



Bobby and Sue Grider have a herd of Katahdin on their farm in Jamestown.

Grider introduces Australian White Hair Sheep to Kentucky

JAMESTOWN, KY. – The sheep roaming Bobby and Sue Grider's farm don't require shearing. That fact allows him more time to share with fellow farmers the advantages of raising Australian Whites.

Grider, 61, a Russell County native, has been co-owner of an auto body repair shop, beef cattle farmer, telephone installer, and now operator of Stable Rock Katahdins on his scenic 22 acres outside Jamestown.

Grider, 61, first noticed Katahdin sheep, with hair rather than wool, during drives through neighboring Casey County while working for Windstream.

Grazing on his 22-acre farm now are a flock of ewes and one ram, and lambs of various ages. These hair sheep were developed in Maine in the 1950s by a breeder who named them after the

state's highest peak, Mt. Katahdin.

The sheep are raised mainly for meat, Grider said, noting the shortage of shearers and cost of shearing make hair sheep desirable. Other advantages of hair sheep include their stronger resistance to parasites and their production of leaner meat.

If things go well with an embryo implantation, Stable Rock will begin production of a new breed, the Australian White hair sheep, in April of 2022. The Russell County farm will then have the first Australian Whites in Kentucky.

Planning and preparation for the new venture were complex.

The Whites were developed in Australia begin-

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Purnell Sausage company wins award

LOUISVILLE – F.B. Purnell Sausage Company, a Kentucky-based manufacturer and marketer of premier pork products for more than 70 years, has been named winner of the 2021 Agribusiness of the Year Award.

The award, presented by the Agribusiness Industry Network and sponsored this year by the Kentucky Department of Agriculture, was given to Fred "Todd" Purnell, president of the company, during the annual Farm City Luncheon at the Kentucky Expo Center.

Now in its 28th year, the Agribusiness of the Year designation honors a Louisville-area agribusiness which excels in financial growth and stability, employee relations and contributions to the overall ag economy.

Purnell Sausage traces its history to a Tennessee farm boy and one-time railroad steam engine mechanic Fred B. Purnell, better known to friends and co-workers as "Old Folks" because as a child he would sit and listen to adults talk while the other children would play.

Fred B. "Old Folks" Purnell used a family recipe to make his own sausage at home, and occasionally shared his sausage biscuit lunches with co-workers at the railroad.

The rave reviews he got from those fellow employees convinced him to begin selling sausage part-time, which then grew into a full-time enterprise when injuries forced him to retire from the heavy lifting job.

Fred and his wife Clara, with sons Fred Jr., Allen and Robert and daughter Betty, moved to Louisville in 1950 and founded the company that bears his name in a small rented space near Mellwood Avenue, in the city's Butchertown neighborhood. Their success there prompted the purchase of land in Simpsonville, where a new plant was built in 1955 and following several expansions still operates today.

The Purnell sons and daughter followed their parents into positions with the family business, and Allen's radio commercials that he made in the 1960s soon elevated the brand's profile in part due to his down home vocal style and his distinctive tag line "It's goo-od."

Those unique commercials eventually migrated to television, giving the Purnell products a leg up in the marketplace and making Allen Purnell a recognizable regional

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White Named National FFA Officer

Sometimes dreams do come true — that is the case for Union Countian Mallory White who was named National FFA Eastern Region Vice President during the organization's 94th annual convention in Indianapolis, Ind.

The Sturgis News spoke with White on Sunday after she began training for the activities she will be involved with over the next year. The Murray State University junior will return to school later this week and fast track her work for this semester so she can return to Indianapolis for two months of training before the new officer team begins traveling throughout the United States to work with high school FFA programs, industry leaders, teachers, government leaders, farmers and the public.

From January through the next convention, White and her fellow officers will each travel over 100,000 miles to serve FFA's 700,000 plus members. She has made history locally as UCHS's first member to hold a national office, but

she knows, "the local program helps develop young people—it starts at the local level."

For White, this is an opportunity she has worked for since she joined the Union County High School FFA as a freshman and attended her first national FFA convention. Seven years later, she is going to be doing exactly what she set as one of her goals.

Her career in FFA began at UCHS where she served as President her senior year, then earned the title of president of the Kentucky association.

Over the years she has participated in numerous FFA activities. To become a national officer, White had to first be nominated by her state association, which approved her application for national officer candidacy. According to White being named a national officer "will allow me to spread the word about my love of agriculture. The future of agriculture should be exciting and I want to remind people of that."

White was one of 37 national officer candidate nominees (each state can nominate one person), and following the first round of interviews by the nine-person FFA member nominating committee, that number was cut to 21 before the final six were named as officers on Saturday. White went through seven rounds of interviews, submitted a personal introduction video and participated in a one-on-one interview with each of the members of the selection committee. She was also required to give a stand and deliver speech, participate in round-robin and media rounds as well as a stakeholder round before going before the full selection committee and the final personal round.

As a representative of one of FFA's four regions, White and her counterparts will travel across the United States for speaking engagements at state conventions, work at FFA summer camps and industry visits.

"This experience will allow me to



Mallory White was elected National FFA Eastern Region Vice President.

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Baby Heifer Calves: 13 Head 20.00-90.00; 6 Head 70.00-140.00 Beef Cross; 1 Head 110.00 Crossbred.

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(From left) Scott Harne, Micha Thomas, Bobby Grider and Russell County Extension Agent Johnathan Oakes prep to take an embryo from an Australian White Hair Sheep on Grider's Farm.

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ning in 2011.

Grider said four breeds were used to develop a composite, taking the breeders about 10 years to establish a uniform animal to be known as the Australian White.

Australian Whites came to the U. S. as frozen embryos "straight from Australia," said Bobby.

One of the American farms involved in the Australian embryo business is Fagerman Farm, owned by the Daniel Fagerman family of northern Alabama. Fagerman, a 36-year-old civil engineer and initially a sheep hobbyist, has become very active in the building of a quality Australian White herd. Grider calls him a "pioneer" in bringing the sheep to the U.S.

Fagerman traveled to Russell County recently with a team of embryologists and a veterinarian to implant embryos in 20 of Grider's Katahdin ewes with

the goal of their becoming surrogate moms for the Australian Whites.

Grider said he attempted to choose the best milk producers with good mothering qualities for the venture. The ewes were isolated from the rest of the flock to create familiarity and closeness with each other.

Six days before implantation the ewes were given hormones to make them "think" they were pregnant. The thawed embryos implanted were six days old also.

One-by-one, ewes in a pen received a light sedative before being strapped to equipment enabling them to lie on their backs. The uterine area of the belly was then shaved and coated with antiseptic.

The vet then cut two slits in the prepared area and used an embryo catheter to insert the embryo.

A microscope is used to pinpoint the exact location for the transfer.

The gestational period is five months, and Grider noted that ewes can have three pregnancies in two years.

"The meat from Australian Whites has a lower fat melting point and is higher in Omega 3 fat," Grider said.

Fagerman said the meat has an improved flavor.

"It was engineered more for the American palate with a milder, less 'gamey' taste."

Grider recalled he had eaten the grilled meat during a symposium at Fagerman's farm. "It was delicious, reminded me of prime rib. No sauces were needed."

Grider believes the sheep industry suffers from a lack of promotion and awareness.

"Unlike black Angus, there is a lack of marketing at this time," he says.

Optimistic about the future of the sheep industry in Kentucky, Grider hopes to have Australian White breeding stock for sale by 2023.

"I hope 20 years down the road, people say 'that guy in Russell County brought lamb to Kentucky.'" If they do, Bobby Grider will have done more than his fair share.

By Don & Carol White
Field Reporter

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For those who have read my columns before, it's no surprise to hear that some members of the Kentucky Soybean family refer to the months ahead as "meetin' and eatin' season." Nobody who has been to one of our meetings can say that we don't feed our attendees well, and we have lots of high-quality meetings set for this winter!

I am personally overjoyed to be headed into an in-person meeting season. I have "Zoom fatigue," and I am sure that most folks who have attended virtual meetings and watched webinars for the past year and a half are with me on that.

Yes, I am incredibly thankful for technology such as Zoom and Microsoft Teams, because these platforms allowed us to continue conducting business. The Kentucky Soybean Board hasn't missed a beat, and while it's not the same seeing our farmer-leaders flat on a screen looking like the Brady Bunch in their boxes, we have utilized the technology to carry out the business of the soy checkoff.

But, oh how I miss my people. We've gotten better at Zoom etiquette, and most of us have "Zoomed" enough now to know if we are still on mute or not, but there's so much about in-person meetings that just seems... richer, I guess. More robust. It's no surprise that I am a people person, and I find great value in face-to-face conversations. There's something about a hallway conversation or visiting over a cup of coffee in the morning, even reading someone's body language in a room that makes a big difference for me.

Here's a brief overview of some events that soybean farmers are encouraged to attend in the upcoming months:

Intensive Soybean Management Workshops (register at kysoy.org)

- January 12, Bowling Green, features Kevin Matthews
- February 1 in Princeton and February 2 in Winchester, both feature Missy Bauer
- Kentucky Commodity Conference
- January 13, Bowling Green (register at kycommodityconference.org)

Murray State University Soybean Promotion Day

- January 18, CFSB Center in Murray (registration link is on kysoy.org)

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'Fake meat' debate returns

I hope that everyone has a good Thanksgiving with their families and enjoys a delicious source of protein. I suspect most folks will have a turkey on their dinner table Thursday and that you have a big juicy hamburger the next day! I enjoy all the proteins and partake of most them on a weekly basis. We are so blessed in the USA to have an abundance of safe, affordable, delicious food, and yet it appears that our government officials and some food chain suppliers want us to believe there is a shortage of food. Most of these claims are based on the so called "labor" shortage. This doesn't make sense to me since there are plenty of jobs with higher than ever wages and incentives; and there are plenty of people, so how did we get into this "labor" shortage? This country was founded on hard work, dedication, faith and the dream to become a productive, successful, tax paying, law abiding citizen of the United States of America! The farmer, producer, processor, transporter and food preparers are the most essential workers and our food chain is vital to all. I sincerely appreciate all the hands that come together on a daily basis to bring our food from the field to the plate.

Just when you think "Fake Meat" has lost its momentum, it rears its ugly head back up again. Just recently the USDA announced it was investing \$10 million into what they call "alternative proteins," "cultivated meat," lab grown meat, "cultured meat" and what it boils down to is that it is FAKE MEAT! Meat comes from animals not petri dishes in a lab or from plants. Seems like the new "buzz" word is "plant based". Well the Original plant based protein is beef. Cattle take forages that are indigestible to humans and convert them into a delicious protein called beef. This is how God created cattle and He did it perfectly because He knew that we needed protein to maintain a healthy body.

In 2019, KCA along with the Kentucky Department of Agriculture, worked to pass House Bill 311, which was an amendment that would require the proper labeling of cell-cultured meat products that are produced in a lab. This bill passed and was signed into law in Kentucky. Similarly, NCBA worked with USDA to promote food safety by directing that cell-cultured food products derived from livestock and poultry must under go a comprehensive, pre-market risk assessment before being sold or offered for sale. Let us do our part to educate our friends, neighbors, and anyone who may not know the facts about beef. If you need some factual literature or coaching, just call the KCA office and ask. We are very blessed to have a very knowledgeable staff at KCA and KBC that is always willing to help.

I hope you are making plans to attend, in person, the 2022 KCA state convention at the Central Bank Center in Lexington, KY on January 13 and 14, 2022. Hotel rooms are available at the Hyatt and remember to ask for the KY Cattlemen's block. The Central Bank

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Wheat is floating the boat



MARKET WATCH

Dewey Strickler

This was reflected in the crop report as exports were lowered 40 million bushels while Brazil saw an increase of 1 million tons.

Corn faces a hurdle from ample stocks, a steadfast dollar, and favorable weather in South America. The latest crop report shows ending stocks at 1.493 billion bushels, while global stocks are up 2.7 million tons to 304.4 million. These are adequate stockpiles to meet demand. Meanwhile, exports could use a shot in the arm as inspections last week were meager at 22.1 million bushels. We must ship 52.6 million bushels on a weekly basis to reach USDA's target of 2.5 billion bushels. Since the third week of October, the pace of shipments has fallen nearly 14 percent which makes their projection probably a long shot. Looking at harvest, it is winding down at 84 percent complete versus 78 percent for the average. While the fundamentals for corn could be better, it seems to be getting most of its strength from gains in wheat.

Soybeans are meeting resistance from favorable weather in Brazil. While there have been concerns of La Nina developing, there are no threats on the horizon right now. There have been dry conditions in Argentina, but they have improved with recent showers. Meanwhile, because of the early dryness, the USDA has lowered their production 1.5 million tons. Looking at exports, they have been strong this season with inspections last week a marketing year high of 97.2 million bushels. China took 68 percent of shipments. However, unless a production scare arises in Brazil, China's interest will soon switch from the U.S. to South America. This was reflected in the crop report as exports were lowered 40 million bushels while Brazil saw an increase of 1 million tons. Although global stocks were lowered in the crop report, they remain healthy at 103.8 million tons. In other developments, harvest is beginning to wind down at 87 percent complete versus the average of 88 percent.

Wheat continues to receive support from shrinking supplies. The recent crop report showed global stockpiles falling 1.4 million tons to 275.8 million. This is the third straight year that they have declined. In other developments, export inspections were a paltry 8.5 million bushels last week. Since mid-August, the pace of shipments has fallen 70 percent. As a result, the USDA has lowered their forecast 15 million bushels. Meanwhile, winter wheat planting is almost done at 90 percent complete with 45 percent of the crop rated in good-to-excellent condition, unchanged from the previous week, and on par with a year ago. Right now, wheat is floating the boat in the grains.

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Too much drift, too much grift

The federal government can spend more money in 10 minutes than Congress, its watchdog, can track in 10 years. Still, Congressional oversight – as late and limited as it often is – remains a vital element of government.

The House Select Subcommittee on the Coronavirus Crisis proved just how vital in two reports released in October: Tens of millions in pandemic spending were wasted on programs run by the U.S. Department of Agriculture, or USDA.

The first report, titled “Farmers to Families?” followed the money of the ill-conceived, poorly-run Farmers to Families Food Box program pushed in 2020 by the White House and Secretary of Agriculture Sonny Perdue. Sold as a way to get fresh food to pandemic-hit American families, it also threw millions of taxpayer dollars at wildly unqualified vendors.

The second report, titled a “Memorandum,” describes an even bigger scandal. Documents given to the subcommittee by the five principle meatpackers in the U.S. (JBS USA, Tyson Foods, Smithfield Foods, Cargill, and National Beef) show “at least 59,000 meatpacking workers were infected with the coronavirus during the first year of the pandemic—almost triple the 22,700 infections... previously estimated.”

Also, “At least 269 meatpacking workers lost their lives to the coronavirus between March 1, 2020 and February 1, 2021—over three times higher than what was previously estimated” noted the independent Food & Environment Reporting Network.

Worse, few of the workers had a choice in the life-and-death matter. In late April 2020, the Trump Administration used the Defense Production Act to order slaughterhouse workers back into packing plants where thousands got ill and hundreds died.

On Sept. 14, 2020, however, “emails obtained by ProPublica,” an independent, non-profit newsroom, “show(ed) that... just a week before the order was issued, the meat industry's trade group,” the North American Meat Institute, “drafted an executive order that (carried) striking similarities to the one the president signed.”

So Big AgBiz used its political muscle to bulldoze aside public health—and public decency—to keep its kill lines and profits flowing at top speeds.

