

Farming, fun, political jabs part of annual ham breakfast

LOUISVILLE – Gov. Andy Beshear didn't show up in person. Then he talked via video for more than 15 minutes, summarizing economic successes since he has been office and addressing the pandemic, among other things.

The whole scene was just too good to pass up for a seasoned politician like U.S. Sen. Mitch McConnell.

"I was sitting there thinking that I thought only senators engaged in filibusters," McConnell told the large crowd at the Kentucky Farm Bureau Country Ham Breakfast during the Kentucky State Fair.

McConnell, Sen. Rand Paul, Agriculture Commissioner Dr. Ryan Quarles, and Louisville Mayor Greg Fischer were part of the very large indoor crowd that participated in the ham breakfast.

McConnell said last's years enactment of the CARES Act was a remarkable thing and the reason people could attend the state fair this year.

"We set aside \$50 million for operation warp speed to see just how fast we could get one or more vaccines that would work," he said.

McConnell, who suffered from polio as a child, said that 90 percent of people hospitalized due to Covid-19 are not vaccinated.

"There is really no debate about what works," he said, adding that getting vaccinated works. "It's not a dispute, not an opinion, it's fact."

McConnell compared the ham breakfast to the State of the Union at the federal level.

"It's the one time every year that the entire



This year's country ham auction not only broke the record, it broke the record and then some. The Kentucky Farm Bureau Country Ham Breakfast netted a \$4.8 million bid for charity, split between Kelly Craft, former U.S. Ambassador to the United Nations, and Central Bank. Shown (front row, from left) are Sharon Furches, Vince Marrow, Kelly Craft, Miss Kentucky Haley Wheeler, Luther Denton, Commissioner Ryan Quarles, Mark Wheeler, (back row from left) John Sparrow, Drew Graham, Mark Haney, Eddie Melton, Will Gregory, Beth Drennan, Ronny Drennan, and David Beck.

KFB ham breakfast raises record \$4.8 million

LOUISVILLE – The 57th annual Kentucky Farm Bureau Country Ham Breakfast brought in a record-breaking \$4.8 million bid for charity. The Grand Champion Country Ham auction is a KFB state fair tradition dating back to 1964.

Several of Kentucky's top businesses and individual donors participated in a lively round of bidding for the ham, which weighed 17 pounds and was produced by Ronny and Beth Drennan of Broadbent B&B in Kuttawa. In the end, a combined bid from Kelly Craft, former U.S. Ambassador to the United Nations, and Central Bank won the prized ham.

"Joe and I are thrilled to experience for the first time this unique

tradition hosted by Kentucky Farm Bureau every year to benefit Kentucky charities," said Craft. "Our commitment of \$2.4 million will focus on issues of economic and community development across the commonwealth, with a special focus in West Louisville. Joe, a Hazard native and myself a Glasgow native, know that when Louisville does well the rest of the state does well, and vice versa."

Craft plans to donate her prized country ham to Dudley's on Short in Lexington where owner Debbie Long will feature a country ham item on her menu and 100 percent of proceeds will go to charity.

Luther Deaton, president and CEO of Central Bank, said "Central

Bank is thrilled to be the co-winner of this year's Kentucky State Fair award-winning country ham. We are grateful to Kentucky Farm Bureau for hosting this event and providing us with the opportunity to celebrate Kentucky agriculture while supporting charitable giving."

Proceeds from Central Bank's winning bid will be donated to various charities and non-profit organizations, including multiple University of Kentucky entities, Keeneland Sponsorship (Ashland Stakes), Transylvania University, Lexington Urban League, Horizon Community Funds of Northern Kentucky, St. Elizabeth Foundation, EKU Athletics, Kit Carson Commons and others.

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Beekeepers buzz at Kentucky State Fair

LOUISVILLE – Things are always buzzing at the Kentucky State Beekeepers Association Kentucky State Fair Certified Honey booth. But the beekeepers aren't just selling honey, they are educating fairgoers about beekeeping and the production of honey. One booth offers honey for sale and honey products are part of educational displays and fair exhibits adjacent to the honey booth.

Until 2017 the beekeepers were tucked out of sight near the 4-H exhibits in the West Hall. When youth livestock exhibits were reorganized to conduct the Championship Drive, the bee booth got a prime location just at the West Hall entrance.

The organization of the honey sales booth falls to Scott Moore, the honey production program manager for the Kentucky Department of Agriculture since early 2021.

Each year Kentucky State Beekeepers Association members offer their honey for sale and provide volunteers for the booth.

In April, Moore, a hobby beekeeper, began organizing this year's booth and soliciting volunteers from 50 beekeepers associations around the state. Eleven different associations volunteered to work a day at the booth, providing more than 120 volunteers during the 10 days of the fair.

Moore recruited a committee of beekeepers to determine the sale prices for the different sizes of honey sold in pound increments.

"We looked at marketing reports from several different industry publications to set a consistent, fair price for all the honey that would be for sale at the booth," Moore said.

The booth, which is the primary fundraiser for the association, keeps 30 percent of the sales. Honey producers start delivering honey to the Kentucky State Fair beginning the weekend before the fair and the following two days. There is an inventory of each producer's honey, which Moore and the producer document.

Honey is inventoried at the end of

each day. After the fair, Moore will inventory each producer's remaining honey and tabulate the proceeds for the association and the producer.

Moore said that the 2019 fair brought in proceeds of \$70,000. This year, based on the first four days of the fair, he projected income would be in the \$40,000 range.

While the booth sells honey, the volunteers constantly explain the production of honey and encourage the fairgoer to visit nearby exhibits.

Joe Taylor, an association member from Grayson County, was available along with state apiarist Tammy Horn Potter to help explain beekeeping to visitors. Taylor said the most interest is in the honey fair exhibits that offer a great deal of pride to the winning producers. He pointed out the black jar entries: jars of honey wrapped in black paper and are essentially judged blind. Honey has several different judging criteria based on observation. Taylor says winning the "black jar" is an actual claim to fame for the producer.

The observation beehive is another popular part of the bee and honey exhibit. Taylor points out the queen marked with a white dot and how the workers surround and take care of her.

The honey and bee education continues with a yearly visit from the American Honey Queen. Moore said that bringing the Honey Queen to the fair is some of the best money the association spends each year. The association only pays for a hotel room and a stipend for daily meals.

Association President Tom Ballinger agreed.

"The Queen always draws a crowd, and this year's Queen, Jennifer Hinkel from Franklin, Wisc., is exceptional, a fantastic speaker and extremely knowledgeable," he noted.

The queen and Ballinger presented two honey cooking demonstrations on the stage of the Gourmet Cooking Garden in the South Wing. The duo prepared four different honey dishes for the standing-room-only crowd.

Ballinger promotes Kentucky Cer-



Members of the Kentucky State Beekeepers not only sell Certified Kentucky Honey but educate about honey production.

tified Honey throughout the fair. He constructed a booth outlining the different equipment necessary for raising bees. Every sit-down event has table favors of honey, and every booth in the

Kentucky CookOut Tent has a bottle of honey available to add a sweet accent to any meal.

By Toni Riley
Field Reporter

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Feeder cattle supply over 600 lbs was 7%.

Feeder Cattle: Medium and Large 1-2: 395# 134.00; 458# 135.00; 640# 116.00. Large 2: 335# 125.00

Bulls: 290# 161.00; 385# 144.00; 458# 137.00.

Slaughter Cattle: Breaker 75-80%: 1410-1860# 63.00-72.00; 1420-1740# 73.00-80.00. Boner 80-85% 62.00-72.00; 1120-1390# 73.00-81.00; 1115-1540# 50.00-61.00. Lean 85-90% 760-1200# 52.00-62.00; 820-1055# 64.00-71.00; 725-1190# 41.00-49.00.

Bulls: 1-2: 1410-2145# 94.00-104.00; 1700-2055# 105.00-113.00; 1640# 86.00.

Fresh/Milking Cows: Approved, 1 Head, 1125.00, Jersey; Medium, 3 Head, 900.00-975.00, Jersey; Common, 3 Head, 700.00-1000.00; Common, 2 Head, 725.00-750.00, Jersey.

Bred Heifers: Medium T1, 1 Head, 825.00.

Springer Heifers: Medium T3, 4 Head, \$875.00-\$1075.00; Common T3, 5 Head, 675.00-825.00.

Baby Bull Calves: 21 Head, 5.00-120.00; 7 Head 140.00-220.00 Beef Cross; 4 Head 80.00-130.00 Crossbred; 14 Head, 5.00-25.00 Jersey.

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KFB ham breakfast celebrates 57th year at state fair

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government is in one place,” he said. “This is the one time that all of state leadership is in one place. This is truly unique, and Kentucky Farm Bureau, you invented it and you deserve the credit for it.”

