

TURTLE TO THE RESCUE

Ky.-led training, equipment result in silo rescue

LIBERTY, Ky. – In only four seconds, an adult can sink knee-deep into flowing grain, becoming helpless without any assistance. In just 20 seconds, they can sink down into the quicksand-like flow, becoming fully entrapped and gasping for air, resulting in a fatal situation.

This could have happened in January, when a Casey County farmer found himself buried in soybeans, but local rescue crews had been trained in exactly how to dislodge a trapped person from a silo using a piece of flexible plastic referred to as a “Turtle tube,” a plastic grain entrapment rescue tube co-created by a longtime KDA instructor.

On Jan. 27, the Liberty-Casey County Rescue Squad was dispatched to Dewey Coffey’s farm on Hopewell Road a little after 5 p.m. along with other first responders. Coffey was loading soybeans out of a 1,300 bushel bin into a semi trailer.

“The reason I was in the bin — the combine operator didn’t do a good job getting the hulls out of the beans. We won’t mention his name; he’s getting old,” Coffey says and laughs. “His name is Dewey Coffey ...”

As he was up in the bin, Coffey said he grabbed a 10-foot long PVC pipe and started punching through the center to unclog the flow.

“During that time, we had a third of the semi-truck loaded – guy was on the outside to keep the semi pulled up – and I got over too close to the center of it, started down, felt like some beans from the backside of the bin came down and hit me.

“I was going down — it trapped me,” he says.

Rescue squad Chief Brandon Long, who is also a firefighter, says that piece of pipe was Coffey’s saving grace. It got wrapped up in

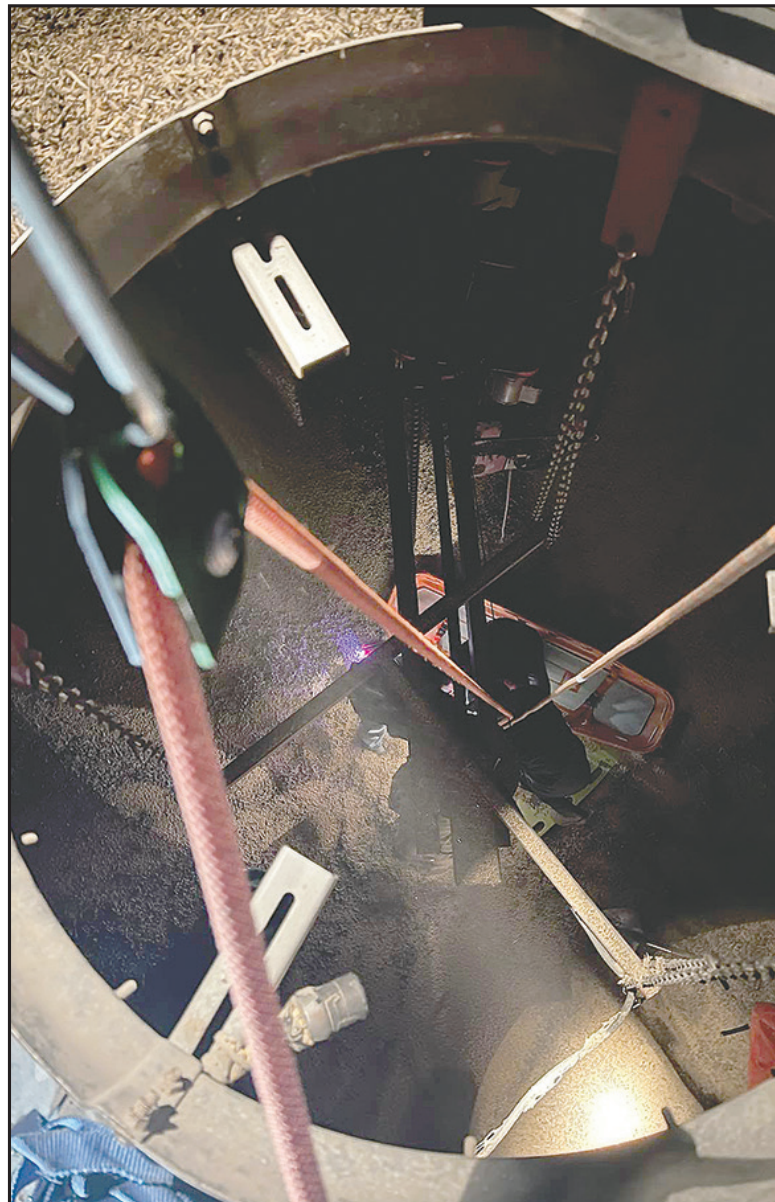


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Casey County farmer Dewey Coffey was rescued after being trapped in a grain bin last January. Emergency personnel across Kentucky and the United States are saving lives due to training programs and equipment that got their start in Kentucky.

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Visitors tap into Maple Day

SCOTTSVILLE, Ky. – “Welcome to Maple Madness.” Nance Taylor’s voice booms as he welcomes visitors to South 4 Farms and the third Kentucky Maple Day. On an early February Saturday, 11 maple syrup producers across the state opened their operations to allow visitors to watch maple syrup production from sap, taste samples, and purchase locally produced maple syrup products.