One of the few things more profitable than meatpacking during the pandemic, according to the select subcommittee investigators, was contracting to distribute USDA's slapped-together Farmers to Families Food Box Program.

For example, according to the subcommittee, “The Trump Administration awarded contracts worth \$16.5 million to Yegg, Inc., a self-described ‘Export Management, Trading, and Trade Finance company that had listed its most recent annual sales as \$250,000...”

With that kind of institutional blindness, little wonder USDA later “reimbursed Yegg for more than \$2.85 million worth of milk and dairy boxes purportedly delivered to... a nonprofit operated by the wife of the company's CEO...”

USDA also oversaw a food box contract “worth \$39 million to CR8AD8, LLC, a company focused on wedding planning and event planning without significant food distribution experience...”

Experience? Come on, noted one of its owners, how hard could it be “compared to... his usual work of ‘stuffing tchotchkes into bags.’”

Actually, it paid far better than tchotchke-stuffing: “CRE8AD8 was ultimately paid \$31.5 million of this contract,” explained the subcommittee report.

The slickest icing on the USDA cake, however, was the award of a \$40 million contract to something called Ben Holtz Consulting, Inc. When the USDA application asked the company to list references, the applicant—presumably Mr. Ben Holtz himself—replied “I don't have any,” noted the investigators.



FOOD & FARM FILE

Alan Guebert

As my older brothers got their drivers' licenses we began to go to town on our own.

KCA convention will be held in person

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Center has been remodeled and essentially been rebuilt and will be ready for our convention in January. I know everyone missed meeting in person last year and I am hoping that this convention will make up for last year. I know Becky Thompson and Dan Miller are working hard to make this convention a great experience. The main events will include the very popular beef efficiency and forages conferences

and a Trade Show that will be second to none. The new Central Bank Center will be a great place to hold our KCA State Convention and kick off the new year of 2022, so I hope to see you there!

As we look forward to the Christmas season, I hope that we all can reflect on the blessings God has afforded us throughout the past year and enjoy time with our families. I know the year 2021 has been a year that our family will never forget as God is good and right in all that He does. So as we prepare for the Holiday season, let us not forget the reason for the

season. For if it had not been for the Grace of God and his loving kindness towards us by giving us His Son, Jesus Christ, we would have no hope of salvation. My prayer for you is that you would be saved and live in His glorious light.

Merry Christmas and may God Bless you and your family.

For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour, which is Christ the Lord – Luke 2:11

CHRIS COOPER is president of the Kentucky Cattlemen's Association.

Too much money, too much drift, too much grift

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The company's honesty didn't pay; USDA canceled the contract "before any payments were made," maybe, investigators suggest, because its proposal "pitched an unusually broad range for delivery capacity: between 5,000 and 200,000 16-18 pound boxes of

produce per week."

In releasing the "Farmers to Families" report Oct. 13, Subcommittee Chairman James Clyburn, D-SC, noted the program "was marred by a structure that prioritized industry over families... cutting corners over competence, and... politics over the public good."

That's another truism in Washington: Policy drift usually leads to political grift.

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Meetin' and Eatin' season is upon us!

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Murray State University Soybean Promotion Day
• January 18, CFSB Center in Murray (registration link is on kysoy.org)

These events are all in addition to what I call the most wonderful time of the year, the National Farm Machinery Show, where you will find us in the West Wing promoting all things soy February 16-19.

Speaking of promoting all things soy, the Kentucky Soybean Board is doing just that, while giving back to those who are doing good across the commonwealth. Our Soy on the Go program is accepting applications from the public now through December 15 and will award sets of GoodYear WeatherReady passenger tires to deserving nonprofit organizations across the state. Nominate a nonprofit in your area today – the application is on kysoy.org.

And, as we round the corner of soybean harvest into Thanksgiving and then Christmas, I would be remiss if I didn't express my thankfulness for my soybean family and the larger agriculture family here in Kentucky and beyond. We are so blessed to have good, good people involved in so many facets of agriculture, and even further so to have them work together for the common good and common goals. It's no secret that I love being part of the amazing team we have at Kentucky Soybean and that I love my job.

Soy... from my house to yours, I wish you a Happy Thanksgiving and a very Merry Christmas. Remember to count your blessing and check on your people this holiday season.

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White Named National FFA Officer

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network with different agriculture (related) companies as well as with individuals," White noted. She added that the coming year experience will also help her decide which sector of agriculture she wants to work in.

"I will get to see all facets of the industry, meet corporate people and get my name out" for possible future positions.

White has a passion for production agriculture, and as a newly elected national FFA officer, she will have the opportunity to not only share her passion but to learn more about other aspects of the business.

She has spent time working on the family farm, and White says, "I want to work with agriculture input corporations and work directly with farmers to find a way to make their lives easier," because they work

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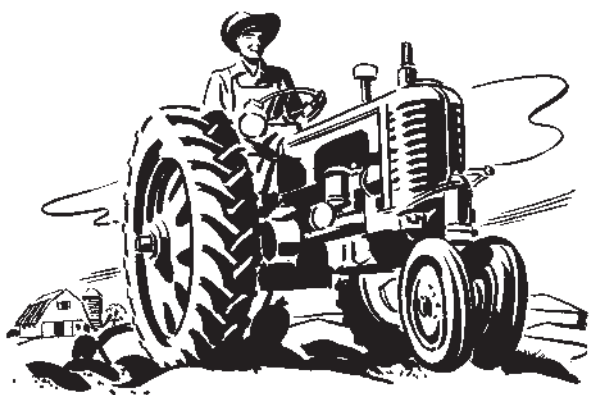
The agronomy major plans to return to Kentucky and continue working with Kentucky farmers. "Union County and Kentucky are where I developed my passion for agriculture. If not for that I wouldn't have the opportunity (I have now)."

In expressing her excitement to serve the

National FFA and all of the association's members and supporters, White added, "Production agriculture started my passion; joining FFA developed the passion."

Mallory White is the daughter of Ryan and Brooke White of Sturgis.

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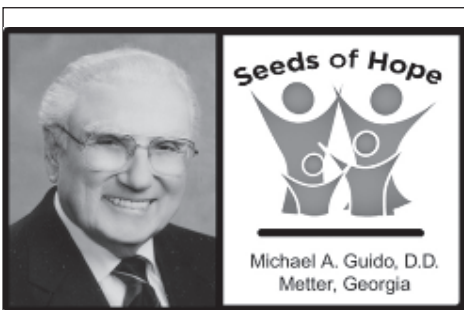
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- 1 (16 ounce) package light brown sugar, divided
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- 1 (20 ounce) can crushed pineapple
- ¾ cup chai tea latte concentrate (such as Tazo®)

Spread about ¾ of the brown sugar into the bottom of the crock of your slow cooker to cover completely. Place ham atop the brown sugar with the flat side facing down. Pour pineapple over the ham. Rub remaining brown sugar over the ham. Pour chai tea latte concentrate over the ham.

Place cover on the slow cooker and cook on Low until an instant-read thermometer inserted into the center of the ham reads at least 160 degrees F (70 degrees C), about 5 ½ hours. Baste ham once or twice with juices while cooking.



Roasted Turkey

- 1 (10 pound) whole turkey
- ½ cup olive oil
- 1 tablespoon salt
- 1 tablespoon chopped fresh sage
- 1 tablespoon fresh thyme leaves
- 1 tablespoon finely chopped fresh rosemary
- 1 teaspoon crushed black pepper

Preheat oven to 350 degrees F (175 degrees C). Place a roasting rack on a baking sheet.

Turn the turkey over, breast-side down. Using a pair of sharp heavy-duty kitchen shears, cut along one side of the backbone. Repeat on the other side of the backbone. Reserve the backbone for making turkey stock for gravy. Press firmly down onto both sides of turkey to flatten.

Tuck the wing tips under the turkey and place on the roasting rack. Pat

skin dry and rub olive oil over the entire turkey; season with salt, sage, thyme, rosemary, and black pepper.

Bake in the preheated oven for 1 hour 30 minutes, rotating baking sheet every 30 minutes. Increase temperature to 400 degrees F (200 degrees C) and roast until skin is crisp, about 15 minutes more. An instant-read thermometer inserted into the thickest part of the thigh should read 165 degrees F (74 degrees C). Remove turkey from the oven, cover loosely with a doubled sheet of aluminum foil, and allow to rest for 10 to 15 minutes before slicing.

Apple Harvest Pound Cake with Caramel Glaze



- 2 cups white sugar
- 1½ cups vegetable oil
- 2 teaspoons vanilla extract
- 3 eggs
- 3 cups all-purpose flour
- 1 teaspoon baking soda
- ½ teaspoon ground cinnamon
- 1 teaspoon salt
- 2 medium Granny Smith apples - peeled, cored and chopped
- 1 cup chopped walnuts
- ½ cup butter or margarine
- 2 teaspoons milk
- ½ cup brown sugar

Preheat the oven to 350 degrees F). Grease a 9 inch Bundt pan.

In a large bowl, beat the sugar, oil, vanilla and eggs with an electric mixer until light and fluffy. Combine the flour, baking soda, cinnamon and salt; stir into the batter just until blended. Fold in the apples and walnuts using a spoon. Pour into the prepared pan.

Bake for 1 hour and 20 minutes in the preheated oven, until a toothpick inserted into the crown or the cake comes out clean. Allow to cool for about 20 minutes then invert on to a wire rack.

Make the glaze by heating the butter, milk and brown sugar in a small saucepan over medium heat. Bring to a boil, stirring to dissolve the sugar, then remove from the heat. Drizzle over the warm cake. I like to place a sheet of aluminum foil under the cooling rack to catch the drips for easy clean up.

NAILE remembers Jack Ragsdale

Jack Ragsdale was able to see the fruit of his labor for many years before his death on Friday, Oct. 8. Ragsdale, who was 95, was instrumental in establishing the North American International Livestock Exposition.

From humble beginnings in 1974 with five breeds of cattle, NAILE is now the largest, all-breed purebred livestock expo in the world.

A celebration of life was held for Ragsdale during the North American this past Saturday at the Kentucky State Fair and Exposition Center. Friends and family shared space with livestock in the pavilion entrance as they remembered the contributions Ragsdale made in their lives and their industry.

Corinne Phillips Fetter, director of expositions at the fairgrounds, said Ragland and Harold Workman, who served as president and CEO of the Kentucky State Fair Board, "embarked on an adventure that literally changed the livestock world."

Workman was founder on NAILE and served as general manager for 40 years.

"They, along with other elected officials and beef cattle enthusiasts, started the North American with just five breeds of beef cattle in 1974, nearly 50 years ago," she said. "I attended the first North American as a 5-year-old girl and actually got lost the minute I walked into the pavilion. Arriving late at night, the pavilion was packed with more people and cattle than I had ever seen."

Ragsdale served as chairman or chairman emeritus of the North American executive committee from its inception until he died.

"Under Jack's leadership and dedication, along with countless other volunteers like Mr. Bob Hall, who is with us today, the North American was set on a trajectory to become the world's largest purebred livestock exposition with 10 species of livestock exhibiting from all 48 continental states and Canada," Fetter said.

Ragsdale was born July 6, 1926 in Indianapolis, Ind. He spent his early years on his aunt and uncle's farm outside of Franklin, Ind., which is where his love of all things dealing with agriculture started. After serving in the Army Air Corps during WW II, he attended Franklin College and met his wife of 71 years there. Ruth Anne Rogers died in 2019.

He graduated from Purdue University with a degree in animal science and began managing farms in Paris, Ky. He followed with managing farms for the Garvin Brown family in Prospect, which allowed him to manage an elite seed stock and farming operation from 1955-1986.

Ragland was a past president of the American Shorthorn Association and Kentucky Beef Cattle Association. He was honored by having his portrait in both the Purdue University Livestock Hall of Fame and the Saddle Sirloin Portrait Gallery.



A celebration of life was held for Jack Ragsdale during the North American International Livestock Exposition. Ragsdale helped establish NAILE.

UK KATS to host drone pilot certification workshop

The Kentucky Agriculture Training School will host its first drone pilot certification workshop to help producers prepare to become a certified remote pilot with the Federal Aviation Administration. The workshop is Dec. 20-21 at the University of Kentucky Research and Education Center in Princeton.

"The KATS program has received numerous requests for unmanned aerial systems (i.e. drones) training," said Josh McGrath, soil scientist in the UK College of Agriculture, Food and Environment. "In response, we have worked with professionals to develop focused training on precision ag topics. This initial event will prepare attendees for the Part 107 Remote Pilot Certificate test. We will be following up with training focused on applied field techniques and uses for aerial image acquisition and analysis."

Drones have many potential applications in agricultural production systems and becoming a FAA certified remote pilot is the only legal way a person can operate a drone for commercial use. During the intensive, two-day training,

Mandy Briggs, assistant chief flight instructor with Parkland College's Institute of Aviation, will help participants get the skills they need to receive their certification. Briggs' students have an over 99 percent success rate on the exam.

The cost to attend the UK workshop is \$400. Certified Crop Advisors will receive 12 continuing education units in precision agriculture for completing the workshop.

After the training, participants will take their certification exam at an FAA testing center on Dec. 22 or Dec. 23. The exam costs an additional \$175 and is due when the exam is scheduled.

Space is limited. Individuals who wish to register for the workshop, should contact Lori Rogers, KATS coordinator, at lori.rogers@uky.edu or 270-365-7541, ext. 21317.

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Sticker-shocking feed prices require wise livestock management



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Cows in good body condition with supplemental hay should result in stronger calves at birth and a higher quality colostrum.

Feed prices are higher this fall than they were last year, and while that may initially cause “sticker shock,” a University of Kentucky extension specialist said that shouldn’t paralyze beef producers’ management decisions.

“The biology of our cows hasn’t changed since last year, and that means we still need to provide balanced nutrition for the outcomes we desire,” said Kevin Laurent, beef extension associate for the UK College of Agriculture, Food and Environment at the Research and Education Center in Princeton. “Pro-

ducers can avoid the ‘sticker shock’ and avoid management paralysis.”

Laurent said if there ever was a time for producers to test hay, it is this year. In most cases, producers can work with their county extension agents to submit samples to the Kentucky Department of Agriculture’s Forage Testing Program. They can plug the results into the UK Beef Cow Forage Supplement Tool available online at forage-supplement-tool.ca.uky.edu/, to get supplement recommendations.

“You may find that your poorer hay

will still meet the needs of dry cows in mid-gestation,” Laurent said. “Consider closing some gates and feeding weaned, dry cows hay now and saving stockpiled forage for closer to calving.”

Most years, stockpiled fescue tests 10 percent-12 percent crude protein and 60 percent-62 percent total digestible nutrients. Laurent said that amount will maintain lactating cows with little-to-no supplement.

Cows in good body condition with supplemental hay should result in stronger calves at birth and a higher quality colostrum.

“Make sure your cows are in body condition score 5-6 by calving time,” he said. “That means no visible backbone, hooks/hip bones or middle ribs. Continue to meet their nutritional needs after calving.”

Laurent warned that producers should not try use hay alone unless the hay tests well enough to maintain body condition.