McConnell criticized the recent Democrat-backed \$2.2 trillion relief package and said Larry Summers, the treasury secretary under former President Bill Clinton, warned that passage would create rapid inflation and difficulty in getting people back to work.

“My guess is, Larry Summers is not on the Christmas card list anymore at the White House, because that is what you all are experiencing.”

McConnell warned of the impact of President Biden’s plan to alter the stepped-up basis allowed in tax laws, which could have a major impact when farms are passed down to the next generation.

He called a move to increase corporate income taxes as a “complete assault on what was the most productive economy in 50 years the month before the pandemic hit.”

Sen. Paul also voiced his support for receiving the Covid-19 vaccine but was critical that health care officials are not encouraging people who contract the virus to be treated with monoclonal (mAb) antibodies. He encouraged anyone who becomes ill with Covid-19 to ask their doctor about the antibodies, which are given as an infusion for outpatients.

“It can save your life,” he said, noting that it has to be taken before the virus causes pneumonia.

Paul thanked Kentucky farmers for feeding the world.

“Prosperity is the exception to the rule. Poverty, lack of food, and starvation are the normal state of human affairs for almost all of human history,” he said. “It come from hard work, work ethic...traditional values, but it also comes from the economic system. We take for granted because we have it and we think it can’t be taken away from us.”

Paul warned that socialists have now been elected to Congress and are “pulling the strings on this massive \$24.5

trillion worth of debt.”

Commissioner Quarles thanked McConnell and Paul and Kentucky’s congressional delegation for fighting “out-of-control anti-agriculture ideals every day in Washington, D.C.”

Mark Haney, president of Kentucky Farm Bureau, hosted the morning’s ceremonies. During his remarks, he highlighted the work of Kentucky Farm Bureau throughout the state, especially in light of the recent challenges amid the COVID-19 pandemic.

“It is a true honor to be back to celebrate our 57th year of the Kentucky Farm Bureau Country Ham Breakfast and Charitable Auction. While this past year has been a challenge for folks across our state, we have continued to work hard at KFB and that is evident by the support we’ve seen today at this great event. We are looking forward to another successful year at Kentucky Farm Bureau and are glad we could celebrate the best of Kentucky agriculture today,” said Haney.

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Gov. Andy Beshear did not attend the in-door Kentucky Farm Bureau ham breakfast during the Kentucky State Fair but he did attend the commodity breakfast, which was held under a tent on opening day. He also attended the official opening ceremonies, which were also held outdoors.

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What about democracy?



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I consider myself pretty conservative. I believe in less government, more individual responsibility. I tend to think people who are more liberal than me believe the government should be our problem-solver and trust government more than I do.

Lately, however, I find myself moving away from the term “conservative” and thinking there has to be another word to describe people like myself.

I hear all the uproar about masks and mandates and the infringement on our freedoms, and I hear very little reasonable discussion.

Having anything more than anarchy and less than a dictatorship is a collective agreement to give up certain rights. We agree to obey man’s law. We elect our representation and they legislate, administer or judicate the laws. We agree to follow them.

That doesn’t mean we don’t have “freedom.” It means we give up certain “rights” so we can co-exist.

For instance, we agree that people can own property. If you own it, someone else cannot take it away from you. That’s the law.

We agree that one person is not entitled to cause another person physical injury.

We also agree that the government oversees the production of goods in this country. Everything is expected to meet some standard or stamp of approval. Food, pharmaceuticals, health care, home building supplies...the government is pretty much involved in everything. Nobody knows that better than a farmer.

If the government is involved in everything, then when does it become overreach?

There is no clear answer and there is no line in the sand that has democracy to the left and communism to the right. There is a constant and real threat to the lines between our three branches of government. Our legislature has the authority to legislate. Our executive branch does not. We seem to be spending a lot of time in the judicial branch while the executive and legislative branches argue about who has what authority.

I will be in the front of the line to protect our constitutional rights to free speech, freedom of the press, freedom of religion, freedom to assemble, freedom to petition the government for a redress of grievances, and our rights to bear arms.

But I truly, truly believe that we have got to stop throwing out the “communism card” every time a regulation comes along that we don’t like or when we question whether the executive

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Trying times in the dairy world

As we enter the fall, we truly are experiencing tough times for dairy producers. Our greatest concern is financial. The prices we receive for our milk is not covering our cost of production. The feed cost pressure is very serious for every dairyman. Very seldom in my 50 years of selling milk have I seen feed costs so high at the same time milk prices were also high.

Our pricing outlook for the next six months, according to the CME Class III and Class IV futures, is actually depressed from our present prices. This is alarming for everyone producing milk.

How did we get to this dilemma of high feed cost and low milk prices? Obviously, the feed cost is a result of huge demand for corn and soybeans compared to their production. The low milk prices have many contributing factors, but the two biggest are reduced consumption of fluid milk and very high milk production from a growing number of cows in the national milk herd and more milk production per cow. We dairymen are too good at what we do. We keep producing more milk and we have increased the supply, greatly surpassing the demand.

As capitalists and independent businessmen, most producers have resisted any kind of quota on milk production in the past. With national overproduction, milk co-op’s are implementing base plans and other forms of controlling production.

Maybe quotas should be looked at nationally if we are going to maintain our small and medium sized dairy farms. Many dairymen in Kentucky cannot increase their size to take financial advantage of large scale dairying. The question is, “Are small and medium sized farms going to survive in today’s world of dairy economics?” I don’t have an easy answer.

KDDC hosted a value-added dairy conference in Bowling Green on July 21 and 22.

As part of the conference we toured Chaney’s dairy barn operations, and Kenny’s cheese processing plant. These are both examples of farmers taking the milk from their cows and processing into retail sellable products such as chocolate milk, ice cream and cheese. The Kenny Mattingly and Carl Chaney families have both been successful at selling value-added milk products. However, both operations would tell you it takes a lot of commitment, hard work, and financial resources to engage in these endeavors. Along those lines, at the annual Dairy Alliance conference in Nashville, Dr. Charlie Hatcher,

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Bulls taking a wait and see



MARKET WATCH

Dewey Strickler

While we are not setting the world on fire in exports, they tend to improve from September-October until April-June.

Weather has mostly passed its shelf life in corn. However, questions remain regarding yield potential and production, but the answers will not be known until the combines roll at harvest. Once it begins and yield reports are heard, the focus will turn to demand and prospects in South America.

Meanwhile, the marketing year is winding down for corn with inspections last week at 28.5 million bushels. Cumulative shipments this season are running at 2.562 billion bushels versus USDA's target of 2.775 billion bushels. Shipments to China have fallen 45 percent from their peak in early June. Shipments to them are expected to remain unchanged from a year ago. While we are not setting the world on fire in exports, they tend to improve from September-October until April-June.

Looking ahead, the bulls may take a wait and see approach in corn until the next issue piques their interest.

There could still be some weather issues in soybeans, but the clock is ticking. Concerns of an early frost will soon be the next threat on everyone's mind. Like corn, we will not have a handle on yield and production until the combines head to the field at harvest.

Meanwhile, exports continue to lag. Inspections last week were below the previous week at 7.8 million bushels. Cumulative shipments are running at 2.163 billion bushels versus USDA's projection of 2.26 billion bushels. China will continue to have interest, but the USDA lowered their imports 1 million tons to 101 million. If we follow the norm, shipments will likely rise until November from where they generally peak. Once harvest gets into full swing, the focus will soon turn to South America and prospective plantings.

While most associate China with purchases of soybeans and corn, they also are showing interest in wheat. Last week, export inspections were a marketing year high at 24.1 million bushels with China taking 25.8 percent of shipments.

In other developments, spring wheat harvest is beginning to wind down at 77 percent done compared to the average of 55 percent. The rapid pace of harvest is attributed to low yields.

While wheat may follow corn and soybeans, it is beginning to trade on its own merits.

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China remains our biggest export market and biggest troublemaker

Talk about mixed messaging.

Two homemade campaign signs from last fall's presidential election remain on the edge of a sprawling, well-kept dairy farm I recently passed. One, large and white against a green backdrop of tasseled corn, touts Donald Trump; the other, smaller and more wordy, declares that if Biden wins, all Americans soon will be "working for China."

In large parts of the U.S., many – maybe even most – American farmers already are working for China and, even more ironically, they got there courtesy of former President Donald Trump, not Joe Biden.

Perhaps more upside down, at least according to the logic contained in the Wisconsin signs, President Joe Biden appears to be in no hurry to undo the Trump trade policies that continue to deliver today's massive American ag sales to China. In fact, trade with China was just one of the two geopolitical topics the 2020 presidential foes agreed on.

How did we get to this who's-on-first mash-up? Let's review.

