

Field day has touch of Fancy Farm

NANCY, Ky. - It wasn't Fancy Farm. *The Farmer's Pride* and the local press provided all the media coverage. The menu consisted of hot dogs and burgers. But also being grilled, much to the delight of the crowd of farmers starved for fellowship amid a pandemic, were Democrats and their policies leaving a bad taste of late.

Among those feeding the hungry were Congressman Jamie Comer and Republican John Shell of Garrard County, GOP candidate for state Commissioner of Agriculture. A steady rain at the Rodney Dick farm on Hickory Nut Road in western Pulaski County gave added hope that ideas shared to aid Kentucky farmers will take root and grow.

Dick, who also serves as a Pulaski County deputy jailer, was pleased with the turnout and how the crowd was captivated by the speakers. A long-time farmer in the Nancy area, Dick farms 150 acres spread over three locations. A cow/calf operation with some background feeder calves. The farm on which he and wife Joann reside consists of 42 acres and has been in the Dick family since the late 1800s.

"We're a family farm with a lot of help from good neighbors," he says.

Many of those neighbors were in the crowd of 150-175, seated under a shelter and gathered under large trees

giving a brief respite from the rain.

Also attending the field day were farmers from surrounding counties. Lee Graves came over from Gradyville in Adair County and was a popular guest, sharing thoughts with people like Pulaski County Judge Executive Steve Kelley.

Former magistrate Kenny Morgan of Casey County lamented the fact there are so few country stores, a once favorite gathering spot for farmers to discuss agricultural related issues.

Congressman Comer was a crowd favorite, explaining his votes against Democrat-led proposals such as the spending bill.

"It just increases the deficit and there's already too much welfare," he said to hearty applause and cheers. "Lots of bad legislation is being passed under Biden with agriculture as the big loser in the trade wars," continued Comer. He did offer a ray of hope, noting "people with common sense have been put on the courts."

Dave Maples, executive director of the Kentucky Cattlemen's Association, joined others in expressing regrets that "out of control urban growth is eating into our farmland."

Maples praised the gathering for their dedication during the pandemic. "Farm-

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Red Hog Butcher shop provides Kentucky Proud deli meats for retail sale.

Louisville restaurant combines butcher shop, eatery promoting Kentucky Proud products

With the theme "Eat Fresh Eat Local and Eat Out, the Kentucky Department of Agriculture Kentucky Proud program celebrated restaurants using Kentucky Proud products during Farm Fresh Days Aug. 13-22.

The recognition emphasized the only thing better than enjoying a great meal made with fresh-from-the-farm ingredients is when someone else handles the cooking.

A perfect place "to let someone else do the cooking" and enjoy the Farm Fresh Days or any Kentucky Proud influenced meal is the Red Hog Restaurant and Butcher Shop at 2622 Frankfort Ave. in Louisville.

Red Hog began in 2016 as a way for owners Kit Garrett and Bob Hancock to use the meat produced from Red Waddle and Mule Foot hogs, both heritage swine breeds.

This dual-purpose establishment is one of a kind whole animal butcher shop and a restaurant committed to using Kentucky Proud products.

Garret would say the menu at Red Hog has "matured" since it began to include Kentucky Proud beef, lamb, chicken, duck, shrimp and turkey in its culinary offerings.

Through management changes, the pork is now raised just across the river in Indiana. Much of the pork becomes a

value-added Kentucky Proud product as cured, smoked, and deli meats in the butcher shop and sandwiches and a charcuterie board on the restaurant menu.

Aaron Portman serves as the head butcher and manages the butcher shop. He and head chef Noah Bitizer work closely to determine the needs of both the butcher shop and the restaurant when it comes to the meat. The retail shop serves as a meat market and small grocery for the Crescent Hill community. While there are standard proteins choices on the menu, as a protein reach-

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Congressman Jamie Comer addresses the crowd at the field day in Pulaski County on Rodney Dick's Farm.

Field day adds blend of politics

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ers didn't get to take a break during the pandemic. People have to eat."

He also praised farmers for "raising bigger and better cattle."

Shell used the occasion to kick off his campaign. Dick noted Shell "will be the third commissioner of agriculture to

have launched his campaign on Hickory Nut Road.

"It was a good event," said Dick, as he bid farewell to new and old friends, saying they "needed to get back to work."

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2021 National Farm Safety and Health Week

Agriculture is known as one of the most dangerous industries in America and abroad. According to the National Institute of Occupational Safety and Health, approximately two million full-time workers were employed in production agriculture in the US in 2018.

About 100 agricultural workers suffer a lost-work-time injury every day. National Farm Safety and Health Week has been recognized during the third week of September for 77 years to help bring attention to the risks of working agriculture.

This year, AgriSafe has daily webinars for agricultural health and safety professionals, healthcare providers, producers and farmworkers. Partners at the National Education Center for Agricultural Safety coined this year's theme "Farm Safety Yields Real Results," reminding all of us that safety is a vital part of agriculture.

Daily Themes are: Monday - Tractor Safety & Rural Roadway Safety; Tuesday - Overall Farmer Health; Wednesday - Safety & Health for Youth in Agriculture; Thursday - Agricultural Fertilizer & Chemical Safety; and Friday - Safety & Health for Women in Agriculture.

During Sept. 20-25, AgriSafe's free webinars will share information on tractor and roadway safety, safeguarding our youth, anhydrous ammonia safety, respiratory protection, mental health, and women's health issues. Continuing Education credits for healthcare and allied health professionals will be available with two sessions addressing mental health topics.

For more information on National Farm Safety and Health week, visit www.agrisafe.org/event/national-farm-safety-and-health-week/.

AgriSafe is grateful to sponsors for helping to support the wide distribution of this week's events: NIOSH Agricultural Centers Central States Center for Agricultural Safety and Health; High Plains Inter-

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If you know me at all, you know that I am a fan of FFA. I believe getting school-aged youth involved in agriculture classes and FFA is a great way to teach leadership skills, not to mention the well-rounded education that comes from the program.

That's why I jumped at the opportunity several years ago to become a board member of the Kentucky FFA Foundation. The foundation raises funds to support FFA programs. Whether it's awards during the annual state convention, support for new teachers, or jackets for students who need a little helping hand, the FFA Foundation is there to support our youth.

This weekend, the FFA Foundation is hosting a gala. During a pandemic, hosting public gatherings can be a challenge, and they often must look a little different than they otherwise would. The gala will look different this time, but it will still go on.

For those of us who are unable to attend (I hate to miss it but I have family obligations), we can still participate. An auction is available online and bidders can also take advantage of the live auction Saturday night via telephone.

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SHARON BURTON is editor of
The Farmer's Pride.



We have something special here in Kentucky!

I don't mean the Derby, or bourbon, or even the Corvette plant, though they are all amazing in their own right. I'm talking, in this instance, about the Kentucky Livestock Coalition. If you've read recent issues of The Farmer's Pride or the Kentucky Soybean Sentinel, or been very active in Kentucky's ag space on social media, or if you visited AgLand at the Kentucky State Fair, you have likely heard of the Kentucky Livestock Coalition's "Meat Me at the Table" campaign.

This is a great example of commodity groups and other interested parties coming together (several years ago) to form an entity that is pro-animal ag, and, in recent months, promoting the consumption and enjoyment of meat here in the commonwealth.

The idea for Meat Me at the Table started back in March when the governor of Colorado, a HUGE beef-producing state, encouraged his state's citizens to participate in a "Meat-Out" day. This proclamation caused quite a stir in animal ag groups across the nation, including those here at home.

While in many states the cattlemen's association or pork producers took a stand to encourage "Meat IN" days, our state is fortunate enough to have the Kentucky Livestock Coalition already in place to counter such notions. In addition to the Kentucky Cattlemen's Association and Kentucky Pork Producers, the Coalition includes the Kentucky Poultry Federation, Kentucky Sheep and Goat Development Office, Kentucky Dairy Development Council, United Producers, Kentucky Farm Bureau, Kentucky Soybean Board, Kentucky Corn Growers Association, Farm Credit Mid-America, and a new member, the Kentucky Horse Council, all under one umbrella, all working together for the collective good of Kentucky's animal ag industry.