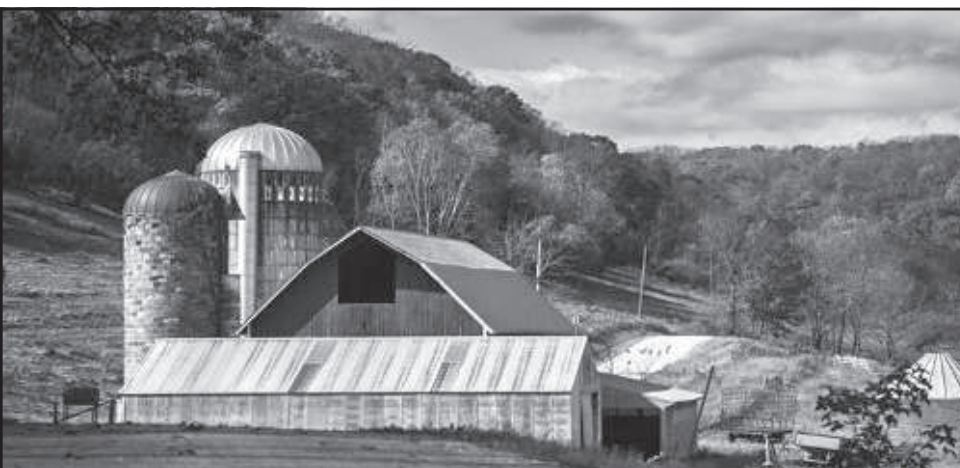
“We know most of the time our hay is not sufficient on its own to get this done,” he said. “Just remember, how you manage prior to and after calving

also affects the breed back rate and the 2023 calf crop—which may be the highest value of calves we have sold in recent years. Proper feeding could mean the difference between a 70 percent 2023 calf crop and a 90 percent 2023 calf crop. You always have to be looking farther down the road. The amount you spend on supplementing your hay this year could reap huge dividends in 2023.”

Producers should not abandon preconditioning and backgrounding programs this year. Laurent said the budgets for those still look favorable, even in the face of higher feed costs.

“Mainly, try to stay positive,” he said. “There’s lots of negativity out there; try to concentrate on the good. Times like these challenge us to do a little better and rethink some of our habits and management practices. Market dynamics are good. If we negotiate our way through these high input times, we can reap the benefits of better prices in the future.”

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Innovative class explores cover crops' place in agricultural systems



Photo by Katie Pratt, UK agricultural communications.

(From left) UK student Osei Jordan, Sapana Pandey and Susanne Deeb harvest biomass off their cover crop plots at UK's Horticultural Research Farm in Lexington. The students are part of a cover crops and agroecosystems class co-taught by UK weed scientist Erin Haramoto.

Cover crops can have many benefits for farmers over time, but they also can be challenging for growers to effectively manage. University of Kentucky students are a part of a multidisciplinary class studying how cover crops can fit into diverse agricultural systems across the United States.

Nearly 80 college students from seven U.S. universities are participating in a class called cover crops and agroecosystems. The class is organized and taught by eight university instructors, including UK weed scientist Erin Haramoto. The hybrid class includes in-person exercises and virtual discussion and education. The students study cover crops in agricultural systems including corn, soybeans and specialty crops.

"Nationwide, there has been a large increase in cover crop use over the past few years," said Haramoto, an associate professor in the UK College of Agriculture, Food and Environment. "Farmers are interested in using them, but there are some real challenges that limit their

adoption. This class is studying how to implement and manage cover crops to maximize their benefits and minimize their negative aspects."

UK has seven undergraduate and graduate students participating in the class. Other students are from Clemson University, University of Maryland, University of New Hampshire, Cornell University, Michigan State University

and University of Nebraska, Lincoln.

The class takes a multidisciplinary approach to cover crop education. Students learn about the ways cover crops affect the soil, insects, diseases and weeds. They also learn about cover cropping economics and ways to support farmers who use them.

During Friday Zoom discussions, instructors divide the students into small groups to discuss what they have found during their exercises that week.

"On any given Friday, I'm probably talking to students from three or four different universities," said Viktor Halmos, a UK graduate student studying entomology from Lexington. "It is interesting to hear the different rotations in their states, what soil types they are working with and what sort of weather impacts that they have."

One of the most recent in-person exercises required the students to develop their own cover crop mixture, plant and harvest it. During the harvest, they noted insects, weeds, earthworms and measured plant biomass above ground and root biomass in the soil.

The class compared their results to students in other states. Some of the preliminary data showed most states had similar above-ground biomass. The UK students' cover crop mixtures suppressed weeds, and they found a lot of different insects within their plots. Kentucky and South Carolina had the most microbial activity in their plots, which

Haramoto said was expected because those two states are the warmest and wettest in the class.

In prior class meetings, the instructors encouraged the students to work with each other to solve problems they will potentially face one day as agricultural industry professionals.

"We do a lot of application work," said Susanne Deeb, a UK senior with an individualized curriculum major in agriculture from Roswell, Georgia. "We just spent three weeks building a crop rotation for a county in Nebraska that no one in my group had ever been to before. We learned that we are going to be scientists in places that we may know nothing about, and we are going to have to figure things out like crop rotations."

The class is part of a larger five-year, \$10 million grant the U.S. Department of Agriculture awarded to a multidisciplinary group of researchers led by scientists at North Carolina State University in 2019. The researchers are trying to learn more about cover crops and ways they can increase their usage among farmers. Haramoto is also involved in research efforts and is studying pest management in cover crops. UK assistant professor Hanna Poffenbarger is also part of the team and is conducting research on nitrogen dynamics.

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The National Farm Machinery Show spans 1.2 million square feet and features more than 900 booths of the agricultural industry's latest and most comprehensive display of equipment, services and technology. The event features free seminars with topics ranging from market strategies to the future of precision planting.

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industries and it's more important than ever to stay on top of the latest trends to put food on the tables of millions around the world," said David S. Beck, president and CEO of Kentucky Venues.

This annual event is the largest indoor farm show in the country and the premier winter show within the industry. In an effort to help the show continue to grow and improve the guest experience, Kentucky Venues is requiring registration this year. As part of the registration process, attendees who register in the first week will have a chance to win free parking or Championship Tractor Pull tickets.

As the nation's largest indoor farm show, the National Farm Machinery Show brings an estimated economic impact of \$20.54 million to Louisville annually, filling local hotels and restaurants with attendees from across the country and around the world.

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The Forage Doctor

By Jimmy Henning



I really, really don't like uncertainty. I am also very risk-averse. When they ask me to describe my risk tolerance with my investments, I say 'mattress.' Since I try to identify as completely as possible with forage livestock producers to understand their challenges, our current financial climate drives me crazy. Agriculture is facing unprecedented challenges regarding input prices and availability.

In these uncertain times, it is helpful to remind ourselves of ways to increase profitability in return for better management, not more money. Here are a few examples.

Renovation. We know the benefits of clover, but how can we manage to spend less to establish or get more out of the clover we plant? First, we could up our establishment game. We have

all been guilty of just throwing clover seed out on the pasture in February and hoping for the best. Well, maybe you have. What about putting a spinner seeder on the front of a tractor that is pulling a chain drag to open up the sod and maybe get a little better seed soil contact?

What if your pasture needs too much fertilizer to afford to apply what the soil test calls for to establish clover? Then consider selecting a small area that can be used for creep pasture for calves. Instead of putting clover seed and fertilizer on the whole farm, you can focus on a small part of the main pasture that can have limited access by a single hot wire placed high enough that calves can creep under.

If the price of better clover seed is making you consider going to a cheaper, unimproved choice, just don't. The yield and persistence differential between the two can equal 3 to 6 TONS per acre over the life of the stand, according to replicated University of

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This Oklahoma windmill provided water for a vegetable garden for my family two generations ago. It reminds me of how much people made from the little they had, especially in the dust-bowl era Midwest. This scene is a good reminder that we may be able to find ways to use management, not more money, to prosper in these financially uncertain times.



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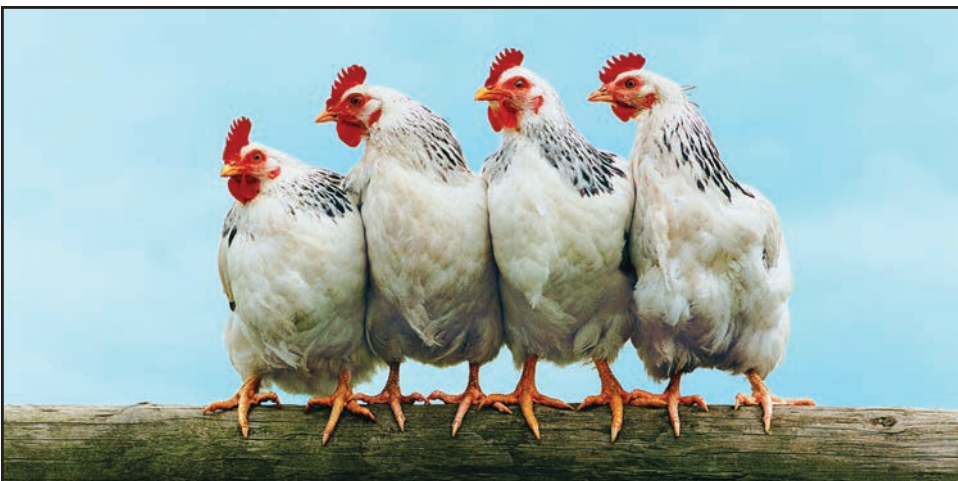
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Better management not more money

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Kentucky results. Instead, plant limited acres as above or use less seed but with better attention to the basics of establishment. Five pounds of red clover is still more than 30 seeds per square foot. And one pound of ladino adds 17 more seeds per square foot.

Hay Management. Hay or supplemental feed is the biggest cost for overwintering livestock. Better storage can lower hay requirements by 20 to 30% easily. One easily overlooked area of better management is breaking the ground contact with outside stored hay. Half of the dry matter loss in hay stored outside comes from moisture that bales absorb directly from the ground.

The method of feeding hay can make a big difference in losses. Ring feeders reduce losses significantly over free access to hay. Ring feeders with solid sheeting around the bottom section reduce dry matter losses even more.

Bale grazing is one method of hay feeding that can have multiple paybacks. Dr. Greg Halich at UK has shown that putting out bales in the fall and then allocating them using temporary fence can produce multiple benefits. These include less time and fuel, less damage to fields, and better distribution of manure and even more importantly, the urine as animals are rotated around the feeding area during winter. It is easy to forget that the urine contains a significant portion of the nitrogen and the majority of the potassium that passes through livestock. Just put Halich and bale grazing in your browser and you will see why this technique is worth considering.

Hay testing. Those of you who have read this far may say 'gotcha' because hay testing costs money. And you would be right. However, considering the magnitude of the cost of winter feeding, a \$20 hay test is still a good investment. Knowing your hay quality lets you match the right hay with the needs of the livestock at the right time. No need to unknowingly feed the very best hay to a mid-gestation animal when they need it much worse in late gestation or lactation.

Rotational Grazing. Another way to almost make something from nothing is to strip graze any available tall fescue or other pasture ground. Work done by Jim Gerrish at the University of Missouri that simply allocating a 3-day versus 7-day supply of tall fescue can extend the fall grazing days by over 40 percent. Strip

grazing doesn't create something from nothing, but in this instance it comes really close.

These ideas are probably not new, and you already may be doing one or more of them. However,

it is helpful and maybe even a little soothing to remind ourselves that there are still things we can do that don't cost money, just a little bit of time.

Happy foraging.

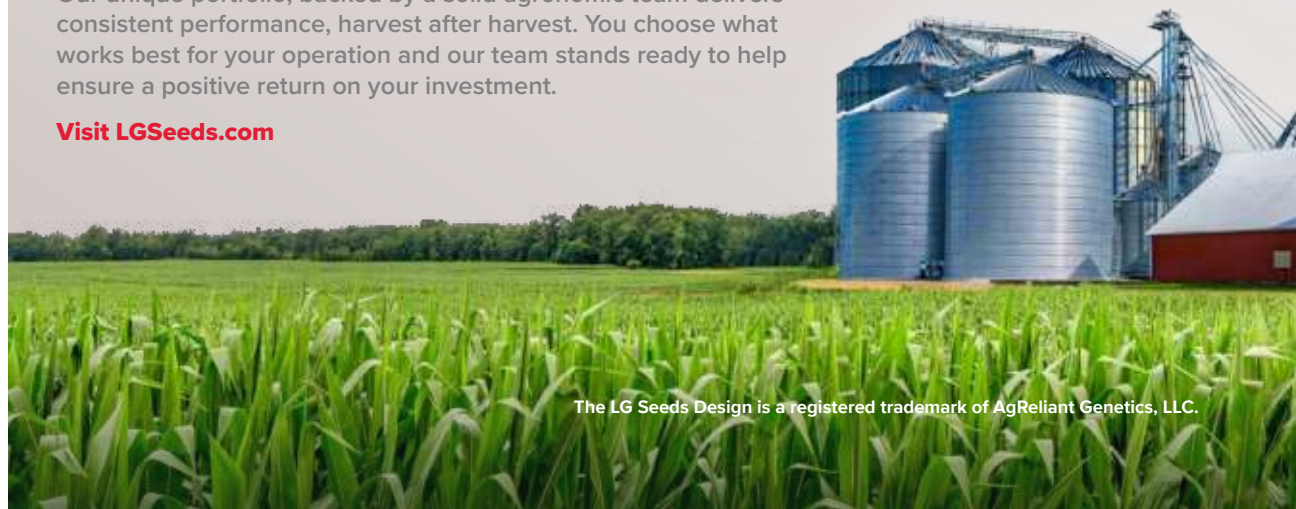


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(2) JD 716A Silage Wagon
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Badger Silage Wagon
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Gehl 1540 Silage Blower

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Turkey: From Farm to Table

As you are thinking about enjoying your Thanksgiving Day meal, we thought you may be interested in how turkeys are raised by our farmers. The following information was provided by the National Turkey Federation.

Raising turkeys is around-the-clock work. Each year, approximately 240 million turkeys are raised on about 2,500 farms across the United States, many of which are family farms. NTF is working to amplify the hard work done by the men and women across the turkey industry to support America's robust food supply. Read on to learn more about raising turkeys and the turkey production process in the United States.

Raising Birds to Maturity

Broad-breasted White is the most commonly domesticated breed of turkey. This breed is raised to produce more breast meat and meatier thighs and is recognizable by their white feathers. Other variations, such as heritage turkeys, are also bred in niche markets.

Turkey eggs are tan with brown specks and are larger than chicken eggs. The incubation period to hatch a turkey egg is 28 days. Once hatched, a baby turkey is called a poult and is tan and brown. Male turkeys are called toms, while female turkeys are called hens.

How Turkeys Are Raised

American farmers are raising turkeys in scientifically-designed, environmentally-controlled barns that provide maximum protection from predators, disease and weather extremes. They are fed a balanced diet of corn and soybean meal mixed with a supplement of vitamins and minerals. On average, it takes 75-80 pounds of feed to raise a 38-pound tom turkey. Feed ingredients account for roughly two-thirds of the cost of raising a turkey.

To maintain production continuity, laying hens

are artificially inseminated in a controlled environment. During a 25-week laying cycle, a hen normally lays 80-100 eggs. At the end of this cycle, the hen is "spent" and usually processed. Some breeders choose to molt the hen (allow a resting period) before another production cycle. This process takes 90 days; however, the second laying cycle will produce slightly fewer eggs.

Modern production methods have shortened the time it takes for turkeys to reach maturity. A hen usually takes 14 weeks and weighs 15.5 pounds when processed, but a tom takes roughly 18 weeks to reach a market weight of 38 pounds. Genetic improvements, better feed formulation and modern management practices are responsible for the size of turkeys produced today.