In the 2016 presidential race, candidate Donald Trump threatened a tariff fight with China and, after his election, acted quickly to keep his word. Then, for almost two years thereafter, if China made it – washing machines, steel, aluminum, solar panels – Trump put a tariff on it.

The Chinese retaliated by hitting key U.S. ag exports like soybeans, pork, and beef with tariffs of their own. The fight quickly turned costly and the Trump White House tapped the U.S. Department of Agriculture's Commodity Credit Corporation \$30-billion credit line to reimburse U.S. farmers for lost export sales.

Talk – and a tariff war – isn't cheap, right?

After swapping cold stares and big losses, negotiators ironed out a partial truce in 2020 and U.S. ag exports to China began to rise. Many other Trump era tariffs, however, remained and, to this day, continue to clip U.S. manufacturers who incongruently believed a Biden presidency would restore tariff-free markets with China.

The increased U.S. ag exports to China, however, coincided with two seminal events there – a widespread outbreak of African Swine Fever that decimated the nation's sow herd to cut retail meat supplies and the swift, deadly rise of the Covid-19 pandemic. The two punches meant China – trade war or not – needed boatloads of U.S.-grown food.

That demand remains. In late May, USDA forecast ag exports to China will "hit a record high of \$35 billion in FY 2021... eclipsing the previous record of \$29.6 billion in FY 2014." Equally impressive, the new forecast was \$3.5 billion over February's rosy forecast.

Worldwide, U.S. ag exports are expected to be about \$164 billion in the current Oct. 1, 2020-to-Sept. 30, 2021 fiscal year. That means China will buy 21 percent of all U.S. ag exports to "remain the largest market for U.S. agricultural exports" this year, "followed by Canada and Mexico."

As such, does any American farmer or rancher still believe he or she isn't working – at least part-time – for China?

More to the point, how is it that Joe Biden is a sell-out to



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Alan Guebert

That means China will buy 21 percent of all U.S. ag exports to "remain the largest market for U.S. agricultural exports" this year, "followed by Canada and Mexico."

Headline



KENTUCKY POULTRY FEDERATION

PRESIDENT

**Dan
Flanagan**

As the 2021 Kentucky State Fair draws to a conclusion, we can look back and say it was good to be back in person and catch up with our great Kentucky agriculture community. It was great to see the winning Kentucky country ham sell for a new record (4.8 million dollars) at the Kentucky Farm Bureau Ham Breakfast help many charitable causes. It was cool to see a 1600+ pound pumpkin and the many sights, sounds and smells of the Kentucky State Fair.

Our goal at this year's fair was to have a larger presence than we have in the past. As you know, the Kentucky Poultry Federation is an organization tasked with promoting and educating about the Kentucky's poultry industry. At the state fair, we sponsored events, helped with 4-H poultry judging contest, conducted several cooking demonstrations at the Gourmet Garden, and organized the first ever FCCLA Egg cooking contest. We took the opportunity that the state fair offers to tell our story of Kentucky poultry agriculture to the farm community, schools, and the public at this year's fair.

I urge each and every one of you to reach out to the organizations that you are a part of and ask how you can assist the worthy causes of your organization.

As Kentucky Poultry Federation's Festival draws closer, my three terms as president will come to an end October 2 in Lexington. During my tenure as president, I have attempted to lead our organization to be more active in our state and local governments, in our communities, and to tell our story. We have looked for wins to help build momentum, as well as, tackled complex issues. I have encouraged my fellow board members, the staff of the Kentucky Poultry Federation, and all of us to stay focused on the big picture as we make decisions to move our organization forward. We are Kentucky's number one farm commodity and with that comes certain responsibilities and opportunities.

I am indeed honored to have been appointed

to the Kentucky Agricultural Finance Corporation Board by Kentucky Department Agriculture Commissioner Dr. Ryan Quarles.

The KAFRC has the statutory responsibility and authority to administer agricultural loans to Kentucky farmers, which is a part of the Kentucky Tobacco Settlements Funds. This program has greatly enhanced the opportunities of many young and beginning poultry farmers.

I urge each and every one of you to reach out to the organizations that you are a part of and ask how you can assist the worthy causes of your organization. Please take advantage of the opportunities that are afforded to each of you and to which you can participate. Use your strengths and contacts to build your community, your business, and Kentucky's agriculture.

I will continue to be a part of an organization that I've watched grow and mature over the past many years. Please stay involved and help support with your time, talents, energy and resources as you can.

DAN FLANAGAN is president of the Kentucky Poultry Federation.

What about democracy?

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branch has a certain authority.

I believe we have some bad laws on the books. I think our government caters to people of power and wealth. I believe we have failed people of color, native Americans, other nations that have trusted us, and if you get right down to it, we are so inconsistent I don't know why any other country would trust us in anything.

With that said, I also think we are still one of the greatest nations on earth and we have a democracy we should hold on to dearly. With all our flaws, we offer the best government a bunch of imperfect, sinful humans can offer.

We have got to stop the extreme attitudes while admitting that we are flawed. We have also got to start admitting that we need government to be involved when we are fighting a war against a virus that can kill millions of people.

Does that mean we blindly trust our government? Never! It also doesn't mean we automatically believe

our government will fail us. Sometimes, when we set aside our differences, we actually accomplish great things.

I don't have the answers, but I know this. I see what is happening in Afghanistan. Women will no longer be able to leave their homes unattended by a male. Christians are being murdered because of their faith. People are holding onto airplanes until they fall to their death because that is better than staying in their home country.

Surely we can stop all the stupidity and figure out a way to cling to what is good. Surely we are more afraid of what our country would look like without our government structure than we are afraid of what it looks like if we work within the system we have in place to solve our problems.

There are no perfect answers. There is only compromise. That's what democracy has always been about. Democracy is a nation full of people willing to give where they need to give for the common good.

It's when we lose sight of the common good that we lose ourselves.

Trying times in the dairy world

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operation in middle-Tennessee that his per cwt. was \$87 when it was sold in the form of milk products they processed compared to the normal price of \$18-\$19/cwt. for commodity raw milk we dairymen sell.

I encourage dairymen to checkout the value-added option as a possible way of being more profitable as a milk producer. KDCC announced in July the retirement of Meredith Scales as a consultant and Eunice Schlappi retired from the Kentucky Department of Agriculture as dairy specialists. Both of these individuals have given their life to the dairy industry and will be sorely missed. Congratulations on your retirement and please continue to attend dairy events so we can visit.

Dairying is a tough business, but we are a persistent bunch and we will persevere even in tough times. During the upcoming football season, add extra cheese to your burgers, heap on the cheddar to your chili cheese hotdogs, and polish off the tailgating season with a double-scoop of local ice cream.

HH BARLOW is the executive director of the Kentucky Dairy Development Council.

Mixed messaging

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China as he continues to maintain \$350 billion in non-ag tariffs imposed by Trump that infuriate U.S. Big Biz?

The honest truth is that the Biden Administration's quick adoption of Trump's tariff policy--good as it may be for American agriculture and bad as it may be for other American industries--gives the White House what it now needs with China: leverage to challenge China's

rising economic and military power at the negotiating table rather than some cyber or military battlefield.

So, don't expect Biden White House officials to reverse the Trump trade stance any time soon. It's delivering exactly what they want and, even more importantly, exactly what almost every U.S. farmer wants.

And, yeah, that's rising exports, fatter profits, and--you guessed it--jobs.

Kentucky Soybean Board elects new executive committee

During its Aug. 10 board meeting, the Kentucky Soybean Promotion Board elected a new executive committee.

For fiscal year 2022, Larry Thomas of Elizabethtown will serve as chairman, Barry Alexander of Cadiz as vice chairman, and Fred L. Sipes of Ekron as secretary/treasurer.

The Kentucky Soybean Board is the entity charged with the oversight of Kentucky's soybean checkoff dollars, which are invested into education, research, and domestic and international marketing projects to help provide growers with opportunities for increased profits.

Board members are appointed. The four farmer-leaders appointed by the Kentucky Soybean Association are Allen Pace of LaCenter, Fred L. Sipes of Ekron, Adam Hendricks of Russellville, and Jonathan Reynolds of Clinton. The two Kentucky Farm Bureau appointees are Larry Thomas of Elizabethtown and Glenn Howell of Fulton. The Kentucky Department of Agriculture's appointee is Jeff King of Henderson.

Directors who serve at the national level also have seats on the board. American Soybean Association directors are Davie Stephens of Clinton, Caleb Ragland of Magnolia, and Gerry Hayden of Calhoun.

Kentucky's United Soybean Board directors are Barry Alexander of Cadiz, Ryan Bivens of Hodgenville, and Brent Gattton of Bremen.

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Left to right are Secretary/Treasurer Fred L. Sipes, Chairman Larry Thomas, and Vice Chairman Barry Alexander.

