

The Grain and Forage Center of Excellence at the Research and Education Center in Princeton was developed as a cooperative effort between farm and producer groups, the University of Kentucky and the Agricultural Development Fund. The building was destroyed by a tornado over the weekend. Nobody was injured at the site, but four people in Caldwell County died from the storm.

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UK College of Agriculture

UK research center destroyed by tornado

PRINCETON, Ky. – The University of Kentucky Research and Education Center and the Grain and Forage Center of Excellence in Princeton was destroyed by a tornado shortly after midnight Saturday.

The state-of-the-art facility stood in the path of a deadly tornado that traveled through four states and more than 200 miles late Friday night and early Saturday morning.

One of the first people on the scene was Ryan Scott, the building supervisor. Scott said he received a call around 12:30 a.m. from director Carrie Knott, who told him, "Ryan, it's bad."

Scott said he waited until the weather settled before traveling from rural Caldwell County to the center.

Even in the dark with only a flashlight to light the

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Ag community unites after deadly storms

As people from across the nation reached out to Kentuckians impacted by deadly storms that ripped through the state over the weekend, the farm community also went into high gear to help their fellow producers who suffered losses.

At least 74 people were confirmed dead and another 100 still missing as of Monday afternoon from five different tornadoes that hit the state Friday night and into early Saturday morning. Gov. Andy Beshear provided a breakdown by county of all but one death Monday.

Deaths were reported in nine different counties, with 21 deaths confirmed in Graves County alone. Graves County was hit by a tornado that destroyed everything in its path for more than 200 miles in four states. The city of Mayfield suffered a direct hit, as did several small communities in the path of the massive tornado.

Warren County was hit by multiple tornadoes and the death toll there as of Monday was at 15. Hopkins

County reported 17 deaths and Muhlenberg County reported 11. Caldwell County had four deaths and Marshall, Taylor, Fulton, Lyon and Franklin counties each reported one death.

As people donated bottled water, baby diapers, and other basic supplies, the farm community was also taking inventory to who was in need and how they could help.

Jamie Guffey, director of the Kentucky Poultry Federation, reported that the poultry industry suffered losses that will be felt for some time.

Both hatcheries operated by Pilgrim's Mayfield were destroyed and a feed mill received major damage. Poultry houses in different parts of the state were destroyed, according to various reports.

While Tyson was helping Pilgrim's by making sure birds were fed, Pilgrim's was busy reaching out to employees in Graves County and offering assistance

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Once powerful burley co-op comes to an end

Funds on the way for some tobacco growers

The deadline is fast approaching for eligible tobacco farmers to claim funds from the recently dissolved Burley Tobacco Growers Cooperative Association.

A hearing in Fayette County Circuit Court earlier this month finalized details for the initial distribution to farmers by Dec. 15 and follows a slew of related orders Judge Julie Muth Goodman handed down in November. Any eligible farmers whose membership information had not yet been confirmed was sent a letter just before Thanksgiving, allowing 30 days to resubmit any additional paperwork. If farmers do not respond to the letter, they will not be included on the distribution list.

The settlement was first approved in June 2020. The court ordered the dissolution of the co-op and laid out the disbursement structure. An order in July 2021 amended the structure.

Following the court orders, McBrayer law firm, which represented a group of farmers, was designated to coordinate with the dissolution committee to review the farmers' claims, dissolve the co-op, and plan distributions. In November, the firm reported difficulty in identifying qualified farmers, the result of an incomplete membership list and lack of verifying paperwork.

McBrayer reported that, at most, the distribution list would include 3,200 farmers, with 1,800 already confirmed.

The court, apparently unhappy with the slow disbursement process, ordered the law firm to complete details for a distribution by Dec. 15. The court also awarded McBrayer an additional \$458,000 in addition to 7.5 percent of the co-op's funds already awarded to the firm in March. The court has also ordered the liquidation of \$1 million in hemp, stored in Tennessee, and a stockpile of tobacco stored in Kentucky.

The co-op holds just more than \$30 million in total assets. After costs and fees related to the settlement and dissolution of the co-op, approximately \$26.5 million will remain. The court chose to reserve a portion of the money, approximately \$8 million, and distribute \$18 million, minus costs. The remaining \$8 million in reserve is to be reviewed and distributed in 2022.

The 1,800 confirmed co-op members will receive approximately \$4,900 each, a pro rata distribution set by the court. The balance of the \$18 million set aside for first distribution will be held in escrow, for the potential payment to almost 1,400 more farmers.

There will be a second distribution once the dissolution committee determines how many of the potential 1,800 additional co-op members submitted proper paperwork, as well as for farm-

ers who are not yet confirmed but will be over the next year. These farmers will receive the same \$4,900 in 2022 that the original recipients will get by Dec. 15.

This decision on distribution was made so farmers already confirmed by the co-op may be paid this year while still protecting money for farmers who are not yet confirmed but might be later.

This current distribution schedule means that the exact number of farmers who receive funds is still unknown. The lowest total amount, per farmer, would be approximately \$8,300. This figure is based on a pool of 3,200 farmers. If the list is smaller, 2,600 farmers, for example, each would receive about \$10,000. Regardless, the dissolution will

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Springer Heifers: Approved T3 1100.00-1175.00; Medium T3 875.00-1050.00; Common T3 675.00-850.00.

Open Heifers: Approved 225# 180.00; Medium 250# 150.00; Medium 325# 180.00; Medium 425# 290.00; Common 300# 140.00.

Baby Bull Calves: 20 Head 5.00-100.00; 9 Head 100.00-240.00 Beef Cross; 2 Head 60.00-100.00 Crossbred; 1 Head 10.00 Jersey.

Baby Heifer Calves: 16 Head 20.00-80.00; 5 Head 100.00-170.00 Beef Cross; 1 Head 70.00 Crossbred.

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result in a substantial windfall to burley farmers.

New Organization Funded

Of the co-op's remaining funds, \$1.5 million has been set aside for a new non-profit burley and dark tobacco advocacy or liaison organization. The formation of this organization is already underway, with an aim to advocate for tobacco producers and provide educational support and research beneficial to farmers of all types of tobacco.

A Nov. 18 court order stipulated that \$100,000 of the \$1.5 million be disbursed to the Burley and Dark Tobacco Producers Association, Inc.

Dissolution Follows Long Road for Tobacco Growers

The co-op's dissolution was a two-year process that followed years of financial hardship for the organization. The co-op conducted a review of its corporate governance in 2018, concluding that the co-op had not provided viable services to tobacco farmers since Congress passed the Equitable Tobacco Reform Act in 2004, which featured a program commonly known as the tobacco buyout.

The review showed losses of almost \$1.5 million in 2019, \$3 million in 2017, and the accumulation of \$13.5 million in debt from 2013 to 2018. With the co-op holding approximately \$30 million, a group of co-op members believed it was only a matter of time

before operational costs and debt service ate away at the remaining funds. The group, represented at the time by attorney Nathan Billings of Billings Law Firm, called for the money to be given back to the farmers.

In January of 2020, the co-op recognized only about 440 members, despite a mailing list of 2,200 names. Billings attributed the discrepancy to a change in the co-op's bylaws to require farmers to certify their active engagement in tobacco production every year to remain a member. The attorney said that the change was never effectively communicated to farmers.

Billings sought to dissolve the co-op by way of a membership vote, but a separate group of producers filed a lawsuit

against the co-op, leading the way to what has now become the final chapter for the co-op.

In June of 2020, the co-op agreed to a partial settlement of a lawsuit filed by Haynes Properties in Fayette County Circuit Court that required liquidation of the organization and a distribution of funds to farmers who grew burley from 2015 through 2019. Farmers from Kentucky, Indiana, Missouri, Ohio, and West Virginia are eligible to receive payments.

The same settlement also established a dissolution committee, featuring co-op members Penny Greathouse, Mitch Haynes, and Gregg Craddock, as well as directors Al Pedigo, Eddie Warren, and Donald Mitchell. Members of the commit-

tee received \$85 per hour each for their time spent on the dissolution.

Pedigo, president of the co-op, said at the time that the settlement "was the right solution," though imperfect.

"It's a healthy compromise and now we need to move on," Pedigo said, as reported by The Farmer's Pride. "The co-op has a 99-year history of helping growers, but many

of us agree it's time to change directions."

Not all co-op members supported the terms of the settlement. Roger Quarles, former president of the co-op, voted against the agreement despite being one of the first growers to publicly call for the dissolution. Quarles alleged that the agreement gave the board "immunity for alleged mismanagement of the

past" and rebuked a part of the agreement that allowed up to 25 percent of funds to go to attorney fees (a figure that was amended to 7.5 percent in March 2021).