Rather than throwing out a one-off social media post, the Coalition decided to take a more deliberate and strategic approach. An in-person meeting was held at the soybean office in Princeton, and after several ideas were brainstormed, Meat Me at the Table was born. Coalition members chose July, which is National Grilling Month, as the best time to encourage meat consumption. Components of this campaign included marketing kits sent to meat vendors, an in-person kickoff event at White Farms in Lexington, a video starring Mr. Kentucky Agriculture himself, Warren Beeler, and promo premiums including t-shirts, insulated cooler bags, hats and aprons, to name a few. We even gathered recipes from our member

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Farm Safety Week focuses on physical and mental health of farmers



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The mission of the Raising Hope initiative is to promote the physical and mental health and safety of Kentucky farm families.

Like the verse from Ecclesiastes says, “for everything there is a season,” and in Kentucky we certainly began to feel that this month with the change in weather, the switch from summer to fall, and the sights of farm equipment on our roads. For many of you, it’s harvest time in the commonwealth.

Harvest time also coincides with our annual education effort to remind Kentuckians about the importance of safety on the farm. Every year we celebrate Farm Safety and Health Week during the third week of September. And this year, we are formally unveiling our new initiative to promote rural health and farm safety in Kentucky.

Raising Hope is a partnership between the Kentucky Department of Agriculture, our livestock and commodity organizations, and several education institutions. The mission of the *Raising Hope* initiative is to promote the physical and mental health and safety of Kentucky farm families.

If you’ve been around the KDA for the last 20 years or so, you know farm safety and education is a core component of what we do. Through our Farm Safety Division, we educate young people about the proper ways to be safe on and off the farm. This new program includes those efforts, but also builds upon our recent efforts to promote good mental and physical health, as well. As you know, in recent years we have worked with State Rep. Brandon Reed to formally recognize Farm Safety and Health week.

This program isn’t just about talk, either. Rep. Reed and the Kentucky General Assembly has allocated nearly a \$1 million toward this effort, and I am excited to announce that the U.S. Department of Agriculture recently awarded the KDA an additional \$500,000 to expand our efforts.

We are incredibly fortunate to have the support of the state legislature and the USDA as we look toward offering health screenings for heart and lung disease at important agricultural events such as the National Farm Machinery Show, the North American International Livestock Exposition, and the Kentucky State Fair.

When people talk about health care, oftentimes our farmers and rural families are left out of the discussion. I am optimistic with this new effort and new resources, we can help raise some hope for our farm families. I’m praying for a bountiful and healthy harvest for all of our producers. Let’s finish the year strong.

RYAN QUARLES is the Agriculture Commissioner of Kentucky,

Hold the sickle, CRP needs a new, bigger hammer

To say the U.S. Department of Agriculture’s biggest environmental program, the Conservation Reserve Program, or CRP, is at a crossroads is like saying climate change might be a problem.

After all, the phrase “climate change” understates today’s dilemma until, for example, you learn that 47 percent of the continental U.S. is now in drought, 2.7 million acres of the West have burned this year, and the 8 percent of the U.S. economy built on the flow of Colorado River is drying up faster than, well, the flow of the Colorado River.

So, yeah, climate change is a problem.

Equally problematic is USDA’s biggest, best hammer to make a dent in it, CRP, because it, too, is shrinking even as the challenge of climate change grows.

The numbers prove it. The latest CRP general sign-up period that ended earlier this summer lured in only 2.8 million acres of the 4 million acres the Biden Administration hoped to attract. Worse, that shortfall will be magnified when CRP contracts expire on an estimated 3 million acres later this month.

That means CRP’s total acres likely will drop below today’s 20.6 million, already the lowest total since the program’s debut enrollment period in 1986/87.

The drop has been intentional. Ten years ago, during its 25th anniversary year, CRP held 31 million acres after reaching an all-time high of 37 million acres. Thereafter, however, Congress began to cut CRP’s acreage caps.

The big cuts came after 2014 when that year’s contentious Farm Bill fight – already two years behind schedule – took a cleaver to CRP funding. The House Ag Committee, then led by long-time Republican Frank Lucas of Oklahoma, hacked the cap from 32 million acres to 24 million acres.

The 2018 Farm Bill modestly reversed: CRP caps will rise to 25.5 million acres in 2022 and 27 million acres in 2023.

Still, if USDA doesn’t promote and Congress doesn’t fund CRP – and the Sonny Perdue-led agency and its Big Ag allies had no interest in doing either – its impact on soil and water conservation will continue to drop.

So, too, will its impact on climate change. For example, during the most recent enrollment period, the White House claimed that current CRP acres “mitigate more than 12 million metric tons of carbon dioxide equivalent.”

And, it added, that its 2021 goal of adding 4 million acres – it got 3 million – would “mitigate” another “3 million tons” while preventing “90 million pounds of nitrogen and 33 million metric tons of sediment from running into our waterways each year.”

Total cost? A bargain by any conservation measure: \$2 billion in 2021.

Despite its 35-year record of provable benefits, CRP remains underused and underfunded. Its biggest headwinds, ag’s full-time climate deniers and Congress’s part-time deficit hawks, continue to throw up “feed-the-world” roadblocks any time anyone mentions a return to pre-2018 acreages.



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organizations and produced a Meat Me at the Table cookbook!

A robust social media campaign was created, inviting consumers to post pictures of their grilling masterpieces with the hashtag #MeatMeAtTheTable for a chance to win one of several prize packs.

We followed up Meat Me at the Table with Meat Me at the Fair, and Meat Me at the Tailgate is on tap for Roundup at the University of Kentucky and homecoming at Murray State and Western.

It's hard to tell who has been the most excited about this campaign – the farmers who raise the protein it benefits or the KLC member organizations staffers, like me, who have had the privilege of working on it. We are richly blessed here in the commonwealth to not only have outstanding organizations that stand on their own, but this Coalition that includes those organizations that have ties to animal ag here in Kentucky, united to promote consumption of all the proteins.

Animal ag is the soybean farmers' number one customer, consuming a whopping 97 percent of domestic soybean meal, and the Kentucky Soybean Board is a big supporter of the Coalition and its efforts. The Coalition is administered by soybean staff, and one of our farmer-leaders, Caleb Ragland,

currently serves as chairman. The KLC exhibit at the Kentucky State Fair was housed in the Kentucky Soybean Board space, and we were able to illustrate the connection between soybeans and the livestock/poultry sectors to the fair-going public. It is a real pleasure to work hand-in-hand with our other ag organization partners for the common good of our thriving livestock industry.

Follow the Kentucky Livestock Coalition on Facebook and Instagram, and point your cellphone camera at this handy QR code to watch our Meat Me at the Table video. I might be showing my age with this A-Team quote, but... I love it when a plan comes together. I love it even more when it benefits Kentucky farmers.



CRP needs bigger hammer

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Worse, in recent years, some farm groups have added a new one: that expanding CRP takes land from beginning farmers. Like most anti-CRP arguments, this one comes with a large side order of baloney. The 2018 Farm Bill included the Transition Incentive Program (and \$50 million) to address any harm CRP might cause beginning farmers.

A bigger problem for expansion now, however, is today's profitable commodity prices. With corn and soybean harvest prices over \$4 and \$12 per bushel, respectively, USDA literally can't buy new CRP acres for love nor money.

Which strongly suggests that for CRP to have an important role in climate

change mitigation in the next 35 years, it will need a massive refocus of its goals and billions more to underwrite the chance to reach any.

The best chance to do both is the coming month when members of Congress's ag committees divvy up \$135 billion – ag's share of the \$3.5 trillion budget reconciliation bill – in new ag spending for the coming decade.

As such, Congress likely has the money and the votes to make a real, lasting difference. Now all it needs is the courage to swing a bigger hammer.