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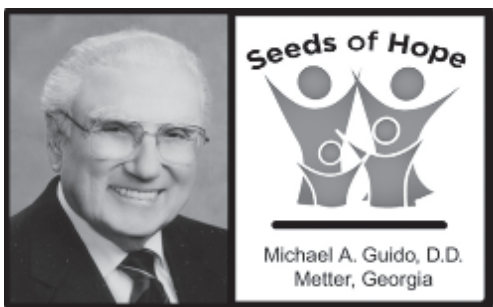
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God intended for each of us to enjoy a life that has meaning and is fulfilling, and satisfying. Man, created in the image of God, is to do the things of God and bring honor to his creator. Without God at the core of our life we will be, as the soldier was, living a wretched, worthless life.

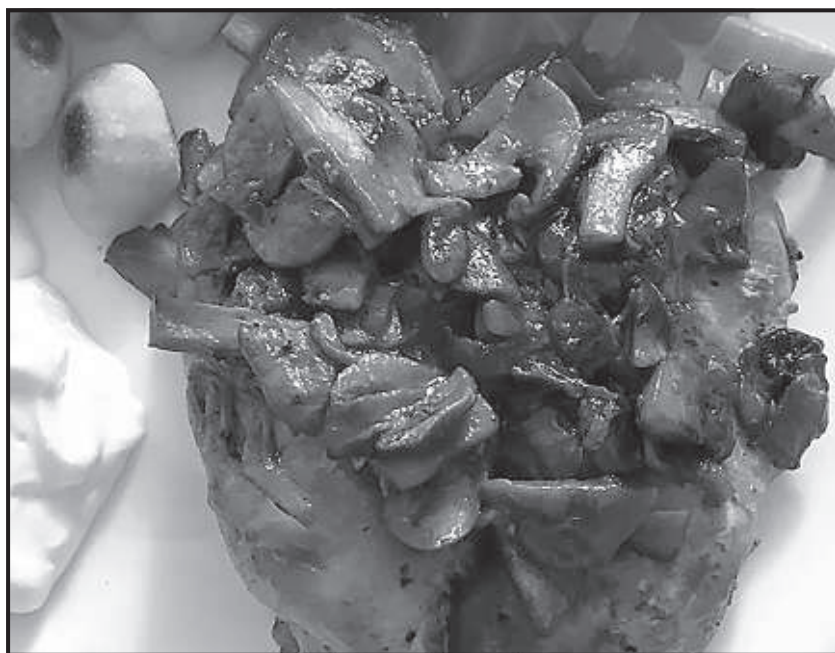
The last verse of Psalm 91 presents a picture of a person who has God at the core of his or her life. It tells us that the goal of this God-centered person is to satisfy God – to live a life that can be blessed by, empowered by and honored by God Himself.

Recently I asked a student to share with the class what Romans 6:23 meant to him. Standing before us he said, "Let me tell you about this verse. For me it reads, 'The wages of sin is an empty life.' I know because I've been there, worked hard and felt like my needle was on empty. It did not matter how successful my life appeared to be to those around me, it did not matter how much land I owned or how many houses I had or how much money I earned. My life was on 'empty' because I could never fill it with enough things for the needle to move to 'satisfied.'"

Scripture For Today: Psalm 91:16 "With long life I will satisfy him and show him my salvation."

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Chef John's Chicken and Mushrooms



2 chicken breast halves, boneless, skin-on
salt and ground black pepper to taste
2 tablespoons olive oil
8 ounces fresh mushrooms, sliced 1/4 inch thick
1 pinch salt
1/2 cup water
1 tablespoon butter
salt and ground black pepper to taste

Preheat oven to 400 degrees F
 Season chicken on all sides with salt and ground black pepper.
 Heat olive oil over medium-high heat in an oven proof skillet.
 Place chicken skin-side down in skillet and cook until browned, about 5 minutes.

Turn chicken over; stir mushrooms with a pinch of salt into skillet. Increase heat to high; cook, stirring mushrooms occasionally, until mushrooms shrink slightly, about 5 minutes.

Transfer skillet to the preheated oven and cook until chicken is no longer pink in the center and the juices run clear, 15 to 20 minutes. An instant-read thermometer inserted into the center should read 165 degrees F (74 degrees C). Transfer chicken breasts to a

plate and loosely tent with foil; set aside.

Set skillet on the stovetop over medium-high heat; cook and stir mushrooms until brown bits start to form on the bottom of the pan, about 5 minutes. Pour water into the skillet, and bring to a boil while scraping the browned bits off of the bottom of the pan. Cook until water is reduced by half, about 2 minutes. Remove from heat.

Stir in any accumulated juices from the chicken into the skillet. Stir butter into mushroom mixture, stirring constantly until butter is completely melted and incorporated.

Season with salt and pepper. Spoon mushroom sauce over chicken and serve.

Homemade Peach Crumb Bars

1 1/2 cups all-purpose flour
1/2 cup white sugar
1/2 teaspoon baking powder
1 pinch salt
10 tablespoons cold unsalted butter, cut into cubes
1 large egg yolk
1 tablespoon cold water

Preheat the oven to 375 degrees F (190 degrees C). Coat an 8x8-inch baking pan with cooking spray.

Whisk flour, sugar, baking powder, and salt together in a bowl. Next, cut in the cold butter using 2 forks or a pastry cutter then slowly mix in the egg yolk and cold water. Don't worry if the dough seems really crumbly; it should be!

Press 1/2 of the crumble mixture into the prepared pan to make the crust. Save the rest for the top of the bars.

Stir together peach slices, sugar, flour, lemon juice, vanilla extract, cinnamon, and nutmeg until combined. Evenly add peach filling to the top of the crust.

Sprinkle the remaining crumble over the peach filling.

Bake in the preheated oven until golden brown and set, 30 to 38 minutes. Cool bars to room temperature, then cut and serve.

Recipes courtesy of allrecipes.com



Thank you for your dedication

The Kentucky Ag Council recognized Bonnie Jolly and Warren Beeler for their service to Kentucky agriculture during a meeting held during the Kentucky State Fair.

Jolly has served as the executive director of the Kentucky Pork Producers, but



she was also recognized for her willingness to be a team player and work with and support all of agriculture. She is shown above (from left) with Keith

Rogers, Kentucky Department of Agriculture; Mark Barker, chairman of the Kentucky Ag Council; Jolly) and Jennifer Elwell, Kentucky Ag Council

treasurer. Shown above right, Tony Brannon (left) reads a plaque to Warren Beeler. The Ag Council passed a resolution honoring Beeler, known as "Mr.



Agriculture" last year with plans to present the plaque in person when possible. Beeler served Kentucky agriculture in several roles throughout his career.

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4th Overall Hog: Mitchell Webster, Campbell County 4-H, California
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3rd Overall Goat: Madison Goecke, Bracken County FFA, Augusta
4th Overall Goat: Madison Goecke, Bracken County FFA, Augusta
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Grand Champion Lamb: Ty Jones, Allen County 4-H, Scottsville
Reserve Champion Lamb: Sydney Warren, Spencer County FFA, Fisherville
3rd Overall Lamb: Emily Myers, Meade County FFA, Brandenburg
4th Overall Lamb: Jayde Cantrell, Clark County FFA, Winchester
5th Overall Lamb: Mason Miracle, Bourbon County FFA, Paris

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Reserve Champion Steer: Ellie Brooke Ramey, Pendleton County FFA, Falmouth
3rd Overall Steer: Cecilia Tarvin, Bracken County 4-H, Brooksville

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5th Overall Steer: Jayde Cantrell, Clark County FFA, Winchester

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Grand Champion Hog: Brayden Lancaster, Meade County FFA, Bardstown
Reserve Champion Hog: Caleb Underwood, Barren County 4-H, Glasgow
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4th Overall Hog: Mason Williams, Kenton County 4-H, Morning View
5th Overall Hog: Madiline Strain, Simon Kenton County FFA, Independent
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4th Overall Wether Dam: Caroline Mattingly, Calloway County 4-H, Murray
5th Overall Wether Dams: Chance Flach, Mercer County FFA, Harrodsburg