Taylor was bitten by the maple syrup bug in 2010 when he read an article in Kentucky Living magazine. Taylor said he figured he had a maple tree on his property and didn’t know what one looked like “naked,” but he found a tree using photos of bark and tapped 5 gallons of maple sap. He engineered an evaporator from a turkey fryer and roasting pan, used a gallon of propane, and cooked the sap for six hours to make 12 ounces of syrup.

“And I was hooked. I’ll never read another article in Kentucky Living,” he joked as he stoked the fire of his new 50-gallon evaporator, and the aroma of maple syrup filled the air in his newly constructed sugar house.

From 2010 to 2013, Taylor worked to perfect his syrup-making ability. He built a sugar house between two slopes full of red and sugar maple trees. Using tubing, the sap gravity fed into the sugar house and his self-constructed evaporator. He carried the finished syrup weighing 11 pounds per gallon up the steep hill to sell at farmers’ markets and festivals.

For his 2022 production, he began tapping his 120 trees with 350 taps connected with a mile of tubing. He noted it is crucial to tap when the sap is still frozen to prevent any bacterial infestation. The sap is vacuum pumped into a 400-gallon tank in the old sugar house, called the pump house. When this collecting tank is full, the vacuum line from the trees is closed, and the sap is vacuum pumped up the

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Turtle tube used in Casey County rescue

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the unloading auger, causing it to slip and stall. Coffey had been yelling to the semi driver, who couldn't hear, but he saw the smoke starting to come off the belt on the motors and called for help.

Crews responded from Brush Creek Volunteer Fire and from Liberty City Fire departments.

"The fire department had initiated their 'Turtle tube,'" Long says, referring to Turtle Plastics Grain Entrapment Rescue Tube. And he says during this, Coffey was "calm, cool and collected, communicating with rescuers."

Coffey says the beans hadn't made it up around his chest, where it would've cut his breathing off. But the position his legs were caught in made the maneuver a bit more difficult.

"If your legs are straight down, it makes it easier. But my left leg was stuck straight out, and my right was stuck back ..." so it took some working with the tube.

Long says Ladder 6 was deployed from Liberty City Fire, in order to hook up rope mainline and belay systems.

Responders went down into the silo. They used "a rescue auger — it's a small grain auger that's powered off a cordless drill, used to put inside the tube and remove the grain," Long says. Once the grain was removed from inside the tube, crews were able to pull Coffey out, who had been secured into a harness.

"They were really good with me, got me out and got me out safe," Coffey says. He says some neighbors asked why responders didn't "just put a rope around me and pull me out. If they'd done that, it would've pulled me straight in two."

Long says Coffey climbed down the ladder himself, and Casey County EMS checked him out on the scene, although he refused further medical treatment.

"You know what he did do, though?" Long says. "He came out, changed his boots and went back to work."

Coffey says aside from thanking rescue workers, "I couldn't have asked for a better group of people to have been there," he also thanks "the good Lord for letting me live."

How the 'Turtle tube' came to life

Since the 1970s, Purdue University's Agricultural and Biological Engineering Department has been investigating incidents involving grain storage and handling facilities, both on-farm and commercial locations. In its 2020 Summary of Grain Entrapments report, it says there were 35 that year, with 20 fatalities. According to the report, more than 150 grain entrapments have been recorded in the past five years, but it estimates that 30 percent of cases go unreported.

This is why Chief Long decided to assist in writing a grant to be able to buy the Turtle Plastics tube. He went around to insurance agencies, asking for donations, as well as received money from private contributors, in order to get a matching grant. He attributes much of the help to get the tubing to the Casey County Farm Bureau, which has been a huge advocate, he says.

"We did this in 2017, purchased the tubes and equipment and put them in the fire department, and I owe a lot of that to Dale Dobson," Long says, about the Kentucky Department of Agriculture's Farm and Home Safety Program administrator. The two are state fire instructors and had met at trainings.

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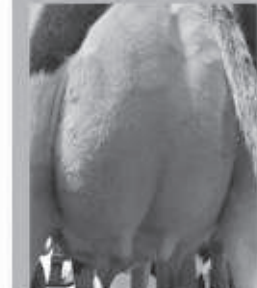
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Equipment created on local farm saving lives



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Crews on the scene at Dewey Coffey's Casey County farm in January work to rescue him from a silo, where he'd become stuck in soybeans.

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Dobson, who is known as one of the foremost experts on grain safety in the nation, says none of the glory should go

to him. He wasn't on site at the rescue but was able to hear updates on the situation while at a fire meeting.

But Dobson's too modest—he's actually the co-creator of the Turtle Plastics tube. Before it existed, he used to teach people how to use a sheet of plastic, rolling it up in to a tube to surround a farmer caught in a silo.

"We developed it on my farm," Dobson says, adding that he's "never done anything by myself, so I don't need any credit by myself." He says the lighter-weight, less expensive version of a grain rescue tube came out of a collaboration as well as the extensive training events that are continuously offered around the state on how to use them, making sure to pair farmers up with firefighters and other rescue workers. Dobson says everything was able to be developed due to the help of UK's Southeast Center for Agricultural Health and Injury Prevention, and some graduate students who spent about a year with him, researching and experimenting with different types of rescue tubes.

He says that a few years ago, companies began selling similar contraptions that were made out of metal, which are very pricey.

"And some are too heavy; they have to be able to be carried up and down the bin side, and some of them came in 10 pieces," he says, while the Turtle is one, 18-pound piece.

