm type model estimations. These predict how much carbon the soil can sequester when the landowner uses the prescribed management practices. These models are adjustable and customizable to unique land situations.

There is more than one specific model that aggregators use as well as a USDA-based model. The payments are every year for the life of the contract.

Shockley conducted a research study to estimate the amount of carbon a 100-acre corn and soybean farm in Hardin County could sequester.

Results showed the farm should generate \$6-\$21 per acre in carbon credit by adopting no-till and cover crops practices.

While the interest in carbon markets is growing, a recent Purdue University survey of 400 nationwide agriculture producers indicated that only 1 percent had signed up to sell carbon credit.

Shockley warned that the carbon market is changing rapidly. There are two carbon sequestering practices practical for landowners, no-till and winter cover crops. These practices cannot be currently in use or used within the last five years.

"Any agricultural landowner who wants to get into the carbon market should definitely understand the contracts they sign, read the fine print, obtain an attorney, and realize current carbon prices do not offset the full cost or the economic risk of implementing these new practices," Shockley warned.

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Value-added dairy conference offers network for beginners

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cows in 1940 through today when they are bottling and selling their own milk, making their own 16 percent butterfat ice cream mix and hosting thousands of people on the farm "to see the cows."

As with many dairies, Chaney's saw the need to go beyond raw milk production and in 2003 developed the ice cream business. Chaney's converted their milking parlor into an educational area where visitors could see robotic milking and the well cared for cows, and now the new the milk plant. They began offering self-guided and wagon tours and Carl pointed out the tourism paid for the robotic milker.

Carl admitted that bottling and selling their own fluid milk came from pressure from daughter Elizabeth. Elizabeth discussed the bottling plant, which started two years ago and now processes 3500-4000 pounds of milk a week. Carl estimated they will sell 35,000 – 38,000 gallons of ice cream from their own mix in 2021.

Both Elizabeth and Carl had specific words of advice for the group. Elizabeth said before starting a bottling plant, have a mentor, and Carl said, "ice cream is where it's at" and the business' greatest profit margin came from the ice cream.

The conference concluded with a second day tour of Kenny's Farmhouse Cheese, owned and operated by Kenny and Beverly Mattingly, near Glasgow. While on the tour the group was able to watch cheese being made and packaged.

Mattingly related how important an Airbnb apartment that overlooks the cow area has become to the operation, not just as additional income but education for those visiting.

He told how one visiting family was able to watch a calf being born,

something very few people outside of agriculture get to experience. He said that gave those people a real world experience.

Father and daughter David and Annie Copper from Ballard County were conference attendees.

The third generation, Coopland Farms milks 140-160 Jersey cows and is the only dairy west of Paducah.

Annie, a recent agriculture business graduate from Murray State University, dreamed of making ice cream on the farm since the fourth grade and now hopes to develop value-added and an agritourism venue.

"For me learning the resources that are available at our fingertips was incredibly valuable. I have wanted to do this forever but didn't know where to start. With the information from Brent Lackey's presentation - now I know," Anne said. Lackey, from the Kentucky Center for Agriculture and Rural Development, spoke about business and marketing plans.

Hickerson said the conference was designed to give producers such as Annie Cooper the tools and resources to find new opportunities in the dairy business.

Hickerson said funding was provided in part by the USDA Agriculture Marketing Service, Dairy Business Innovation Initiative, an effort to support value-added dairy businesses in Kentucky, Tennessee and North Carolina.

Hickerson, along with counterparts Liz Eckelkamp from Tennessee, and Bridget Whitmire and Stephanie Ward from North Carolina, worked to create the conference in direction with the grant. The same conference will be held in North Carolina in 2022 and Tennessee in 2023.

Hickerson pointed out that the grant is providing additional workshops, which dig deeper into dairy value-add-



Carl Chaney discusses the value added products that Chaney's Dairy Farm has added in the last two years with attendees of the Dairy Value Added Conference.

ed production at workshops, in Shelbyville and Bowling Green in October.

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representatives
joined the
Council's June
board meeting
via Zoom
to discuss
concerns in the
industry.

The Council for Burley Tobacco has been busy this spring and summer advocating for our members.

We learned in the spring that the Agricultural Marketing Service grading fee for the Tobacco Administrative Grading Service (TAGS) would increase from 1.5 cents per pound to 7.6 cents per pound.

The leadership of the Council and the Tobacco Growers Association of North Carolina began immediately working together at the federal level to address this increase in the grower program. In early August, AMS finally confirmed that funding had been secured to keep the grading rate at 1.5 cents per pound for the upcoming season.

This partnership on TAGS issues began last summer when the Council and the Tobacco Growers Association of North Carolina came together to take over the administration of TAGS. We have renewed the agreement with the USDA AMS and will continue to work together this year with a third party, AgWin, to provide burley and flue-cured growers the service of scheduling and grading tobacco for insurance purposes.

I had the opportunity in May to participate in Altria's virtual shareholders meeting representing tobacco growers. This is the fifth year in a row a Council representative has presented comments and questions to the shareholders at the annual meeting. While we do not have the opportunity to engage meaningfully with top leadership on issues in this forum, attending and presenting has led to the company acknowledging publicly to shareholders the important role producers play in the industry.

RJ Reynolds representatives joined the Council's June board meeting via Zoom to discuss concerns in the industry. In this meeting we discussed with them the increasing cost of production and the stagnant prices paid by companies including RJ Reynolds. At the end of the day, the Council told Reynolds that if the intent is to continue to have a supply of quality U.S. burley for purchase and the political support of the growers, it is time for the company to step up and help growers.