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3rd Overall Breeding Ewe: Sara Grace Mattingly, Calloway County 4-H, Murray
4th Overall Breeding Ewe: Caroline Groth, Locust Trace FFA, Lexington
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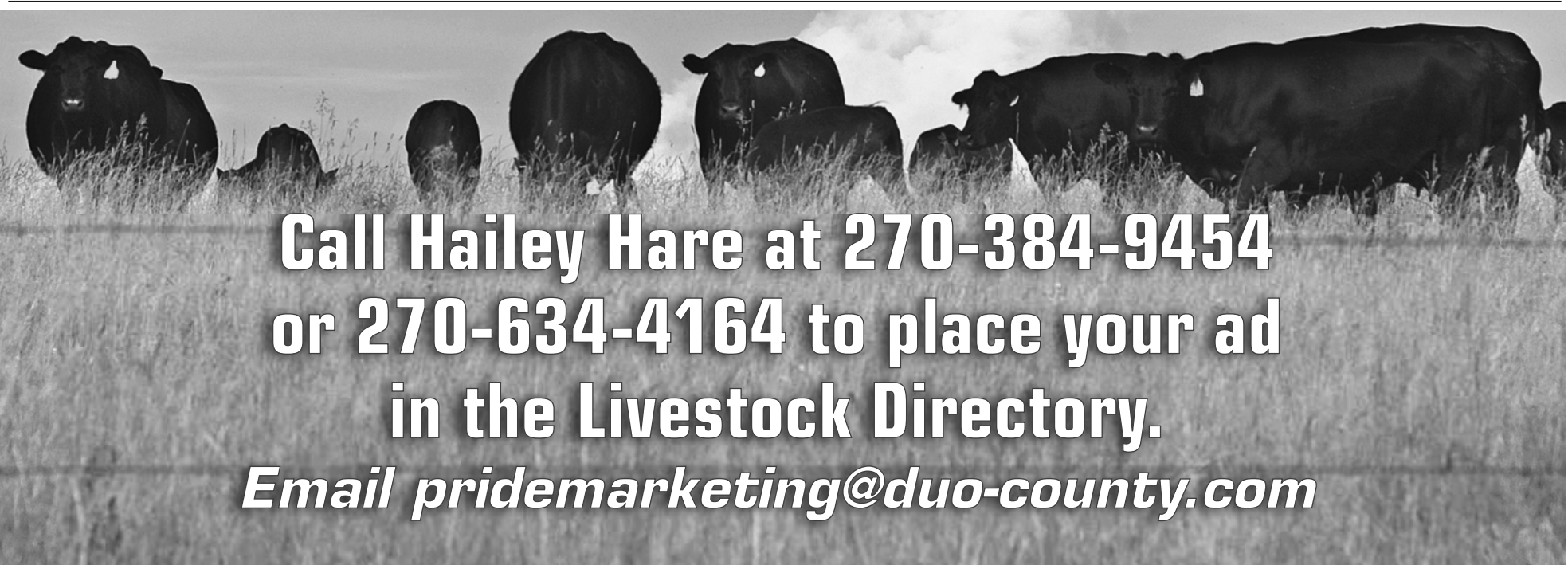
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Highest ever 'Ag tag' donations reach \$731,627 for 2021

Kentucky farmers donated \$731,627.67 to the Ag Tag Program for 2021 – the highest ever in program history, Commissioner of Agriculture Dr. Ryan Quarles announced.

The amount donated this year is \$119,884.59 more than last year's amount, and more than the previous highest donated amount, which was \$629,865.43 in 2017.

"I want to send a huge 'Thank You' to everyone who donated to the voluntary 'Ag Tag' program this year, surpassing all previous records and showing how much our agricultural community means to the state of Kentucky," Commissioner Quarles said. "Through the years, the Ag Tag Program has succeeded in providing much-needed funding for promoting agriculture and educating Kentucky's youth on the importance of agriculture in our everyday lives.

Your generosity will help ensure Kentucky agriculture has a bright future."

The voluntary donations are divided

in each county back to the local chapters in that county, so this means a greater impact in each community," said Sheldon McKinney, executive director of the Kentucky FFA Foundation. "We also use Ag Tag donations to fund Ag Achievers grants, which offer much needed technology upgrades to agriculture classrooms across Kentucky, provide travel scholarships to our students competing at National FFA Convention, and provide a great experience for our students at the Kentucky State Fair. The Ag Tag program has become a vital part of accomplishing our vision of Growing Leaders, Building Communities & Strengthening Agriculture."

"Farmer-supported Ag Tag dollars are instrumental in supporting 4-H programs in all 120 counties. Giving allows local 4-H programs to grow youth as leaders, build their communication skills, and develop them into active, engaged members of their com-



Commissioner of Agriculture Dr. Ryan Quarles presents members of 4-H with their portion of the Ag Tag money.



Commissioner of Agriculture Dr. Ryan Quarles presents members of FFA with their portion of the Ag Tag money.

equally among Kentucky 4-H, Kentucky FFA, and the Kentucky Department of Agriculture. This year each group will receive \$243,875.89.

The KDA uses its share of the Ag Tag funds for various programs such as the Ag Athlete of the Year awards, the Kentucky Leopold Conservation Award, Kentucky Women in Agriculture, and the University of Kentucky Grain and Forage Center of Excellence.

"The Kentucky FFA Foundation is thrilled with the 2021 Ag Tag campaign. We give half of the funds given

community," said Melissa Miller, executive director of the Kentucky 4-H Foundation. "Thank you to everyone who chose to make the \$10 donation and making this the best year on record in support of Kentucky's youth."

Kentucky motorists who buy or renew farm vehicle license plates may make a voluntary donation of up to \$10 to the fund. Half of the 4-H and FFA funds go back to the county where the tag is purchased, where both organizations use the funds to support local programming, awards, and scholarships.

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Forage Establishment – The best ways to get to do it

The Forage Doctor

By Jimmy Henning



Have you ever heard the saying “You never have time to do it right, but you always find time to do it over.”

My father said it to me often. You can imagine the context. In (my) defense, it is human nature to be in a hurry and to skip steps that seem to be less than absolutely necessary. Few processes on the farm provide as much temptation for this ‘skip a step’ thinking as forage establishment.

With a tip of the hat to my dad, here are my top ways to get to ‘do’ forage establishment over. I have made every mistake below, so consider this autobiographical.

Ignore the weather. Obviously, lack of rain, unseasonable weather, and other conditions beyond your control are part of farming. Sound management philosophy is be to control what

you can. Nature is not under our control.

Don’t read the manual (for the seeder). From spinner seeders to expensive no-till drills to cultipacker-type seeders, all can be successful when operated correctly. Improperly set equipment is one of the most common causes of doing it over.

Don’t check the seed depth and placement. News flash - most forage crops have small seeds. Small seeds need shallow placement. For some seeds, this is not more than ¼ inch (like crabgrass). Forage seeds benefit from being pressed into the soil as with a cultipacker or even cattle hooves. Rainfall or freeze-thaw cycles can be adequate for seed-soil contact with clover in frost seedings but not for grasses.

For forages with very small seeds like crabgrass and teff, no-till drills tend to place the seed too deep unless you have exceptional depth control and are very familiar with the drill. For these forages, doing some sort of tillage to expose

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Forage Establishment – The best ways to get to do it over!



Fall is the best time to seed perennial cool season grasses. For successful seedings, pay attention to key details such as seeder operation, seed depth and rate, variety, weeds and soil fertility. Short-cutting these steps during establishment will greatly increase the chances of getting to 'do it over.'

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bare dirt followed by broadcasting and rolling will generally be more successful.

Ignore weeds. The most successful seedings are where weed problems are addressed before and after seeding. Some weeds, like johnsongrass, are such problem weeds that it may take a multi-year approach to clean up a field, especially if it is going back into a grass. Preventing seed production of toxic tall fescue is critical for establishment of endophyte-free or novel tall fescues. New seedings are especially vulnerable to weed competition after seeding when seedlings are newly emerged and not fully established.

Not addressing fertility needs. Soil fertility is one variable you completely control, so get the soil test and get the critical amendments applied. Your extension agent can help you interpret a soil test report and develop a fertilizer strategy.

Ignoring the calendar. Hitting the right calendar window for seeding is complicated. There are generally accepted windows for seeding grasses and legumes but year to year variation in weather, access to equipment and frankly just time can be factors making you consider planting outside the optimum dates. Seeding outside of the recommended dates means you are choosing the greater risk of seeding failure with the 100 percent chance of failure if you don't seed at all.

Fall is the best time to seed cool season grasses, but ideally legumes should be added later (like a frost seeding in February). Grasses like tall fescue and orchardgrass require 7 to 10 days of moist conditions to emerge. Legumes germinate and emerge faster than grasses and are more competitive for light.

Legumes have taproots which give them an advantage over grasses when moisture is limiting. Legumes are more tolerant of drier and warmer conditions after emergence than the fibrous-rooted cool season grasses. So spring seedings favor legumes. The cooler, and typically wetter conditions of fall are the best for cool season grass establishment. Legumes drilled into a firm, moist seedbed can emerge in two to three days.