"The reason I voted against it at the time was I didn't agree with the immunity, because the actions of the board are the reason it went in the

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ONE VOICE

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Working the booth at the Kentucky Farm Bureau annual meeting was a new experience for two fairly new employees here at The Farmer's Pride, and they both came away thrilled by the experience.

They learned first-hand just how kind our farm friends are. They put a face to a lot of names they were already familiar with, and they enjoyed the thoughtful comments that came from our readers and advertisers.

They also learned why my co-workers discourage me from being part of the official working crew at the booth. I can be there, but I'm there to socialize, now work. I tend to get in the way, holding up traffic as I chat about the latest topics in the industry. I admit, I love it and I have missed our get-togethers. Apparently, I wasn't the only one who felt that way.

At one point I was surprised to learn that it was time to take down the booths. The trade show area was still full as people congregated and caught up. It was electrical; everyone just seemed happy to be together. It was like a family reunion, and it was just the first of several gatherings we hopefully will be able to have this winter.

I think we all realize that the pandemic is far from over, but we also know how important it is to find a balance between being cautious and being able to live our lives. Recent reports show the toll that isolation and disruption have had on physical and mental health, with a recent report finding an increase in depression, anxiety and attempted suicides in youth.

The event was also a great opportunity to catch up on Kentucky farm news. The outlook provided by University of Kentucky ag economists was a positive for the industry, but it was also a reminder that just because life is good for one commodity, that doesn't mean the news is great across the board.

Tobacco made up only 4 percent of the state's ag cash receipts, while dairy and hogs were both at 3 percent.

Dairy is of particular concern, and my heart breaks every time I hear of another producer closing up shop. Most of those producers are at or near retirement age and those farms don't always stay in production. We have lost good farmland and good people in an industry. I live in a county that has always been in the top three in production and have seen up close how hard-working farmers have had to make difficult choices to stay afloat financially.

The demand for corn and beans outweighs the increase in input costs and has helped lead the way for a possible

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Tobacco added to some KADB programs

The beginning of the holiday season is also the opening of the burley tobacco markets across Kentucky. Right now, it looks like most of the burley is going in as #2 quality. We are not seeing many #1s in the central Kentucky region. This is really not a surprise with the weather we experienced this growing season, but I think we were all wishing for a little brighter start to the season.

This fall I learned we will be facing another increase in the adverse effect wage rate at the federal level; it is going up almost a dollar per hour in 2022. In November, a bill was filed in the Senate to maintain the 2021 H-2A adverse effect wage rates for calendar year 2022 to stabilize U.S. food prices. The Council, along with our partners at the North Carolina Tobacco Growers Association, is following this legislation and will continue to work with our congressional leaders in an effort to keep the rates at 2021 levels.

Last summer, I had the opportunity to sit down with Agriculture Commissioner Ryan Quarles and Kentucky Office of Agricultural Policy Executive Director Brian Lacefield to discuss the needs of the tobacco producers in Kentucky. We discussed the fact that since the establishment of the Kentucky Agricultural Development Fund in 2000, Kentucky's agriculture income derived from tobacco production has dropped from 24 percent to only 4 percent.

While our agricultural economy has reduced its dependency on tobacco production, tobacco remains a viable crop for our farmers and a tool in their farm diversification efforts. I explained that, as a grower organization, the Council wanted to help its producers add value to their crops and explore more efficient production practices. They suggested we take our request to explore grant and loan assistance for tobacco producers to the Kentucky Agricultural Development Board, so we did.

This Council submitted a proposal to the KADB asking it to change language in its current policies to allow tobacco production to be considered for grant and loan funds. While our proposal was focused on assistance with education, GAP certification, and materials needed for the implementation of GAP on the farm, we also proposed including infrastructure improvement grants to farmers.

While not all of our proposal was approved, I am excited that last month the KADB voted to allow tobacco to be included in some areas of the County Agricultural Investment Pro-

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Non-market issues affect grains



MARKET WATCH

Dewey Strickler

In the monthly crop report, USDA projects ending stocks of corn at 1.493 billion bushels, unchanged from November.

Fundamental factors in the grains seem to be taking a backseat to outside influences.

This stems from the Federal Reserve's intention to taper asset purchases after a decade of accommodation, Russia's buildup of troops at the Ukrainian border, and the escalation of growth in China's military, weapons technology, and artificial intelligence.

The latter should not be taken lightly as China is a growing threat to the nation's credibility among its allies, and the dollar remaining the world reserve currency.

All these issues could have a major impact on grains down the road.

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Meanwhile, world stocks rose 1.1 million tons to 305.5 million. No production changes were made in Brazil and Argentina but increased were noted in the E.U. and Ukraine.

The focus in soybeans remains on weather in South America and exports. Overall, conditions in Brazil and Argentina are favorable, although there are some dry spots that will likely threaten yields in those areas.

While exports are strong, shipments peaked in early November and have fallen 12 percent. During the same period, deliveries to China have declined 18 percent. Looking at the crop report, USDA projects ending stocks at 340 million bushels, unchanged from last month. Meanwhile, world stocks are forecast to decline 1.8 million tons to 102 million. No changes were made in production for Brazil and Argentina.

Wheat has run into a headwind because of the rising dollar and Egypt continuing to purchase from Romania, Russia, and Ukraine.

Meanwhile, tensions between Russia and Ukraine are being monitored closely. In the monthly crop report, USDA projects ending stocks at 598 billion bushels, up 15 billion bushels from November. This mostly came from exports being lowered 20 million bushels.

Meanwhile, world stocks are forecast to rise 2.4 million tons to 278.2 million, which exceeded the highest trade estimate.

The rise in global stocks was the result of production increases in Australia, Canada, the E.U., and Russia.

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Howard's priceless gift of simple giving

The Christmas tree was a scrub cedar hacked from the edge of the woods that bordered the farm. Big-bulbed lights, strung in barber pole fashion, generated almost as much heat as the nearby wood stove. Yellowed Christmas cards, saved over the years and perched like doves in the untrimmed branches, served as ornaments.

"I believe this is the prettiest tree I've ever had," Howard proclaimed as we stood in its glow. "And its smells good, too."

The only scent evident to me was a mixture of wood smoke and the remains of a fried pork supper but I lied and said, "Sure does."

Howard beckoned me to sit. We had shared Christmas Day in the dairy barn and it was his request that we share a bit of the night, also. He knew I was alone because my family, his employer, was visiting relatives. I knew he was alone because he was always alone, a bachelor for nearly 40 years.

"I'll get us some Christmas cheer," he offered as I sank into the sofa. In untied work shoes he shuffled toward the kitchen. A minute later, he returned with two water glasses filled with rhubarb wine.

"It's been a good Christmas, ain't it Allie-Boy?" he asked as he sat in a ladder back chair by the stove.

He had called me Allie Boy for as long as I could remember. I had taken to calling him Hoard the Dairyman, after the title of a farm magazine my father subscribed to.

I nodded. It had been a good day. Two wobbly newborn calves greeted us when we arrived at the dairy barn early that morning. Wet and shivering, we dried them with the past summer's straw before showing them how to find breakfast at their mamas' side. One was a bull, the other a heifer.

"We ought to name 'em Mary and Joseph," Howard now said as we rehearsed the day, "on account of them being born today."

Mary and Joseph?

Generally, Howard had only one name for all cows: Succum. None of us knew what it meant or where it came from, but from the time he arrived on the farm in 1965 every cow was always Succum and every heifer was always Little Succum. A group of cows or calves were simply Big Succums or Baby Succums.

"Mary and Joseph they will be," I said approvingly.

Silence hung in the stale air. I reckoned that if you had bached it for 40 years, silence wasn't a void that needed to be filled so I sipped my wine and said nothing. Howard reached for his pipe and the big, red can of Velvet tobacco that had been my Christmas gift to him that morning.

"You want to roll yourself a smoke, Allie? I got some papers here."

I shook off the offer.

"Yep," Howard said as if to himself, "that's the prettiest tree I've ever had. And this is shaping up to be the nicest Christmas I've ever had because you came by."

I looked at the tree and then at the old man ringed in tobacco smoke staring at it and I felt sad. Not for him. I felt sad for me. I had agreed to come to his house to accommodate him, a favor for a hired man.

But he had not wanted a favor. All he had wanted was the chance to share his Christmas good fortune with me. He had some new wine, a warm fire, his best Christmas tree ever, and a week's worth of tobacco. He was happy and he wanted to give me some of that happiness.

As I stared at the silhouette of Hoard the Dairyman in the glow of the Christmas lights I saw a man of great warmth, vast wealth and pure honesty. He didn't have a checking account or credit card but he was far richer than the condescending college boy on his sofa.

"Well Hoard," I said a very quiet minute later, "I better go. We both need to be at the barn early tomorrow."