The Council continues to work on issues related to crop insurance for the tobacco grower. I recently joined a meeting with USDA Risk Management Agency, Kentucky Farm Bureau, and others in leadership to discuss the possibility of making a

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There are ways to support FFA during pandemic

I'm so appreciative of The Farmer's Pride for giving me the opportunity to share my thoughts in this column.

I always know what I want to write about and love sharing news about Kentucky FFA members, our donors and how you can join us. This month, I've wrestled with what to say. Mostly it boils down to this, I'm uncertain what to tell you about, because the next few months feel uncertain too. Pandemic times have all made our jobs more difficult with extra protocols and precautions. However.... When a large portion of your job and your budget comes from putting together large fundraising events, the uncertainty is heavy. It's also been exhausting, and I know you're tired of hearing about and living in these "unprecedented times." I've learned I really love living in precededented times.

The thing I want to tell you about this month is that the Kentucky FFA Foundation is hosting our 5th Annual Blue & Gold Gala on Saturday, Sept. 18 in Bowling Green! We have had The Venue (it's the old tobacco warehouse in downtown Bowling Green) booked for well over two years. We have more sponsors than ever before! We love this gathering and can't wait to host it. If I could only tell you how many hours our staff has spent discussing how to keep it safe and entertaining, it would be clear why this new Covid spike has caused some panic.

This year we have learned how to adapt and overcome. That's still true with our event. As we work to make adaptations to keep our guests safe and comfortable, I must remind myself that it's a much better place than our 2020 Gala. That event was all virtual and we had about six people in the building. However, it didn't stop us from raising \$90,000+ for Kentucky FFA members! We learned several lessons from that event, the most important being...we have to have a way for people to be able to join us in supporting FFA without joining us in person.

This year, we are looking forward to lots of in-person guests, but you don't have to attend to support us! Here are some ways you can support the Blue & Gold Gala from the comfort of your home.

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July heat has taken a marked toll



MARKET WATCH

Dewey Strickler

With August the most critical month for soybeans, weather will continue to be the hot topic for the next few weeks and keep prices underpinned a while longer.

July heat took a greater toll than expected. In the August Crop Report, the USDA lowered their yield estimate for corn to 174.6 bushels per acre compared to the trade guess of 177.1 bushels per acre and 179.5 bushels per acre in July.

It will probably be lowered again in the September report because of hot conditions. Many producers in the eastern Corn Belt inform me that 10-15 percent of the top end of their yield has been lost. Meanwhile, ending stocks for 2021-22 are forecast to fall 190 million bushels to 1.242 billion bushels. World stocks are projected to be down 6.6 million tons to 284.6 million. Although the USDA trimmed exports 100 million bushels, the report is friendly because of tightening stocks and could bring the bulls back to the table.

The August Crop Report shows the USDA trimming their yield estimate for soybeans to 50 bushels per acre compared to the trade guess of 50.3 bushels per acre and 50.8 bushels per acre in July.

Meanwhile, ending stocks for 2021-22 were left unchanged at 155 million bushels while global stocks grew 1.7 million tons to 96.2 million. On the demand side, the USDA lowered exports 20 million bushels.

One factor that sticks out is that China's imports are forecast to fall 1 million tons even though they have been more active in their purchases the past couple of weeks. With August the most critical month for soybeans, weather will continue to be the hot topic for the next few weeks and keep prices underpinned a while longer.

While the USDA only lowered their 2021-22 ending stocks of wheat 38 million bushels to 627 million bushels, world stocks tumbled 12.6 million tons to 279.1 million. This was below the lowest trade guess. The decline came from a 12.5 million ton in Russia's production.

Russia has been a thorn in the side of U.S. exports but may become less of one as their export forecast has been lowered 5 million tons. Meanwhile, exports from Europe have been downgraded 1 million tons.

The report for wheat is friendly and will likely cause the funds to cover the remainder of their shorts.

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The true cost of food

Like any chain, today's ubiquitous "supply chains" are only as strong as their weakest links. Americans again learned this elemental lesson a year ago when the rapidly exploding Covid-19 pandemic swept the nation's streets, sidewalks, and pantries clean of cars, people, and groceries.

Less evident are today's still-broken links in the global food supply chain.

For example, according to the American Farm Bureau Federation, handling delays continue to cripple the ports of Los Angeles, Long Beach, and Oakland, CA, the three key U.S. avenues to the vast Japanese and Chinese ag export markets.

In fact, the delays are so long, noted AFBF in mid-June, that some shippers now "consider it more efficient to ship empty containers" back to Asia "which has led to a significant decline in the number of containers available to agricultural exporters."

And that's not the only weak link the pandemic exposed in today's ever-longer, increasingly thinner food supply chain. In a detailed, 38-page analysis titled "True Cost of Food," released late last month and referenced here in a recent column, the Rockefeller Foundation took a hard look at the cost of "producing, processing, retailing, and wholesaling the food we buy and eat."

In 2019, the year before the market-cracking pandemic, that cost was \$1.1 trillion.

This enormous sum, however, "does not include the cost of healthcare for the millions who fall ill with diet-related diseases," the report states. "Nor does (it) include the present and future costs of the food system's contribution to water and air pollution, reduced biodiversity, or greenhouse gas emissions..."

If you "take those costs into account... it becomes clear that the true cost of the U.S. food system is at least three times as big – \$3.2 trillion."

And, says the Rockefeller analysts, there's no way to put lipstick on any part of this pig.

"Poor nutrition is now the leading cause of poor health in the United States" and "(t)he majority of adult hospitalizations (are) 'attributable to one of four pre-existing conditions: obesity, hypertension, diabetes, and heart failure, in that order.'"