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Lincoln Co. graduate creates endowment for local ag, FFA programs



Nick Carter from Lincoln County created a program to help Kentucky FFA Foundations Forever Blue Endowment fund.

A Hustonville High School alum is giving back in a big way to the program he says helped him find success in his career.

Nick Carter graduated from Hustonville High School in 1964. A Lincoln County farm boy, Carter naturally gravitated toward agriculture classes and FFA in high school. He was very involved and held local and regional offices before serving as the state

FFA sentinel. He also participated in many FFA contests, such as parliamentary procedure and tractor driving.

After high school, Carter worked various capacities within coal industry, and at one time ran the nation's largest mineral landholding company. He credits his farming background and his experiences in FFA for giving him the work ethic, leadership training, and confidence it took to be successful in business.

"All the training I received in FFA about how to communicate, manage meetings, give public speeches, and how to respond to others has been extremely helpful in my career," said Carter. "Once I was given an opportunity to give back, it really became a passion of mine to help the Kentucky FFA Foundation raise as much money as we can to help as many kids as we can."

In addition to being an annual donor to Kentucky FFA, Carter gives generously of his time. He serves on the Kentucky FFA Foundation board of directors and regularly volunteers to serve as a judge for FFA contests.

Recently, however, Carter decided to focus some of his generosity locally. He has committed \$60,000 to the Kentucky FFA Foundation's Forever Blue Endowment fund and stipulated that the dividends of that gift benefit the Lincoln County High School agriculture program and FFA chapter. Carter plans to continue to contribute to the Lincoln County endowment and is working with other individuals and businesses from Lincoln County to grow the fund even more. He would like to see the fund reach \$100,000.

"This is such a positive opportunity for us, and we are so appreciative of Mr. Carter," said Harvey Franklin, one of the three agriculture teachers at Lincoln County High School.

"We've got a very diverse group of students involved in agriculture here," he said. "We have a lot of good community support. We have always worked to make our program self-sufficient – through fruit sales, greenhouse sales – that sort of thing, but this is an amazing opportunity for a renewable gift that can pay

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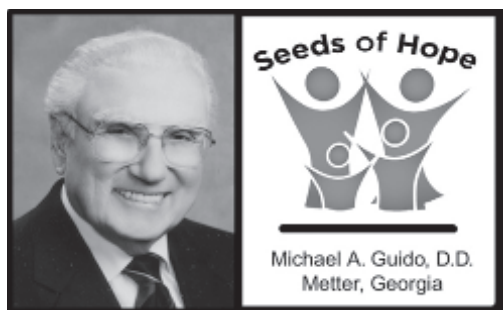
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Anxiety and faith

Everyone feels anxious at one time or another. It is a normal part of life. It is our body's way of telling us that something might be wrong - that we might be facing some potential danger or are feeling symptoms of an illness. If we had no feelings of anxiety, we might put ourselves in all kinds of danger that could end up in disaster.

Anxiety for the Christian, however, can be more. It may be an "early warning system" that God has put in our hearts, through the Holy Spirit, to get our attention to let us know that something may be going wrong in our walk with Him. It's His way of letting us know that He wants us to make things right with Him. Immediately!

God has many ways to use anxiety to get our attention. He may trouble our hearts when we read His word, listen to a hymn, hear a sermon, speak with Him in prayer, see a picture of His children suffering, or when we are having a conversation with a friend. His Spirit is always at work in our hearts, and it is good to be troubled with anxiety that comes from God. It's His way of getting our attention. He gives us a "nudge!"

The writer of Psalm 94 was having a huge problem with anxiety. He must have been deeply troubled by many things that were overwhelming him and seemingly beyond his control. Note his words: "When anxiety was great within me" - not simply a minor incident, but something very, very troubling. Something GREAT!

Then note what happened: Your "consolation" or perhaps better understood is the word, "comfort" - YOUR comfort brought joy to my soul." It is like Jesus saying, "Let not Your heart be troubled. Believe in me. This is my plan for You. Trust Me."

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Easy Mexican Casserole



- 1 pound lean ground beef
- 2 cups salsa
- 1 (16 ounce) can chili beans, drained
- 3 cups tortilla chips, crushed
- 2 cups sour cream
- 1 (2 ounce) can sliced black olives, drained
- ½ cup chopped green onion
- ½ cup chopped fresh tomato
- 2 cups shredded Cheddar cheese

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

In a large skillet over medium-high heat, cook ground beef until no longer pink. Stir in salsa, reduce heat, and simmer 20 minutes, or until liquid is absorbed. Stir in beans, and heat through.

Spray a 9x13 baking dish with cooking spray. Spread crushed tortilla chips in dish, and then spoon beef mixture over chips. Spread sour cream over beef, and sprinkle olives, green onion, and tomato over the sour cream. Top with Cheddar cheese.

Bake in preheated oven for 30 minutes, or until hot and bubbly.

Apple Crumble Coffee Cake

Dry Ingredients:

- 2 teaspoons unsalted butter
- 2 cups all-purpose flour
- ½ teaspoon fine sea salt
- 1 teaspoon baking powder
- ¾ teaspoon baking soda

Crumble Mixture:

- 1 ½ cups finely chopped toasted walnuts
- ½ cup packed light brown sugar
- ½ cup white sugar

Wet Ingredients:

- ¼ teaspoon salt
- 1 teaspoon ground cinnamon
- 3 tablespoons unsalted butter, melted
- ½ cup unsalted butter, at room temperature
- 1 cup white sugar
- 2 large eggs
- 1 ½ teaspoons vanilla extract
- 1 cup plain yogurt
- 2 each Honeycrisp apples

Preheat oven to 350 degrees F. Butter a 9x12-inch baking dish generously.

Whisk flour, sea salt, baking powder, and baking soda together in a bowl. Set aside.

Combine walnuts, brown sugar, white sugar, salt, cinnamon, and melted butter in a bowl. Mix until walnuts and sugar are thoroughly coated with butter.

Cream butter and sugar together in another bowl with a spatula until well blended. Add 1 egg and whisk until mixture is smooth, 2 to 3 minutes. Whisk in second egg until thoroughly incorporated. Add vanilla extract and yogurt; whisk together. Add flour mixture to wet ingredients; whisk just until flour disappears. Do not overmix.

Remove cores from apples. Cut across into 1/8- to 1/4-inch slices. Stack up a few slices, make 1 cut down the center, and dice across into cubes. Add to cake batter, folding in with a spatula



until just combined.

Spread 1/2 of the batter evenly into the bottom of the prepared baking dish. Scatter 1/2 of the crumble mixture evenly over the top. Top with the rest of the batter in dollops. Spread carefully to evenly distribute, trying not to disturb the crumbs. Top with the rest of the crumb mixture. Press crumbs into the batter very gently.

Bake in the center of the preheated oven until a toothpick or bamboo skewer inserted into the center comes out clean, about 40 minutes. Let cool to room temperature, about 30 minutes, before slicing and serving.

Recipes courtesy of allrecipes.com

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Lincoln Co. graduate creates endowment for local ag, FFA programs

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some really big dividends.”

The agriculture teachers and Carter have discussed ideas for how the funds can be used to best benefit students. A priority is providing opportunities for even more students to participate in leadership-building activities like conferences, contests, and public speaking events without a financial burden.

“Nick Carter should be commended for leading the effort to give back in his hometown,” said Sheldon McKinney, executive director of the Kentucky FFA Foundation.

The foundation created the Forever Blue Endowment fund to give donors like Carter a framework for making large gifts to benefit FFA as well as direct those gifts to the local chapter or chapters of their choice.

“People want to give,” said McKinney. “They believe in the mission of FFA, and they believe in the town that

brought them up. When you offer an opportunity to give locally, give sustainably, and have it managed in a professional way that will be beneficial for generations, they see their opportunity to do exactly what they’ve been wanting to do.”

“If you want to make an effective gift that will have a lasting impact on individuals and the community, a gift to assist an FFA member in leadership training, an SAE project, a trip to the state fair, or anything else, is a gift that will never be forgotten,” said Carter. “You will be personally rewarded and the community will benefit from it.”