Chief Long says until Casey County received the grant in 2017, "we had no grain rescue equipment here." He first experienced the Turtle tube when he joined a rescue class in Russell County, which Dobson led.

Long says now that tobacco has been phased out, many farmers have transitioned over to grain.

"There's been grain bins going in everywhere, and I thought this would really be nice for Casey to get in on this. See what we can do. Luckily, we did. We bought eight tubes ..."

Long held the training for the area's seven fire departments, who had to participate before they could receive a tube.

"Our thinking is, out of the seven

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My husband and I spent a day recently at the Kennedy Space Center, and I came away with one thought going through my head over and over: “Look what mankind can accomplish when we unite!”

I’m amazed that we could get people to the moon before we can get fast internet to my house. I’m shocked that we could come up with a spaceship that could go up, come back down, and then do it all over again, but we can’t figure out how to provide medical care at a reasonable price.

There are probably literally thousands of products on the market today that were created solely to solve a problem that the space program needed solved, yet we can’t find a way to stop cancer before it starts.

We can’t solve world hunger. We can’t stop racism. And yet, we really can.

The first man walked on the moon more than half a century ago! How can we be that advanced technologically yet still be so far away from understanding how to balance productivity and environmental protection?

There is really only one answer. Unity. I’m sure the astronauts themselves were full of ego (I mean, if anyone has a right to be full of themselves it would be someone willing to jump into a manmade machine and head into outer space), but the astronauts and the people on the ground had to put the mission over getting credit for their work. There had to be a whole lot of really intelligent people at the table, and they had to respect the intelligence of others.

They knew the mission and they made the mission their number one priority. They gave more than they got. They were all in. That has to be the answer. That has to be the only way you can accomplish the greatness that is the story of the space program.

One of the videos we watched during our visit focused on solving the problems that arose when trying to build a “resuable space shuttle.” The scene literally showed people standing around a water cooler, with different ones throwing out ideas.

That’s how life works. We come up with better ideas when we brainstorm and when we work together. Sometimes a bad idea causes a good idea to start. Sometimes, one comment leads to three more comments, and all of a sudden everyone is headed in the right direction together.

Unity. Knowing the mission. Sticking to the mission. Leaving the ego behind. That’s how greatness happens.

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Member concerns are top priority

What’s your biggest concern for your farm? Is it regulatory intrusion on your freedom to operate? Are you concerned about adequate demand to support prices or skyrocketing input costs? Do you worry about being prepared for the possibility of more volatile weather in the future as it pertains to agronomy techniques and equipment technology? Do you feel an obligation to ensure the next generations of farmers are prepared? We have the same concerns and work hard to develop solutions.

Grassroots Activism needs Organization to be Most Effective

The primary benefit of the Kentucky Corn Growers Association is the ability to speak with one voice on issues that affect profitability and freedom to operate. Like me, most farmers just want to do the business of farming. Ky Corn Growers’ Association works hard to affect other important aspects of a healthy industry. This includes many things with public policy advocacy and watchdog-style monitoring efforts as examples. KyCorn leaders and staff keep our fingers on the pulse in Frankfort and Washington, DC. Already this year, we have launched multiple federal calls-to-action; and have made several visits to the Kentucky State Capitol.

The first federal call to action informed and urged grower advocates to submit comments to the EPA on the Revised Definition of Waters of the United States. This method commonly produces thousands of comment letters to EPA and on this issue the response rate was no different. The WOTUS Rule comment period ended on Feb. 7 – and it was a very popular topic.

We mobilized a grass root effort on EPA’s proposal to revise the Renewable Fuels Standard as well. Ethanol production comprises more than 40 percent of our nation’s corn demand. While consumer adoption of ethanol continues to grow and many fuel retail chains continue to enthusiastically incorporate higher blends of ethanol into their offerings, the RFS is critical to ensuring that the product continues to remain in the mainstream. Refiners have a tight control on the supply chain, and they would prefer their petroleum products retain market share regardless of consumer demand and market force economics.

Kentucky’s fuel regulations have an immense impact on gas stations’ ability to offer higher ethanol blends. KyCorn stayed



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Fuel regs impact ability to offer ethanol

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engaged all of last year as those regs were revised. This year we are engaged in the legislative session to be sure any bill pertaining to our state's fuel regulations will embrace a national trend and enable gas stations to provide mid-level ethanol blends (i.e. E15 and higher) to a consumer demand segment proven to be enthusiastic about choosing these options.

Corn Price Relies on a Healthy Trade Industry

Corn price is determined by a host of factors. Some we can influence and some we cannot. Overseas demand for U.S. corn and corn products is one that we can, and do, influence with farmer-generated checkoff funds. The strong impact of trade on corn price is unquestionable. This trade relationship marketing is not easily developed and maintained. It takes a sound strategy of energy, trust, and reliability to retain. We know these investments move the needle.

The US Grains Council is the industry's voice for grain trade promotion. It receives primary funding from state corn associations. This is then matched by the Market Access and Foreign Market Development programs within the Farm Bill. The USGC is farmer-led. Delegates from supporting corn states drive the decisions and priorities. USGC offices and staff are placed in dozens of strategic locations throughout the world to foster these relationships that are so crucial to earning business from foreign buyers.