He led me to the back door. "Don't forget," he said as I headed for the truck, "we'll call those calves Mary and Joseph."

Almost 30 Christmas Nights later, I have not forgotten two calves named Mary and Joseph and Howard's priceless gift of simple giving.



FOOD & FARM FILE

Alan Guebert

As I stared at the silhouette of Hoard the Dairyman in the glow of the Christmas lights I saw a man of great warmth, vast wealth and pure honesty.

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FFA Foundation works toward program sustainability



Sustainable. ‘To be maintained at a certain rate or level.’ Or ‘able to be upheld or defended.’

Agriculturalists think about sustainability constantly, it’s not just a buzzword, but a way of life and decision making for farmers. Sustainability requires us to think about future generations and the legacy we are leaving behind.

I’ve been thinking about sustainability for the Kentucky FFA Foundation for many years now. Kentucky FFA has been blessed with fantastic annual donors, who support us year after year, making all the offered programs, events and contests possible. We have been governed by a fiscally conservative board of trustees who always consider the impact of a bad market year, or a few in a row and what it would do to philanthropic financial support.

We also have the Kentucky FFA LEAD Endowment, a gift from the

Kentucky Ag Development Fund nearly twenty years ago. A fund that has more than doubled in size and continues to provide annual support for a host of needs for Kentucky FFA. As I hold both of the responsibilities of endowment management and annual fundraising, I just knew that we could provide a more sustainable solution for our donors and future members. Thus began a multi year process of developing our endowed giving program that we call the Forever Blue Fund.

Simply put, our Forever Blue Fund gives donors the opportunity to support a cause they are passionate about, sustainably, and if they so wish, we can direct their support to the community of their choice. This new program has led to such wonderful connections and gifts that will impact generations.

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and Diana Pulliam and Nick Carter. Then there are donors like Delmer Dalton and Bill Gatton that chose to support Kentucky FFA State Officer programs because that was a life changing experience for them. Then we have communities, like Lyon County and Christian County, that decided to come together and raise support from lots of individuals, collectively providing opportunities for generations to come.

As the year comes to a close, you may be thinking about charitable giving and taxes. Let me provide you our annual year-end giving checklist to make that easy.

- The CARES Act allows a \$300 deduction for those who take the standard deduction rather than itemize. You can do that at kyffa.org/donate

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An ag family reunion

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record in cash receipts.

With that good news, the day continued with a luncheon featuring American Farm Bureau President Zippy Duvall. If you haven’t had the opportunity to hear him speak, it’s certainly worth your time. I doubt there is a farmer in America who could come away from hearing Duvall without feeling a real sense of value in the work they do, not only in production but as an organization.

It wouldn’t be a KFB convention without a little politics, of course, and Agriculture Commissioner Ryan Quarles did not disappoint as he blamed Gov. Andy Beshear for the lost opportunity of a major beef processing plant locating in Kentucky.

“We lost the project because the governor of Kentucky refused to pick up the phone and call me,” Quarles told a full house during a luncheon. The company was considering a location near Hopkinsville but faced local opposition. Quarles said more could have been done to work

with that community or consider a different location, but the governor would not cooperate with the Department of Agriculture or Kentucky’s cattle industry.

Quarles went on to acknowledge that he is named in a lawsuit by the governor after the legislature shifted control of the state fair board from the governor to the commissioner. What Quarles didn’t say was whether he plans to run for governor in 2023, but he sure did sound like a candidate.

“There will be a day where you have the opportunity to select the governor of Kentucky who would much rather be interested in sharing the credit than taking the credit across our state with job announcements. You will have the opportunity to have somebody who is going to unite urban and rural Kentucky instead of intentionally forgetting about rural Kentucky. We’ve got to work together, because in statewide leadership positions you have a choice. You can either lead, or you can sue people. And I think we should lead and work together.”

Geez, I really missed this!

Tobacco added to some KADB programs

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gram, or CAIP. Tobacco producers can now apply for cost-share under the Agricultural Diversification investment area for the cost of participating in a GAP program and in Value-Added and Marketing for the purchase of items essential to GAP.

I want to thank KADB members for their consideration of our proposal and understanding that tobacco production is still a part of a diversified operation for nearly 2,000 farmers across the state. Beginning this year, Altria and Reynolds – the two main tobacco buyers – are requiring all contract growers to participate in GAP. By allowing tobacco to be a part of the CAIP guidelines, farmers will now have the opportunity to apply for cost-share to help offset the cost of GAP equipment such as hand-washing stations and safety materials.

The Council for Burley Tobacco continues to work closely with GAP

Connections, and we encourage growers to take advantage of the GAP Connections training sessions for the upcoming season. A list of the training sessions for the 2022 season can be found at shop.gapconnections.com/training.

The Council for Burley Tobacco annual meeting is tentatively planned for Jan. 12 in Lexington. Final details will be posted on our website in the weeks ahead. This meeting will provide growers the opportunity to learn more about research and market issues that will be impacting our industry in the season ahead.

I encourage growers to reach out to me, let me know your experiences this marketing season, and how you want to see the Council move forward on these issues. To stay up-to-date on the issues this marketing season and as we move forward into the next growing season, visit the Council website at www.councilforburleytobacco.com.

Dissolution: Burley co-op funds soon to be

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toilet," Quarles said in a phone interview last week. "The other reason was that the settlement allowed them to keep \$1.5 million to form a new group. I remain opposed to that."

Quarles said he is happy that farmers are getting money before the co-op's funds completely dissipated.

"I'll be glad to see the checks sent out," Quarles affirmed.

Labor shortages and market conditions will cause the number of tobacco producers in Kentucky to continue to dwindle, Quarles expects, and said he doesn't plan to grow a crop next year because of current difficulty finding help.

Quarles is currently awaiting his check from the co-op's dissolution, looking for it sometime around the Dec. 15 deadline. He did not get a letter saying he needed to file more paperwork to confirm his co-op membership, but argues there is no way for a farmer to proactively ensure his or her share of the payments.

The Burley Co-op was provided this information for growers with questions who were not approved for distribution: classcounsel@mcbrayerfirm.com
866-965-9005 (toll-free) or 859-551-3622

"No one has ever seen the list of the approved people, of the 1,800 or so," Quarles said. "None of us know for sure that we're on it. There is no place you can look for a list. We were provided with a number today for someone to call if he thought he was supposed to get a check and didn't get a check, so that's just an anticipatory move on their part."

Regardless of details on the development of a tobacco advocacy group to replace the defunct co-op, Quarles has no plans to participate.

"No - oh gosh no," the farmer from Scott County said. "The thing is sinking every year, and just what on earth is someone else going to do to shore up anything? If they could, why haven't we done it so far? The council and the co-op as well, because that was part of the effort the co-op always told people they were doing, is, you know, 'We're saving you.'"

By Wes Feese
Field Reporter

Upcoming meetings of interest to soybean growers

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

kysoy.org

- Kentucky Commodity Conference and Kentucky Soybean Association Annual Meeting

- 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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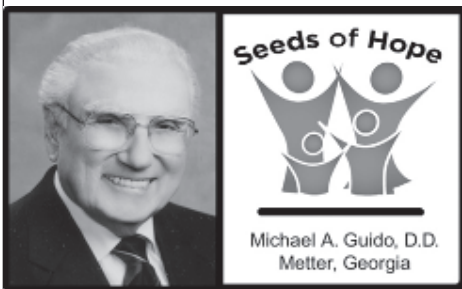
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"That's a long list," said Santa. "I'll have to check carefully to see if you were a good boy."

After thinking for a moment Chris said, "Don't bother, Santa, I'll just settle for the rollerblades." Not many of us would be able to "pass" a really thorough investigation to discover if we were worthy of receiving a long list of gifts. We'd probably be like Chris and settle very quickly for very little. Nor would many of us want to have someone investigate our lives and then decide if we deserved a gift or not. We would be quite anxious – if not completely frightened.

But God is so very different. He knows everything there is to know about us and still offers us the most precious gift He has: His Son.

"Now, no one is likely to die for a good person," said Paul, "though someone might be willing to die for someone who is especially good. But God showed His great love for us by sending Christ to die for us while we were still sinners." Christ: the source of eternal life.

There you have it. It is not about whether or not we are good or deserving of eternal life through Him. It is because of God's great love that we can have the gift of eternal life!

Scripture For Today: Romans 5:5-11
Now, most people would not be willing to die for an upright person, though someone might perhaps be willing to die for a person who is especially good. But God showed his great love for us by sending Christ to die for us while we were still sinners.