Using cheap seed. Uncertified or common seed is never worth the risk when seeding a perennial forage

crop. Do your homework on what is available from your preferred vendor and check those products against the extensive test data available from UK forages web site (forages.ca.uky.edu or just google UKY forage varieties). Blends or mixes can be good buys, but only if the tag confirms you are getting proven

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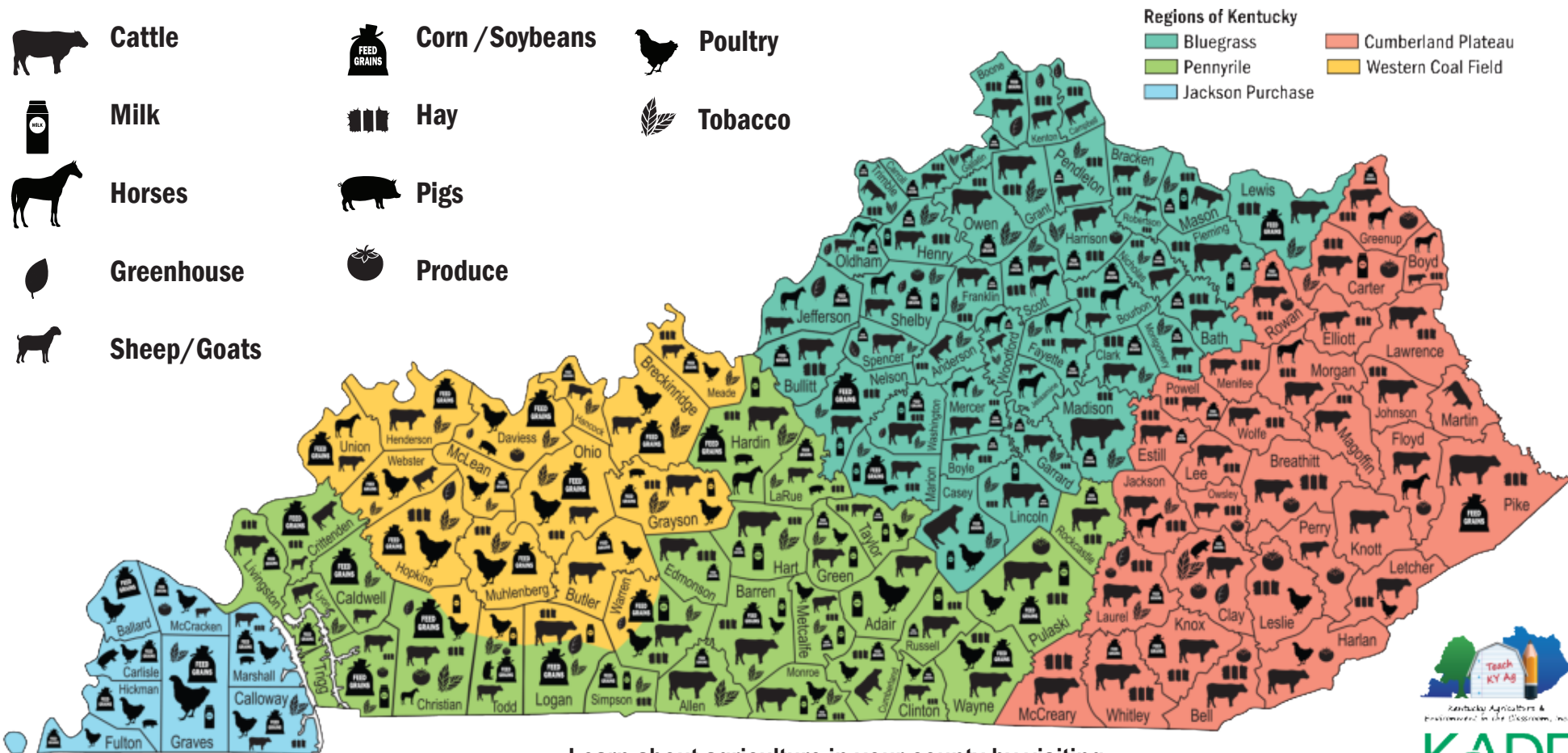


Help #TeachKyAg Educate Others About Agriculture in Your County

The Kentucky Agriculture and Environment in the Classroom showcased a new county agriculture map at the Kentucky State Fair this year based on numbers provided by the 2017 Census of Agriculture. This data is also provided online for teachers and students to learn about agriculture in their community. While a few farm profiles are provided for each, they would welcome more profiles for each county. That is where you can help.

Students and interested parties should visit the website below to view the farms listed for each county. To submit a new farm profile, provide one to three photos and a description that includes the farm's name, town, what they produce, any interesting history, and where to find more information to info@teachkyag.org. Providing names of family members is optional. Submissions may be featured on any of the #teachkyag websites and social media pages.

The icons in each county represent the commodities with the highest market sales reported on the 2017 Census of Agriculture for that county. Absence of an icon may indicate lower sales volume compared to other commodities, no sales reported, or there are very few farms producing that commodity.



Learn about agriculture in your county by visiting
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David Winchell elected to Kentucky Soybean Association Board

David Winchell of Hawesville was recently elected to serve on the Kentucky Soybean Association Board of Directors. Winchell fills the seat in the Green River Area left vacant by Jeff King of Henderson.

KSA directors are normally elected by the farmer members in their areas in January at the organization's annual meeting, but no names were put forth during that meeting and the seat has remained vacant until now. In accordance with organizational bylaws, the board members present at the Aug. 10 meeting voted on the nomination.

Winchell is a lifetime member of the association and says he looks forward to serving the best interests of soybean farmers across the state.

The Kentucky Soybean Association is a membership-based organization that focuses on policy efforts at both the state and national levels. KSA's farmer-leaders travel to Frankfort and host legislators on their farms to promote open dialogue about issues that affect those in the agriculture sector. Those same farmer-leaders have also developed relationships with our lawmakers in Washington, D.C. and (under normal circumstances) travel to the Capitol each year to visit our Senators, Congressmen and their staff members to talk about direct and unintended consequences of legislation and to lobby for the best interests of Kentucky's soybean farmers.

For 2021, KSA's directors are as follows.

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Purchase Area: Andrea Williford, Jonathan Reynolds, Dan Pirtle, and Allen Pace. Pennyriple Area: Craig Roberts, Scott Bridges, and Brent Gatton

Green River Area: Jason Strode, Clay Wells, David Winchell, and Jonathan Miller

Mammoth Cave Area: Adam Hendricks, Andy Alford, and Shane Wells

Lincoln Trail Area: Quint Pottinger, Anna Reding, Caleb Ragland, and Houston Howlett

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DOR Commissioner Thomas R. Miller

The Kentucky Department of Revenue is now accepting applications from eligible farmers for new agriculture exemption numbers designed to protect the sales and use tax exclusions available to the agricultural community.

While the statutory provisions for agriculture sales and use tax exemptions have not changed, the new tax ID number requirement will ensure only those who have pre-qualified with DOR are able to claim these exemptions.

Under the provisions of SB 148, enacted by the 2020 General Assembly and signed into law by Gov. Andy Beshear on March 27, 2020, all eligible farmers exempt from sales and use tax for the purchase of certain items must apply for and use their new agriculture exemption number when claiming applicable tax exemptions under KRS 139.481.

“Our Department of Revenue staff have worked closely with both the farming and retail communities in the development of a simple process to qualify for the exemption number,” DOR Commissioner Thomas B. Miller said.

“This application process and issuance of an agriculture exemption number will improve overall compliance with state tax codes while minimizing claims by parties ineligible for the exemptions. An upcoming release of a new searchable database will also make this process transparent and convenient for both the sellers and the buyers.”

The Application for the Agriculture Exemption Number, Form 51A800, is available at www.revenue.ky.gov under Sales Tax forms. Completed applications should be submitted by email to DOR.Webresponsesalestax@ky.gov or mailed to DOR’s Division of Sales and Use Tax, Station 66, P.O. Box 181, Frankfort, KY 40602-0181.

Applicants must verify their engagement in the type of farming eligible for sales and use tax exemptions included in KRS Chapter 139. These exclusions include certain items purchased for the purpose of raising livestock as food for human consumption or producing crops. To expedite the application process,

DOR advises applicants to supply the IRS Schedule F, Profit or Loss from Farming form, if possible.

The deadline to apply for the new agriculture exemption number for current farmers is January 1,

2022. The agriculture exemption number is valid for three years from the date issued by DOR.

LEGAL NOTICE

If you purchased Super S Supertrac 303 Tractor Hydraulic Fluid, Super S 303 Tractor Hydraulic Fluid, Cam2 ProMax 303 Tractor Hydraulic Oil, and/or Cam2 303 Tractor Hydraulic Oil from Tractor Supply Company (including Del’s Feed & Farm Supply), Orscheln Farm and Home, Rural King, and/or Atwood Stores between December 1, 2013, and the present, a Class Action Lawsuit and Settlement with the Four Retailer Defendants Could Affect Your Rights

READ THIS NOTICE CAREFULLY. YOUR LEGAL RIGHTS MAY BE AFFECTED WHETHER YOU ACT OR DO NOT ACT.