The Kentucky FFA Foundation cultivates partnerships that support the FFA vision to grow leaders, build communities and strengthen agriculture. Kentucky FFA Foundation initiatives impact more than 15,700 FFA members in 158 FFA chapters across Kentucky.

UK to offer series of maple syrup workshops



Photo by Steve Patton, UK Agricultural Communications
In recent years Kentucky has seen a resurgence of maple syrup production.

syrup and sugar to try their own hand. Since that time, the number of those making their own syrup has crept lower until the craft became almost a distant memory.

However, in recent years the state has seen a resurgence of production. This fall, the University of Kentucky College of Agriculture, Food and Environment will partner with the Kentucky Maple Syrup Association and the Kentucky Center for Agriculture and Rural Development to host four maple syrup workshops beginning in September and culminating with the 2021 Kentucky Maple Syrup School Nov. 6. The workshops are the first part of a three-year grant from the U.S. Department of Agriculture to grow and expand the maple syrup industry in the Bluegrass State.

“The maple syrup industry in Ken-

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UK to offer series of maple syrup workshops

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tucky is really growing,” said Billy Thomas, extension forester with the UK Department of Forestry and Natural Resources. “We really believe that this program will go a long way toward helping not only individual maple syrup producers, but the industry as a whole.”

Participants will be able to learn about the Kentucky maple syrup industry and some of the national trends regarding demand at 7 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. EDT Sept. 14 on Zoom. Additionally, attendees may learn all about the tapping process, which generally occurs in late December and runs through early February. This program will discuss tree identification, proper equip-

ment, when and how to tap, and how to use the sap to make syrup and other products.

During a Oct. 14 Zoom workshop, attendees will get the opportunity to dig a little deeper into maple syrup production. Topics presented include how to select sugarbush as well as collecting the tree sap, tubing, vacuuming and reverse osmosis. Once the syrup is ready, participants will learn about marketing their maple syrup.

The Davis Family Farms in Greensburg will host a tour of their facilities and grounds from 11 a.m.-2 p.m. CDT Oct. 23. Those who have registered may visit a sugarbush and sugar house to experience tapping practices up close. During their tour, visitors will also find

out what inspired the Davis family to get into the industry, understand how syrup fits into their overall farming operations and how they received assistance to achieve their goals.

The workshop series will culminate on Saturday, Nov. 6 with the Kentucky Maple School at the Letcher County Extension office. The school will run from 10 a.m. until 3 p.m. EDT. Participants will listen to maple syrup expert Abby van den Berg from the University of Vermont and others to learn about value added products that help make the industry profitable. Future and current maple syrup producers will also find out how the Kentucky Center for Agriculture and Rural Development, a non-profit organization established to

facilitate agricultural and rural business development in Kentucky, can assist them.

For more information on registering for the workshops, visit ky-maplesyrup.ca.uky.edu/workshops, or contact UK forestry's Jacob Muller, (jacob.muller@uky.edu) or Billy Thomas, (billy.thomas@uky.edu).

Funding for “Enhancing the Awareness, Knowledge, and Understanding of Sustainable Maple Syrup Production Practices Among Current and Potential Maple Syrup Producers” was made possible by a grant from the U.S. Department of Agriculture's Agricultural Marketing Service.

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Dr. Laura Stephenson, UK Extension Director

7:50—Price Discovery & Placement Weight Considerations

Kenny Burdine, UK Beef Economic Extension Specialist

8:20—Shooting the Bull with Kentucky Cattle Farmers

9:00—Adjourn

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23rd Annual Kentucky Poultry Festival

Fun begins Oct. 1; Meeting is Oct. 2

The Kentucky Poultry Federation is hosting the Kentucky Poultry Festival in Lexington. We invite you to attend the 23rd Annual Kentucky Poultry Festival at the Griffin Gate Marriott Resort and Spa, Lexington on October 2. We hope that you will mark your calendars and register to join us for an exciting day of food, fun and entertainment.

Please, join us for the Horse Farm, Hooch & Historical Tour Friday Oct. 1st from 3 p.m. to 6:15 p.m. Eastern time.

The price will be \$150.00 per person, the tour we will have limited appointments and they are filled on a first come first served basis.

The Spa day event is Saturday, times are from 10 a.m. - 3 p.m. The Griffin Gate Marriott Resort Golf Club is the location for this year's best ball scramble on Saturday, October 2nd. The course is located at 1800 Newtown Pike, Lexington, KY, 40511, (859) 231-5100.

We will also be hosting a sporting clay event as well at Elk Creek Sporting Clays. It's unmatched in its world-class

sporting clay facilities. Event times: 9:45 a.m. -12:45 p.m. Eastern time.

An extension of the festival is the Kentucky Poultry Federation scholarship fundraiser. On Saturday evening, we will host a silent auction. All proceeds are designated for scholarships given to children and grandchildren of Kentucky's poultry families, employees and allied members. If you would like to donate an item for the silent auction, please email me at jguffey@kypoultry.org.

The day will conclude with the annual Hall of Fame Banquet where we will recognize our Hall of Fame members, Family Farm Environmental award winners, scholarship winners, and our ticket sales winners. After an evening of good food and recognizing the successes of friends, the grand finale is another great event, Monte Carlo Night.

Please make plans to attend our 23rd Annual Kentucky Poultry Festival in Lexington. If you are unable to attend the events but would like to support

Kentucky 4-H Poultry Competitions

On Aug. 20, 4-Hers from across the state made their way to the Kentucky State Fairgrounds, in Louisville for the poultry judging competition and the avian bowl competition.

The Poultry Judging Competition has a junior and senior division. Participants judged laying hens for past egg production, evaluated market eggs and ready to cook poultry. Participants learned to make decisions and to defend their decision with oral reasons.

The top four seniors were:
Poultry judging – top seniors

1. Jack Cushenberry, Warren County
2. Bryan Robbins, Larue County
3. Molly Duke, Warren County
4. Brody Higgs, Larue County

The Avian Bowl Competition is an academic quick recall competition that is based on information about poultry and eggs.

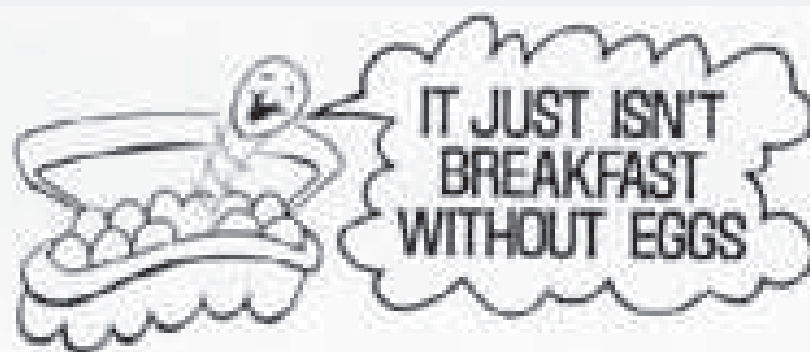
The top senior team was from Warren County:

Top individuals

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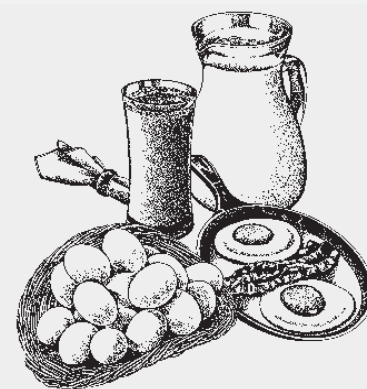
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Kentucky 4-H Poultry Competitions

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1. Jack Cushenberry
2. Isaac Hosay

The KPF also helps with and sponsors the 4-H State Egg prep, Chicken BBQ and Turkey BBQ Contest. This year we had a good turnout in Richmond for the contest. I had a great day learning different techniques of grilling, how to apply rubs, and of course the taste testing portion was the best! The winners will compete at the National 4-H contest this year in Louisville.