Ironically, the Americans who carry "the burden of impact of these costs are disproportionately borne by communities that are marginalized and underserved, often communities of color, many of whom are the backbone (of our food system) as farmers, fishers, ranchers, and food workers."

Principally the rural working poor and immigrant communities that handle almost 70 percent of every helping of meat, poultry, vegetable, fruit, and dairy served daily in the U.S.

Today's rising costs can be slowed, then clipped, suggest the authors, by following strategies already in place in other nations. For example, "If diet-related disease prevalence rates were reduced to be comparable to countries such as Canada, health care costs could be reduced by close to \$250 billion per year," in the U.S.

How? Simple, by doing better at what we're all guilty of not doing most meals – eating better.

The same is true for working to better the health of the only



FOOD & FARM FILE

Alan Guebert

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Whether in person or online, you can support Ky. FFA

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The true cost of food

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world we have: "Similarly, if the U.S. can reduce agriculture-specific emissions to comply with the 1.5C pathway,"--contain the rise of global temperature to just 1.5 degrees Centigrade--"then close to \$100 billion could be reduced in additional environmental costs."

So we do have a choice.

We can work collectively to put more slack in today's costly, climate-altering, and often unhealthy food supply chain or, "If left unaddressed, the true cost of food will continue to rise and negatively contribute to climate change, the prevalence of diet-related diseases, and growing inequity."

Which has been the commonsense conclusion of nearly every examination of the American food system long before business-school talk of supply chains, block chains, and export chains came to dominate U.S. agriculture.

In fact, we have enough chains. What we badly need more of is less costly, more environmentally-sound regional and local food systems.

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Council advocates for growers

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change to a two-tiered insurance program for burley and dark to curb excess production that continues to stagnate our contract prices, mirroring the changes made last year in the flue industry.

I want burley growers to know that they still have an organization that advocates for them and one they can reach out to as issues arise in the burley industry. Council board members are behind the scenes working daily to engage with tobacco company leaders and highlight issues at the

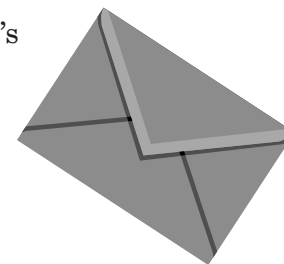
producer level, working with our legislators on key policy issues impacting growers, and building networks in the industry to strengthen our voice on all issues.

I encourage all growers to visit the website at www.councilforburleytobacco.com and update your membership.

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Voss, Cook posthumously inducted to Hall of Fame



Jack Voss was inducted as the inaugural class of the Crittenden County Agriculture Leadership Hall of Fame.

The late Virgil Cook and the late Jack Voss were inducted as the inaugural class to the Crittenden County Agriculture Leadership Hall of Fame. Both left lasting marks on the community during their involvement in local farming, ag business and civic activities.

The recognition took place during the fair breakfast, presented as a fund-raising event for Crittenden County 4-H. It was not held last year due to the

pandemic so there was a great deal of excitement brewing with the return of the event at the Lions Club Agriculture Building at the fairgrounds. Raising the buzz was the launch of the hall of fame and the presence of Kentucky Agriculture Commissioner Ryan Quarles, who spoke during the event.

Cook (1933-2015) was a farmer and very active community member. He graduated from Marion High School in 1951 and served as a corporal in the United States Army.

When Cook returned to Crittenden County after his military stint, he began a 54-year career in farming and incorporated agriculture practices that emphasized conservation. For that, he was recognized as a Master Conservationist by Crittenden County Conservation District.

Cook always had time for everyone, but was especially encouraging to young farmers. He served on the Crittenden County Farm Bureau board of directors for approximately 25 years and also served as its president for a time. He represented the county at many state-level Farm Bureau events and was active in a variety of local organizations, including the Crittenden County Lions Club, Marion United Methodist Church as a trustee and served on the Crittenden County Hospital Board.

Voss (1937-2002) was an agribusiness leader in Crittenden County for many years. He graduated from Union County High School and served in the United States Army. After the military, Voss attended Nashville Auto Diesel School and worked for International Harvester dealerships before launching his own dealership in Marion.

Voss Farm Equipment was started in 1976 and was a premiere dealership due in part to Voss' knowledge of mechanics and his willingness to lend a helping hand to many farmers.

Voss also was a key figure in the early tractor pulling circuit and instrumental in designing new technology for pulling sleds.

Voss served as a volunteer leader for the Boy Scouts, was a member of National Farm Equipment Dealers Association and held several leadership roles at Marion United Methodist Church.

He earned many awards from International Harvester and was the Cham-



Virgil Cook was inducted as the inaugural class of the Crittenden County Agriculture Leadership Hall of Fame.

ber of Commerce Unsung Hero in 1993.

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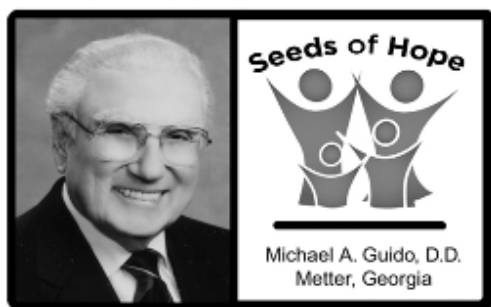
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How To Begin Each Day

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Soon after the ship set sail a storm appeared on the horizon. Angry waves swept over the sides of the ship and the passengers were forced to go below where they were safe from the winds and waters. In fact, the captain had to be tied to the bridge so he would not be swept overboard. The ship was no longer a place of serenity but of fear and worry.