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Christmas Prime Rib

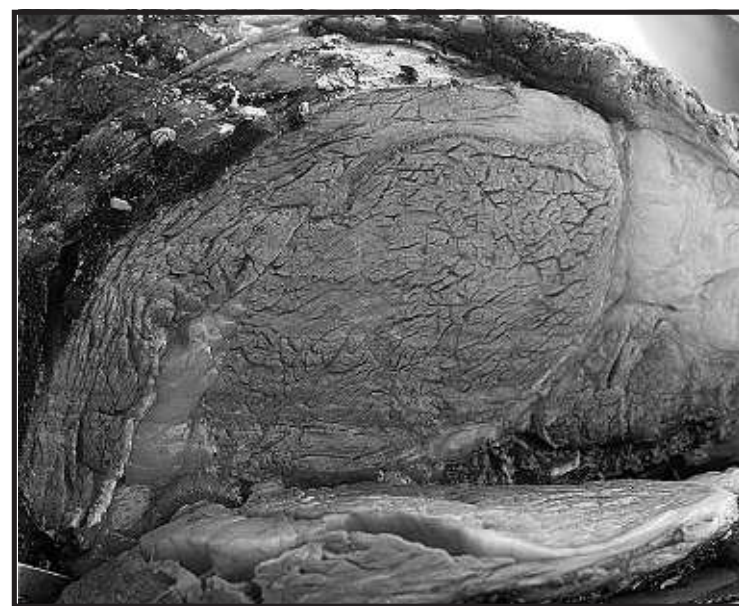
- 1 (6 pound) boneless prime rib roast
- 2 tablespoons prepared horseradish
- 2 tablespoons Dijon mustard
- 2 teaspoons kosher salt
- 2 teaspoons coarsely ground black pepper
- 2 teaspoons dried thyme
- 2 teaspoons garlic powder
- 2 stalks celery, cut into 2-inch pieces
- 1 carrot, cut into 2-inch pieces
- 1 small unpeeled onion, quartered and separated
- 2 teaspoons concentrated beef base (paste)
- 1½ cups water
- 1 teaspoon cornstarch
- 1 teaspoon water

The day before serving, remove the roast from the package, and dry thoroughly with paper towels. Set the roast on a baking sheet, and place in refrigerator overnight. Remove from refrigerator 1 hour before cooking time to allow meat to reach room temperature. Rub the roast all over with horseradish and Dijon mustard. In a bowl, mix together the kosher salt, black pepper, thyme, and garlic powder; sprinkle the spice mix over the roast.

reheat oven to 450 degrees F. Place the celery, carrot, and onion pieces into the bottom of a roasting pan. Place the roast on top of the vegetables.

Roast in the preheated oven for 30 minutes. Reduce oven temperature to 350 degrees F, and roast until the meat is browned and an instant-read meat thermometer inserted into the thickest part of the roast reads 130 to 135 degrees F for medium-rare. Remove from oven, transfer roast to a platter, and cover with a tent of aluminum foil. Allow to rest for 30 minutes. Temperature of the meat will rise about 10 degrees during resting time.

To make au jus sauce, skim excess fat from the pan drippings in the roasting pan. Place the pan over a burner set to medium heat, and stir in the beef base and 1 1/2 cup of water. Bring to a boil, scraping and dissolving any brown flavor bits from the bottom of the pan. Strain out and discard the vegetables. Combine the cornstarch and 1 teaspoon of water in a small bowl, and whisk the mixture into the sauce. Allow the sauce to thicken slightly (sauce will be thin), pour into a gravy boat, and serve with roast.



Corn Pudding



- 5 eggs
- ½ cup butter, melted
- ¼ cup white sugar
- ½ cup milk
- 4 tablespoons cornstarch
- 1 (14 ounce) can corn kernels, drained
- 2 (14.75 ounce) cans cream-style corn

Preheat oven to 400 Degrees F. Grease a 2 quart casserole dish.

In a large bowl, lightly beat eggs. Add melted butter, sugar, and milk. Whisk in cornstarch. Stir in corn and creamed corn. Blend well. Pour mixture into prepared casserole dish.

Bake for 1 hour.

Recipes courtesy of allrecipes.com

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United as one during disaster

Pilgrims Hatchery and feed mill destroyed in tornado

There are not many industries that have the network and span that agriculture does. During these times, we are often reminded that all of those involved in agriculture are family and family comes together through the good and the bad times. The Commonwealth has felt that in the last few days as we begin the recovery effort, but we know that the impact of this storm will be felt for months and even years to come. We are resilient and we will rebuild together. Today, poultry has come together as one and no longer competitors.

In Mayfield, we lost the Pilgrims Hatchery and feed mill. Pilgrims is our largest processor in the state and the loss of the hatchery and feed mill will have a major impact on our growers, employees, and the Graves County community. Tyson is stepping in and putting in overtime to ensure all of those birds that are serviced by that feed mill are fed. Other poultry employees and farmers are helping to feed their local communities with donated products and volunteering hours to help cook. Cal-

The Board and staff of the Kentucky Poultry Federation want to send our condolences out to everyone affected by the storms from Friday night.

Maine is another company stepping up and taking eggs to shelters and food kitchens to help feed not only those impacted but the first responders, as well. We come together to take care of our way of life and I could not be prouder to work for and with this industry.

The diligent work of getting electric, propane, diesel fuel and water to all of our poultry barns is a top priority. Working alongside the Kentucky Department of Agriculture, FSA, and local companies, we are identifying those in need and ensuring they are taken care of during this tragic time. While those are the immediate needs, we also recognize that there will be larger

needs in the weeks and months ahead. We are currently working on those plans as well.

The Board and staff of the Kentucky Poultry Federation want to send our condolences out to everyone affected by the storms from Friday night. We also want to thank each and every one for your thoughts and prayers during these difficult times. Many Kentuckians are still trying to dig out of the mess the storms left us Friday night. We are seeing loss of life, homes, businesses, Family farms and many are struggling with the emotional impact of the devastation and the future issues that entails.

You may ask, what can I do? How can I

help? First, we want to ensure that we do not get in the way of first responders, rescue efforts, and linemen. Second, we have been asked by state and federal entities to put together a list to help them understand the needs, address issues, and to reallocate resources. We know we need diesel fuel for generators and propane for heaters. We need water, non-perishable foods, paper products, toiletries, and blankets. With Christmas just a short time away, we also know that clothes, toys and Christmas items are appreciated.

We know that we will have long-term needs such as: Financial assistance to help with repairs and rebuilding of damaged structures. With the increase in cost of building materials and equipment, insurance may not cover the replacement cost. Along with additional financial assistance due to increased out times between flocks, and processing plant shut downs.

Competitors – Friends – Family – we are united as one. Stay safe out there and give your loved ones an extra hug today.



Membership drive begins in January

January begins the 2022 membership drive for the Kentucky Poultry Federation where you can either renew or become a new member of the KPF and support Kentucky's poultry industry. Remember, we are YOUR organization and YOUR voice; the Kentucky Poultry Federation needs your support and commitment to this organization as we enter a new year. By becoming a member, you can utilize that voice and help build a stronger Federation.

To become a member of the Kentucky Poultry Federation simply download a

Membership Application at www.kypoultry.org. Dues to the Federation are payable on a calendar-year basis. Membership applications are due by April 1, 2022.

As a member you will also receive subscriptions to the Poultry Times and The Farmer's Pride. Our quarterly newsletter, The Sunnyside, is published in The Farmer's Pride. All members who provide an email address will receive the CHEEPS & CHIRPS newsletter electronically.

Join the Kentucky Poultry Federation today!

Kentucky Poultry Federation awards poultry family farms

The Kentucky Poultry Federation awarded three family farms on October 2nd, 2021 at the annual meeting and festival in Lexington, Kentucky. The three farms were recognized due to their unique litter management practices, community involvement, conservation techniques, nutrition management, and environmental management.



Andy and Meagan Bishop, the operators of Fairfield Farms Poultry in Whitley County.

Fairfield Farms Poultry

Andy and Meagan Bishop operate Fairfield Farms Poultry, located in Whitley County. The Bishops purchased their farm in 2016 to immediately begin construction on a layer barn and become certified organic. They have reduced to 75 acres and work closely with NRCS and EQUIP funds on grazing and timber management plans. The Bishops operations use a large amount of the litter on hay, pasture, and silage ground on the property and market the rest. Soil samples are taken every fall and they utilize litter based on the levels found. The family is heavily involved in the state and national cattlemen's association which allows them a platform for how litter is used on the farm.

The Bishops utilize EQUIP programs through the Natural Resource Conservation Services to implement different programs on the farm. Some of these include Nutrient Management Plan, Stream Crossings, Litter Shed, and Pollinator plots for wildlife. They make a conscious effort to leave the land better than when they bought it with environmental stewardship and sustainability. They are always willing to host farm tours for local farmers to showcase their sustainability practices.