- Chicken BBQ, Senior – Lance Mun-day
- Chicken BBQ, Junior – Jonas Hosay
- Turkey BBQ, Senior – Molly Duke
- Turkey BBQ, Junior – Layna Taylor
- Egg preparation presentation demonstration - Molly Duke

The senior division winners in the competitions will represent Kentucky at the National 4-H Poultry & Egg Conference in November at Louisville. Congratulations to all the winners and good luck to ALL the Senior Division Winners at the National 4-H Poultry and Egg Conference.



Pendleton County and Warren County took top prize in this year's 4-H t-shirt contest.

The purpose of the 4-H poultry competitions is to help students develop leadership abilities, build character, and assume citizenship responsibilities. These contests also help students develop creative skills in preparation, use, and serving of food products.

It is our goal to have the best competition possible. Below are some helpful tools that should come in handy as you prepare for the contest. For more information, contact Dr. Jacquie Jacob

(Jacquie.jacob@uky.edu).

- Kentucky rules: <https://afs.ca.uky.edu/event/egg-preparation-demonstration-contests>

- UK factsheet on egg preparation demonstration contests: <http://www2.ca.uky.edu/agcomm/pubs/4aj/4aj09po/4aj09po.PDF>

- A series of YouTube videos put together by the Alabama Cooperative Extension Service on Egg prep demos (which they call Egg Cookery) - https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLk-NoAmOtt_9-H2GvE5q1zw-46Z2acLKB4

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AGENDA:

- 8 a.m. - Golf Tournament
- 9:45 a.m. - 1 p.m. - Sporting Clay Event
- 10 a.m. - 3 p.m. - Ladies Outing - Spa Treatments
- 4:30 p.m. - Registration Opens
- 5 p.m. - Silent Auction Begins
- 6 p.m. - KPF Meeting, Dinner and Banquet
- 8:45 p.m. - Monte Carlo Night

*All Times are Eastern Time

#MeatMeAtTheTailgate this Football Season

After Labor Day weekends' yard work, a movie, pool time, walks, and other activities with the family, we decided to have our own little tailgate party to watch the long weekend of college football. Just like Murray State, Western Kentucky and the University of Kentucky, the smoked chicken wings were on point. With fall coming to Kentucky, it is like a much-needed breath of fresh air. Get your grill cleaned off, fired up and get ready to shine at your next tailgate. Below are some recipes to get you started. You should always give something a try and never be afraid to try something new. Who knows, you

may like it.

Please join the Kentucky Livestock Coalition and post your tailgate picture on social media with the hashtag #MeatMeAtTheTailgate

It's like Dr. Gordon Jones, former professor in Animal Science at Western Kentucky University, used to tell us before we cooked for a Block and Bridle event. "Anybody can burn them; you are here to learn how to do it the right way." Whether you are smoking meat, cooking with propane, or you have decided to upgrade to a pellet smoker.

Light the fire, sit back and enjoy the experience. You may learn something.

Apps we love:

I have two apps for you to try this time. We have technology at our fingertips, we should use it. As a reminder, my criteria for recommending apps or other educational material are as follows: They must be free, it must be educational, entertaining, or helpful around the farm, and it must be agriculture and poultry friendly.

Give these a try: Handbid and Litter.

The app, Handbid, is a new app we (KPF) will be using for our silent auction at this year's Kentucky Poultry Federation Festival. We have plans to use it for membership and other

events next year. Handbid, bring your next silent auction or ticketed event up-to-date! Make the bidding and check-out process simple and easy. If we can run chicken houses with our smart phones, why not bid on a silent auction. The Kentucky Poultry Federation will be using this at our annual event so download it to day!

Litter. Is the new way to buy, sell and move poultry litter. The app was created by the Delmarva Poultry Industry and is intended to help poultry farmers find and buy the litter. Check it out!

Turkey Chili



1/2 yellow onion chopped
2 cloves of garlic minced
1 Tablespoon of olive oil
1 pound of ground turkey breast
1 Can of kidney beans drained
1 Can of pinto beans drained
2 cans of tomatoes I like the organic, no

salt added variety
1 teaspoon cumin
1 teaspoon paprika
1/4 to 1/2 teaspoon of chili powder to taste, depending on how spicy you prefer your chili
Dash of salt and pepper

Sauté chopped onions and garlic until softened (but do not brown)
Add meat and cook until just done

Add beans, tomatoes, and spices
Simmer for 30 minutes
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Tailgate Breakfast Sliders

1 package slider buns
8 eggs
1/4 c. milk
2 tbsp. sliced chives
kosher salt
Freshly ground black pepper
10 slices bacon, cooked and crumbled
4 c. shredded cheddar cheese, divided
3 tbsp. butter, divided
1 tsp. maple syrup

Preheat oven to 350. Slice slider buns in half lengthwise.

On the bottom layer of the slider buns, sprinkle 2 cups of the cheddar cheese.

In a large bowl, beat eggs with milk and chives. Season with salt and pepper.

In a large skillet, heat 1 tbsp butter. Cook eggs to desired consistency. Top bottom layer of sliders with eggs and crumbled bacon. Top with remaining cheese. Place the slider tops on top.

In a small bowl mix the butter with the maple syrup. Brush on top of sliders. Bake for 10-15 minutes, or until cheese is melted and slider tops are golden. Serve.

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Chicken-Tequila Tailgate Sandwiches



2 ounces olive oil
 1 cup julienned red onion
 1 tablespoon minced jalapeno
 1/2 cup roasted and julienned red bell pepper
 1 roasted chicken, boned, skin discarded and shredded
 1/4 teaspoon sea salt
 1 teaspoon ground black pepper
 1 tablespoon chopped garlic
 2 tablespoons chopped cilantro leaves,

plus more for garnish
 4 tablespoons grated Parmesan, plus more for garnish
 5 ounces mozzarella, grated
 4 ounces cream cheese, room temperature
 4 tablespoons freshly squeezed lemon juice
 3 ounces tequila
 1/4 cup diced Roma tomatoes, for garnish
 4 sourdough rolls, warmed

Layer 2 (15-inch) sheets of heavy aluminum foil together and fold 1/4-inch of the edges together to create 1 sheet. Repeat with another 2 pieces of foil, to create 2 double foiled sheets. Bend the edges of 1 of the sheets up 2 inches, to help keep the liquid in the foil.

On a double sheet of foil, layer (in this order), the oil, onions, jalapeno, red bell peppers, chicken, salt and pepper, garlic, cilantro, cheeses, lemon juice and tequila.

Put the second, double layered foil sheet on top of layered ingredients. Fold both double layered sheets of foil together in 1/4-inch folds, 4 times.

When all the sides are folded together, make sure that the pouch is not leaking. Refrigerate until ready to cook.

To cook preheat the oven or grill to 250 degrees F. Remove the foil pouch from the refrigerator and put on the grill, being careful not to snag the foil pouch and tear it open. Grill for 10 minutes, then flip and cook for another 10 minutes.

Remove the pouch from the grill and slice the bag open. Garnish with the tomatoes, cilantro, and Parmesan and serve on warmed rolls.

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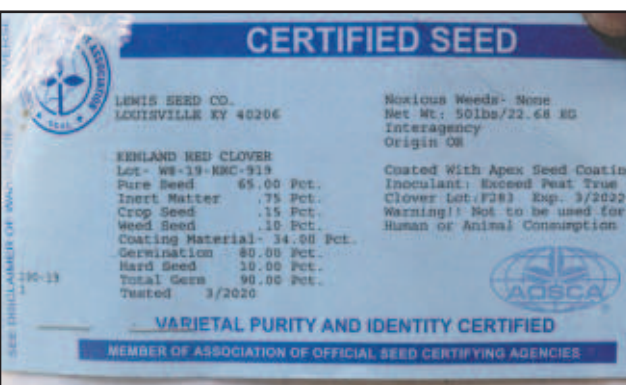
By Jimmy Henning



improved cool season grasses are produced in Oregon where they are harvested in June and cleaned in mid-summer. Before they can be tagged and shipped, each seed lot has to be tested for germination and

purity. Novel endophyte tall fescues also have to be tested for the presence and viability of the beneficial endophyte. After processing, seed is transported back

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The blue Certified Seed tag is confirmation of varietal purity and identity – that is the seed in the bag will perform consistent with the name on the bag. While some varieties will carry the blue tag, most do not. Companies attest to varietal purity and identity when varieties do not carry the blue tag. Note the higher germination and seed purity compared to the Kentucky 31 tall fescue tag shown in this article.