Hens are typically processed and sold as whole birds, while toms are often further processed into products such as cutlets, tenderloins, turkey sausage, turkey franks and turkey deli meats.

Dedication to Animal Health

To prevent disease when raising turkeys, turkey growers rely on vaccination, biosecurity against outside contamination, good hygiene, best management practices and placing newly hatched poults certified free of specific infections. Antibiotics have been safely used in animal agriculture for half a century to treat and control disease in animals and improve the animal's overall health. Advancements in genetics, veterinary management and animal disease research have led to improved animal health and less reliance on antibiotics. In addition, the turkey industry supports alternatives and new mitigation strategies to support challenges producers face.

However, just like humans, animals some-

Fun fact:

Broad-breasted turkeys are bred with white feathers, so they leave no unsightly pigment spots under the skin when plucked.



times get sick and need further medical attention. NTF and the turkey industry are working together to identify and address some of the biggest health challenges facing turkey production today.

Environmentally Conscious

Turkey growers not only care for the animals they raise, but they are also dedicated stewards of the land and take precautions to ensure their farms' longevity through sustainable agriculture practices. Many turkey farms have been active for generations and are passed down through the family. Sustainability is tantamount to the success of the growing operation and is becoming a standard across the turkey industry.



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Blue Grass South Stanford, KY Oct. 28, 2021 Feeder Steers: Medium & Large 1-2 51 hd. 669# 163.75 blk 70 hd. 718# 163.00 blk 70 hd. 733# 159.75 blk-charx 68 hd. 770# 157.25 blk 63 hd. 822# 154.80 blk 40 hd. 828# 149.00 blk-charx 62 hd. 829# 153.90 blk-charx 67 hd. 838# 154.95 blk 58 hd. 846# 151.00 blk-charx 59 hd. 873# 152.50 blk 64 hd. 874# 152.50 blk Feeder Heifers: Medium & Large 1-2 73 hd. 695# 142.25 mixed	KY-TN Livestock Auction Guthrie, KY Oct. 28, 2021 Feeder Steers: Medium & Large 1-2 22 hd. 546# 157.00 bbwf 21 hd. 620# 139.50 bbwf Feeder Heifers: Medium & Large 1-2 29 hd. 423# 143.00 bbwf 28 hd. 488# 136.00 bbwf 37 hd. 552# 127.00 bbwf 29 hd. 616# 122.50 bbwf Feeder Bulls: Medium & Large 1-2 25 hd. 432# 170.00 bbwf 24 hd. 500# 159.00 bbwf 22 hd. 548# 151.00 bbwf 35 hd. 623# 133.25 bbwf 22 hd. 697# 119.00 bbwf
Farmers Livestock Glasgow, KY Oct. 25, 2021 Feeder Bulls: Medium & Large 1-2 22 hd. 443# 150.00 blk 35 hd. 593# 129.00 blk Feeder Heifers: Medium & Large 1-2 24 hd. 369# 138.50 blk 39 hd. 443# 133.00 blk 38 hd. 513# 136.00 blk	Lake Cumberland Livestock Somerset, KY Oct. 30, 2021 Feeder Steers: Medium & Large 1-2 40 hd. 676# 148.25 blk-charx
Blue Grass of Campbellsville Campbellsville, KY Oct. 27 & 30, 2021 Holstein Steers: Large 3 21 hd. 721# 95.00 40 hd. 944# 93.10 Feeder Heifers: Medium & Large 1-2 23 hd. 361# 136.00 blk	Blue Grass Maysville Maysville, KY Oct. 26, 2021 Feeder Heifers: Medium & Large 1-2 78 hd. 620# 149.25 blk-charx 74 hd. 637# 155.00 blk-charx 125 hd. 722# 143.75 blk-charx
	Blue Grass East Mt. Sterling, KY Oct. 27, 2021 Feeder Steers: Medium & Large 1-2 65 hd. 811# 153.80 blk-mixed

Blue Grass Stockyards
Lexington, KY
Oct. 26, 2021
Feeder Steers: Medium & Large 1-2
65 hd. 694# 163.00 blk
22 hd. 765# 152.75 blk-charx
53 hd. 775# 154.50 blk-mixed
63 hd. 808# 149.75 mixed
65 hd. 855# 154.30 blk
87 hd. 921# 143.00 mixed

Mid-KY Livestock Market
Upton, KY
Oct. 26, 2021
Feeder Steers: Medium & Large 1-2
35 hd. 586# 146.50 blk
24 hd. 647# 156.25 blk
26 hd. 745# 147.00 mixed
Feeder Heifers: Medium & Large 1-2
27 hd. 462# 134.00 blk
22 hd. 615# 142.00 blk
22 hd. 632# 127.00 blk
25 hd. 638# 138.00 mixed
22 hd. 685# 135.00 blk

Paris Stockyards
Paris, KY
Oct. 28, 2021
Feeder Steers: Medium & Large 1-2
59 hd. 619# 158.00 blk
37 hd. 711# 136.50 mixed
64 hd. 752# 156.25 blk
166 hd. 797# 157.10 blk
60 hd. 841# 155.35 blk-charx
Feeder Bulls: Medium & Large 1-2
22 hd. 543# 144.50 blk
Feeder Heifers: Medium & Large 1-2
20 hd. 558# 138.00 mixed
80 hd. 620# 152.25 blk-charx
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AUCTION/MARKET

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

Compared to last week slaughter lambs firm to 10.00 higher. Slaughter ewes 10.00 to 15.00 higher. Feeder lambs not well tested. Nannies steady; kids firm to 10.00 higher. Trading active, demand good.

SLAUGHTER LAMBS WOOLED & SHORN: Choice and Prime 1-2 64 lbs 345.00; 72-78 lbs 310.00-324.00; 80 lbs 294.00-318.00; 94-95 lbs 262.00-274.00; 104 lbs 260.00. Choice and Prime 2-3 105-139 lbs 160.00-248.00; 165 lbs 226.00; 215 lbs 168.00. Choice 1-2 65 lbs 300.00. HAIR BREEDS: Choice 2-3 117-130 lbs 200.00. Choice and Prime 1-2 45-49 lbs 358.00-405.00; 50-59 lbs 358.00-400.00; 60-69 lbs 334.00-368.00; 70-79 lbs 300.00-350.00; 80-89 lbs 282.00-316.00; 94-98 lbs 260.00-288.00; 101-115 lbs 262.00-268.00. Choice 1-2 41-45 lbs 302.00-348.00; 50-58 lbs 330.00-354.00; 60-68 lbs 300.00-326.00; 70-78 lbs 286.00-296.00; 80-87 lbs 240.00-265.00; 90-97 lbs 224.00-245.00; 100-109 lbs 228.00-250.00.

Good 1 51 lbs 220.00.

SLAUGHTER GOATS KIDS: Selection 1 40-49 lbs 364.00-406.00; 50-59 lbs 360.00-402.00; 60-69 lbs 330.00-380.00; 70-73 lbs 340.00-375.00; 80-84 lbs 300.00-310.00; 106 lbs 306.00. Selection 1-2 43-49 lbs 320.00-356.00; 50-58 lbs 310.00-360.00; 60-69 lbs 290.00-335.00; 70-77 lbs 292.00-335.00; 80 lbs 256.00-290.00; 90-96 lbs 240.00-298.00. Selection 2 43-48 lbs 270.00-290.00; 53-55 lbs 270.00-300.00; 62-63 lbs 284.00-290.00; 70-78 lbs 260.00-288.00.

New Holland Sheep and Goat Auction New Holland, Pa. Nov. 1, 2021

Compared to last week, woolled and shorn lambs sold strong. Hair breed slaughter lambs sold strong. Ewes and hair ewes sold steady. No comparison on bucks or hair bucks. Buyer demand was moderate on a light to moderate supply. Slaughter kids sold unevenly steady. Nannies/does sold strong. Bucks/billies sold strong. Wethers sold strong. Buyer demand was moderate on a light supply.

SLAUGHTER LAMBS WOOLED & SHORN: Choice and Prime 1-3 58 lbs 440.00; 63-64 lbs 395.00-422.00; 76 lbs 330.00; 81-86 lbs 310.00-315.00; 95 lbs 305.00; 106 lbs 300.00. Choice 1-3 45 lbs 315.00; 58 lbs 315.00-370.00; 62 lbs 360.00; 71-79 lbs 290.00-300.00; 80-86 lbs 275.00-300.00; 92-99 lbs 265.00-290.00; 100-144 lbs 260.00-295.00; 144-149 lbs 235.00-240; 153-160 lbs 210.00-270.00. Good and Choice 1-2 58 lbs 260.00; 87 lbs 260.00; 90-95 lbs 235.00-260.00; 101-148 lbs 200.00-255.00; 155-165 lbs 180.00-205.00. HAIR BREEDS: Choice 1-3 35 lbs 355.00; 45-47 lbs 300.00-325.00; 60-61 lbs 300.00-335.00; 70-79 lbs 285.00-310.00; 81-86 lbs 275.00-290.00; 90-92 lbs 272.00-275.00; 100-140 lbs 245.00-275.00; 100-140 lbs 220.00-275.00.

SLAUGHTER GOATS KIDS: Selection 1 20-29 lbs 55.00-95.00; 30 lbs 110.00; 40-49 lbs 100.00-150.00; 50-59 lbs 150.00-220.00; 60-69 lbs 210.00-250.00; 70-79 lbs 225.00-275.00; 80-89 lbs 255.00-265.00. Selection 2 40 lbs 125.00; 60 lbs 205.00; 70 lbs 170.00-200.00. Selection 3 40-49 lbs 70.00-90.00.

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11/01/2021 4:00 pm est Bids for next day Cash Bids Corn #2 Yellow Corn #2 White Soybeans #1 Y Wheat #2 SRW Barley	Louisville	Pennyrile	Purchase	Bluegrass	Green River	Northern KY	Kentucky Weekly Cattle Receipts as reported at local markets: 10/09/21 16,648 10/16/21 20,285 10/23/21 19,520 10/30/21 21,024	
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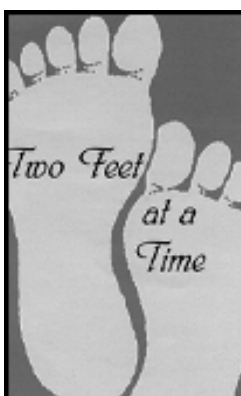
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Ragland honored during NAILE

Kim Ragland received the Harold Workman Leadership award during the Farm-City Luncheon held in conjunction with the North American Livestock Exposition last Friday.

A native of LaRue County, Ragland, Boyle County 4-H youth development agent, grew up showing rabbits and cattle in 4-H.

For 21 years she served on the staff of the NAILE beef show and was the superintendent of the junior heifer show for most of those years. She also served as assistant superintendent of the open beef cattle show at the Kentucky State Fair.

Ragland received her doctorate from University of Georgia in ruminant nutrition. She earned master's in ruminant nutrition and bachelor's degrees in agricultural communications and agricultural economics from the University of Kentucky.

Ragland was editor of the "Cow Country News" and served in the UK College of Agriculture, Food and Environment as an assistant professor and extension specialist in distance



Kim Ragland receives the Harold Workman Leadership award from Dr. Don Ely.

learning. As an extension specialist, she helped remotely educate thousands of students. She also helped develop curriculum for the Kentucky 4-H Livestock Volunteer Certification and a similar curriculum for the Kentucky 4-H Horse Project.

She currently serves as an assistant adjunct professor at UK in the Science Translation and Outreach master's degree program.

She was nominated for the award by Don Ely, UK professor of ruminant nutrition, and Doug Shepherd, Hardin County agriculture and natural resources extension agent.



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

Even in Divided Washington, Thankfulness Abounds

*Guest Column by Brooke Appleton,
National Corn Growers Association
VP of Public Policy*

November is truly a special month for farmers as we prepare for Thanksgiving and celebrate the end of harvest.

My family always had a lot to be thankful for this time of year as we celebrated the holiday on our Missouri farm. I always enjoyed our family tradition of cooking noodles in turkey broth and then pouring them over mashed potatoes. When my husband joined the family seven years ago, he had to point out that we were eating starch on top of starch, to which we replied, "That's why it tastes so good."

But whether you live on a farm with your own special home-cooked meals or live in a city with turkey and Stove Top stuffing, there's a lot to be thankful for as we enter this holiday season. Even in Washington, with all its divisions, there is reason to give thanks.

As I look at the legislative landscape, here are some developments for which I am thankful:

Bipartisan members of Congress who support farmers. We recently kicked off our call to action on the Next Generation Fuels Act, which would increase demand for corn ethanol. This bill would not be possible without the hard work of Rep. Cheri Bustos (D-Ill), who introduced the bill. And it would not have any momentum if not for the bipartisan support of 17 members in the U.S. House of Representatives. On so many issues, corn growers have champions on both sides of the aisle, a rare occurrence in Washington these days. This support has resulted in our many successes over the years and hopefully many more in the years to come.

Farmers who aren't afraid to speak up. I never ceased to be inspired by the advocacy skills and work of our corn growers. Our farmers somehow manage to do all the many things they're expected to do on the farm, even during harvest, while still finding time to travel to Washington to talk with their members of Congress. Thanks to these articulate and savvy advocates, Washington policymakers get a firsthand account of how their policies affect rural America. That's far more effective than just giving them white papers with facts and figures. Simply put, we wouldn't be able to do what we do without our dedicated farmers.

Policymakers who aren't afraid to listen. Hollywood often portrays Congress as an institution where people are out for themselves. But I have found that the nation's policymakers often care deeply about the issues and how they affect Americans. Some of these policymakers may come from areas where farming is not a pressing issue, but I have seen many cases where they will listen intently, take in the information and vote their conscience. In a time when the beleaguered politician is under attack, this is an ode

to those who care enough to listen to everyone.

Promising legislation with funding benefiting farmers. Thanks to our supporters in Congress, the bipartisan infrastructure bill contains billions of dollars for initiatives that would be helpful for farmers, specifically providing upgrades to the nation's ports and inland waterways and extending broadband internet access for rural areas. An estimated 29% of farmers don't have access to internet service, an important tool for marketing crops and planning for planting season. I am thankful this bill has passed through Congress and signed into law by the President.

While I am optimistic, I am not naïve. I know that there are challenges ahead of us. We are fully aware of Washington's extensive divisions and how they could affect legislation that is important to farmers. But it is important to take time to think about all the things that are going well.

I hope you enjoy the upcoming holiday season. My husband, son and I will be spending the holiday with family. My husband has finally learned to enjoy dual starches. And THAT is something which to be thankful!



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Angie Setzer, ConsusROI
- 11:00 a.m.
Lunch and Keynote by Jerry Hagstrom
- 1:00 p.m.
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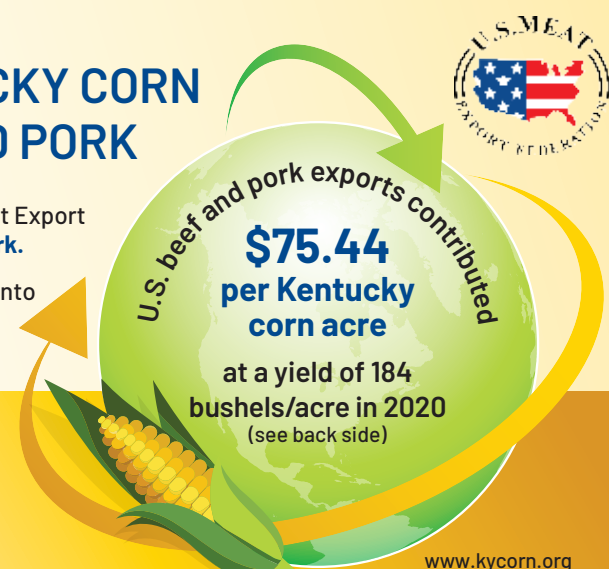
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Bobby and Sue Grider have a herd of Katahdin on their farm in Jamestown.