Finally, one of the passengers, overcoming his fear and anxiety, decided that he would climb from beneath the deck to see if the captain was still alive. He hesitatingly crawled up the stairs, opened the hatch, and saw a sight that steadied his nerves and calmed his racing heart. Returning to the frightened passengers he shouted, "Everything's fine. I saw the face of the Captain, looked into his eyes, and realized we were safe with him at the helm."

"In the morning," prayed the Psalmist, "my prayer comes before you." What a wise way to begin every day. If we go to the Lord before we are in a storm, we can depend on His presence and power when we are engulfed by a storm. With His arms around us, His wisdom to guide us, His strength to sustain us, and His enduring love to comfort us, we will surely be able to face life's storms with confidence.

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Rosemary Lemon Pork Chops



4 porterhouse (bone-in loin) pork chops (or New York pork chops, about 3/4-inch thick)
1/8 cup olive oil
1/2 lemon
1 teaspoon rosemary (dried)
2 teaspoons garlic (minced)
1 teaspoon sage (dried)
1 teaspoon salt
1/2 teaspoon pepper

In a small bowl, combine olive oil, lemon juice, rosemary, garlic, sage, salt, and pepper. Transfer to a large resealable bag and add pork. Set aside for 30 minutes, turning occasionally.

Prepare a grill to medium-high heat and lightly oil the grate. Remove pork from marinade; discard marinade. Grill pork until internal temperature reaches 145 degrees F, about 4 minutes per side. Remove chops from grill and let rest 3 minutes.

Recipe courtesy of The Kentucky Pork Producers

Tater Tot Casserole

1 pound ground beef
1 pinch salt and ground black pepper to taste
1 (10.75 ounce) can condensed cream of mushroom soup
2 cups shredded Cheddar cheese
1 (16 ounce) package frozen tater tots

Preheat oven to 350 degrees F (175 degrees C).

Cook and stir ground beef in a large skillet over medium heat until no longer pink and completely browned, 7 to 10 minutes; season with salt and black pepper. Stir cream of mushroom soup into the cooked ground beef; pour the mixture into a 9x13-inch baking dish. Layer tater tots evenly over the ground beef mixture; top with Cheddar cheese.

Bake until tater tots are golden brown and hot, 30 to 45 minutes.

Recipe courtesy of allrecipes.com

Lemon Curd Poke Cake

nonstick cooking spray
1 (15.25 ounce) package lemon cake mix (such as Duncan Hines® Perfectly Moist Lemon Supreme)
3 large eggs
1 cup water

Preheat the oven to 350 degrees F (175 degrees C). Spray a 9x13-inch cake pan with nonstick cooking spray.

Mix cake mix, eggs, water, and oil in a large bowl until well blended. Pour into the prepared cake pan.

Bake in the preheated oven until a toothpick inserted into the center comes out clean, 20 to 27 minutes. Transfer cake to a wire rack and cool for 15 minutes.

1/3 cup vegetable oil
1 (11 ounce) jar lemon curd
1 (8 ounce) container frozen whipped topping (such as Cool Whip®), thawed
1 teaspoon lemon zest (optional)

Poke holes into the top of the cake with the handle of a wooden spoon, about 1/2 inch apart.

Pour lemon curd over the cake and spread with a spatula until lemon curd is absorbed into the holes. Refrigerate for 1 hour.

Frost with whipped topping and sprinkle with lemon zest. Keep refrigerated until serving.

Recipe courtesy of allrecipes.com

Kissel midway food cafes to feature Kentucky Proud

Kissel Entertainment, the exclusive midway producer for the Kentucky State Fair, has committed to “buy local” for over 18 midway food cafes.

“Our recipe for great food on the midway,” notes R.A. Kissel, president of Kissel Entertainment, “includes ingredients made from Kentucky Proud products.”

Foods displaying the Kentucky Proud label are raised, grown and/or processed in Kentucky by Kentuckians.

Each Kissel food cafe on the KSF midway using Kentucky Proud ingredients will display the program’s logo. Fairgoers will know they are buying the freshest food possible and helping a Kentucky farm family earn a living.

Among the Kentucky Proud Products the Kissel Midway Cafes will feature is the funnel cake and corn dog mix from the historic Weisenberger

Mill located on the South Elkhorn Creek in southern Scott County.

Other Kentucky Proud Products include mozzarella cheese from Kenny’s Farm House Cheese and corn kernels from Preferred Popcorn.

“Working with locally sourced ingredients allows us to bring fresh, quality food products to fairgoers,” Kissel said. “Being able to support Kentucky 4-H through a portion of the proceeds is a big win.”

“We are very excited to be working with Kissel Entertainment,” notes David S. Beck, president and CEO of Kentucky Venues. “With more than 45 years of experience, we believe Kissel brings a level of expertise we can put into action this year and beyond to create memorable experiences and excitement for our fairgoers year after year.”

Ky. State Fair advance admission pricing continues

Online advance admission pricing for the Kentucky State Fair is available through Aug. 29. Tickets are \$10 per person and include parking.

The Kentucky State Fair is celebrating its return by offering additional savings for fairgoers who buy in advance. Advance admission tickets are only available online through kystatefair.org/tickets.

“We’re excited to create additional affordable ticket options for fairgoers this year. Our parking-inclusive early bird offering was so popular we decided to offer advance tickets that also include parking at an unbeatable price. We want to welcome as many people as possible at this year’s Kentucky State Fair,” said David S. Beck, president and CEO of Kentucky Venues.

Those aren’t the only ways to save at this year’s fair. Additional discounts include:

- Sunday, Aug. 22 Military Sunday Sponsored by AppHarvest — Free admission for military members, veter-

ans and their families (up to four people per military ID) at the gate. Parking is not included.