Selecting the best variety for your farm is complicated. Traits like high yield and persistence are highly desired and should be the dominant characteristics to be considered. Fortunately, you can find more than 20 years of yield data in just one publication, the 2020 Long Term Summary of Kentucky Forage Variety Trials (PR 792). But getting the right variety for your farm and your situation means considering more than yield. Here are some other important considerations.

The vendor. Let's be honest, we have preferred places to shop for seed. Convenience of location, breadth of choices, knowledge, and commitment to quality seed and service before, during and after the sale are all important considerations. It is not wrong to start with your preferred vendor to come up with a short list of choices and work from there.

Varieties for different soil types. Frequently, producers ask which varieties that are best for bottom fields or ridges. Unfortunately, this kind of data is not available, at least directly. You can use the long term performance data for a variety as an indirect indication of performance across a wide variety of conditions. For example, in the 2020 Long-Term Summary of Kentucky Forage Variety Trials (PR-792), 'Persist' orchardgrass has been in 21 different trials from 2003 to 2020 and yields five percent above the average across all of those trials. Good performance across multiple locations and years is a strong indicator that a variety will be a good choice across a wide range of landscape positions (bottoms or ridges).

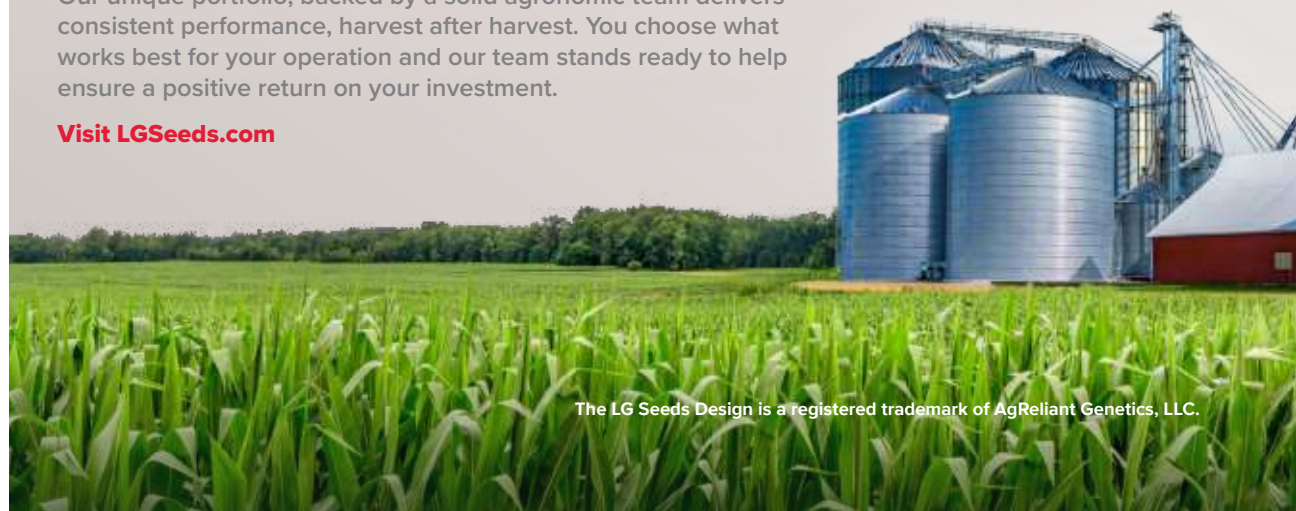
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Louisville restaurant combines butcher shop and eatery promoting Kentucky Proud products

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es its shelf life in the retail shop, Chef Noah's creativity will include it in the regularly changing restaurant menu.

Chef Noah could quickly count 20 Kentucky Proud vendors that supply the Red Hog Restaurant and calculates that 50 percent of the menu is Kentucky product, with 30 percent local and the rest standard oils and spices and staples that can't be readily locally sourced.

A BLT offers Kentucky proud bacon, lettuce, and tomato. The sandwiches are the deli meats created in the butcher shop, and bread comes from Blue Dog Bakery and Cafe, a sister establishment also owned by Kit Garrett.

But the menu offers a global flair reflecting Chef Noah's early childhood growing up on a large farm in Israel and going to open-air markets. He said he loves to showcase the seasonal Kentucky Proud products in new and creative ways that aren't standard meat and three fare.

A perfect example is the Shrimp Cerviche, which uses farm-raised shrimp and cucumbers in a spicy harissa sauce and a curry soup made with blue Hubbard squash and a chicken broth.

Kentucky Proud lamb is made into

lamb merguez, a spicy lamb sausage found as links in the butcher shop, and a kabob with flatbread and a side of pickled vegetables is on the restaurant menu. With this peak tomato season, the menu offers several dishes with tomatoes, including a salad with sun gold tomatoes and peaches and a fire-roasted pizza with tomatoes and arugula. But last week was the last of pizza pairing because, as the Chef sadly pointed out, the greens are now out of season, necessitating a regularly changing menu.

Chef Noah noted that using 20 different sourced vendors is much more labor-intensive than having a delivery truck pull up to the back door and unload boxes. The quality and freshness of the products and the relationships with vendors offset the additional labor, he said.

Butcher Aaron echos the same philosophy and notes how important it is for him or some of the staff to visit any of the farms that produce meat to offered to ensure the animals are produced in a humane, sustainable way.

"Sourcing locally is about relationships and community. We get to know the farmers and their families and see how they raise and grow their products. They, in turn, support their communi-



Red Hog adds a global flavor profile to Kentucky Proud products with Shrimp Cerviche and Curry Soup.

ties, and we can both grow together," he said.

Red Hog considers itself a small neighborhood market and restaurant for the Crescent Hill Community, serving 800-1000 meals per week.

Red Hog recognizes its vendors on its menu and on a chalkboard in the butcher shop.

Barr Farms, located in Rodelia, is owned and operated by Adam Barr and his wife, Rae Strobel, and is one Red Hog vendor providing several different

kinds of produce. Barr talked about the importance of relationships with chefs and laughed that he and Chef Noah were talking about the difficulty in picking okra just last week.

"But for me as a Kentucky Proud vendor, I am so proud to sell produce to a chef like Noah that is so excited by my products and can't wait to get it on the menu. It's very rewarding to see our food used that way."

**By Toni Riley
Field Reporter**

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Selecting a forage variety – more than yield



The seed tag reveals a lot about seed quality. High quality seed will have high purity and germination and will have minimal weed and noxious weeds. This lot of Kentucky 31 (for turf purposes) would be considered low in quality due to the slightly lower than desired germination (80% vs 85%) and higher than desired amounts of other crop, weed and noxious weed seed.

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to Kentucky for sale. As a result, some varieties are in limited supply, especially if you want to seed before mid-September.

Coating. Some varieties are available with or without coating. Coatings can make up as much as 33 to 50 percent of the weight of a bag of seed. Legumes are generally always coated with lime, Rhizobium inoculum and fungicide to protect from seedling diseases. Generally we do not recommend

increasing the seeding rate for legumes that are coated.

Grasses may or may not be coated depending on the year, variety and species. Orchard grass for example may come either coated or uncoated and it may depend on the variety. Small seeded forages like crabgrass are commonly coated and the treatment may be as much as 50 percent of the weight of the bag. We do recommend increasing seeding rate for grasses that are coated.