A federal court authorized this notice. This is not a solicitation from a lawyer.

The purpose of this notice is to inform you that a \$7,200,000.00 class-action settlement (the “Proposed Retailer Settlement”) has been reached with the four Retailer Defendants in a lawsuit regarding the sale and use of Super S Supertrac 303 Tractor Hydraulic Fluid, Super S 303 Tractor Hydraulic Fluid, Cam2 ProMax 303 Tractor Hydraulic Oil, and/or Cam2 303 Tractor Hydraulic Oil (“303 THF Products”). The Proposed Retailer Settlement settles claims against Retailer Defendants Tractor Supply Company, Orscheln Farm and Home LLC, Rural King, and Atwood, together with each of their affiliates, divisions, subsidiaries, and assigns (collectively referred to as “Retailer Defendants”) that were asserted in a Multi-District Litigation (“MDL”) lawsuit. Plaintiffs believe that the primary claims in the MDL are against Smitty’s Supply, Inc. and CAM2 International, LLC (collectively referred to as “Manufacturer Defendants”), and those claims are proceeding in the MDL and have not been settled.

The Proposed Retailer Settlement may affect your rights. For comprehensive information about the lawsuit and settlement, including the longer notice of settlement and the Retailer Settlement Agreement and Release with the precise terms and conditions of the Retailer Settlement, please see www.303tractorhydraulicfluidsettlement.com or call 1-866-742-4955. You may also access the Court docket in this case through the Court’s Public Access to Court Electronic Records (PACER) system at www.mow.uscourts.gov/ or by visiting the office of the Office of the Clerk of Court, United States District Court for the Western District of Missouri, 400 E. 9th Street, Kansas City, Missouri, 64106, between 9:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m., Monday through Friday, excluding Court holidays. The MDL lawsuit is titled *In Re: Smitty’s/CAM2 303 Tractor Hydraulic Fluid Marketing, Sales Practices, and Product Liability Litigation*, MDL No. 2936, Case No. 4:20-MD-02936-SRB, pending before the Honorable Judge Stephen R. Bough in the United States District Court for the Western District of Missouri. Please do not telephone the Court or the Court Clerk’s Office to inquire about the Proposed Settlement or the claim process.

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.

You may be a member of the Retailer Settlement Class if you purchased the above-listed 303 THF Products from December 1, 2013, to the present from Tractor Supply Company (including its Del’s Feed and Farm Supply locations), Orscheln Farm and Home, Rural King or Atwood. If you are a member of the Retailer Settlement Class, you may need to submit a Class Membership Form to be eligible for benefits, and you also may be eligible to submit a Repair/Parts/Specific Equipment Damage Claim Form. Please see www.303tractorhydraulicfluidsettlement.com for a copy of the Class Membership Form and Repair/Parts/Specific Equipment Damage Claim Form or call 1-866-742-4955 to request a Class Membership Form and Claim Form be mailed to you. The deadline to file your claim is December 29, 2021. In order to maximize efficiency, proceeds from this Retailer Settlement will be held for distribution at such a point in time after monies, if any, have been received in settlement or judgment for the Litigation Class claims against the Manufacturer Defendants. Please be patient and check the website for updates.

If you do not want to be legally bound by the Proposed Retailer Settlement, you must exclude yourself by December 29, 2021. If you do not exclude yourself, you will release any claims you may have against the Retailer Defendants, as more fully described in the Retailer Settlement Agreement. You may object to the Proposed Retailer Settlement by December 29, 2021. The Long Form Notice, available at www.303tractorhydraulicfluidsettlement.com or upon request, explains how to exclude yourself or object.

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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KY-TN Livestock Auction Guthrie, KY August 12, 2021 Feeder Steers: Medium & Large 1-2 59 hd. 795# 148.75 blk Feeder Bulls: Medium & Large 1-2 23 hd. 491# 150.50 bbwf 29 hd. 549# 145.50 bbwf 27 hd. 616# 142.00 bbwf Feeder Heifers: Medium & Large 1-2 20 hd. 432# 149.00 bbwf 25 hd. 494# 140.00 bbwf	Washington Co. Livestock Springfield, KY August 9, 2021 Feeder Steers: Medium & Large 1-2 60 hd. 728# 154.80 blk 61 hd. 799# 150.60 mixed 63 hd. 801# 153.80 blk 62 hd. 852# 149.25 blk-charx 58 hd. 860# 149.10 blk Holstein Steers: Large 3 60 hd. 895# 111.50 Feeder Heifers: Medium & Large 1-2 51 hd. 679# 145.00 blk-red	Blue Grass East Mt. Sterling, KY August 11, 2021 Feeder Steers: Medium & Large 1-2 35 hd. 776# 150.10 blk-charx Feeder Heifers: Medium & Large 1-2 21 hd. 521# 148.00 blk-charx	Blue Grass of Richmond Richmond, KY August 13, 2021 Feeder Steers: Medium & Large 1-2 82 hd. 618# 165.75 blk 61 hd. 794# 150.00 blk 22 hd. 825# 139.50 blk 120 hd. 857# 143.50 blk 58 hd. 901# 140.40 blk-charx 110 hd. 989# 145.90 blk 56 hd.1021#137.10 blk-charx 104 hd.1037#137.10 blk-charx 54 hd.1051#134.10 blk-charx Feeder Heifers: Medium & Large 1-2 78 hd. 678# 148.25 blk 33 hd. 695# 130.50 mixed 74 hd. 696# 142.75 blk-charx
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	Blue Grass Maysville Maysville, KY August 10, 2021 Feeder Steers: Medium & Large 1-2 22 hd. 673# 165.00 blk Feeder Heifers: Medium & Large 1-2 72 hd. 650# 151.95 blk-charx	Mid-KY Livestock Market Upton, KY August 10, 2021 Feeder Steers: Medium & Large 1-2 65 hd. 792# 147.20 mixed	United Producers Irvington Irvington, KY August 9, 2021 Feeder Steers: Medium & Large 1-2 20 hd. 727# 151.75 blk
		Christian Co. Livestock Auction Hopkinsville, KY August 11, 2021 Feeder Steers: Medium & Large 1-2 62 hd. 825# 147.50 blk Holstein Steers: Large 3 130 hd. 300# 135.00 Feeder Heifers: Medium & Large 1-2 70 hd. 725# 137.00 blk	

USDA ESTIMATED DAILY LIVESTOCK SLAUGHTER					National Daily Direct Slaughter		
	CATTLE	CALVES	HOGS	SHEEP	Cattle		
Friday 08/13/2021 (est)	119,000	1,000	471,000	4,000	Negotiated Purchases 08/13/2021		
Week Ago (est)	113,000	1,000	449,000	3,000	Live Bids- weighed average weights		
Year Ago (act)	113,000	2,000	468,000	5,000	& prices		
Week to Date (est)	581,000	6,000	2,338,000	30,000	Steers:		
Same Pd Lt Week (est)	593,000	6,000	2,266,000	28,000	80%-up Choice 1486.9 lbs 124.19		
Same Pd Lt Yr (act)	578,000	8,000	2,341,000	33,000	Heifers		
					80%-up Choice 1349.9 lbs 124.62		

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KENTUCKY GRAIN PRICES

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

08/16/2021 4:00 pm est Bids for next day Cash Bids	Louisville	Pennyrile	Purchase	Bluegrass	Green River	Northern KY
Corn #2 Yellow	5.52-6.06	6.17-6.30	5.55-5.65	6.09	6.05	6.10
Corn #2 White			6.30			
Soybeans #1 Y	13.00	13.58-13.73	14.08-14.21	14.28	13.88	14.05
Wheat #2 SRW	NA	7.00-7.31	NA	NA	NA	6.98
Barley						
New Crop Delivery Contract						
Corn #2 Yellow	5.52	5.49-5.64	5.59-5.66	5.44	5.64	5.47
Corn #2 White			5.94-5.99			
Soybeans #1 Y	13.00	13.33-13.48	13.60-13.63	13.23	13.38	13.26
Wheat #2 SRW	6.68	NA	NA	7.15	7.05	7.06
Barley						

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Plant Report**
08/16/2021
Indiana Ohio Illinois

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Dried Distillers Grain (\$/ton)
 10% moisture 175.00-193.00