- Tuesday, Aug. 24 Senior Day — Free admission for seniors 55 and up. Parking is not included.

- Wednesday, Aug. 25 Sensory Friendly Morning — Tickets and wristband vouchers will be distributed through FEAT of Louisville and Kentucky Autism Training Center. Parking not included.

Admission to the Kentucky State Fair features many free activities, including the Texas Roadhouse Concert Series, livestock competition, outdoor and indoor entertainment, indoor exhibits and nine other performance areas.

Admission pricing at the gate will be \$10 per person and parking at \$10 a standard vehicle.

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Six reasons why this is the year to stockpile tall fescue

The Forage Doctor



By Jimmy Henning

There are a lot of pressures on profitability right now.

I have been doing a deep dive into hay production this year, trying to get a handle on the complexity, the science and the art of making good hay.

What does this have to do with stockpiling tall fescue? Hay supplies and fall grazing are dynamically linked – the more grazing we can do in the late fall and early winter, the longer our hay supplies will last. And with the fires and drought in the west as well as untimely rains here, it may be a tight year for some types of hay. Here are six reasons why this might be the year to stockpile of tall fescue.

• **Longer grazing season.** Stockpiling is producing forage now for use later. Using fall stockpiled forages is a great way to extend the grazing season

into early winter and reduce the reliance on hay or supplements. Nitrogen fertilizer applied in August will produce more yield per pound of nitrogen than September or October applications.

• **Tall fescue is the ideal grass for stockpiling.** Stockpiling is growing forage now for use later. Tall fescue is the ideal grass for fall stockpiling because it retains its quality and digestibility into late fall and early winter better than other grasses and legumes.

Freezes and rain quickly degrade the quality of legumes and other cool season grasses. Tall fescue on the other hand will maintain leaf integrity through freezes and weather and therefore the forage quality will remain high.

Good stockpiled tall fescue is excellent forage for fall weaned calves as well as for the fall calving cow herd. Quality values for fall tall fescue can approach 20 percent crude protein and mid-60's in total digestible nutrients. These values are far superior to most fescue hay. Protein content and digest-

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Six reasons why this is the year to stockpile tall fescue



Extend your grazing season and save hay by considering stockpiling tall fescue this fall. (Photo by Chris Teutsch, University of Kentucky.)

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ability decline at a slower rate over the winter compared to forages.

- **Fescue toxicity from the endophyte tends to be low in fall stockpiled tall fescue.** Although fescue toxicity can peak in the early fall, freezes will generally cause the toxic alkaloid levels to fall to near zero. Endophyte-free and novel endophyte tall fescues stockpile equally well as KY 31 and will not have toxicity potential at all. Use moderate levels of nitrogen fertilizer (less than 60 pounds of actual nitrogen per acre, equivalent to 130 pounds of urea that is 46 per nitrogen) to avoid the overproduction of the endophyte toxic alkaloids in the fall.

- **Pastures are in good shape to respond well to nitrogen.** Many areas have received enough rainfall to have excess pasture acres that will be perfect for stockpiling. Pastures that have not been overgrazed will respond most to fall nitrogen fertilizer. For best results, stockpiling should begin by mid-August. If excessive growth is present, mow or graze the fescue down to four to six inches to allow for new growth. Remove grazing livestock and apply nitrogen. Fall applied nitrogen is most efficient in producing additional yield when applied in late summer/early fall, as early as mid-August.

- **We can avoid nitrogen losses by timing or adding urease inhibitors.** Urea-based products are the most common sources of nitrogen for fall stockpiling. Urea applied to dry soil during hot conditions is subject to nitrogen loss due to urease activity in the soil. Urease is an enzyme that breaks urea down before it can be used by the plant. Urease is widespread in the environment. We can avoid this nitrogen loss by application in advance of a coming rain event. Consult soil test values to determine if lime, P or K is needed. It is important to take current prices and individual situations into consideration.

- **Strip allocation of stockpiled tall fescue will extend the grazing period.** Missouri research showed that giving cattle a three-day vs seven-day supply of stockpiled tall fescue increased grazing days by 45 percent due to less trampling and less manure on fresh forage. Stockpiled fescue can be grazed close with little effect on spring regrowth so utilization efficiency is high. In fact, tightly grazed stockpiled tall fescue pastures can be a good place to frost-seed clover in late winter.

- **Bonus – good stockpiled tall fescue can reduce the damage in winter feeding areas.** I know I said six reasons, but think of this as extra credit. Producers that have well managed stockpiled

tall fescue can lessen the pasture damage done by winter hay feeding.

In summary, start now to evaluate if stockpiling tall fescue for fall and early winter high quality pasture is a good option this year. Having a rested tall fescue pasture (not overgrazed), the ability to make

timely applications of nitrogen and the capability to strip graze are all good reasons this may be the year to stockpile. For more information on stockpiling tall fescue, see 'Stockpiling for fall and winter pasture' (2.ca.uky.edu/agcomm/pubs/agr/agr162/agr162.pdf) Happy foraging.