Seed quality. Most lots of seed will

be high in purity and germination and low in seeds of other crop and weeds, especially noxious weeds. All of this information will be present on the seed label. High quality seed will ideally have purity approaching 100 percent germination values 85 percent or above and few other crop or weed seed. Seed tags should have a 'Tested Date' and sometimes a 'Sell By' date. Pre-inoculated legume seed will have an expiration date for the rhizobium bacteria.

Certified Seed and PVP Varieties. A little while ago when I started working (okay it was more than a little while ago), the easiest way to tell if you were getting high quality seed was to look for the blue 'Certified Seed' tag. Seed certification agencies are third party organizations that verify that the crop is pure and the performance of the seed in the bag will match the

name on the bag. Now varieties may be 'blue tagged' or more likely, they may just have a tag from the originating company. For the latter, the company is verifying that the product will perform true to the name on the bag. In Kentucky, UK regulatory services checks vendors to make sure seed is fresh and that inoculant on legume seed has not expired.

Finding the best variety for your situation is not hard in most cases because of great work over a long period of time by people like Dr. Ray Smith and Gene Olson at the University of Kentucky. Yield and persistence are major drivers in this decision, but other factors such as vendor, seed availability and seed quality can also be major considerations.

Happy foraging.

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Kentucky 4-H to host more virtual opportunities this year

Sign-ups are open for several Kentucky 4-H virtual clubs and project groups as the University of Kentucky Cooperative Extension Service strives to bring convenient, safe programming to the state's youth.

The expanded virtual offerings are a result of the success of Kentucky 4-H's virtual programs during 2020-2021. All clubs will meet monthly on Zoom and give young people a chance to explore new opportunities while connecting with other youth from across the state.

"We are excited to offer new virtual clubs and projects to 4-H'ers," said Jennifer Tackett, 4-H youth development specialist in the UK College of Agriculture, Food and Environment. "Virtual clubs have allowed 4-H to engage new audiences while keeping everyone safe during the ongoing pandemic."

4-H'ers can register to participate in the following clubs and project groups: Horse Science 101, Bake-A-Long, Middle School Leadership, ukulele, art, PosSTEMbilities (science, technology,

engineering and mathematics project group) and Udderly Amazing Adventures (dairy-related project group).

Interested youth can register for any of the clubs online at <https://bit.ly/3zS5H8N>. The registration deadline is at noon eastern Oct. 1.

Youth may register for as many clubs or projects as they choose but should take note that some meeting times will overlap. Priority registration is given to young people who reside in Kentucky but may be extended to youth residing outside of the state.

After registration closes, club or project sponsors will reach out to enrolled participants with more information.

4-H'ers who complete all project work and earn six hours of education will receive recognition at the end of the 2022 4-H program year.

Youth may also participate in local, in-person 4-H opportunities. Local extension offices have more information about all 4-H programs.

By Katie Pratt
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How Do Today's Pork Producers Ensure Animal Well-Being?

This will be a several part series that addresses how our farmers ensure that today's livestock are healthy, safe, and are free from disease that could affect our food supply. The following information was provided by the National Pork Board (Des Moines, Iowa) and the Kentucky Pork Producers Association.

Safe food begins with healthy animals and quality care. Animal well-being is our ethical responsibility and it's a top focus every day on the farm.

Maintaining animal welfare through specific sow housing components

The American Veterinary Medical Association (AVMA) and American Association of Swine Veterinarians (AASV) have found there is no one-size-fits-all approach — tradeoffs exist with each housing type. No animal housing option is perfect, and that's why pig farmers rely on input from veterinarians and other animal health experts when determining which one will help maintain the highest levels of animal welfare.

Through continuous improvement and adherence to the highest possible standards for animal care and welfare, pig farmers can ensure their animals are healthy and productive by addressing specific needs of their animals.

According to the AASV Sow Housing Mission, specific components of every housing type must be considered when selecting which one is right on every farm.

Regardless of the housing option chosen, the farm must:

- Provide every animal with access to feed and water
- Protect sows and piglets from environmental extremes, like temperature, and resulting detrimental effects
- Reduce exposure to conditions that promote disease, injury or pain
- Allow pigs to show appropriate behaviors within the constraints of the housing
- Minimize aggression and competition among sows
- Promote good air quality and sanitation
- Facilitate efficient evaluation and care of animals
- Protect worker safety

Sow housing options and tradeoffs

Though group housing does allow sows to move more freely, there are tradeoffs. Social interaction among sows, especially when gestating, can allow for harmful behaviors that can lead to health issues like lameness from injuries inflicted by other sows and disparities in feed intake, both of which can adversely affect each sow's performance. In dynamic group housing environments, sows are moved in and out of housing more frequently, and these types of changes can cause stress on animals that can also influence health and productivity.

Individual space for each sow does cut back on the overall freedom of movement. However, individual housing enables pig farmers to better monitor health and nutrition, thereby ensuring the best care for each animal. This is especially critical when sows are pregnant and prone to aggression, and individual gestation stalls enable farmers to better monitor the rapidly changing nutritional needs and veterinary care throughout gestation.

Individual housing for sows also makes pig farms safer workplaces for farmers by reducing the potential for injuries more common in group housing.

Selecting the right housing option for sows is ultimately a decision each pig farmer makes. And they do so through consultation with their herd veterinarian, based on his or her specific circumstances and management preferences. They balance this input alongside veterinary experts focused on animal welfare. Despite the differences of open and individual housing for sows, animal well-being is priority No. 1. The path taken should be one that enables the farmer to provide the highest level of care for his or her animals in a safe, secure working environment.

Read more about the national pork industry's animal welfare standards at porkcares.org.



From the Farm

Caleb Ragland, Kentucky Pig Farmer

No two pig farms are exactly alike, but as pig farmers, we all share a common goal: to maintain the highest level of animal welfare possible. A big part of that effort lies in determining the right housing for our pigs, especially sows.

There's no one-size-fits-all choice for housing sows — it's up to the individual farm to determine, with their veterinarian, what type of housing will be best. Some farms use group housing for their gestating sows, while other farms use individual stalls for their sows.

Pregnant sows require individual care throughout their gestation period. I've seen health and welfare issues spring up among animals in group settings — especially sows, which can get awfully territorial sometimes.

To me, raising pigs is all about doing everything I can to provide a healthy environment for my animals. It's by far our highest priority on our farm. While other types of barns and settings may work better for other farmers, gestation stalls are the best choice for my farm because they enable me to focus specifically on each individual sow's health and ensure I'm providing the best, most compassionate care I can.



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Producers Livestock Sheep and Goat Auction, San Angelo, Texas Sept. 7, 2021

Compared to last week slaughter lambs under 70 lbs 10.00 to 15.00 higher, heavier weights firm to 5.00 higher. Slaughter ewes 5.00-10.00 higher. Feeder lambs weak to 5.00 lower. Nannies steady; kids 10.00-15.00 higher. Trading fairly active, demand good.

SLAUGHTER LAMBS WOOLED & SHORN: Choice and Prime 2-3 120 lbs 210.00. Choice 1-2 81-86 lbs 220.00-244.00; 100-103 lbs 204.00-228.00. HAIR BREEDS: Choice and Prime 1-2 40-47 lbs 318.00-350.00; 50-58 lbs 318.00-348.00; 60-68 lbs 290.00-336.00; 70-79 lbs 266.00-304.00; 80-88 lbs 252.00-278.00; 90-99 lbs 240.00-248.00; 100-105 lbs 238.00-250.00. Choice and Prime 2-3 112-117 lbs 206.00-238.00. Choice 1-2 43-45 lbs 312.00-318.00; 51-58 lbs 265.00-312.00; 68 lbs 280.00; 73-79 lbs 240.00-264.00; 80-88 lbs 220.00-250.00; 90-99 lbs 192.00-238.00; 104-108 lbs 220.00-230.00. Good 1 35 lbs 250.00. SLAUGHTER GOATS KIDS: Selection 1 40-49 lbs 316.00-350.00; 50-58 lbs 302.00-330.00; 60-68 lbs 310.00-340.00; 71-78 lbs 302.00-308.00; 86 lbs 312.00; 90 lbs 306.00. Selection 1-2 40-49 lbs 288.00-318.00; 53-59 lbs 278.00-318.00; 60-65 lbs 278.00-306.00; 70-78 lbs 270.00-290.00; 82-87 lbs 230.00-252.00. Selection 2 40-46 lbs 252.00-270.00; 50-58 lbs 230.00-270.00; 62-68 lbs 250.00-254.00.