Grider introduces Australian White Hair Sheep to Kentucky

JAMESTOWN, KY. – The sheep roaming Bobby and Sue Grider's farm don't require shearing. That fact allows him more time to share with fellow farmers the advantages of raising Australian Whites.

Grider, 61, a Russell County native, has been co-owner of an auto body repair shop, beef cattle farmer, telephone installer, and now operator of Stable Rock Katahdins on his scenic 22 acres outside Jamestown.

Grider, 61, first noticed Katahdin sheep, with hair rather than wool, during drives through neighboring Casey County while working for Windstream.

Grazing on his 22-acre farm now are a flock of ewes and one ram, and lambs of various ages. These hair sheep were developed in Maine in the 1950s by a breeder who named them after the

state's highest peak, Mt. Katahdin.

The sheep are raised mainly for meat, Grider said, noting the shortage of shearers and cost of shearing make hair sheep desirable. Other advantages of hair sheep include their stronger resistance to parasites and their production of leaner meat.

If things go well with an embryo implantation, Stable Rock will begin production of a new breed, the Australian White hair sheep, in April of 2022. The Russell County farm will then have the first Australian Whites in Kentucky.

Planning and preparation for the new venture were complex.

The Whites were developed in Australia begin-

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Purnell Sausage company wins award

LOUISVILLE – F.B. Purnell Sausage Company, a Kentucky-based manufacturer and marketer of premier pork products for more than 70 years, has been named winner of the 2021 Agribusiness of the Year Award.

The award, presented by the Agribusiness Industry Network and sponsored this year by the Kentucky Department of Agriculture, was given to Fred "Todd" Purnell, president of the company, during the annual Farm City Luncheon at the Kentucky Expo Center.

Now in its 28th year, the Agribusiness of the Year designation honors a Louisville-area agribusiness which excels in financial growth and stability, employee relations and contributions to the overall ag economy.

Purnell Sausage traces its history to a Tennessee farm boy and one-time railroad steam engine mechanic Fred B. Purnell, better known to friends and co-workers as "Old Folks" because as a child he would sit and listen to adults talk while the other children would play.

Fred B. "Old Folks" Purnell used a family recipe to make his own sausage at home, and occasionally shared his sausage biscuit lunches with co-workers at the railroad.

The rave reviews he got from those fellow employees convinced him to begin selling sausage part-time, which then grew into a full-time enterprise when injuries forced him to retire from the heavy lifting job.

Fred and his wife Clara, with sons Fred Jr., Allen and Robert and daughter Betty, moved to Louisville in 1950 and founded the company that bears his name in a small rented space near Mellwood Avenue, in the city's Butchertown neighborhood. Their success there prompted the purchase of land in Simpsonville, where a new plant was built in 1955 and following several expansions still operates today.

The Purnell sons and daughter followed their parents into positions with the family business, and Allen's radio commercials that he made in the 1960s soon elevated the brand's profile in part due to his down home vocal style and his distinctive tag line "It's goo-od."

Those unique commercials eventually migrated to television, giving the Purnell products a leg up in the marketplace and making Allen Purnell a recognizable regional

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Sticker-shocking feed prices require wise livestock management



Photo by Matt Barton, UK Agricultural Communications Specialist

Cows in good body condition with supplemental hay should result in stronger calves at birth and a higher quality colostrum.

Feed prices are higher this fall than they were last year, and while that may initially cause “sticker shock,” a University of Kentucky extension specialist said that shouldn’t paralyze beef producers’ management decisions.

“The biology of our cows hasn’t changed since last year, and that means we still need to provide balanced nutrition for the outcomes we desire,” said Kevin Laurent, beef extension associate for the UK College of Agriculture, Food and Environment at the Research and Education Center in Princeton. “Pro-

ducers can avoid the ‘sticker shock’ and avoid management paralysis.”

Laurent said if there ever was a time for producers to test hay, it is this year. In most cases, producers can work with their county extension agents to submit samples to the Kentucky Department of Agriculture’s Forage Testing Program. They can plug the results into the UK Beef Cow Forage Supplement Tool available online at forage-supplement-tool.ca.uky.edu/, to get supplement recommendations.

“You may find that your poorer hay

will still meet the needs of dry cows in mid-gestation,” Laurent said. “Consider closing some gates and feeding weaned, dry cows hay now and saving stockpiled forage for closer to calving.”

Most years, stockpiled fescue tests 10 percent-12 percent crude protein and 60 percent-62 percent total digestible nutrients. Laurent said that amount will maintain lactating cows with little-to-no supplement.

Cows in good body condition with supplemental hay should result in stronger calves at birth and a higher quality colostrum.

“Make sure your cows are in body condition score 5-6 by calving time,” he said. “That means no visible backbone, hooks/hip bones or middle ribs. Continue to meet their nutritional needs after calving.”

Laurent warned that producers should not try use hay alone unless the hay tests well enough to maintain body condition.

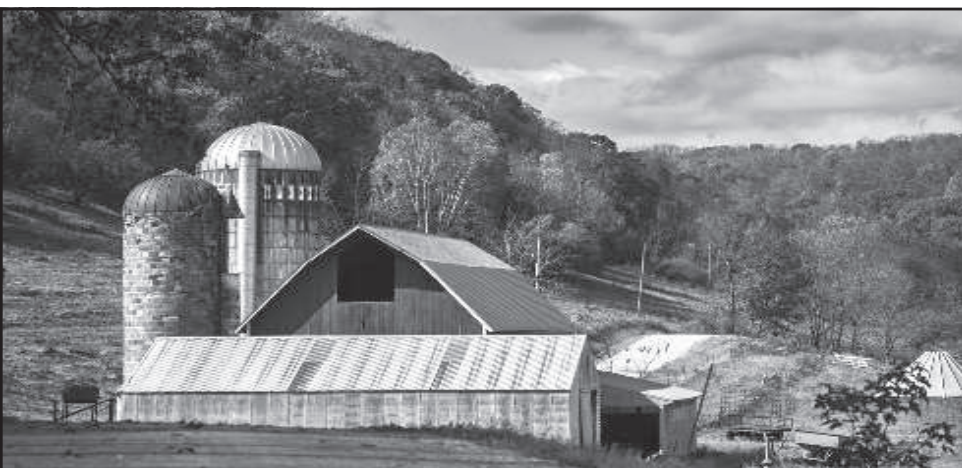
“We know most of the time our hay is not sufficient on its own to get this done,” he said. “Just remember, how you manage prior to and after calving

also affects the breed back rate and the 2023 calf crop—which may be the highest value of calves we have sold in recent years. Proper feeding could mean the difference between a 70 percent 2023 calf crop and a 90 percent 2023 calf crop. You always have to be looking farther down the road. The amount you spend on supplementing your hay this year could reap huge dividends in 2023.”

Producers should not abandon preconditioning and backgrounding programs this year. Laurent said the budgets for those still look favorable, even in the face of higher feed costs.

“Mainly, try to stay positive,” he said. “There’s lots of negativity out there; try to concentrate on the good. Times like these challenge us to do a little better and rethink some of our habits and management practices. Market dynamics are good. If we negotiate our way through these high input times, we can reap the benefits of better prices in the future.”

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Innovative class explores cover crops' place in agricultural systems



Photo by Katie Pratt, UK agricultural communications.

(From left) UK student Osei Jordan, Sapana Pandey and Susanne Deeb harvest biomass off their cover crop plots at UK's Horticultural Research Farm in Lexington. The students are part of a cover crops and agroecosystems class co-taught by UK weed scientist Erin Haramoto.

Cover crops can have many benefits for farmers over time, but they also can be challenging for growers to effectively manage. University of Kentucky students are a part of a multidisciplinary class studying how cover crops can fit into diverse agricultural systems across the United States.

Nearly 80 college students from seven U.S. universities are participating in a class called cover crops and agroecosystems. The class is organized and taught by eight university instructors, including UK weed scientist Erin Haramoto. The hybrid class includes in-person exercises and virtual discussion and education. The students study cover crops in agricultural systems including corn, soybeans and specialty crops.

"Nationwide, there has been a large increase in cover crop use over the past few years," said Haramoto, an associate professor in the UK College of Agriculture, Food and Environment. "Farmers are interested in using them, but there are some real challenges that limit their

adoption. This class is studying how to implement and manage cover crops to maximize their benefits and minimize their negative aspects."

UK has seven undergraduate and graduate students participating in the class. Other students are from Clemson University, University of Maryland, University of New Hampshire, Cornell University, Michigan State University

and University of Nebraska, Lincoln.

The class takes a multidisciplinary approach to cover crop education. Students learn about the ways cover crops affect the soil, insects, diseases and weeds. They also learn about cover cropping economics and ways to support farmers who use them.

During Friday Zoom discussions, instructors divide the students into small groups to discuss what they have found during their exercises that week.

"On any given Friday, I'm probably talking to students from three or four different universities," said Viktor Halmos, a UK graduate student studying entomology from Lexington. "It is interesting to hear the different rotations in their states, what soil types they are working with and what sort of weather impacts that they have."

One of the most recent in-person exercises required the students to develop their own cover crop mixture, plant and harvest it. During the harvest, they noted insects, weeds, earthworms and measured plant biomass above ground and root biomass in the soil.

The class compared their results to students in other states. Some of the preliminary data showed most states had similar above-ground biomass. The UK students' cover crop mixtures suppressed weeds, and they found a lot of different insects within their plots. Kentucky and South Carolina had the most microbial activity in their plots, which

Haramoto said was expected because those two states are the warmest and wettest in the class.

In prior class meetings, the instructors encouraged the students to work with each other to solve problems they will potentially face one day as agricultural industry professionals.

"We do a lot of application work," said Susanne Deeb, a UK senior with an individualized curriculum major in agriculture from Roswell, Georgia. "We just spent three weeks building a crop rotation for a county in Nebraska that no one in my group had ever been to before. We learned that we are going to be scientists in places that we may know nothing about, and we are going to have to figure things out like crop rotations."

The class is part of a larger five-year, \$10 million grant the U.S. Department of Agriculture awarded to a multidisciplinary group of researchers led by scientists at North Carolina State University in 2019. The researchers are trying to learn more about cover crops and ways they can increase their usage among farmers. Haramoto is also involved in research efforts and is studying pest management in cover crops. UK assistant professor Hanna Poffenbarger is also part of the team and is conducting research on nitrogen dynamics.

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industries and it's more important than ever to stay on top of the latest trends to put food on the tables of millions around the world," said David S. Beck, president and CEO of Kentucky Venues.

This annual event is the largest indoor farm show in the country and the premier winter show within the industry. In an effort to help the show continue to grow and improve the guest experience, Kentucky Venues is requiring registration this year. As part of the registration process, attendees who register in the first week will have a chance to win free parking or Championship Tractor Pull tickets.

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Better management, not more money

The Forage Doctor

By Jimmy Henning



I really, really don't like uncertainty. I am also very risk-averse. When they ask me to describe my risk tolerance with my investments, I say 'mattress.' Since I try to identify as completely as possible with forage livestock producers to understand their challenges, our current financial climate drives me crazy. Agriculture is facing unprecedented challenges regarding input prices and availability.

In these uncertain times, it is helpful to remind ourselves of ways to increase profitability in return for better management, not more money. Here are a few examples.

Renovation. We know the benefits of clover, but how can we manage to spend less to establish or get more out of the clover we plant? First, we could up our establishment game. We have

all been guilty of just throwing clover seed out on the pasture in February and hoping for the best. Well, maybe you have. What about putting a spinner seeder on the front of a tractor that is pulling a chain drag to open up the sod and maybe get a little better seed soil contact?

What if your pasture needs too much fertilizer to afford to apply what the soil test calls for to establish clover? Then consider selecting a small area that can be used for creep pasture for calves. Instead of putting clover seed and fertilizer on the whole farm, you can focus on a small part of the main pasture that can have limited access by a single hot wire placed high enough that calves can creep under.

If the price of better clover seed is making you consider going to a cheaper, unimproved choice, just don't. The yield and persistence differential between the two can equal 3 to 6 TONS per acre over the life of the stand, according to replicated University of

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This Oklahoma windmill provided water for a vegetable garden for my family two generations ago. It reminds me of how much people made from the little they had, especially in the dust-bowl era Midwest. This scene is a good reminder that we may be able to find ways to use management, not more money, to prosper in these financially uncertain times.



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Purnell Sausage company wins award



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media presence similar to what Col. Harland Sanders did nationally and internationally for his chicken brand.

Today, Purnell Sausage markets nearly 700,000 pounds of processed pork and poultry products each week to groceries and restaurants. Total annual sales have climbed to some \$70 million.

The company workforce stands at 270 employees, including several local families with multiple generations working at the plant. One-fourth of those workers have 25 years of service or better with the company.

Purnell is a major customer for pork

producers, purchasing live hogs in Kentucky, Indiana and several other nearby states. The firm is a regular contributor of food to Dare to Care and supports a range of other charitable organizations.

Shelby County Judge Executive Dan Ison called Purnell "one of the county's most generous and most caring corporate citizens."

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Better management not more money

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Kentucky results. Instead, plant limited acres as above or use less seed but with better attention to the basics of establishment. Five pounds of red clover is still more than 30 seeds per square foot. And one pound of ladino adds 17 more seeds per square foot.

Hay Management. Hay or supplemental feed is the biggest cost for overwintering livestock. Better storage can lower hay requirements by 20 to 30% easily. One easily overlooked area of better management is breaking the ground contact with outside stored hay. Half of the dry matter loss in hay stored outside comes from moisture that bales absorb directly from the ground.

The method of feeding hay can make a big difference in losses. Ring feeders reduce losses significantly over free access to hay. Ring feeders with solid sheeting around the bottom section reduce dry matter losses even more.

Bale grazing is one method of hay feeding that can have multiple paybacks. Dr. Greg Halich at UK has shown that putting out bales in the fall and then allocating them using temporary fence can produce multiple benefits. These include less time and fuel, less damage to fields, and better distribution of manure and even more importantly, the urine as animals are rotated around the feeding area during winter. It is easy to forget that the urine contains a significant portion of the nitrogen and the majority of the potassium that passes through livestock. Just put Halich and bale grazing in your browser and you will see why this technique is worth considering.

Hay testing. Those of you who have read this far may say 'gotcha' because hay testing costs money. And you would be right. However, considering the magnitude of the cost of winter feeding, a \$20 hay test is still a good investment. Knowing your hay quality lets you match the right hay with the needs of the livestock at the right time. No need to unknowingly feed the very best hay to a mid-gestation animal when they need it much worse in late gestation or lactation.

Rotational Grazing. Another way to almost make something from nothing is to strip graze any available tall fescue or other pasture ground. Work done by Jim Gerrish at the University of Missouri that simply allocating a 3-day versus 7-day supply of tall fescue can extend the fall grazing days by over 40 percent. Strip

grazing doesn't create something from nothing, but in this instance it comes really close.

These ideas are probably not new, and you already may be doing one or more of them. However,

it is helpful and maybe even a little soothing to remind ourselves that there are still things we can do that don't cost money, just a little bit of time.