Corn is also exported, of course, as US beef, pork, and poultry. These markets are extremely critical to the corn price. In the same manner as with USGC, Kentucky corn checkoff investments help fund those efforts through the US Meat Export Federation and USA Poultry and Egg Export Council, which receive MAP and FMD matches as well.

Healthy Trade Relationships Require Keeping Trade Partners Honest

It is a constant battle to keep our trading partners honest! A good example of this was a recent situation in which Mexico's government rejected import applications for two biotech corn products from Bayer. Mexico has not approved a new biotech trait in any crop since 2018 and recently started rejecting applications. Bayer had no plans to commercialize either product, as both contain what Bayer calls its third-generation herbicide tolerance trait. Bayer is forgoing commercialization of that trait in favor of their fourth-generation tolerance trait. Your trade association aggressively engages in issues such as this. This precedent could have removed valuable agronomic options that we have in the field.

Protecting Your Freedom to Operate from a Radical Environmental Agenda

The Endangered Species Act is quickly becoming the weapon of choice for radical environmental organizations to take crop protection tools out of your toolbox. Fighting back on this

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Land values face trouble in coming decade

It's the choices we make in the good times, the grandson of a Kansas homesteader once told me, that determine our farming successes, not the choices we make in the bad times.

Why? Because, he explained, in the good times we have the money to make big mistakes and in the bad times we're too poor to make anything but small mistakes.

I wonder what that grandson of the Kansas soil would say about the numbers released Feb. 10 by the Kansas City Federal Reserve. Those numbers showed "...the value of all types of farmland in the Tenth District"—KS, CO, NE, OK, WY, and parts of NM and MO—"was more than 20% higher than a year ago."

The Great Plains wasn't the only region to post big farmland gains. The Chicago Federal Reserve District (the northern ⅔ of IL and IN, the lower ⅓ of WI, and all of IA and MI) "...experienced a very steep annual increase of 22 percent in its farmland value in 2021," noted the Chicago Fed in early February.

"Adjusted for inflation," it continued, "...(d)istrict farmland values still had an annual increase of 17 percent in 2021, the largest increase since 2011." Iowa land prices were even more meteoric; up an astonishing 30 percent last year.

But higher land prices didn't mean higher land rental rates. In fact, "Cash rents for all types of land" in the Kansas City District "increased by about 10%, or only "about half of the increase of farmland." Better yet, adjusted for inflation, Great Plains "cash rents for non irrigated cropland remained about 15% below the historic high" set in 2012.

Inflation is an important factor, note two of my favorite ag economists, Brent Gloy and David Widmar of agricultural economic insights (aei).

In their Feb. 21 Weekly Insights post, Gloy and Widmar highlight Purdue University's farmland data that, in 2021, showed "average quality (Indiana) farmland values... at \$8,144 per acre, a 12.5% annual increase." That topped the previous "nominal" high of "\$7,969 per acre in 2014."

"However," they add, "the inflation-adjusted value of farmland in 2014 is \$8,966 per acre (2021=100). This is to say that while nominal values are at all-time highs, inflation-adjusted dollars show the all-time highs are still a ways off."

What the team doesn't say, though, is whether this is sweet news or sour. Should farmers be pleased that land prices appear to have room to rise or should they be pleased that today's rocketing land prices might be running out of fuel?

Two of the biggest components of that fuel are record-setting farm income and ag exports. Both, in fact, will slow dramatically in the next decade, according to the U.S. Department of Agriculture.

In its "Agricultural Projections to 2031," USDA forecasts that 2021's record net farm income of \$116.8 billion will fall to \$80.3 billion by 2026 before modestly rebounding to \$86 billion by 2031. Neither number, however, will support today's bullish land values.

Ag exports will become even more worrisome in the coming decade. While USDA sees exports growing "an annual rate averaging 0.8 percent per year from 2021 through 2031," the "value of U.S. agricultural imports is projected to increase by an average annual rate of 6 percent over that same period..."

That means that sometime this year, U.S. ag exports will be level with U.S. ag imports for the first time in most American farmers' careers. After that, ag imports begin to overwhelm ag exports so rapidly that, by 2031 forecasts USDA, imports will be at least \$90 billion more than exports.

Can today's land prices withstand a 30 percent drop in net farm income and a dramatic exporter-importer role reversal?

We'll soon know. In the meantime, an echo from a wise old Kansan urges all to remember that it's the choices we make in the good times that haunt us the most.



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Organization represents farmer interests on national, state level

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strategy is a priority of KyCorn and NCGA. Both your KyCGA membership and the Corn Checkoff program help in these efforts. Success requires a balanced approach of sound science and personal appeal.

Recently, we presented comments, in person, on this topic to the EPA during a listening session on the Endangered Species Act. EPA hosted the listening session to seek public comment on ways to improve the ESA review process regarding pesticide registrations and any corresponding mitigation measures that may be put in place. Our comments stressed the importance of taking into account conservation measures already in place and the need for flexibility in any mitigation measure.

There are many examples such as this where KyCorn engages regulatory policy on your behalf, both federally and in Frankfort. We have pushed back on overreach in jurisdictional waters in the Waters of the US rule. We are working to maintain BMPs within the KY Ag Water Quality Authority that are modern and science-based, ensuring goals of KY's Nutrient Reduction Strategy that are submitted to EPA are realistic and attainable.