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

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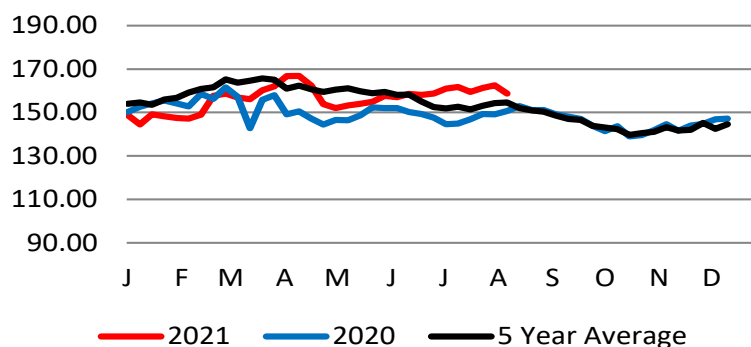
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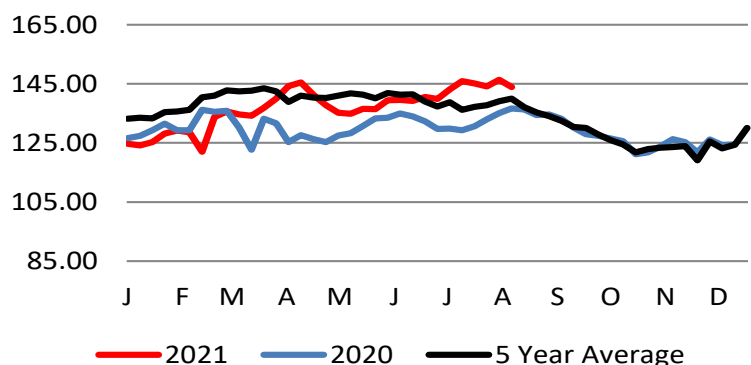


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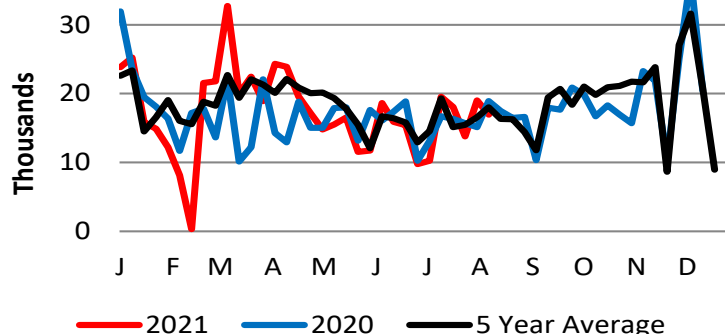
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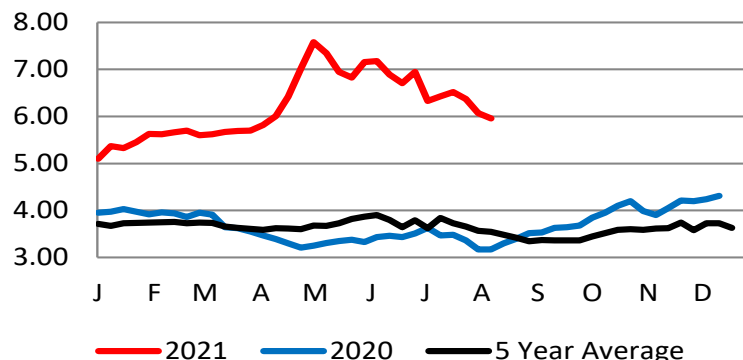
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WEEKLY KENTUCKY CATTLE AUCTION RECEIPTS



WEEKLY KENTUCKY CORN BID AVERAGE PRICE
(\$/CWT)



STATE AVERAGES

Steers (M&L 1-2)

	This Week	Prior Week	Last Year
350-400 lbs	167.11	169.04	161.63
400-450 lbs	158.82	159.23	153.81
450-500 lbs	159.31	161.44	152.89
500-550 lbs	153.82	156.82	144.91
550-600 lbs	154.12	154.96	146.27
600-650 lbs	151.99	153.12	144.88
650-700 lbs	146.64	149.85	144.12
700-750 lbs	141.84	138.70	135.48
750-800 lbs	137.97	141.67	135.79
800-850 lbs	135.88	137.32	130.76
850-900 lbs	140.26	138.29	129.02

Heifers (M&L 1-2)

300-350 lbs	149.80	150.39	143.78
350-400 lbs	147.47	147.56	142.11
400-450 lbs	145.35	145.31	139.31
450-500 lbs	141.07	143.27	137.21
500-550 lbs	139.45	142.30	134.41
550-600 lbs	140.67	140.51	132.74
600-650 lbs	132.37	134.78	130.28
650-700 lbs	133.30	135.64	124.48
700-750 lbs	123.17	127.19	117.56
750-800 lbs	124.27	118.99	120.78

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• 2021 New Holland 210 discbine, 10' cut, flail conditioner, 540 pto • Fort Series 6 disc mower on KMC 4755 caddy, 540 pto • Fort 9' disc mower for parts • Krone 4 basket tedder, 540 pto, hydraulic fold & tilt, Model KW5.52/4x7T • Kuhn SR 110 speed rake, 10 wheel plus kicker • Enorossi 12 wheel V-rake • 8 bale round bale wagon • 8'x22' flat rack wagon, on Kory 6072 gear • New Holland BR 780 round baler, twine only, 540 pto • New Holland 664 round baler, twine only • (2) 3pt bale unrollers • Kewanee 500 22' elevator, 8.5' drag, B&S 5.5 hp motor • 3pt round bale fork • Approx. 150± Round Bales of hay

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disc, 9" spacing, 24" front blades, 21" rear blades, drag pipe • 10' wheel disc, pull type, drag pipe, hydraulic raise • 6' pull type disc • Massey Ferguson 8' disc, 3pt • 11.5' pull type cultipacker • 1000 gallon stainless steel pull type sprayer, tandem axle, John Blue pump • 3pt 300 gallon pasture sprayer, pto pump • 300 gallon pull type prayer, pto pump • (3) 150 bushel gravity wagons on running gears • Wagon running gear

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Slaughter Cows	Average	High	Low
Breakers	60.00-85.00	65.00-88.00	55.50-67.00
Boners	55.00-75.50	65.00-87.00	44.00-65.00
Lean	49.00-70.00	57.00-74.00	39.50-62.00
Slaughter Bulls	Average	High	Low
Yield Grade 1&2	75.00-105.50	96.00-123.50	77.00-94.00

August 12, 2021

Bowling Green, KY

SLAUGHTER GOATS: 82

Kids-Selection 1-2 53 lbs 300.00; 68 lbs 295.00; 83 lbs 305.00. **Selection 2** 49 lbs 280.00; 50 lbs 250.00; 60 lbs 330.00. **Selection 3** 45 lbs 280.00; 60 lbs 330.00.

SLAUGHTER SHEEP: 297

Wooled-Choice and Prime 1-2 53 lbs 270.00; 77 lbs 235.00; 88 lbs 245.00; 109-121 lbs 220.00-225.00. **Hair Breeds-Choice and Prime 1-2** 51 lbs 250.00; 63-67 lbs 250.00-275.00; 85 lbs 245.00. **Hair Breeds Choice 2** 50 lbs 245.00.

Hair Ewes-Choice 2 98 lbs 125.00; 126 lbs 135.00.

GRAINS	This Week	Prior Week	Last Year
Corn	5.42-6.33	5.56-6.54	3.01-3.45
Soybeans	12.62-14.50	13.35-14.44	8.36-9.30
Red Winter Wheat	6.61-7.32	6.42-7.19	4.10-5.12

Produce Prices updated 08/16/2021

Variety	Unit Size	Price Range	Avg. Price
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Cabbage	hd.	0.45-1.10	0.64
Cantaloupes 75-110 ct.	ea.	0.15-2.40	0.87
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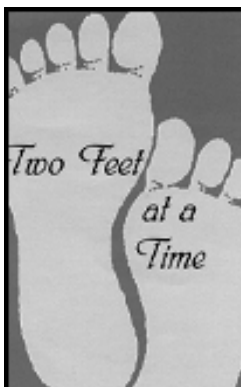
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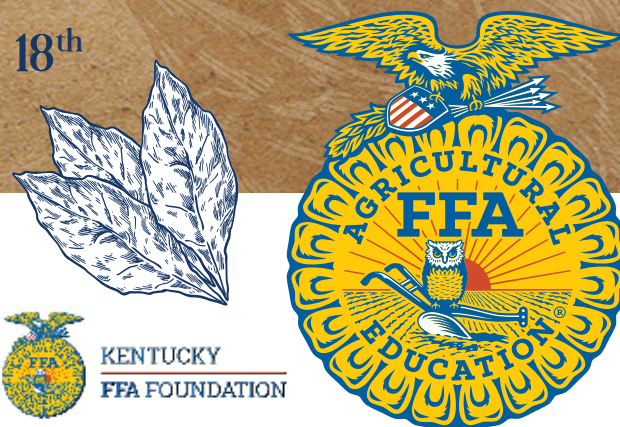
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