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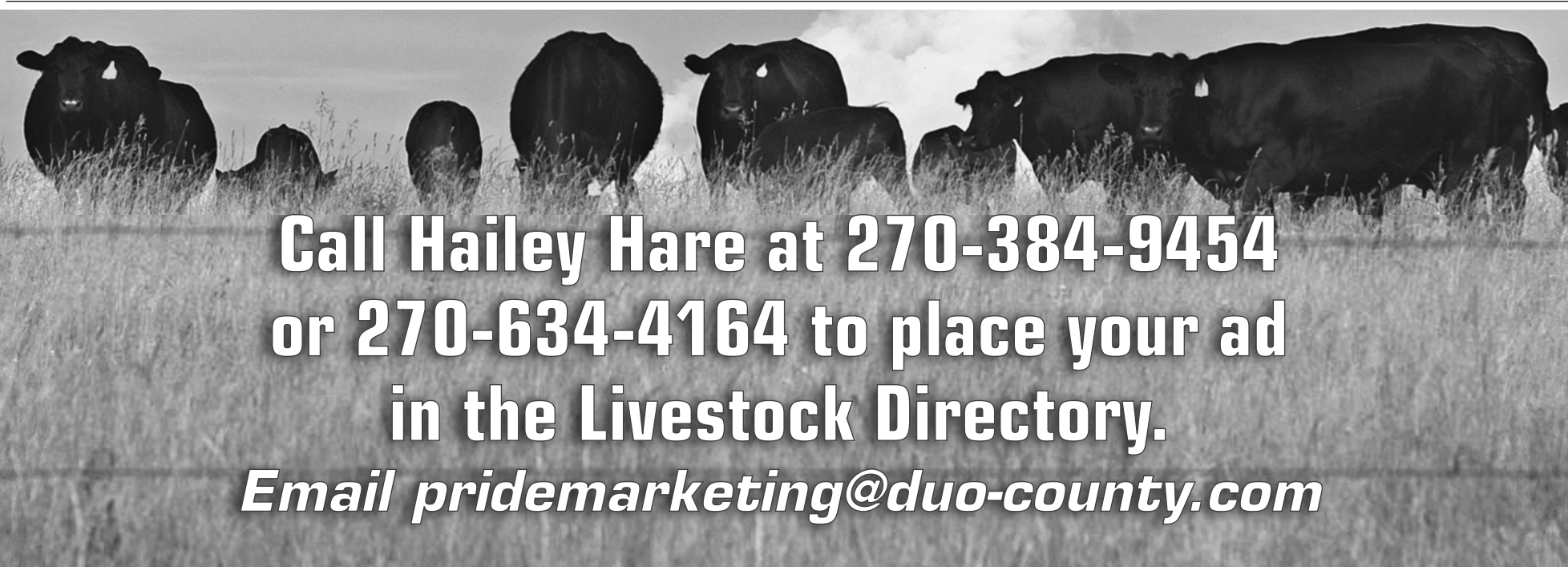
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Corn #2 Yellow	6.02-6.03	6.20	6.06	6.52	6.05	6.06
Corn #2 White			6.30			
Soybeans #1 Y	13.97	13.97	13.77-14.33	13.97	13.92	13.97
Wheat #2 SRW	6.48	6.69-6.94	NA	6.92	6.82	7.01
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Corn #2 Yellow	5.42	5.42-5.52	5.47-5.54	5.32	5.52	5.46
Corn #2 White			5.77-5.87			
Soybeans #1 Y	12.67	13.02-13.17	13.29-13.37	12.92	13.07	13.23
Wheat #2 SRW	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	7.02
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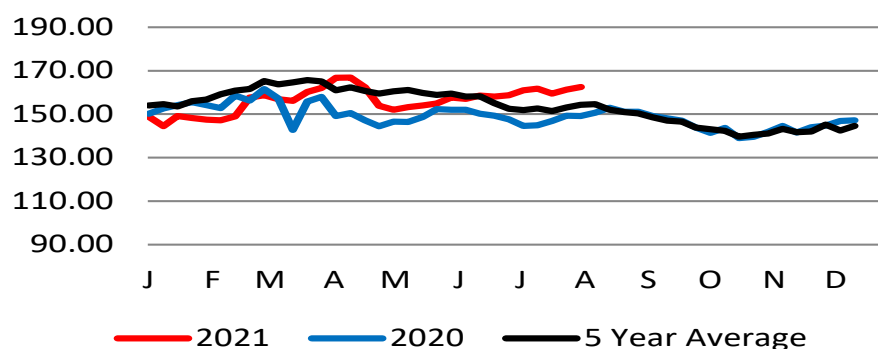
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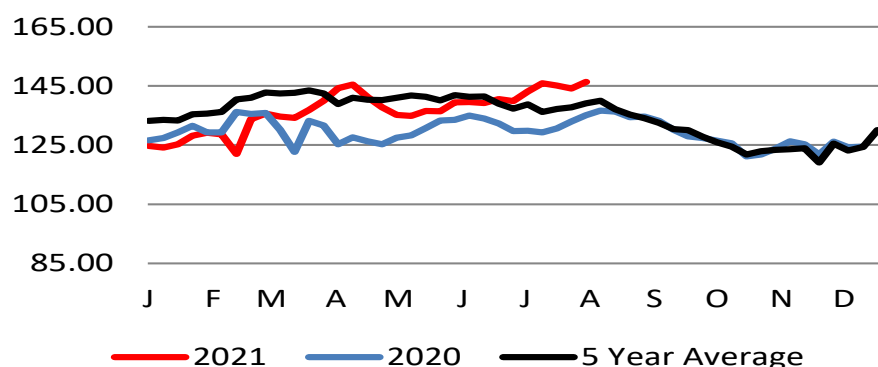