Providing Opportunity for New Generations of Corn Farmers

We believe that a bright future for Kentucky's corn industry involves fostering the next generation of farmers. KyCorn works to ensure ample opportunity

in a variety of resources. It takes more than just the traditional work through Land Grant Research and Extension (although we support and direct those efforts in a big way, also). The next generation of farmers will enter an environment of much higher levels of technology adoption, more extreme weather fluctuation and intense supply and demand cycles. We aim to prepare them for that!

For upcoming generations of farmers, learning will come in different forms than just classrooms and field days. These opportunities, whether peer relationships, leadership opportunities, or learning can come from participating in industry advocacy efforts. The CORE Farmer Program is one example of how KyCorn provides these solutions. CORE is a leadership program wrapped in an agronomy curriculum. It's available to farmers of all ages but focuses on preparing young and beginning farmers with tools for success such as institutional knowledge, peer relationships and perspective for the future of agriculture. While there is classroom time, the real value is in the friendships formed – the resource of a network of farmers across

the state and country for advice, information and moral support throughout their careers.

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with Intensive Management Seminars and learning sessions at the Kentucky Commodity Conference. We have been instrumental in the effort to secure top-notch facilities and world-class researchers to the UK Grain and Forage Center of Excellence – and we'll continue to be engaged as it is rebuilt.

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The Ohio River is an incredible resource for Kentucky grain farmers and KyCorn has long been a champion for improving lock and dam infrastructure. We know a modern river transportation system is key to keeping barges of your corn moving to the Gulf of Mexico and inputs moving upriver to your farms. The completion of these projects is a heavy lift and requires constant encouragement in Congress and the collaboration of stakeholders to be sure the Corps prioritizes spending in ways that benefit farmers' needs.

The Ohio River has been notorious

for backups because locks were too small to accommodate the large barges that are employed today and blockages because of low water or high water from dams not being able to maintain safe or adequate pool. In 2019, Olmsted Lock and Dam was fully placed into service. This allowed the removal of the problematic Lock and Dam 58.

This year, we checked another huge box for keeping your corn moving! Nearly half a billion dollars was allocated for Kentucky Lock, which will fund that project to completion. These wins are the result of hard work and strong relationships between advocates of waterways infrastructure, and strategic partnerships (which require a lot of hard work and negotiation as well!)

Fixing the Skyrocketing FERTILIZER COSTS is our #1 immediate priority

• In March 2021, the U.S. International Trade Commission, responding to a petition from the Mosaic Company, imposed 19.7 percent tariffs on phosphorus fertilizers imported from Russia and Morocco.

• CF Industries has since petitioned the ITC to place tariffs on nitrogen fertilizers from Trinidad & Tobago and Russia. The U.S. Commerce Department has made two preliminary determinations recommending the tariffs.

• We commissioned, and promoted widely, a January Texas A&M study that showed how high the prices have risen on nitrogen fertilizers. Anhydrous ammonia increased by \$688 per ton – \$86,000 for a 1,000-acre farm – from the end of 2020 through the end of October 2021.

• These recent duties placed on fertilizers are another layer of expense on top of the already exorbitantly expensive costs of fertilizers and other inputs.

• We have had a simple request to Mosaic and CF Industries since the beginning of this ordeal: Withdraw your ITC petitions, which would eliminate the tariffs.

UAN STATUS: Following Mosaic's success at the ITC and the Department of Commerce, CF Industries petitioned for countervailing duties and anti-dumping duties on UAN from Russia

and Trinidad and Tobago in June 2021. CF, which controls about 42 percent of US ammonia production and 50 percent of U.S. urea production, seeks to block overseas fertilizer from entering the country via high tariffs. Approximately 75 percent of all UAN used in coastal markets is presently imported. The threat of material injury occurring in this scenario is the prospect of losing access to 75 percent of current UAN supply in the coastal markets. To date, CF's actions have effectively stopped UAN imports because shippers won't take the chance of paying millions in duties. That outcome already poses severe material injury to growers and retailers. So far, the ITC has preliminarily agreed with CF Industries that there should be CVDs and ADs on UAN. Final rulings are expected this spring and summer.

We are working on a remedy in Congress, as well. This year Congress is considering legislation – fully supported by KyCorn and NCGA – called a "Public Interest Test." Currently the

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4 skinless, boneless chicken breast halves
salt and freshly ground black pepper to taste
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1 cup panko bread crumbs, or more as needed
½ cup grated Parmesan cheese
2 tablespoons all-purpose flour, or more if needed
1 cup olive oil for frying
½ cup prepared tomato sauce
¼ cup fresh mozzarella, cut into small cubes
¼ cup chopped fresh basil
½ cup grated provolone cheese
¼ cup grated Parmesan cheese
1 tablespoon olive oil

Preheat an oven to 450 degrees F.

Place chicken breasts between two sheets of heavy plastic (resealable freezer bags work well) on a solid, level surface. Firmly pound chicken with the smooth side of a meat mallet to a thickness of 1/2-inch. Season chicken thoroughly with salt and pepper.

Beat eggs in a shallow bowl and set aside.

Mix bread crumbs and 1/2 cup Parmesan cheese in a separate bowl, set aside.

Place flour in a sifter or strainer; sprinkle over chicken breasts, evenly coating both sides.