Eddie Humphrey operates eight poultry houses in Ohio County.

White Gold and Last Ridge Poultry Farms

Eddie Humphrey operates 400 acres of land and has eight poultry houses on two different sites. The first five houses were built on his homestead and hold 21,700 head per house. The newer three hold 25,000 birds each. This operation takes place in Ohio County. When Mr. Humphrey isn't working with the birds, he also raises cattle, hay, corn and beans, as well as gardening. As a farmer, he takes great pride in his work and ensuring it is pleasing to the eye. It is important to take care of the land in order to raise optimum commodities. Poultry is the farms number one commodity and to be successful Eddie says litter management is the most important practice. Mr. Humphrey utilizes litter to fertilize hayfields and pasture land.

Eddie uses surface water for the drinking in the houses. Water runoff is collected off all the houses and directed towards a lake. Vegetation around the pond and algicide are some of the filtering practices. Before water goes back into the houses, it is ran through the pumphouse where it is filtered and chlorinated. In the long run, using surface runoff is more cost effective and better for the environment. Dead birds are removed daily and taken to the litter house to be used in compost. Mr. Humphrey is currently adding solar panels to run the houses during daylight hours. These solar panels will reduce air pollution and carbon emissions.

Triple Cross Farms

Clint and Kelly Harris operate a broiler facility in Mayfield, Kentucky with Tyson Foods. They own 61 acres and have about 126,000 across the houses. The Harris's received their first flock in April of 2012 and house five flocks per year now. Clint explains litter management as a neces-

sary evil for all poultry farmers. He has taken advantage of a local litter specialist which handles the majority of all litter management. Cleanout, new bedding, and disposing of litter are all done by the litter specialist. Litter management allows the Harris's to focus on flock performance.

Aside from the poultry operation, Clint and Kelly have a small beef herd they manage with the help of their grandchildren. They explained that they always strive to be good neighbors even before they got into the poultry business. All neighbors are informed when they are spreading litter, selling birds, or cleaning. This gives them the opportunity to plan for the changes in the coming days.

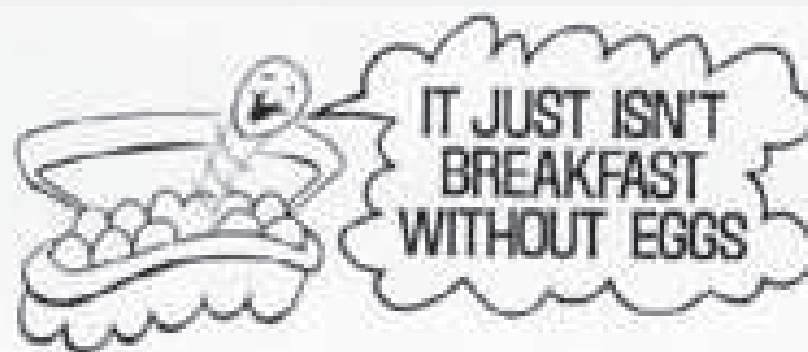
The Kentucky Poultry Federation was organized in 1957 as a civic and educational non-profit corporation. The federation exists for the purpose of fostering, promoting and encouraging the improvement of production and marketing of all types



Clint and Kelly Harris operate a broiler facility in Mayfield with Tyson Foods.

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2021 Kentucky Poultry Federation scholarship recipients

The Kentucky Poultry Federation (KPF) awarded four students with scholarships on October 2nd, 2021 at the annual meeting and festival in Lexington, Kentucky. Commissioner of Agriculture, Ryan Quarles and President of the Kentucky Poultry Federation, Dan Flanagan, presented four individual, \$2,000 academic scholarships to Jordan Reddick, Emily Keith, Chaz Wilson, and Sarah Bailey.

The Kentucky Poultry Federation aca-

ademic scholarships were established to benefit the children and grandchildren of Kentucky poultry complex employees, growers, and allied members. The scholarships assist with graduating high school seniors or currently enrolled college students in continuing their education. Applicants are required to submit a completed application, current transcripts, two letters of recommendation, and two essays.



2021 KPF scholarship recipient Jordan Reddick is a recent graduate of Carlisle County and now attends Murray State University. Jordan is majoring in agriculture following the family tradition. Jordan wishes to further their agriculture education and continue to support the family's farm by using regenerative practices who grows for Pilgrim's Pride in Bardwell, KY.



Scholarship recipient Emily Keith is majoring in nursing at Eastern Kentucky University. She was highly involved in volleyball throughout her high school career. She was a teaching assistant for elementary aged kids during her senior year and now works as a nurse extern. Her ultimate goal is to impact people's lives, and she uses nursing to do just that. Emily hails from Monticello with her family who grows for Cobb-Vantress.



Scholarship recipient Sarah Bailey attends Austin Peay State University in Clarksville, TN and is majoring in nursing. Sarah has always had a strong motivation for helping others, and she believes nursing is the way to do that. After graduation from nursing school, Sarah plans to further her education to become a Nurse Practitioner. Sarah's mother works for Cal-Maine Foods, Inc.



Scholarship recipient Chaz Wilson hails from Smiths Grove, Kentucky. He is currently attending Kentucky Wesleyan University, majoring in business management and playing college baseball. He chose business to have a better understanding of his family farm. He plans to raise his children on the farm and continue what his family built. Chaz's family farms for Perdue.

Merry Christmas
& HAPPY NEW YEAR

The Kentucky Poultry Federation and Kentucky Egg Council would like to say thank you to all those who have contributed to our organization in 2021.

It is our members and allies who are the backbone of our organization.

Through your continued support and dedication to our organization, we will continue to make every effort in 2022.

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

KPF Board of Directors and Staff

2021 KY Poultry Federation Hall of Fame Inductee: Marc Ashby



Marc Ashby grew up on a poultry farm in Christian County Kentucky. His family owned and operated a commercial egg operation.

His father, John Ashby, also a Kentucky Hall of Fame member, was general manager of Hudson Brothers with farms in Tennessee and Kentucky and an egg processing plant in Guthrie, KY.

Marc grew up working on the home farm as well as working during high school and college at the egg processing plant in Guthrie. Marc received a bachelor of science degree in Agricultural Economics from the University of Kentucky in 1977.

After college, Marc began his poultry career working for Dekalb. Dekalb was a leader in poultry genetics for commercial egg operations. Marc started working with Dekalb in a hatchery in York, PA, and was then promoted to General Manager of the Dekalb Pullet Farm, located in Yorkville, IL and managed the pullet farm for two years. (1978-1980).

In 1985, Marc returned home working in various roles in production management for Hudson Brothers, in Clarks-ville, TN and Guthrie, Kentucky. After Cal-Maine purchased Hudson Brothers in 1998, Marc was named general manager of the Guthrie, KY complex.

There were several expansions of the complex in Todd County, including the construction of a new egg processing plant and a large expansion of the layer facilities.



Marc was promoted to Vice President of Operations for Cal Maine, responsible for egg laying complexes in Todd County, KY, Bremen, KY, and Rossburg, Ohio.

During the last two years, Marc was director of special projects for Cal-Maine, working on various projects across Cal-Maine.

Marc retired earlier this year, in January 2021.

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UK research center destroyed by tornado

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way, Scott could tell the extent of the damage.

"It was like a war zone – like Afghanistan," he said.

Scott went back after daylight to further access and document the damage. Everything was gone.

The destroyed UKREC building included the Grain and Forage Center of Excellence, which opened in 2019 after receiving a \$15 million from the Agricultural Development Fund. Also, the original substation, the workshops, equipment, vehicles, the dairy barn, the superintendent's house, and historic tobacco barns appeared to be damaged beyond salvage.

A delegation from the College of Agriculture Food and Environmental Science and fire marshals toured the site and accessed the damage on Sunday afternoon.

Dr. Chad Lee, director of the Forage and Grain Center of Excellence, said the facility is a total loss and officially condemned by the fire marshal, as are 90 percent of the other structures.

Lee quickly pointed out that Knott and her crew had done a phenomenal job, first checking on the 63 center employees, graduate students housed on the farm in homes destroyed during the tornado, and then on employees and their situations. The crew accessed damage around the farm and put the 400-head cattle herd back into pastures.

"The fact that none of our employees were hurt – our students on the farm, an employee family who had gone to the center to shelter, and other employees who suffered loss or damage to their homes – no one hurt – is nothing short of a miracle," Lee said.

Opening in 1925, the 400-acre University of Kentucky Experimental Substation Farm at Princeton was the desire of College of Agriculture Dean Thomas Poe Copper to serve the agriculture community west of a line from Owensboro to Guthrie.