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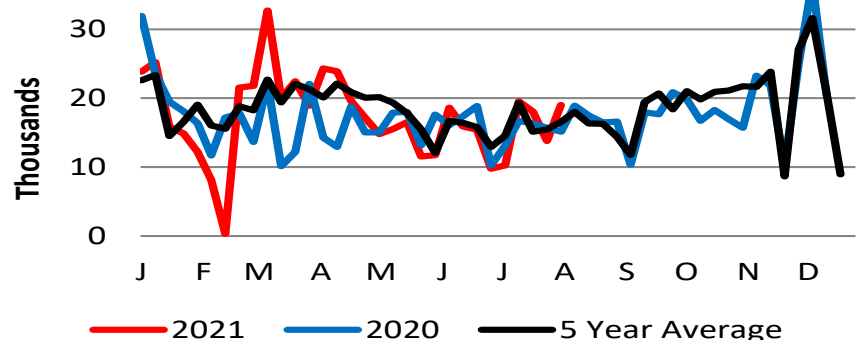
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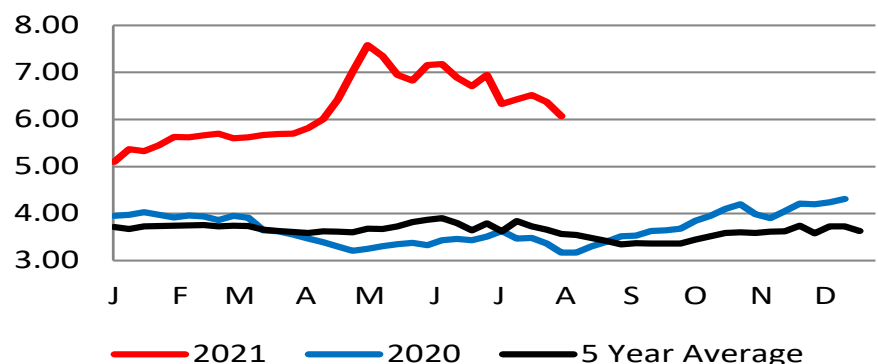
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STATE AVERAGES

Steers (M&L 1-2)	This Week	Prior Week	Last Year
350-400 lbs	169.04	170.93	156.64
400-450 lbs	159.23	161.75	151.42
450-500 lbs	161.44	160.07	151.20
500-550 lbs	156.82	155.81	147.53
550-600 lbs	154.96	154.30	142.16
600-650 lbs	153.12	149.71	140.47
650-700 lbs	149.85	150.11	137.71
700-750 lbs	138.70	141.34	132.78
750-800 lbs	141.67	140.71	131.34
800-850 lbs	137.32	135.74	129.96
850-900 lbs	138.29	138.90	119.50
Heifers (M&L 1-2)			
300-350 lbs	150.39	145.27	144.76
350-400 lbs	147.56	143.47	141.02
400-450 lbs	145.31	144.73	137.35
450-500 lbs	143.27	143.08	134.99
500-550 lbs	142.30	142.57	132.19
550-600 lbs	140.51	139.02	130.37
600-650 lbs	134.78	135.30	124.39
650-700 lbs	135.64	138.39	121.76
700-750 lbs	127.19	123.56	117.72
750-800 lbs	118.99	124.08	119.82

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Feeder Heifers: Medium & Large 1-2

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AUCTION/MARKET

Producers Livestock Sheep and Goat Auction , San Angelo, Texas August 3, 2021

Compared to last week: Slaughter lambs sold very unevenly. Lambs under 80 lbs 15.00-25.00 higher, heavier weights steady early and weak to 5.00 lower late. Slaughter ewes steady. Feeder lambs not well tested. Nannies weak; kids 10.00-25.00 higher. Trading and demand moderate.

SLAUGHTER LAMBS WOOLED & SHORN: Choice and Prime 1-2 51-55 lbs 304.00-317.00; 62-68 lbs 292.00-306.00; 72-78 lbs 262.00-278.00; 81-85 lbs 250.00-276.00; 103 lbs 220.00-255.00. Choice and Prime 2-3 110-124 lbs 214.00-242.00. Choice 1-2 45 lbs 280.00; 63-65 lbs 280.00; 72 lbs 240.00; 85 lbs 228.00; 103 lbs 220.00. HAIR BREEDS: Choice and Prime 1-2 43-49 lbs 298.00-342.00; 50-59 lbs 300.00-336.00; 60-69 lbs 282.00-328.00; 70-79 lbs 268.00-300.00; 80-88 lbs 238.00-280.00; 90-99 lbs 220.00-278.00; 101-107 lbs 220.00-258.00. Choice and Prime 2-3 111-121 lbs 220.00-226.00. Choice 1-2 40-46 lbs 278.00-286.00; 52 lbs 250.00; 63-69 lbs 270.00-280.00; 72-78 lbs 232.00-268.00; 83-89 lbs 210.00-238.00; 100-114 lbs 190.00-220.00. Choice 2-3 123-137 lbs 180.00-200.00. Good 1-3 43 lbs 225.00; 65-66 lbs 240.00; 74-78 lbs 200.00. SLAUGHTER GOATS KIDS: Selection 1 40-49 lbs 310.00-340.00; 50-59 lbs 300.00-346.00; 60-68 lbs 304.00-336.00; 70-72 lbs 308.00-332.00 Selection 1-2 40-48 lbs 270.00-330.00; 50-55 lbs 270.00-326.00; 60-69 lbs 260.00-312.00; 70-79 lbs 262.00-308.00; 80-88 lbs 245.00-289.00; 90 lbs 280.00. Selection 2 40 - 43 lbs 225.00-250.00; 59 lbs 220.00; 60-68 lbs 240.00-260.00; 78 lbs 240.00.

New Holland Sheep and Goat Auction New Holland, Pa. Aug. 2, 2021

Compared to last week, woolled and shorn slaughter lambs and hair breed slaughter lambs sold weak. Ewes and hair ewes sold strong. Bucks and hair bucks sold strong on a light comparison. Buyer demand was moderate on a moderate supply for the slaughter lamb sale. Slaughter kids sold weak. Nannies/does 70 to 100 lbs sold weak; nannies/does 100 to 150 lbs sold 10.00 to 20.00 higher. Bucks/billies sold weak. Wethers sold weak. Buyer demand was moderate on a moderate supply for the slaughter goat sale.