New Holland Sheep and Goat Auction New Holland, Pa. Sept. 6, 2021

Compared to last week, Wooled and Shorn slaughter lambs sold strong. Hair breed slaughter lambs sold unevenly steady. Ewes and Hair ewes sold unevenly steady. No comparison on bucks or hair bucks. Buyer demand for the slaughter sheep sale was moderate on a moderate supply. All classes of slaughter goats sold strong. Buyer demand was moderate to good on a moderate supply.

SLAUGHTER LAMBS WOOLED & SHORN: Choice 1-3 35 lbs 405.00; 50-58 lbs 295.00-315.00; 60-68 lbs 295.00-340.00; 70-78 lbs 272.00-330.00; 80-88 lbs 270.00-320.00; 90-98 lbs 275.00-340.00; 102-138 lbs 250.00-300.00; 158 lbs 245.00. Good and Choice 1-2 68 lbs 250.00; 80-87 lbs 235.00-255.00; 94-95 lbs 257.00-265.00; 110-132 lbs 220.00-245.00. HAIR BREEDS: Choice 1-3 45-48 lbs 262.00-290.00; 50-59 lbs 270.00-340.00; 62-67 lbs 275.00-345.00; 70-79 lbs 255.00-320.00; 80-88 lbs 260.00-310.00; 90-96 lbs 265.00-275.00; 102-128 lbs 230.00-275.00; 130-139 lbs 170.00-200.00; 168 lbs 240.00. Good and Choice 1-2 50 lbs 225.00; 60 lbs 225.00; 70 lbs 230.00; 80-88 lbs 240.00-250.00; 97 lbs 225.00. SLAUGHTER GOATS KIDS: Selection 1 30 lbs 95.00; 40-49 lbs 85.00-155.00; 50-59 lbs 130.00-195.00; 60-69 lbs 175.00-255.00; 70-79 lbs 230.00-285.00; 80-89 lbs 270.00-340.00; 90-99 lbs 300.00-355.00. Selection 2 40-49 lbs 80.00-100.00; 50-59 lbs 90.00-125.00; 60-69 lbs 170.00.

United Producers Inc. Graded Sheep/Goat Sale - Bowling Green, Ky. August 26, 2021

419 receipts 405 graded animals

Lamb prices continue to be steady with good demand. Kid prices have slid slightly.

SLAUGHTER LAMBS WOOLED: Choice and Prime 1-2 48 lbs 330.00; 83 lbs 205.00; 141 lbs 200.00. Choice 2 45 lbs 235.00; 51 lbs 270.00.

Good and Choice 2-3 68 lbs 245.00.

HAIR BREEDS: Choice and Prime 1-2 68 lbs 260.00; 92-95 lbs 210.00-230.00.

Choice 2 58 lbs 260.00; 72 lbs 245.00; 86 lbs 230.00. Good and Choice 2-3 52 lbs 227.50.

SLAUGHTER GOATS KIDS: Selection 1 74 lbs 280.00; 83 lbs 330.00. Selection 2 50 lbs 265.00; 63 lbs 230.00-260.00.

Selection 2-3 60 lbs 225.00. Selection 3 50 lbs 267.50

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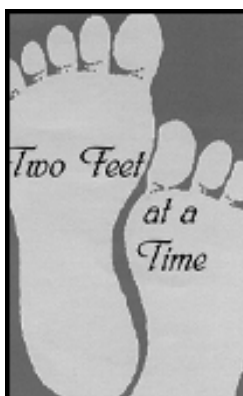
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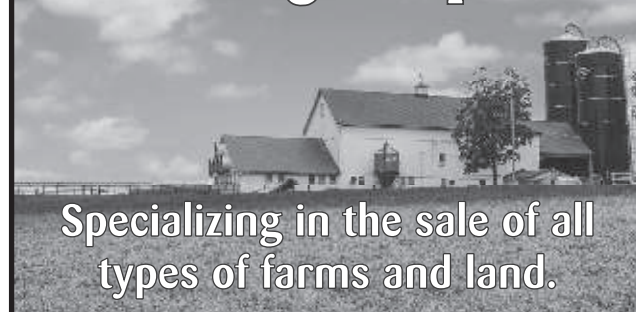
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News from the Kentucky Corn Growers Association and Kentucky Corn Promotion Council

KyCorn Works to Protect Ag Tax Provisions

Many federal tax provisions have been front and center on the minds of farmers this year, as Congress has grappled with how to pay for the American Families Plan.

We understand the anxiety relating to these issues as this debate moves forward in Congress this month through the Budget Reconciliation process. KyCorn has engaged directly with Senator McConnell and Senator Paul and members of Kentucky's Congressional House delegation on the provisions we know are vitally important to farmers: stepped-up basis, like-kind exchanges, the Section 199A small business deduction and current estate tax exemptions.

The House Ways and Means Committee is expected to begin considering proposals to raise revenue, very soon, as FY22 Budget Resolution is reconciled. We launched a campaign in May to help farmers understand the impacts of some of the proposals discussed; those resources can be viewed at kycorn.org/highertaxes. Recently, we also joined 237 other agricultural associations in an open letter to the Chairs and Ranking Members of both the House Ways and Means Committee and the Senate Finance Committee; that letter can be viewed from a link at the top of that webpage. Please contact Laura Knoth, at laura@kycorn.org, for questions relating to this critical issue of higher taxes on farmers.



Next Gen Fuels Act, A KyCorn Priority, Introduced in Congress

During the last week of August, the Next Generation Fuels Act of 2021 (NGFA) was introduced in Congress by Rep. Cheri Bustos (D-IL). Several original co-sponsors made it a strongly bi-partisan bill – Reps. James Comer (R-KY), Emanuel Cleaver (D-MO), Jason Smith (R-MO), Cindy Axne (D-IA) and Darin LaHood (R-IL). And, quickly after introduction several more Members of Congress added their names as co-sponsors.

The bill number is H.R. 5089. It would require an increase in octane ratings for liquid automobile fuel, a move that auto-manufacturers contend is critical for them in meeting EPA's increasing fuel economy requirements. The bill also contains features to decarbonize liquid fuel for light-duty vehicles by reducing greenhouse gas emissions and capping harmful aromatic levels. A third component of NGFA is regulatory harmony to modernize several regulations within the Clean Air Act pertaining to ethanol, that is neces-

sary simply because ethanol wasn't commercialized when the Clean Air Act was written.

H.R. 5089 would transform the ethanol industry since ethanol is recognized as a very cost-effective and low-carbon octane ingredient. The goal of passing this bill is to shift Regular Gasoline from E-10 to E-15 by 2026, and then up to approximately E-25 by 2031. "The benefits of ethanol's significant greenhouse gas reduction capabilities compared to other octane enhancers are unquestionable," explained Adam Andrews, KyCGA Programs Director. "So are the benefits to corn grind as these ethanol blend increases are set into motion. We plan to work very hard on behalf of our corn farmer members to pass this legislation."

"We are appreciative of Rep. Bustos and all the co-sponsors of this bill," said Richard Preston, KyCGA President. "As Kentuckians, we are particularly proud of Rep. Comer for his vision and leadership on this bill. Thanks to these members of

Congress, we will bolster rural communities in Kentucky and across the country, while contributing to greenhouse gas emissions reductions in transportation."

A long list of organizations quickly endorsed H.R. 5089: Association of Equipment Manufacturers, American Farm Bureau Federation, United Auto Workers, National Farmers Union, Renewable Fuels Association, Growth Energy, National Corn Growers Association and several state corn growers associations. The bill has been referred to the Energy and Commerce Committee.



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