From its beginning, the "station" as it was known, had two fundamental purposes: to discover better farming methods through research and provide demonstrations of those methods to the agriculture community through actual farming practices undertaken on the station farm.

Through the decades the station grew in acreage and employees and research projects. In 1925 all research was conducted by superintendent S. J. Lowry and one assistant, receiving instructions from main campus scientists who occasionally made the 12-hour train ride from Lexington.

By 1971, the farm totaled 1,100 acres. Included in that growth were 25 new faculty and staff primarily in the extension area. This growth again signified the College of Agriculture's dedication to Kentucky agriculture.

With the influx of new employees, the original 1935 office and meeting facility were inadequate. Plans were developed to build a 35,000 square foot research and education center, complete with new offices, laboratories, meeting rooms and classrooms. The center was dedicated in 1980 and named the Rottering-Kue-

gel Building in 1989.

This facility remained the hub of research and extension programs until the 2019 renovation and expansion for the Forage and Grain Center of Excel-

lence, doubling the center square footage and adding 13 high-tech labs, 49 offices, 24 tech cubicles, 20

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Record receipts expected from Ky's thriving ag economy

LOUISVILLE – University of Kentucky agricultural economists are predicting the state's 2021 agricultural receipts will exceed \$6.7 billion. If realized, this will be a new record, surpassing the previous record of \$6.5 billion in 2014 and the \$5.5 billion average over the past five years. They expect net farm income to approach \$2.5 billion, which is the highest since 2013.

Economists in the UK College of Agriculture, Food and Environment shared their predictions for the Kentucky agriculture and forest economies during the annual Kentucky Farm Bureau meeting.

Kentucky's agriculture sectors powered through many challenges caused by the Covid-19 pandemic and are in the midst of tremendous economic growth due to increases in grain exports, strong crop yields and a high global demand for meats. As a result, corn and soybeans are tied with poultry as the state's top agricultural commodities in 2021. Each comprises 18 percent of all projected sales.

"Nationwide, grain inventory was lower at the beginning of 2021, and with increased exports, our stocks dropped even more as the year progressed. This led to higher prices throughout 2021," said Greg Halich, UK agricultural economist. "For the upcoming 2022 crop season, prices are predicted to hold steady or may even increase, but profits will tighten due to rising input costs."

Corn, soybeans and poultry are followed by equine, which had a strong sales season and has a 16 percent market share. Cattle is next with 11 percent of projected sales.

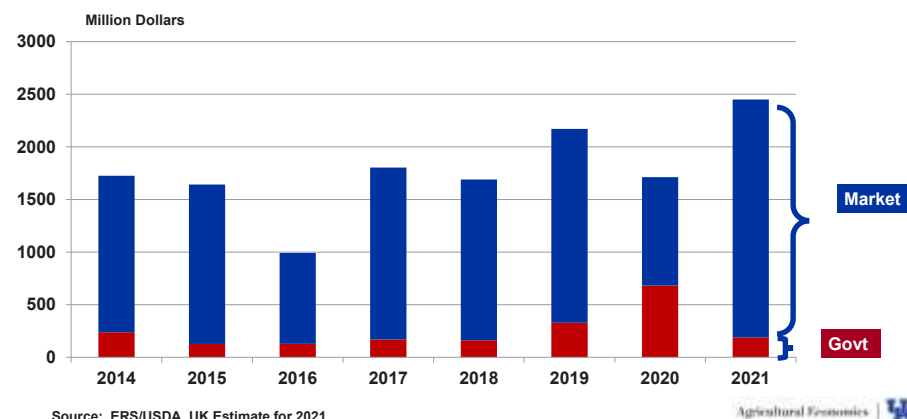
"In 2021, the equine market made a huge recovery, and Keeneland sales were up 35 percent from 2020," said Kenny Burdine, UK agricultural economist. "Beef exports are expected to set a record in 2021. After several frustrating years for cattle producers, another decrease in beef cow numbers and continued global demand should lead to improved prices for calves and feeder cattle in 2022."

Kentucky's agricultural economy is consistent with national trends. U.S. farm exports will likely finish 2021 at record levels that approach \$175 billion. As of September, corn exports have more than doubled, beef exports are up 37 percent and forest products

are up 29 percent on the year. The U.S. Department of Agriculture is predicting a 23 percent increase in net farm income, which will only be surpassed by the all-time record high of \$123.7 billion set in 2013. In 2020, producers'

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Look for KY Net Farm Income to Approach \$2.5 Billion in 2021 – Highest Since 2013




University of Kentucky ag economists reported on 2021 revenue and costs as well as projections for 2022 during the recent Kentucky Farm Bureau Annual Meeting.

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Research facility will be rebuilt

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graduate student desks, and two active classrooms. The farm now totals 1300 acres and scientists conduct 100 different research projects on the farm and on farms across western Kentucky.

"We will rebuild," Lee said. "We have a clean slate and can build wherever we want."

Lee said there would be disruptions in the short term with the loss of diagnostic labs, but there is a long-term commitment. A source of concern is the amount of research data that is lost. Lee said it could take months or even years to realize what is gone. While data systems are backed up, notebooks and handwritten notes are lost. Any hard copy still in the center cannot be retrieved since the facility is condemned.

Lee said hearing about and then seeing the facility was highly emotional, but he is optimistic with a solid ded-

icated staff, and they will get through this and get to the other side.

"It's never about a building, and it's a people project and bringing in good people. We will be relying on our people to get through this and help recover," Lee said.

Warren Beeler, former director of the Governor's Office of Agriculture Policy, summed up the future of agriculture research at the Princeton location.

"You can tear down, blow down a building, but you can't tear down ideas."

Scott pointed out what he felt was a sign of the durability of the center and its employees. On Saturday morning he noticed the renovated antique cub tractor actually used on the farm, sitting in its normal spot in the center entrance surrounded by debris, moved slightly, with a few scratches, but looking like it was ready to go to work.

By Toni Riley
Field Reporter



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Registration open for fruit, vegetable conference

FRANKFORT – Registration is now open for the 2022 Kentucky Fruit and Vegetable Conference, the premier event for statewide produce growers to interact and learn.

For the first time, the conference, which is set for Jan. 3-4, with pre-conference events on Jan. 2, will be at the Sloan Convention Center in Bowling Green.

The Kentucky Department of Agriculture, in cooperation with the Kentucky State Horticultural Society, Kentucky Vegetable Growers Association, Organic Association of Kentucky, Kentucky Wineries Association, Kentucky Horticulture Council, the University of Kentucky College of Agriculture, Food and Environment, Kentucky State University College of Agriculture, Communities and the Environment, are joining together to bring more than 75 speakers and 60 exhibitors for this year's conference.

The conference will include a general session, as well as sessions on protected agriculture production technologies,

organic production, vegetable production (beginner and advanced), fruit production (beginner and advanced), and business management. New sessions added this year include MarketReady, farm-to-school, value-added production, and ag water. Other conference events include a Farmers' Market Short Course organized by KDA, a crop insurance workshop organized by KHC and the Kentucky Center for Agriculture and Rural Development, and a labor ready workshop offered by AgSafe as well as the fruit grower and vegetable grower roundtable sessions.

Participants can register online at 2022-ky-fruit-veg-conference.eventbrite.com or on-site. The conference registration fee on site is \$75 includes a year's membership in the KVGa, KSHS, or OAK and full access to recorded content for a year after the meeting.

For registration questions call 859-490-0889 or email: info@kyhortcouncil.org, or go online to kyhortcouncil.org/2022-ky-fruit-vegetable-conference.

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Kiah Twisselman Burchett Honored as Beef Advocate of the Year

Former Kentucky Beef Council employee, Kiah Twisselman Burchett, was honored earlier this year as the 2020 Beef Advocate of the Year for her work helping mainstream Americans appreciate the cattle industry and feel good about enjoying beef.

Kiah went viral in 2020 after People Magazine highlighted her 125-pound weight loss story. Burchett used that momentum to start a business as a life coach and weight loss expert, teaching people how to use their surroundings to better themselves at home or on the farm, and to enjoy their favorite foods – especially beef!

Kiah gained a following of both urban and rural women alike by tapping into their shared goals to live their happiest and healthiest lives, to be energetic and to say 'yes' to life again. She was also highlighted in *Women's Health* and on *Good Morning America*, *The Kelly Clarkson Show* and *Access Hollywood*.

Kiah currently resides near her family's California cattle ranch, with her Kentucky-native husband, Brent Burchett.



You can follow Kiah Twisselman Burchett on social media at @Coach_Kiah.

The beef community has a long-standing commitment to caring for their animals and providing families with the safest, highest-quality beef possible. Beef Quality Assurance (BQA) is a program that trains farmers and ranchers on best practice cattle management techniques to ensure their animals and the environment are cared for within a standard set of guidelines across the U.S. beef industry.