Dip flour coated chicken breast in beaten eggs. Transfer breast to breadcrumb mixture, pressing the crumbs into both sides. Repeat for each breast. Set aside breaded chicken breasts for about 15 minutes.

Heat 1 cup olive oil in a large skillet on medium-high heat until it begins to shimmer. Cook chicken until golden, about 2 minutes on each side. The chicken will finish cooking in the oven.

Place chicken in a baking dish and top each breast with about 1/3 cup of tomato sauce. Layer each chicken breast with equal amounts of mozzarella cheese, fresh basil, and provolone cheese. Sprinkle 1 to 2 tablespoons of Parmesan cheese on top and drizzle with 1 tablespoon olive oil.

Bake in the preheated oven until cheese is browned and bubbly, and chicken breasts are no longer pink in the center, 15 to 20 minutes. An instant-read thermometer inserted into the center should read at least 165 degrees F.



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1 pound fresh green beans, trimmed and snapped in half
3 tablespoons butter
3 cloves garlic, minced
2 pinches lemon pepper
salt to taste

Place green beans into a large skillet and cover with water; bring to a boil. Reduce heat to medium-low and simmer until beans start to soften, about 5 minutes. Drain water. Add butter to green beans; cook and stir until butter is melted, 2 to 3 minutes.

Cook and stir garlic with green beans until garlic is tender and fragrant, 3 to 4 minutes. Season with lemon pepper and salt.

Unfailing Love

In today's world "unfailing" and "love" are two words that, for most individuals, are left to one's imagination or personal interpretation. "Unfailing" for some would be interpreted as not giving up "until I get bored," or "until I find something more interesting to do," or "I've taken my turn, now it's up to someone else," or "let's try something more exciting!"

And the meaning of "love" for many is interpreted by the personal attractiveness of another and only lasts until someone more glamorous or interesting or challenging comes along. More often than not there is no personal cost involved in loving another or a willingness to be bothered or inconvenienced by another's needs. It does not have an enduring or eternal quality attached to it. It's for "this moment only" and "not to be counted on for the long haul."

With God it's different. The Psalmist wrote, "May Your unfailing love be my comfort, according to Your promise to Your servant." The little prefix "un" means "never giving out" or "inexhaustible" and makes a very powerful statement about the nature of His love.

We have no difficulty in believing that God loves us when everything in our world is "perfect" – every problem solved, every bill paid, and everyone in the family is healthy and smiling at one another. Life's good!

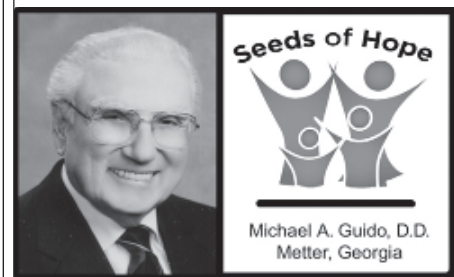
But then, tragedy strikes. Is life still good, is His love still unfailing, and will He now provide His comfort?

The answer is locked up in the word "promise." We can search every verse until our eyes grow dim and hearts stop beating; if God said it, He meant it, and we can believe it.

Prayer: Thank You, Father, for the promise of Your unfailing love. We give ourselves to You for we know that, though others may fail us, You will not! In Jesus' Name, Amen.

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KyCorn checkoff investments:

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U.S. government is not required to consider the downstream impact of tariffs. In fact, DOC and ITC aren't legally required to consider costs to the end user (e.g., farmers). Thus, farmers have no legal seat at the table. The U.S. government only has to analyze if the petitioner (such as Mosaic or CF) is injured. Intentionally narrow in scope to target ag inputs, the Public Interest Test amendment seeks to slow down the power and ease with which dominant manufacturers can game U.S. trade rules to exclude buyers from the policymaking process.

In the U.S. Court of International Trade in November 2021, Mosaic (and J.R. Simplot) said farm groups should not be allowed to submit an amicus on phosphate duties – telling the Court the amici (NCGA, Sorghum, Cotton industries) are “particularly ill-suited to elucidate the issues before the Court.”

PHOSPHATE STATUS: Mosaic Co., the second largest phosphate fertilizer producer in the world, filed a petition in June 2020 with the DOC and ITC asking for an investigation into imports from certain countries and seeking the imposition of duties (tariffs) approaching 100 percent on those imports. CVDs of 19.97 percent were imposed on Moroccan phosphate fertilizers. As a result, critical sources of imported supply have been shut out of the US market and Mosaic could gain a near-monopoly over phosphate fertilizer supply in America. Today, Mosaic controls no less than 80 percent of DAP and MAP fertilizer capacity. The case is currently under appeal at the U.S. Court of International Trade. NCGA and ag allies submitted an amicus brief in October. The court ruling is expected as early as Q2 this year.

KyCorn is here for you!