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Turkey: From Farm to Table

As you are thinking about enjoying your Thanksgiving Day meal, we thought you may be interested in how turkeys are raised by our farmers. The following information was provided by the National Turkey Federation.

Raising turkeys is around-the-clock work. Each year, approximately 240 million turkeys are raised on about 2,500 farms across the United States, many of which are family farms. NTF is working to amplify the hard work done by the men and women across the turkey industry to support America's robust food supply. Read on to learn more about raising turkeys and the turkey production process in the United States.

Raising Birds to Maturity

Broad-breasted White is the most commonly domesticated breed of turkey. This breed is raised to produce more breast meat and meatier thighs and is recognizable by their white feathers. Other variations, such as heritage turkeys, are also bred in niche markets.

Turkey eggs are tan with brown specks and are larger than chicken eggs. The incubation period to hatch a turkey egg is 28 days. Once hatched, a baby turkey is called a poult and is tan and brown. Male turkeys are called toms, while female turkeys are called hens.

How Turkeys Are Raised

American farmers are raising turkeys in scientifically-designed, environmentally-controlled barns that provide maximum protection from predators, disease and weather extremes. They are fed a balanced diet of corn and soybean meal mixed with a supplement of vitamins and minerals. On average, it takes 75-80 pounds of feed to raise a 38-pound tom turkey. Feed ingredients account for roughly two-thirds of the cost of raising a turkey.

To maintain production continuity, laying hens

are artificially inseminated in a controlled environment. During a 25-week laying cycle, a hen normally lays 80-100 eggs. At the end of this cycle, the hen is "spent" and usually processed. Some breeders choose to molt the hen (allow a resting period) before another production cycle. This process takes 90 days; however, the second laying cycle will produce slightly fewer eggs.

Modern production methods have shortened the time it takes for turkeys to reach maturity. A hen usually takes 14 weeks and weighs 15.5 pounds when processed, but a tom takes roughly 18 weeks to reach a market weight of 38 pounds. Genetic improvements, better feed formulation and modern management practices are responsible for the size of turkeys produced today.

Hens are typically processed and sold as whole birds, while toms are often further processed into products such as cutlets, tenderloins, turkey sausage, turkey franks and turkey deli meats.

Dedication to Animal Health

To prevent disease when raising turkeys, turkey growers rely on vaccination, biosecurity against outside contamination, good hygiene, best management practices and placing newly hatched poults certified free of specific infections. Antibiotics have been safely used in animal agriculture for half a century to treat and control disease in animals and improve the animal's overall health. Advancements in genetics, veterinary management and animal disease research have led to improved animal health and less reliance on antibiotics. In addition, the turkey industry supports alternatives and new mitigation strategies to support challenges producers face.

However, just like humans, animals some-

Fun fact:

Broad-breasted turkeys are bred with white feathers, so they leave no unsightly pigment spots under the skin when plucked.



times get sick and need further medical attention. NTF and the turkey industry are working together to identify and address some of the biggest health challenges facing turkey production today.

Environmentally Conscious

Turkey growers not only care for the animals they raise, but they are also dedicated stewards of the land and take precautions to ensure their farms' longevity through sustainable agriculture practices. Many turkey farms have been active for generations and are passed down through the family. Sustainability is tantamount to the success of the growing operation and is becoming a standard across the turkey industry.



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White Named National FFA Officer

Sometimes dreams do come true — that is the case for Union Countian Mallory White who was named National FFA Eastern Region Vice President during the organization's 94th annual convention in Indianapolis, Ind.

The Sturgis News spoke with White on Sunday after she began training for the activities she will be involved with over the next year. The Murray State University junior will return to school later this week and fast track her work for this semester so she can return to Indianapolis for two months of training before the new officer team begins traveling throughout the United States to work with high school FFA programs, industry leaders, teachers, government leaders, farmers and the public.

From January through the next convention, White and her fellow officers will each travel over 100,000 miles to serve FFA's 700,000 plus members. She has made history locally as UCHS's first member to hold a national office, but

she knows, "the local program helps develop young people—it starts at the local level."

For White, this is an opportunity she has worked for since she joined the Union County High School FFA as a freshman and attended her first national FFA convention. Seven years later, she is going to be doing exactly what she set as one of her goals.

Her career in FFA began at UCHS where she served as President her senior year, then earned the title of president of the Kentucky association.

Over the years she has participated in numerous FFA activities. To become a national officer, White had to first be nominated by her state association, which approved her application for national officer candidacy. According to White being named a national officer "will allow me to spread the word about my love of agriculture. The future of agriculture should be exciting and I want to remind people of that."

White was one of 37 national officer candidate nominees (each state can nominate one person), and following the first round of interviews by the nine-person FFA member nominating committee, that number was cut to 21 before the final six were named as officers on Saturday. White went through seven rounds of interviews, submitted a personal introduction video and participated in a one-on-one interview with each of the members of the selection committee. She was also required to give a stand and deliver speech, participate in round-robin and media rounds as well as a stakeholder round before going before the full selection committee and the final personal round.

As a representative of one of FFA's four regions, White and her counterparts will travel across the United States for speaking engagements at state conventions, work at FFA summer camps and industry visits.

"This experience will allow me to



Mallory White was elected National FFA Eastern Region Vice President.

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Open Heifers: Medium 600# 450.00; Common 550# 250.00 Crossbred.

Baby Bull Calves: 19 Head 20.00-110.00; 8 Head 90.00-190.00 Beef Cross; 2 Head 40.00-50.00 Brown Swiss; 5 Head 50.00-110.00 Crossbred; 1 Head 20.00 Guernsey; 3 Head 20.00-25.00 Jersey.

Baby Heifer Calves: 13 Head 20.00-90.00; 6 Head 70.00-140.00 Beef Cross; 1 Head 110.00 Crossbred.

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Blue Grass South Stanford, KY Oct. 28, 2021 Feeder Steers: Medium & Large 1-2 51 hd. 669# 163.75 blk 70 hd. 718# 163.00 blk 70 hd. 733# 159.75 blk-charx 68 hd. 770# 157.25 blk 63 hd. 822# 154.80 blk 40 hd. 828# 149.00 blk-charx 62 hd. 829# 153.90 blk-charx 67 hd. 838# 154.95 blk 58 hd. 846# 151.00 blk-charx 59 hd. 873# 152.50 blk 64 hd. 874# 152.50 blk Feeder Heifers: Medium & Large 1-2 73 hd. 695# 142.25 mixed	KY-TN Livestock Auction Guthrie, KY Oct. 28, 2021 Feeder Steers: Medium & Large 1-2 22 hd. 546# 157.00 bbwf 21 hd. 620# 139.50 bbwf Feeder Heifers: Medium & Large 1-2 29 hd. 423# 143.00 bbwf 28 hd. 488# 136.00 bbwf 37 hd. 552# 127.00 bbwf 29 hd. 616# 122.50 bbwf Feeder Bulls: Medium & Large 1-2 25 hd. 432# 170.00 bbwf 24 hd. 500# 159.00 bbwf 22 hd. 548# 151.00 bbwf 35 hd. 623# 133.25 bbwf 22 hd. 697# 119.00 bbwf
Farmers Livestock Glasgow, KY Oct. 25, 2021 Feeder Bulls: Medium & Large 1-2 22 hd. 443# 150.00 blk 35 hd. 593# 129.00 blk Feeder Heifers: Medium & Large 1-2 24 hd. 369# 138.50 blk 39 hd. 443# 133.00 blk 38 hd. 513# 136.00 blk	Lake Cumberland Livestock Somerset, KY Oct. 30, 2021 Feeder Steers: Medium & Large 1-2 40 hd. 676# 148.25 blk-charx
Blue Grass of Campbellsville Campbellsville, KY Oct. 27 & 30, 2021 Holstein Steers: Large 3 21 hd. 721# 95.00 40 hd. 944# 93.10 Feeder Heifers: Medium & Large 1-2 23 hd. 361# 136.00 blk	Blue Grass Maysville Maysville, KY Oct. 26, 2021 Feeder Heifers: Medium & Large 1-2 78 hd. 620# 149.25 blk-charx 74 hd. 637# 155.00 blk-charx 125 hd. 722# 143.75 blk-charx
	Blue Grass East Mt. Sterling, KY Oct. 27, 2021 Feeder Steers: Medium & Large 1-2 65 hd. 811# 153.80 blk-mixed

Blue Grass Stockyards Lexington, KY Oct. 26, 2021 Feeder Steers: Medium & Large 1-2 65 hd. 694# 163.00 blk 22 hd. 765# 152.75 blk-charx 53 hd. 775# 154.50 blk-mixed 63 hd. 808# 149.75 mixed 65 hd. 855# 154.30 blk 87 hd. 921# 143.00 mixed	Paris Stockyards Paris, KY Oct. 28, 2021 Feeder Steers: Medium & Large 1-2 59 hd. 619# 158.00 blk 37 hd. 711# 136.50 mixed 64 hd. 752# 156.25 blk 166 hd. 797# 157.10 blk 60 hd. 841# 155.35 blk-charx Feeder Bulls: Medium & Large 1-2 22 hd. 543# 144.50 blk Feeder Heifers: Medium & Large 1-2 20 hd. 558# 138.00 mixed 80 hd. 620# 152.25 blk-charx 53 hd. 666# 144.00 blk 123 hd. 772# 141.35 blk
Mid-KY Livestock Market Upton, KY Oct. 26, 2021 Feeder Steers: Medium & Large 1-2 35 hd. 586# 146.50 blk 24 hd. 647# 156.25 blk 26 hd. 745# 147.00 mixed Feeder Heifers: Medium & Large 1-2 27 hd. 462# 134.00 blk 22 hd. 615# 142.00 blk 22 hd. 632# 127.00 blk 25 hd. 638# 138.00 mixed 22 hd. 685# 135.00 blk	<p>View full market reports at www.ams.usda.gov</p>

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AUCTION/MARKET

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

Compared to last week slaughter lambs firm to 10.00 higher. Slaughter ewes 10.00 to 15.00 higher. Feeder lambs not well tested. Nannies steady; kids firm to 10.00 higher. Trading active, demand good.

SLAUGHTER LAMBS WOOLED & SHORN: Choice and Prime 1-2 64 lbs 345.00; 72-78 lbs 310.00-324.00; 80 lbs 294.00-318.00; 94-95 lbs 262.00-274.00; 104 lbs 260.00. Choice and Prime 2-3 105-139 lbs 160.00-248.00; 165 lbs 226.00; 215 lbs 168.00. Choice 1-2 65 lbs 300.00. HAIR BREEDS: Choice 2-3 117-130 lbs 200.00. Choice and Prime 1-2 45-49 lbs 358.00-405.00; 50-59 lbs 358.00-400.00; 60-69 lbs 334.00-368.00; 70-79 lbs 300.00-350.00; 80-89 lbs 282.00-316.00; 94-98 lbs 260.00-288.00; 101-115 lbs 262.00-268.00. Choice 1-2 41-45 lbs 302.00-348.00; 50-58 lbs 330.00-354.00; 60-68 lbs 300.00-326.00; 70-78 lbs 286.00-296.00; 80-87 lbs 240.00-265.00; 90-97 lbs 224.00-245.00; 100-109 lbs 228.00-250.00.

Good 1 51 lbs 220.00.

SLAUGHTER GOATS KIDS: Selection 1 40-49 lbs 364.00-406.00; 50-59 lbs 360.00-402.00; 60-69 lbs 330.00-380.00; 70-73 lbs 340.00-375.00; 80-84 lbs 300.00-310.00; 106 lbs 306.00. Selection 1-2 43-49 lbs 320.00-356.00; 50-58 lbs 310.00-360.00; 60-69 lbs 290.00-335.00; 70-77 lbs 292.00-335.00; 80 lbs 256.00-290.00; 90-96 lbs 240.00-298.00. Selection 2 43-48 lbs 270.00-290.00; 53-55 lbs 270.00-300.00; 62-63 lbs 284.00-290.00; 70-78 lbs 260.00-288.00.

New Holland Sheep and Goat Auction New Holland, Pa. Nov. 1, 2021

Compared to last week, woolled and shorn lambs sold strong. Hair breed slaughter lambs sold strong. Ewes and hair ewes sold steady. No comparison on bucks or hair bucks. Buyer demand was moderate on a light to moderate supply. Slaughter kids sold unevenly steady. Nannies/does sold strong. Bucks/billies sold strong. Wethers sold strong. Buyer demand was moderate on a light supply.

SLAUGHTER LAMBS WOOLED & SHORN: Choice and Prime 1-3 58 lbs 440.00; 63-64 lbs 395.00-422.00; 76 lbs 330.00; 81-86 lbs 310.00-315.00; 95 lbs 305.00; 106 lbs 300.00. Choice 1-3 45 lbs 315.00; 58 lbs 315.00-370.00; 62 lbs 360.00; 71-79 lbs 290.00-300.00; 80-86 lbs 275.00-300.00; 92-99 lbs 265.00-290.00; 100-144 lbs 260.00-295.00; 144-149 lbs 235.00-240; 153-160 lbs 210.00-270.00. Good and Choice 1-2 58 lbs 260.00; 87 lbs 260.00; 90-95 lbs 235.00-260.00; 101-148 lbs 200.00-255.00; 155-165 lbs 180.00-205.00. HAIR BREEDS: Choice 1-3 35 lbs 355.00; 45-47 lbs 300.00-325.00; 60-61 lbs 300.00-335.00; 70-79 lbs 285.00-310.00; 81-86 lbs 275.00-290.00; 90-92 lbs 272.00-275.00; 100-140 lbs 245.00-275.00; 100-140 lbs 220.00-275.00.

SLAUGHTER GOATS KIDS: Selection 1 20-29 lbs 55.00-95.00; 30 lbs 110.00; 40-49 lbs 100.00-150.00; 50-59 lbs 150.00-220.00; 60-69 lbs 210.00-250.00; 70-79 lbs 225.00-275.00; 80-89 lbs 255.00-265.00. Selection 2 40 lbs 125.00; 60 lbs 205.00; 70 lbs 170.00-200.00. Selection 3 40-49 lbs 70.00-90.00.

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11/01/2021 4:00 pm est Bids for next day Cash Bids Corn #2 Yellow Corn #2 White Soybeans #1 Y Wheat #2 SRW Barley	Louisville	Pennyrile	Purchase	Bluegrass	Green River	Northern KY	
	5.52-5.71	5.54-5.64	5.44-5.54 6.24-6.29	5.49	5.59	5.54	
	11.63 NA	11.92-12.04 7.82	12.14 NA	11.62 NA	12.09 NA	12.34 NA	
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	NA 7.33	NA NA	NA NA	NA 7.66	NA 7.56	NA 7.67	

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400-450 lbs	162.43	164.13	149.52
450-500 lbs	157.76	157.54	143.25
500-550 lbs	152.13	154.11	137.11
550-600 lbs	146.33	146.35	132.49
600-650 lbs	142.91	142.40	131.00
650-700 lbs	138.37	139.74	123.10
700-750 lbs	138.12	138.29	121.94
750-800 lbs	137.15	139.05	121.67
800-850 lbs	144.44	132.53	120.90
850-900 lbs	134.21	141.62	125.25

Heifers (M&L 1-2)

300-350 lbs	134.21	137.24	126.33
350-400 lbs	137.54	136.14	124.45
400-450 lbs	134.86	135.05	122.62
450-500 lbs	131.91	132.44	123.30
500-550 lbs	130.31	131.66	119.96
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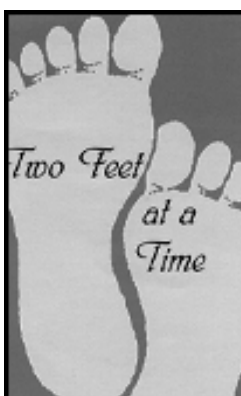
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A native of LaRue County, Ragland, Boyle County 4-H youth development agent, grew up showing rabbits and cattle in 4-H.