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Record receipts expected from Ky's thriving ag economy

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incomes increased by nearly 20 percent, mostly due to government payments from the Coronavirus Food Assistance Program designed to help farmers work through the challenges of the pandemic and the Market Facilitation Program payments to help export losses evolving from the trade war. While government payments are projected to be 40 percent lower in 2021, they continue to make up about one-fourth of U.S. net farm income.

"Despite the impactful events of the pandemic, the U.S. farm economy has not only survived, but has experienced remarkable growth, initially on the heels of government financial support, followed by significant export gains, impressive crop yields and a growing global demand for meat products," said Will Snell, UK agricultural economist.

Clients in the Kentucky

Farm Business Management program saw record net farm income in 2020, and 2021's profits are expected to exceed those.

"The average, commercial-size crop farm is in excellent financial health in terms of solvency and liquidity," said Jerry Pierce, coordinator for Kentucky Farm Business Management. "Farms in the bottom third of net farm income made huge gains in financial health in 2020 and are poised to solidify their position in 2021."

The forest industry, which includes logging, primary wood manufacturing, secondary wood manufacturing, pulp and paper, paper converters and wood residue, continues to trend upward. In 2020, the sector added nearly \$14 billion to the state's economy. High demand for hardwood continues to outpace harvest and processing and has led to a seller's market for timber.

"Prices for important spe-

cies, such as white oak and yellow-poplar, have increased over 50 percent this year," said Jeff Stringer, chair of the UK Department of Forestry and Natural Resources. "As demand for high quality white oak continues, driven by the cooperage industry supplying white oak barrels to the state's bourbon distillers, prices for white oak timber will remain robust. While supply and demand are closer for other species, pricing will remain on an upward trajectory in 2022."

Higher prices and good yields in specialty crops, which includes produce and nursery, will likely allow the sector to exceed the record revenues of 2020, but rising input costs will limit profitability and sector growth. Cash receipts for 2021 are expected to be \$16 million for fruit, \$44 million for vegetables and \$118 million for nursery and greenhouse production.

"Strong competitive pres-

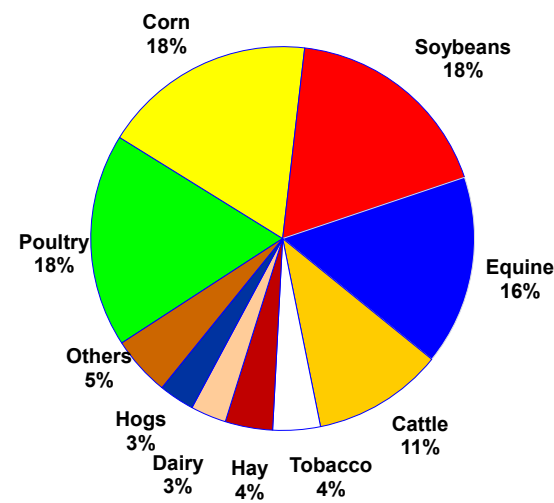
ures will continue from outside of the U.S. in the produce market," said Tim Woods, agricultural economist. "While Kentucky growers benefit from strong local demand, and strong local prices may remain in direct markets, import supply will continue to rise. Labor costs are a big constraint for this sector."

Going into 2022, the economists predict commodity prices will continue to be relatively high but increasing input costs will tighten farmers' profits in the next year.

"Farm input costs will likely be up double-digit percentages in 2022, with much higher

fuel, fertilizer and feed prices," Snell said. "Labor costs and supplies continue to be a concern, not only among farmers but throughout the entire food supply chain and the rest of economy. Farmers will be advised to monitor input and commodity markets closely in developing purchasing and marketing strategies amidst this turbulent, volatile, and uncertain farm economy."

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Corn #2 Yellow	5.66-5.76	5.52-5.62	5.57-5.67	5.42	5.77	NA	Yellow Corn Spot Bid 5.57-6.07
Corn #2 White	12.14	12.44-12.59	6.37	12.24	12.64	NA	Dried Distillers Grain (\$/ton) 10% moisture 145.00-195.00
Soybeans #1 Y	NA	8.31	12.70	NA	NA	NA	Modified Wet Distillers (\$/ton) 50-55% moisture NA
Wheat #2 SRW			NA			NA	
Barley							
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Corn #2 Yellow	5.66--5.94	5.52-5.62	5.75-5.82	5.57	5.89	NA	10/30/21 21,024
Corn #2 White	NA	NA	6.39	NA	NA	NA	11/06/21 24,693
Soybeans #1 Y	7.98	8.31	NA	8.19	8.09	NA	11/13/21 28,632
Wheat #2 SRW			NA				11/20/21 22,436
Barley							

Weekly Feed Ingredient Price Wholesale prices, \$ per ton Rail or Truck FOB Location	Owensboro Grain 11/22/2021	Commonwealth Agri-Energy Hopkinsville 11/22/2021	St. Louis Weekly Feed Prices 11/16/2021	Memphis Weekly Feed Report 11/16/2021	Corn Belt Feedstuffs Report 11/16/2021	Daily Direct Hog Prices LM_HG218 11/22/2021 Barrows & Gilts Purchased Swine Receipts: 6,082 Base Price: \$53.00- \$56.75	FOR DAILY LIVESTOCK AND GRAIN MARKET REPORTS
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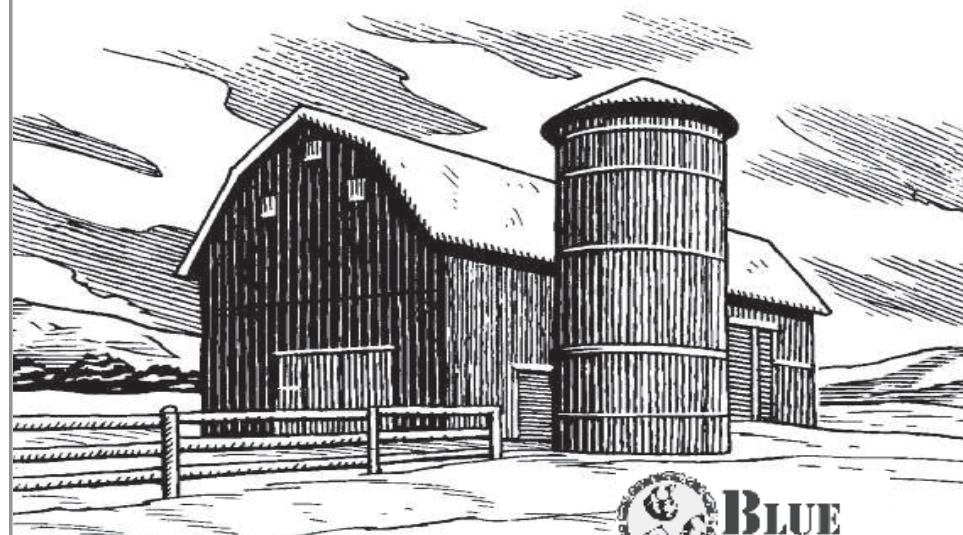
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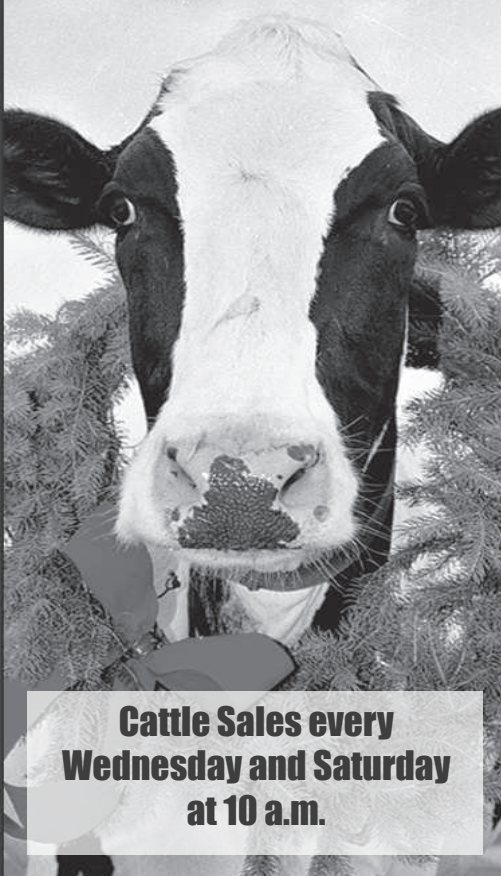
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NATIONAL BOXED BEEF CUTOUT LM_XB403 Estimated composite cutout value of Choice 1-3 600-900 lbs carcasses up 0.84 at 279.25; Select 1-3 600-900 lbs carcasses down 0.10 at 263.73; based on 67 loads of choice cuts, 37 loads of select cuts, 8 loads of trimmings, and 10 loads of ground beef. Choice/Select Spread 15.52

CARCASS PRICE EQUIVALENT INDEX VALUE NW_LS410https://www.ams.usda.gov/mnreports/nw_ls410.txt. Estimated carcass price equivalent value of Choice 1-3 600-900 lbs carcasses up 0.22 at 229.76; Select 1-3 600-900 lbs carcasses up 0.21 at 213.08.