All of these challenges keep the farm-

er leaders and staff of KyCorn up at night also! We strive to make KyCGA the most powerful advocacy system it can be so we can make a difference in the policy decisions that affect your farm. KyCorn feels a strong sense of obligation to invest the checkoff dollars

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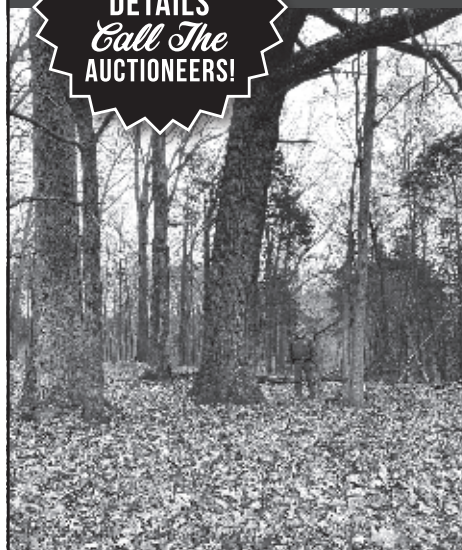
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EPA chlorpyrifos ban goes into effect

The Environmental Protection Agency's ban on using the insecticide chlorpyrifos on food crops went into effect Monday.

"The EPA in August decided to ban nearly all uses of the pesticide, which has been widely used to grow crops like fruits, vegetables, nuts, corn and wheat, but was also linked to neurological problems in children. The August order set the pesticide on track to be phased out from usage on food crops after six months, making Feb. 28 the official cutoff date," Ximena Bustillo reports for Politico's Weekly Agriculture. "Worker advocates and environmental groups, who have been calling for a ban for over a decade, hailed the move. But numerous agriculture industry groups

ultimately sued the EPA over the restrictions — the objections that the agency just denied."

Meanwhile, "Agrichemical giant Bayer is alerting retail partners the company may not be able to fill some glyphosate contracts this spring, due to a supplier's manufacturing problem," Emily Unglesbee reports for DTN/The Progressive Farmer. "According to letters sent from the company that DTN has obtained, Bayer is declaring this a 'force majeure' event, a term used to describe an uncontrollable event that prevents a party from fulfilling a contract. The situation could leave some farmers who are awaiting glyphosate deliveries on shaky ground."

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Turtle to the rescue

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Coffey was removed from the bin in roughly two hours.

"We had a very good outcome, but my guys aren't satisfied with that. Turtle Plastics and Dale may be calling us heroes, and we appreciate it, but we feel like we can do better. We want to do it in 30 minutes, so we need more tools."

After the incident, Long and Assistant Chief Chuck Dorman were invited to speak at a Casey County Farm Bureau meeting about the event, says

President Tim Goodlett.

"We wanted them to talk to us to see if they needed any kind of additional supplies, materials, equipment ..." The board ended up giving the squad \$7,500, Goodlett says.

"Time is of the essence in those situations. And now, after actually performing one of these types of rescues, they knew exactly what they needed, and we wanted to help." Goodlett says there are so many grain bins in Casey County, "and so many farmers in them. And we truly appreciate the work that the (Liberty -) Casey County Rescue Squad did — and the work and the hours they constantly put in."

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Can I seed grass after an alfalfa failure?

The Forage Doctor

By Jimmy Henning



I am working through a problem where a producer failed to get a stand of alfalfa that was fall seeded on a prepared seedbed. The producer wants to know what happened with his alfalfa and if he can be successful if he plants orchardgrass this spring.

Working only from pictures of the alfalfa (in this case, the absence of alfalfa) this spring, one of the most likely culprits for the failure this fall seeding of alfalfa is sclerotinia stem and crown rot. This disease affects primarily fall seeded alfalfa and is often 100% fatal. In this case, the field is in a county known to have a history of sclerotinia. A definitive diagnosis of sclerotinia would require examining the residue of the dead plants to look for the small, black sclerotia that form from the mycelia of the fungus after it consumes



The presence of small, black bodies called sclerotia (indicated by the arrow above) in a failed field of fall-seeded alfalfa is strong evidence that sclerotinia stem and crown rot was to blame. The structure emerging from the sclerotia is an apothecia, which will produce spores that will infect other legume seedlings in the fall.

the young alfalfa seedlings over the fall and winter. Planting early in the fall and moldboard plowing (to bury any sclerotinia inoculum or sclerotia from

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PB3	1.60
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Plant-based meat alternatives growing

Plant-based meat alternatives are an emerging industry, growing more than 200 percent since the beginning of the pandemic. University of Kentucky agricultural economists are studying consumer demand for these products and how it could impact the meat industry, specifically beef.

Plant-based meat alternatives taste, smell and look similar to red meat, but they are made of plants including peas, potatoes and soybeans. They are designed to appeal to meat eaters. In 2018, the industry had \$10 billion in global sales, and economists project the industry to top \$30 billion in sales by 2026.

In a paper recently published by Applied Economics Perspectives and Policy, UK's Shuoli Zhao and Yuqing Zheng found that consumers are trying plant-based meat alternatives but not at a rate that would replace current demand for beef.

Zhao, Zheng and collaborators Wuyang Hu from Ohio State University and Lingxiao Wang from the University of Wisconsin analyzed Nielsen sales data collected from grocery and convenience stores across America during 2017 through 2020.

Their study, funded by the National Institutes of Health's National Center for Advancing Translational Sciences, found that only a small percentage of consumers have tried plant-based meat alternatives. While plant-based meat alternatives were intended to serve as a substitute for beef, the researchers found that consumers were often purchasing plant-based meat alternatives alongside beef and pork and instead used the plant-based meat alternatives as a substitute for chicken, turkey and fish.

"The demand is not currently there yet for plant-based meat alternatives to replace a portion of beef sales," said Zhao, assistant professor in the UK College of Agriculture, Food and Environment.