For 21 years she served on the staff of the NAILE beef show and was the superintendent of the junior heifer show for most of those years. She also served as assistant superintendent of the open beef cattle show at the Kentucky State Fair.

Ragland received her doctorate from University of Georgia in ruminant nutrition. She earned master's in ruminant nutrition and bachelor's degrees in agricultural communications and agricultural economics from the University of Kentucky.

Ragland was editor of the "Cow Country News" and served in the UK College of Agriculture, Food and Environment as an assistant professor and extension specialist in distance



Kim Ragland receives the Harold Workman Leadership award from Dr. Don Ely.

learning. As an extension specialist, she helped remotely educate thousands of students. She also helped develop curriculum for the Kentucky 4-H Livestock Volunteer Certification and a similar curriculum for the Kentucky 4-H Horse Project.

She currently serves as an assistant adjunct professor at UK in the Science Translation and Outreach master's degree program.

She was nominated for the award by Don Ely, UK professor of ruminant nutrition, and Doug Shepherd, Hardin County agriculture and natural resources extension agent.



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

Even in Divided Washington, Thankfulness Abounds

*Guest Column by Brooke Appleton,
National Corn Growers Association
VP of Public Policy*

November is truly a special month for farmers as we prepare for Thanksgiving and celebrate the end of harvest.

My family always had a lot to be thankful for this time of year as we celebrated the holiday on our Missouri farm. I always enjoyed our family tradition of cooking noodles in turkey broth and then pouring them over mashed potatoes. When my husband joined the family seven years ago, he had to point out that we were eating starch on top of starch, to which we replied, "That's why it tastes so good."

But whether you live on a farm with your own special home-cooked meals or live in a city with turkey and Stove Top stuffing, there's a lot to be thankful for as we enter this holiday season. Even in Washington, with all its divisions, there is reason to give thanks.

As I look at the legislative landscape, here are some developments for which I am thankful:

Bipartisan members of Congress who support farmers. We recently kicked off our call to action on the Next Generation Fuels Act, which would increase demand for corn ethanol. This bill would not be possible without the hard work of Rep. Cheri Bustos (D-Ill), who introduced the bill. And it would not have any momentum if not for the bipartisan support of 17 members in the U.S. House of Representatives. On so many issues, corn growers have champions on both sides of the aisle, a rare occurrence in Washington these days. This support has resulted in our many successes over the years and hopefully many more in the years to come.

Farmers who aren't afraid to speak up. I never ceased to be inspired by the advocacy skills and work of our corn growers. Our farmers somehow manage to do all the many things they're expected to do on the farm, even during harvest, while still finding time to travel to Washington to talk with their members of Congress. Thanks to these articulate and savvy advocates, Washington policymakers get a firsthand account of how their policies affect rural America. That's far more effective than just giving them white papers with facts and figures. Simply put, we wouldn't be able to do what we do without our dedicated farmers.

Policymakers who aren't afraid to listen. Hollywood often portrays Congress as an institution where people are out for themselves. But I have found that the nation's policymakers often care deeply about the issues and how they affect Americans. Some of these policymakers may come from areas where farming is not a pressing issue, but I have seen many cases where they will listen intently, take in the information and vote their conscience. In a time when the beleaguered politician is under attack, this is an ode

to those who care enough to listen to everyone.

Promising legislation with funding benefiting farmers. Thanks to our supporters in Congress, the bipartisan infrastructure bill contains billions of dollars for initiatives that would be helpful for farmers, specifically providing upgrades to the nation's ports and inland waterways and extending broadband internet access for rural areas. An estimated 29% of farmers don't have access to internet service, an important tool for marketing crops and planning for planting season. I am thankful this bill has passed through Congress and signed into law by the President.

While I am optimistic, I am not naïve. I know that there are challenges ahead of us. We are fully aware of Washington's extensive divisions and how they could affect legislation that is important to farmers. But it is important to take time to think about all the things that are going well.

I hope you enjoy the upcoming holiday season. My husband, son and I will be spending the holiday with family. My husband has finally learned to enjoy dual starches. And THAT is something which to be thankful!



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Angie Setzer, ConsusROI
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Lunch and Keynote by Jerry Hagstrom
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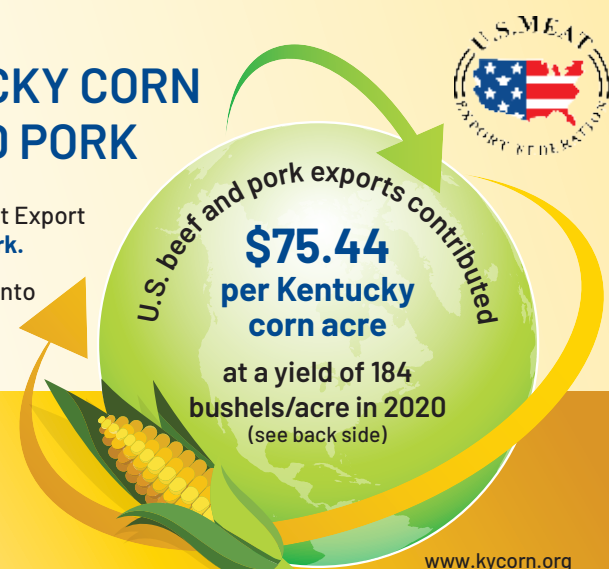
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Grider introduces Australian White Hair Sheep to Kentucky



(From left) Scott Harne, Micha Thomas, Bobby Grider and Russell County Extension Agent Johnathan Oakes prep to take an embryo from an Australian White Hair Sheep on Grider's Farm.

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ning in 2011.

Grider said four breeds were used to develop a composite, taking the breeders about 10 years to establish a uniform animal to be known as the Australian White.

Australian Whites came to the U. S. as frozen embryos "straight from Australia," said Bobby.

One of the American farms involved in the Australian embryo business is Fagerman Farm, owned by the Daniel Fagerman family of northern Alabama. Fagerman, a 36-year-old civil engineer and initially a sheep hobbyist, has become very active in the building of a quality Australian White herd. Grider calls him a "pioneer" in bringing the sheep to the U.S.

Fagerman traveled to Russell County recently with a team of embryologists and a veterinarian to implant embryos in 20 of Grider's Katahdin ewes with

the goal of their becoming surrogate moms for the Australian Whites.

Grider said he attempted to choose the best milk producers with good mothering qualities for the venture. The ewes were isolated from the rest of the flock to create familiarity and closeness with each other.

Six days before implantation the ewes were given hormones to make them "think" they were pregnant. The thawed embryos implanted were six days old also.

One-by-one, ewes in a pen received a light sedative before being strapped to equipment enabling them to lie on their backs. The uterine area of the belly was then shaved and coated with antiseptic.

The vet then cut two slits in the prepared area and used an embryo catheter to insert the embryo.

A microscope is used to pinpoint the exact location for the transfer.

The gestational period is five months, and Grider noted that ewes can have three pregnancies in two years.

"The meat from Australian Whites has a lower fat melting point and is higher in Omega 3 fat," Grider said.

Fagerman said the meat has an improved flavor.

"It was engineered more for the American palate with a milder, less 'gamey' taste."

Grider recalled he had eaten the grilled meat during a symposium at Fagerman's farm. "It was delicious, reminded me of prime rib. No sauces were needed."

Grider believes the sheep industry suffers from a lack of promotion and awareness.

"Unlike black Angus, there is a lack of marketing at this time," he says.

Optimistic about the future of the sheep industry in Kentucky, Grider hopes to have Australian White breeding stock for sale by 2023.

"I hope 20 years down the road, people say 'that guy in Russell County brought lamb to Kentucky.'" If they do, Bobby Grider will have done more than his fair share.

By Don & Carol White
Field Reporter

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There's something about a hallway conversation or visiting over a cup of coffee in the morning, even reading someone's body language in a room that makes a big difference for me.

For those who have read my columns before, it's no surprise to hear that some members of the Kentucky Soybean family refer to the months ahead as "meetin' and eatin' season." Nobody who has been to one of our meetings can say that we don't feed our attendees well, and we have lots of high-quality meetings set for this winter!

I am personally overjoyed to be headed into an in-person meeting season. I have "Zoom fatigue," and I am sure that most folks who have attended virtual meetings and watched webinars for the past year and a half are with me on that.

Yes, I am incredibly thankful for technology such as Zoom and Microsoft Teams, because these platforms allowed us to continue conducting business. The Kentucky Soybean Board hasn't missed a beat, and while it's not the same seeing our farmer-leaders flat on a screen looking like the Brady Bunch in their boxes, we have utilized the technology to carry out the business of the soy checkoff.

But, oh how I miss my people. We've gotten better at Zoom etiquette, and most of us have "Zoomed" enough now to know if we are still on mute or not, but there's so much about in-person meetings that just seems... richer, I guess. More robust. It's no surprise that I am a people person, and I find great value in face-to-face conversations. There's something about a hallway conversation or visiting over a cup of coffee in the morning, even reading someone's body language in a room that makes a big difference for me.

Here's a brief overview of some events that soybean farmers are encouraged to attend in the upcoming months:

Intensive Soybean Management Workshops (register at kysoy.org)

- January 12, Bowling Green, features Kevin Matthews
- February 1 in Princeton and February 2 in Winchester, both feature Missy Bauer
- Kentucky Commodity Conference
- January 13, Bowling Green (register at kycommod-conference.org)

Murray State University Soybean Promotion Day

- January 18, CFSB Center in Murray (registration link is on kysoy.org)

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'Fake meat' debate returns

I hope that everyone has a good Thanksgiving with their families and enjoys a delicious source of protein. I suspect most folks will have a turkey on their dinner table Thursday and that you have a big juicy hamburger the next day! I enjoy all the proteins and partake of most them on a weekly basis. We are so blessed in the USA to have an abundance of safe, affordable, delicious food, and yet it appears that our government officials and some food chain suppliers want us to believe there is a shortage of food. Most of these claims are based on the so called "labor" shortage. This doesn't make sense to me since there are plenty of jobs with higher than ever wages and incentives; and there are plenty of people, so how did we get into this "labor" shortage? This country was founded on hard work, dedication, faith and the dream to become a productive, successful, tax paying, law abiding citizen of the United States of America! The farmer, producer, processor, transporter and food preparers are the most essential workers and our food chain is vital to all. I sincerely appreciate all the hands that come together on a daily basis to bring our food from the field to the plate.

Just when you think "Fake Meat" has lost its momentum, it rears its ugly head back up again. Just recently the USDA announced it was investing \$10 million into what they call "alternative proteins," "cultivated meat," lab grown meat, "cultured meat" and what it boils down to is that it is FAKE MEAT! Meat comes from animals not petri dishes in a lab or from plants. Seems like the new "buzz" word is "plant based". Well the Original plant based protein is beef. Cattle take forages that are indigestible to humans and convert them into a delicious protein called beef. This is how God created cattle and He did it perfectly because He knew that we needed protein to maintain a healthy body.

In 2019, KCA along with the Kentucky Department of Agriculture, worked to pass House Bill 311, which was an amendment that would require the proper labeling of cell-cultured meat products that are produced in a lab. This bill passed and was signed into law in Kentucky. Similarly, NCBA worked with USDA to promote food safety by directing that cell-cultured food products derived from livestock and poultry must under go a comprehensive, pre-market risk assessment before being sold or offered for sale. Let us do our part to educate our friends, neighbors, and anyone who may not know the facts about beef. If you need some factual literature or coaching, just call the KCA office and ask. We are very blessed to have a very knowledgeable staff at KCA and KBC that is always willing to help.

I hope you are making plans to attend, in person, the 2022 KCA state convention at the Central Bank Center in Lexington, KY on January 13 and 14, 2022. Hotel rooms are available at the Hyatt and remember to ask for the KY Cattlemen's block. The Central Bank

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Wheat is floating the boat



MARKET WATCH

Dewey Strickler

This was reflected in the crop report as exports were lowered 40 million bushels while Brazil saw an increase of 1 million tons.

Corn faces a hurdle from ample stocks, a steadfast dollar, and favorable weather in South America. The latest crop report shows ending stocks at 1.493 billion bushels, while global stocks are up 2.7 million tons to 304.4 million. These are adequate stockpiles to meet demand. Meanwhile, exports could use a shot in the arm as inspections last week were meager at 22.1 million bushels. We must ship 52.6 million bushels on a weekly basis to reach USDA's target of 2.5 billion bushels. Since the third week of October, the pace of shipments has fallen nearly 14 percent which makes their projection probably a long shot. Looking at harvest, it is winding down at 84 percent complete versus 78 percent for the average. While the fundamentals for corn could be better, it seems to be getting most of its strength from gains in wheat.

Soybeans are meeting resistance from favorable weather in Brazil. While there have been concerns of La Nina developing, there are no threats on the horizon right now. There have been dry conditions in Argentina, but they have improved with recent showers. Meanwhile, because of the early dryness, the USDA has lowered their production 1.5 million tons. Looking at exports, they have been strong this season with inspections last week a marketing year high of 97.2 million bushels. China took 68 percent of shipments. However, unless a production scare arises in Brazil, China's interest will soon switch from the U.S. to South America. This was reflected in the crop report as exports were lowered 40 million bushels while Brazil saw an increase of 1 million tons. Although global stocks were lowered in the crop report, they remain healthy at 103.8 million tons. In other developments, harvest is beginning to wind down at 87 percent complete versus the average of 88 percent.

Wheat continues to receive support from shrinking supplies. The recent crop report showed global stockpiles falling 1.4 million tons to 275.8 million. This is the third straight year that they have declined. In other developments, export inspections were a paltry 8.5 million bushels last week. Since mid-August, the pace of shipments has fallen 70 percent. As a result, the USDA has lowered their forecast 15 million bushels. Meanwhile, winter wheat planting is almost done at 90 percent complete with 45 percent of the crop rated in good-to-excellent condition, unchanged from the previous week, and on par with a year ago. Right now, wheat is floating the boat in the grains.

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Too much drift, too much grift

The federal government can spend more money in 10 minutes than Congress, its watchdog, can track in 10 years. Still, Congressional oversight – as late and limited as it often is – remains a vital element of government.

The House Select Subcommittee on the Coronavirus Crisis proved just how vital in two reports released in October: Tens of millions in pandemic spending were wasted on programs run by the U.S. Department of Agriculture, or USDA.

The first report, titled "Farmers to Families?" followed the money of the ill-conceived, poorly-run Farmers to Families Food Box program pushed in 2020 by the White House and Secretary of Agriculture Sonny Perdue. Sold as a way to get fresh food to pandemic-hit American families, it also threw millions of taxpayer dollars at wildly unqualified vendors.

The second report, titled a "Memorandum," describes an even bigger scandal. Documents given to the subcommittee by the five principle meatpackers in the U.S. (JBS USA, Tyson Foods, Smithfield Foods, Cargill, and National Beef) show "at least 59,000 meatpacking workers were infected with the coronavirus during the first year of the pandemic—almost triple the 22,700 infections... previously estimated."