SLAUGHTER LAMBS WOOLED & SHORN: Choice 1-3 38 lbs 225.00; 40-45 lbs 250.00-285.00; 50-58 lbs 245.00-295.00; 60-68 lbs 245.00-300.00; 70-79 lbs 250.00-290.00; 81-87 lbs 230.00-300.00; 91-98 lbs 260.00-305.00; 100-147 lbs 225.00-310.00; 155 lbs 250.00. Good and Choice 1-2 60-67 lbs 210.00-245.00; 70-74 lbs 225.00-237.00; 85 lbs 205.00; 90-98 lbs 200.00-225.00; 100-145 lbs 165.00-240.00; 150 lbs 160.00.

HAIR BREEDS: Choice 1-3 41-49 lbs 255.00-270.00; 55 lbs 255.00-265.00; 62-69 lbs 235.00-265.00; 70-78 lbs 220.00-260.00; 80-89 lbs 227.00-245.00; 90-95 lbs 230.00-255.00; 100-123 lbs 220.00-244.00; 115 lbs 300.00. Good and Choice 1-2 70 lbs 185.00; 83 lbs 205.00; 93-98 lbs 200.00-216.00; 100-135 lbs 145.00-185.00.

SLAUGHTER GOATS KIDS: Selection 1 20 lbs 65.00; 30-39 lbs 65.00-80.00; 40-49 lbs 95.00-125.00; 50-59 lbs 135.00-195.00; 60-69 lbs 220.00-285.00; 70-79 lbs 195.00-265.00; 80-89 lbs 210.00-265.00; 90-99 lbs 290.00-320.00. Selection 2 40-49 lbs 50.00-75.00; 50-59 lbs 105.00-170.00; 60-69 lbs 130.00-190.00; 80 lbs 185.00. Selection 3 50-59 lbs 50.00-80.00; 60 lbs 115.00.

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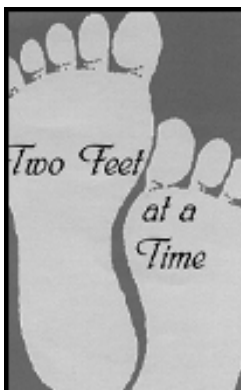
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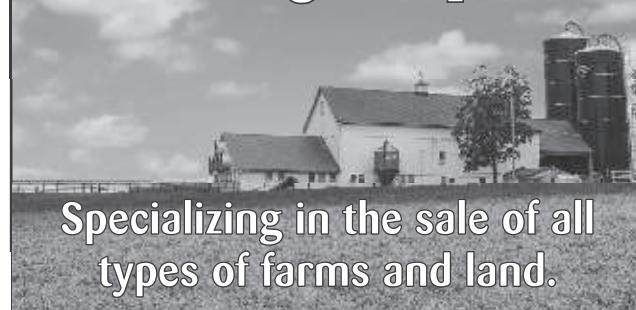
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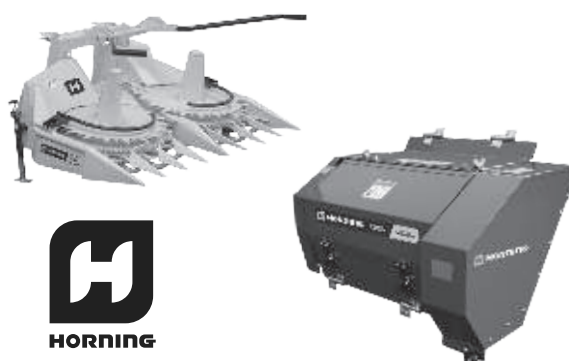
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Farmer Leadership Programs Provide Summer Learning & Networking

July was a busy month for corn farmer leadership training and education programs. Class 5 of the CORE Farmer Program met after a COVID-induced hiatus of over a year. Classmates were glad to be reunited and to learn from each other in Session 6 of the seven-session curriculum. The silver lining for Class 5's extended schedule is that they had two summer, on-farm seminars in crop growing weather to learn more practical, in-field instruction and insight.

CORE Alumni opened their farms and showcased their strategies for crop and farm management, diversification, and collaboration to move their operations into the next generation. Special thanks to Willis Jepson, Bill Pearson and Joseph Sisk for hosting on their farms, and a very special thanks to Randy and Anne Mann for insisting on hosting the class on their farm for a reunion and dinner.

A special highlight of the program for this session was a panel discussion entitled "Agriculturalists Who Make Things Happen." Wayne Hunt, Jimmy Tosh and Willis Jepson shared the stories and perspectives of their careers. Brian Lacefield moderated the discussion that was filled with history of innovation and accomplishment.

KyCorn was also honored to host the Kansas Corn Corps Leadership Program in early August. This group of 10 couples spent time with Walnut Grove Farms and Orlinda Melon Company on Sunday. They visited the Owensboro Riverport Authority and Green River Distilling Company on Monday. Then, Strode Farms and L. Hust Farms on Tuesday. It was a great chance to allow CORE alumni an opportunity to network with young leaders from another state.



Bill Peason, CORE 4 Alum, walks Class 5 participants through an indigo field.



Giants in Kentucky agriculture—Wayne Hunt, Jimmy Tosh, Willis Jepson, and Brian Lacefield—share stories and advice.



Richard and Jason Strode welcome the KS Corps Leadership Class to their farm for lessons on what the Ohio River means to them at Strode Farms.