Current index reflects the equivalent of 152,954 head of cattle.

USDA ESTIMATED DAILY LIVESTOCK SLAUGHTER

	CATTLE	CALVES	HOGS	SHEEP
Friday 11/19/2021 (est)	121,000	1,000	479,000	6,000
Week Ago (est)	115,000	1,000	480,000	6,000
Year Ago (act)	116,000	2,000	487,000	6,000
Week to Date (est)	608,000	6,000	2,402,000	41,000
Same Pd Lt Week (est)	597,000	6,000	2,352,000	37,000
Same Pd Lt Yr (act)	593,000	8,000	2,443,000	39,000

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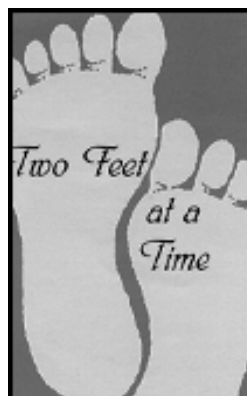
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Ag community unites after deadly storms

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to some who lost their homes and property.

"Today we took care of our team members, tomorrow we will take care of our community," Pilgrim's posted on social media Sunday along with photos of rows of supplies and people helping with disaster relief.

The loss at Pilgrim's Mayfield will have a major impact on the industry, Guffey said, with the loss of meat birds and the food consumption involved in production possibly affecting 3 percent of the state's ag economy until they can get rebuilt.

The Kentucky Dairy Development Council set up a fund to help dairy producers and reported that a number of Amish and Mennonite dairies across the state lost family members, homes and farm facilities. The Kentucky Cattlemen's Association is also set up to take contributions, and local extension offices are coordinating to monitor needs as well as help coordinate relief efforts.

The Kentucky FFA community was

busy reaching out to every county to see if any teachers or students needed assistance. Hopkins Central ag teacher Lee James lost his home near Dawson Springs in Hopkins County. His neighbors died in the storm.

Anyone with information about an ag student who suffered loss is encouraged to contact Matt Chaliff at matt.chaliff@education.ky.gov. Assist 4-Hers at kentucky4hfoundation.org/relief-fund.

Agriculture Commissioner Ryan Quarles visited areas of the state that suffered losses and is working with Kentucky Farm Bureau and Extension to coordinate donations for agriculture-specific needs.

Anyone who wishes to donate farm supplies should contact their local extension office. Extension agents will deliver products to the Kentucky Department of Agriculture for distribution to farm organizations working to meet the needs of impacted farmers.

KDA has partnered with the Kentucky Farm Bureau to develop a GoFundMe account at gofund.me/6855c668 to provide monetary support for affected farmers.



Mayfield Grain shared this photo on social media after the weekend's deadly storms. In their post, they reported that their family and work family were not harmed.

In Princeton, the University of Kentucky Research and Education facility and the Grain and Forage Center of Excellence was destroyed. The facility just recently received a multi-million dollar renovation that was a cooperative effort between Extension, farm organizations and the Kentucky Agricultural Development Fund.

Mayfield Grain suffered major

damage to grain bins and handling equipment and Hutson John Deere in Mayfield experienced damage to equipment and buildings.

While western Kentucky suffered the most devastating loss, losses have been reported across the commonwealth from multiple storms.

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

2020/2021 Marketing Year Ranks As Best Grain Export Year Of All Time

U.S. exports of grains in all forms reached an all-time high during the 2020/2021 marketing year. Recovering from a two-year period of decline, exports rose by 28.3 percent, totaling 129.5 million metric tons (MMT), or 5.2 billion bushels, according to data from the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) and analysis by the U.S. Grains Council (USGC).

To track exports, the Council reviews exports across 10 product sectors, including U.S. corn, barley and sorghum and value-added products including ethanol, distiller's dried grains with solubles (DDGS) and other co-products, as well as the corn equivalent of exported meat products. "Reaching an all-time high record for exports of grains in all forms while

we continue to deal with a global pandemic shows the commitment of USGC members to continue to expand exports of grains in all forms as well as the dedication from USGC's global staff to develop markets and increase market access for grains in all forms," said Cary Sifferath, USGC senior director of global programs.

U.S. corn exports rose by 55 percent in 2020/2021 from the previous marketing year, totaling 69.8 MMT (2.7 billion bushels). China soared to record highs for U.S. corn imports, totaling over 21.4 MMT (845.2 million bushels) compared to 11.2 MMT (439.5 million bushels) in the previous marketing year. Notably, corn exports to South Korea rose 36 percent from the previous marketing

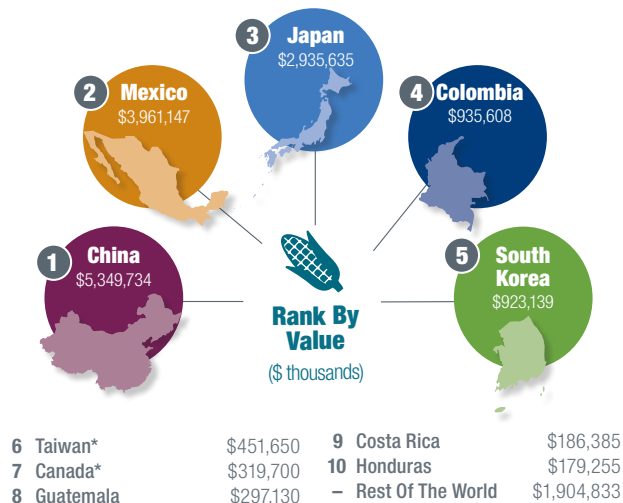
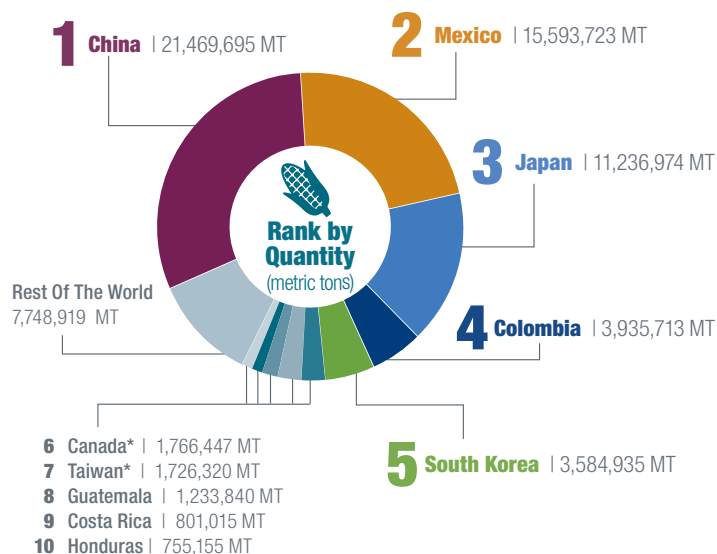
year to 3.8 MMT (141.1 bushel), making it the fifth-largest market. Mexico experienced its third-largest year on record for corn exports at 15.5 MMT (631.8 bushels) in 2020/2021.

U.S. DDGS exports totaled more than 11.6 MMT in 2020/2021, up more than 10 percent from the previous marketing year. **U.S. ethanol exports** experienced its fifth-largest year on record, with exports totaling 1.22 billion gallons (434 million bushels).

Kentucky Corn Promotion Council Chairman Ray Allan Mackey said, "KyCorn is proud to invest state checkoff funds into the USGC. They work tirelessly to advance international grain trade which improves market prices for our farmers."

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AGENDA

- 7:00 a.m. CST
Early Riser Session
with Eric Snodgrass
- 8:30 a.m.
Registration and Trade Show Opens
- 9:30 a.m.
Marketing Panel
Mark Gold, Top Third Marketing
Angie Setzer, ConsusROI
- 11:00 a.m.
Lunch and Keynote by Jerry Hagstrom
Update from Agriculture Commissioner
Dr. Ryan Quarles
- 1:00 p.m.
Kentucky Soybean, Corn, and Small
Grain Association Annual Meetings
- 3:30 p.m.
Research Review
- 5:30 p.m.
Grower Appreciation Reception
- 6:30 p.m.
Awards Banquet

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