Also, "At least 269 meatpacking workers lost their lives to the coronavirus between March 1, 2020 and February 1, 2021—over three times higher than what was previously estimated" noted the independent Food & Environment Reporting Network.

Worse, few of the workers had a choice in the life-and-death matter. In late April 2020, the Trump Administration used the Defense Production Act to order slaughterhouse workers back into packing plants where thousands got ill and hundreds died.

On Sept. 14, 2020, however, "emails obtained by ProPublica," an independent, non-profit newsroom, "show(ed) that... just a week before the order was issued, the meat industry's trade group," the North American Meat Institute, "drafted an executive order that (carried) striking similarities to the one the president signed."

So Big AgBiz used its political muscle to bulldoze aside public health—and public decency—to keep its kill lines and profits flowing at top speeds.

One of the few things more profitable than meatpacking during the pandemic, according to the select subcommittee investigators, was contracting to distribute USDA's slapped-together Farmers to Families Food Box Program.

For example, according to the subcommittee, "The Trump Administration awarded contracts worth \$16.5 million to Yegg, Inc., a self-described 'Export Management, Trading, and Trade Finance company that had listed its most recent annual sales as \$250,000...'"

With that kind of institutional blindness, little wonder USDA later "reimbursed Yegg for more than \$2.85 million worth of milk and dairy boxes purportedly delivered to... a nonprofit operated by the wife of the company's CEO..."

USDA also oversaw a food box contract "worth \$39 million to CR8AD8, LLC, a company focused on wedding planning and event planning without significant food distribution experience..."

Experience? Come on, noted one of its owners, how hard could it be "compared to... his usual work of 'stuffing tchotchkes into bags.'"

Actually, it paid far better than tchotchke-stuffing: "CRE8AD8 was ultimately paid \$31.5 million of this contract," explained the subcommittee report.

The slickest icing on the USDA cake, however, was the award of a \$40 million contract to something called Ben Holtz Consulting, Inc. When the USDA application asked the company to list references, the applicant—presumably Mr. Ben Holtz himself—replied "I don't have any," noted the investigators.



FOOD & FARM FILE

Alan Guebert

As my older brothers got their drivers' licenses we began to go to town on our own.

KCA convention will be held in person

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Center has been remodeled and essentially been rebuilt and will be ready for our convention in January. I know everyone missed meeting in person last year and I am hoping that this convention will make up for last year. I know Becky Thompson and Dan Miller are working hard to make this convention a great experience. The main events will include the very popular beef efficiency and forages conferences

and a Trade Show that will be second to none. The new Central Bank Center will be a great place to hold our KCA State Convention and kick off the new year of 2022, so I hope to see you there!

As we look forward to the Christmas season, I hope that we all can reflect on the blessings God has afforded us throughout the past year and enjoy time with our families. I know the year 2021 has been a year that our family will never forget as God is good and right in all that He does. So as we prepare for the Holiday season, let us not forget the reason for the

season. For if it had not been for the Grace of God and his loving kindness towards us by giving us His Son, Jesus Christ, we would have no hope of salvation. My prayer for you is that you would be saved and live in His glorious light.

Merry Christmas and may God Bless you and your family.

For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour, which is Christ the Lord – Luke 2:11

CHRIS COOPER is president of the Kentucky Cattlemen's Association.

Too much money, too much drift, too much grift

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The company's honesty didn't pay; USDA canceled the contract "before any payments were made," maybe, investigators suggest, because its proposal "pitched an unusually broad range for delivery capacity: between 5,000 and 200,000 16-18 pound boxes of

produce per week."

In releasing the "Farmers to Families" report Oct. 13, Subcommittee Chairman James Clyburn, D-SC, noted the program "was marred by a structure that prioritized industry over families... cutting corners over competence, and... politics over the public good."

That's another truism in Washington: Policy drift usually leads to political grift.

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Meetin' and Eatin' season is upon us!

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Murray State University Soybean Promotion Day
• January 18, CFSB Center in Murray (registration link is on kysoy.org)

These events are all in addition to what I call the most wonderful time of the year, the National Farm Machinery Show, where you will find us in the West Wing promoting all things soy February 16-19.

Speaking of promoting all things soy, the Kentucky Soybean Board is doing just that, while giving back to those who are doing good across the commonwealth. Our Soy on the Go program is accepting applications from the public now through December 15 and will award sets of GoodYear WeatherReady passenger tires to deserving nonprofit organizations across the state. Nominate a nonprofit in your area today – the application is on kysoy.org.

And, as we round the corner of soybean harvest into Thanksgiving and then Christmas, I would be remiss if I didn't express my thankfulness for my soybean family and the larger agriculture family here in Kentucky and beyond. We are so blessed to have good, good people involved in so many facets of agriculture, and even further so to have them work together for the common good and common goals. It's no secret that I love being part of the amazing team we have at Kentucky Soybean and that I love my job.

Soy... from my house to yours, I wish you a Happy Thanksgiving and a very Merry Christmas. Remember to count your blessing and check on your people this holiday season.

RAE WAGONER is Communication Director for the Kentucky Soybean Association.

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White Named National FFA Officer

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network with different agriculture (related) companies as well as with individuals," White noted. She added that the coming year experience will also help her decide which sector of agriculture she wants to work in.

"I will get to see all facets of the industry, meet corporate people and get my name out" for possible future positions.

White has a passion for production agriculture, and as a newly elected national FFA officer, she will have the opportunity to not only share her passion but to learn more about other aspects of the business.

She has spent time working on the family farm, and White says, "I want to work with agriculture input corporations and work directly with farmers to find a way to make their lives easier," because they work

hard every day.

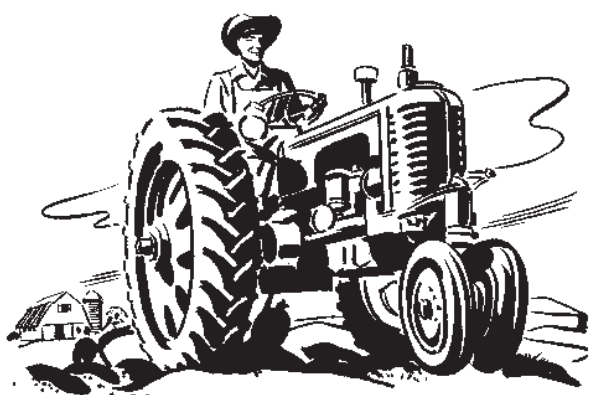
The agronomy major plans to return to Kentucky and continue working with Kentucky farmers. "Union County and Kentucky are where I developed my passion for agriculture. If not for that I wouldn't have the opportunity (I have now)."

In expressing her excitement to serve the

National FFA and all of the association's members and supporters, White added, "Production agriculture started my passion; joining FFA developed the passion."

Mallory White is the daughter of Ryan and Brooke White of Sturgis.

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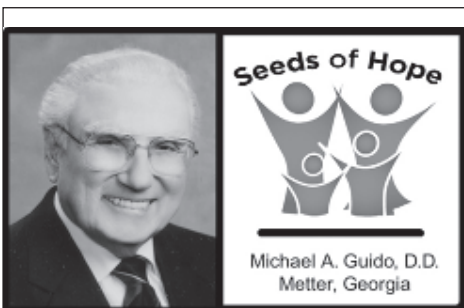
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Our Wonder-Working God

All of us know individuals whose lives have gone from pinnacles of prosperity to places of poverty. We know that temptations overtake some individuals, and they soon become enslaved and imprisoned by harmful habits. Once they were blest, but now they are in bondage. There seems to be a pattern of self-destruction that overcomes many who are not satisfied with the gifts of God. They apparently will not allow His grace and goodness to satisfy them. They always want "more!"

This is what happened to the people of Israel. It seems that the more God gave them, the less satisfied they were. Finally, their greed led them to slavery. But, thank God, their story does not end there. His love and mercy eventually brought redemption and restoration to them. When? When they repented and returned to the Covenant He made with them. God always keeps His Word.

Not only did He rescue them from their captors, but "they were laden with silver and gold." When we allow God to redeem us by His grace, His Word promises us that "It is He who will supply all of our needs from His riches in glory because of what Jesus Christ has done for us." God will honor His Word with us, as He did with Israel.

He also empowers those whom He redeems: "From among their tribes no one faltered." When God redeems us, we are called to serve Him faithfully. He has a plan for each of our lives, and that plan contains many opportunities for us to serve Him. And, for each of those opportunities He gives us, we know that He will empower us, and we will not falter or fail if we are faithful to Him.

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Sweet Slow Cooker Ham

- 1 (16 ounce) package light brown sugar, divided
- 1 (6 to 7 pound) bone-in picnic ham, rinsed
- 1 (20 ounce) can crushed pineapple
- ¾ cup chai tea latte concentrate (such as Tazo®)

Spread about ¾ of the brown sugar into the bottom of the crock of your slow cooker to cover completely. Place ham atop the brown sugar with the flat side facing down. Pour pineapple over the ham. Rub remaining brown sugar over the ham. Pour chai tea latte concentrate over the ham.

Place cover on the slow cooker and cook on Low until an instant-read thermometer inserted into the center of the ham reads at least 160 degrees F (70 degrees C), about 5 ½ hours. Baste ham once or twice with juices while cooking.



Roasted Turkey

- 1 (10 pound) whole turkey
- ½ cup olive oil
- 1 tablespoon salt
- 1 tablespoon chopped fresh sage
- 1 tablespoon fresh thyme leaves
- 1 tablespoon finely chopped fresh rosemary
- 1 teaspoon crushed black pepper

Preheat oven to 350 degrees F (175 degrees C). Place a roasting rack on a baking sheet.

Turn the turkey over, breast-side down. Using a pair of sharp heavy-duty kitchen shears, cut along one side of the backbone. Repeat on the other side of the backbone. Reserve the backbone for making turkey stock for gravy. Press firmly down onto both sides of turkey to flatten.

Tuck the wing tips under the turkey and place on the roasting rack. Pat skin dry and rub olive oil over the entire turkey; season with salt, sage, thyme, rosemary, and black pepper.

Bake in the preheated oven for 1 hour 30 minutes, rotating baking sheet every 30 minutes. Increase temperature to 400 degrees F (200 degrees C) and roast until skin is crisp, about 15 minutes more. An instant-read thermometer inserted into the thickest part of the thigh should read 165 degrees F (74 degrees C). Remove turkey from the oven, cover loosely with a doubled sheet of aluminum foil, and allow to rest for 10 to 15 minutes before slicing.

Apple Harvest Pound Cake with Caramel Glaze



- 2 cups white sugar
- 1 ½ cups vegetable oil
- 2 teaspoons vanilla extract
- 3 eggs
- 3 cups all-purpose flour
- 1 teaspoon baking soda
- ½ teaspoon ground cinnamon
- 1 teaspoon salt
- 2 medium Granny Smith apples - peeled, cored and chopped
- 1 cup chopped walnuts
- ½ cup butter or margarine
- 2 teaspoons milk
- ½ cup brown sugar

Preheat the oven to 350 degrees F). Grease a 9 inch Bundt pan.

In a large bowl, beat the sugar, oil, vanilla and eggs with an electric mixer until light and fluffy. Combine the flour, baking soda, cinnamon and salt; stir into the batter just until blended. Fold in the apples and walnuts using a spoon. Pour into the prepared pan.

Bake for 1 hour and 20 minutes in the preheated oven, until a toothpick inserted into the crown or the cake comes out clean. Allow to cool for about 20 minutes then invert on to a wire rack.

Make the glaze by heating the butter, milk and brown sugar in a small saucepan over medium heat. Bring to a boil, stirring to dissolve the sugar, then remove from the heat. Drizzle over the warm cake. I like to place a sheet of aluminum foil under the cooling rack to catch the drips for easy clean up.

NAILE remembers Jack Ragsdale

Jack Ragsdale was able to see the fruit of his labor for many years before his death on Friday, Oct. 8. Ragsdale, who was 95, was instrumental in establishing the North American International Livestock Exposition.

From humble beginnings in 1974 with five breeds of cattle, NAILE is now the largest, all-breed purebred livestock expo in the world.

A celebration of life was held for Ragsdale during the North American this past Saturday at the Kentucky State Fair and Exposition Center. Friends and family shared space with livestock in the pavilion entrance as they remembered the contributions Ragsdale made in their lives and their industry.

Corinne Phillips Fetter, director of expositions at the fairgrounds, said Ragland and Harold Workman, who served as president and CEO of the Kentucky State Fair Board, "embarked on an adventure that literally changed the livestock world."

Workman was founder on NAILE and served as general manager for 40 years.

"They, along with other elected officials and beef cattle enthusiasts, started the North American with just five breeds of beef cattle in 1974, nearly 50 years ago," she said. "I attended the first North American as a 5-year-old girl and actually got lost the minute I walked into the pavilion. Arriving late at night, the pavilion was packed with more people and cattle than I had ever seen."

Ragsdale served as chairman or chairman emeritus of the North American executive committee from its inception until he died.

"Under Jack's leadership and dedication, along with countless other volunteers like Mr. Bob Hall, who is with us today, the North American was set on a trajectory to become the world's largest purebred livestock exposition with 10 species of livestock exhibiting from all 48 continental states and Canada," Fetter said.

Ragsdale was born July 6, 1926 in Indianapolis, Ind. He spent his early years on his aunt and uncle's farm outside of Franklin, Ind., which is where his love of all things dealing with agriculture started. After serving in the Army Air Corps during WW II, he attended Franklin College and met his wife of 71 years there. Ruth Anne Rogers died in 2019.

He graduated from Purdue University with a degree in animal science and began managing farms in Paris, Ky. He followed with managing farms for the Garvin Brown family in Prospect, which allowed him to manage an elite seed stock and farming operation from 1955-1986.

Ragland was a past president of the American Shorthorn Association and Kentucky Beef Cattle Association. He was honored by having his portrait in both the Purdue University Livestock Hall of Fame and the Saddle Sirloin Portrait Gallery.



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UK KATS to host drone pilot certification workshop

The Kentucky Agriculture Training School will host its first drone pilot certification workshop to help producers prepare to become a certified remote pilot with the Federal Aviation Administration. The workshop is Dec. 20-21 at the University of Kentucky Research and Education Center in Princeton.

"The KATS program has received numerous requests for unmanned aerial systems (i.e. drones) training," said Josh McGrath, soil scientist in the UK College of Agriculture, Food and Environment. "In response, we have worked with professionals to develop focused training on precision ag topics. This initial event will prepare attendees for the Part 107 Remote Pilot Certificate test. We will be following up with training focused on applied field techniques and uses for aerial image acquisition and analysis."

Drones have many potential applications in agricultural production systems and becoming a FAA certified remote pilot is the only legal way a person can operate a drone for commercial use. During the intensive, two-day training,

Mandy Briggs, assistant chief flight instructor with Parkland College's Institute of Aviation, will help participants get the skills they need to receive their certification. Briggs' students have an over 99 percent success rate on the exam.

The cost to attend the UK workshop is \$400. Certified Crop Advisors will receive 12 continuing education units in precision agriculture for completing the workshop.

After the training, participants will take their certification exam at an FAA testing center on Dec. 22 or Dec. 23. The exam costs an additional \$175 and is due when the exam is scheduled.

Space is limited. Individuals who wish to register for the workshop, should contact Lori Rogers, KATS coordinator, at lori.rogers@uky.edu or 270-365-7541, ext. 21317.

More information about the requirements for the FAA exam is available at [faa.gov/uas/commercial_operators/become_a_drone_pilot/](https://www.faa.gov/uas/commercial_operators/become_a_drone_pilot/).

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