"Even though the market has grown, plant-based meat alternatives only make up .5 percent of the fresh meat market share," said Zheng, UK associate professor.

Due to their high processing, plant-based meat alternatives often cost more than many other meat options and are currently priced similar to Angus beef. The researchers also found that consumers were more likely to try plant-

based meat alternatives if they were on sale.

"The plant-based meat alternative industry is a new industry that is still evolving and currently not at a consumer-friendly level due to the high prices," Zhao said.

The entire paper is available online at <https://bit.ly/3JoJ40i>.

The researchers recently received a nearly \$650,000 grant from the U.S. Department of Agriculture, National Institute of Food and Agriculture to further investigate plant-based meat

alternatives including the consumer base, market, supply chain and any potential challenges the plant-based meat alternative industry faces.

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Taylor shares love for maple syrup production

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hill to the new facility.

The sap collects in a 400-gallon tank in the new sugar house and is gravity fed to the evaporator as the syrup cooks to the recognizable amber color. Taylor pointed out that the evaporator has an accordion-like heating surface, allowing for more surface area and heat for the cooking syrup.

"If you stretched it out, it would be 14-15 feet long," he said.

It takes five hours to go from sap to syrup. Taylor is continually stoking the wood-burning evaporator every 15 minutes, skimming off impurities and watching for the all-important color before collecting the syrup. It takes 40 gallons of sap to make a gallon of syrup, but that can vary a bit from tree to tree and harvest year. Kentucky sugar and red maple sap sugar content is around 1-2 percent.

Taylor hopes to produce 250-300 gallons of syrup this year, and that amount is clearly weather-dependent. He has already had to pull the taps on the red maples because buds are about to open, but he can continue to tap the sugar maples, whose buds are still very tight. He hopes for freezing temperatures to

continue the sap flow for the next few weeks.

Taylor doesn't limit his sales to syrup and has four value-added maple products he began producing about five years ago. He makes maple candy, and a toffee-like confection called maple butter, and Taylor says the maple butter is fantastic on cinnamon rolls. Wife Sheila provided maple butter samples on muffins during Maple Day. He and Sheila met when she purchased maple syrup three years ago. Now Sheila is helping him in all areas of South 4 Farms production.

He has two products of his creation – maple l'orange marinade and maple citrus vinaigrette. He told the story of one Thanksgiving, not wanting a traditional turkey, and he tried a duck and made a l'orange sauce he now bottles. Likewise with the vinaigrette. He ate a seafood parfait which he felt was too acidic with a tomato base, and went home and made his version using citrus and maple.

The 2021 Kentucky State Fair recognized Taylor for his maple syrup expertise. Taylor won blue ribbon in three of the four color categories and received third place for his l'orange

marinade. Taylor has taken his maple skills to the next level and has a very detailed web page with several recipes. He has compiled a cookbook of maple recipes, which he said took a couple of years and an insane grocery bill to complete. To try some of Nance Taylor's maple syrup recipes, visit: www.south-4farmsllc.com.

"The maple syrup industry in Kentucky is really growing," said Billy Thomas, extension forester with the UK Department of Forestry and Natural Resources. "Kentucky Maple Day is not only a great time for the public to learn more about our burgeoning syrup industry, but producers have told us that it has increased their recognition and business as well."

For more information about the growing maple syrup industry in Kentucky visit ky-maplesyrup.ca.uky.edu.

By Toni Riley

Field Reporter



Nance Taylor stokes the woodburning fire as steam billows from the evaporating syrup.

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Sky high fertilizer prices could go higher

"In the past year and a half, the fertilizer industry has seen a multitude of challenges. Impacts stemming from winter freezes, Hurricane Ida, Covid-19, production costs, trade sanctions on various countries, and supply chain disruptions have hoisted the price of fertilizer up. On top of all those factors, producers are looking at potential price impacts from Russia's invasion of Ukraine," Madelyn Ostendorf reports for Successful Farming.

Trade disputes with major exporters are mostly blame for sky-high fertilizer prices, one industry stakeholder said last week. "Brooke McMullin, vice president of International Raw Materials Ltd., said while agriculture groups, Midwest lawmakers, governors and others are calling for investigations into fertilizer prices, they need to look no further than ongoing trade disputes with major fertilizer-exporting countries," Todd Neeley reports for DTN/The Progressive Farmer. "A combination of consolidation in U.S. fertilizer production capacity and countervailing duties slapped on fertilizer imports from Russia, Morocco, Trinidad and

Tobago have contributed to higher fertilizer prices, he said."

Meanwhile, Russia's invasion of Ukraine could take prices even higher. "With its most fervent ally in Europe, Belarus, Russia has a 40 percent market share in global production and export of potash fertilizer. The two autocracies form an informal cartel in the potash market, made up of Uralkali and Belaruskali, with the Belarusian Potash Company being the latter's export arm," Garphil Julien reports for The Washington Monthly. The U.S. imposed sanctions on Belarus last year for a migrant crisis on the Polish border.

"U.S. sanctions on Belarus are likely to exacerbate the issue, with Belaruskali announcing last week that it wouldn't be able to meet its contracts. One of the world's largest fertilizer companies, Yara International, headquartered in Norway, announced it would reduce its sourcing of Belarusian potash by April. Other corporations in the potash industry are not planning on increasing production and would face challenges in their attempts."

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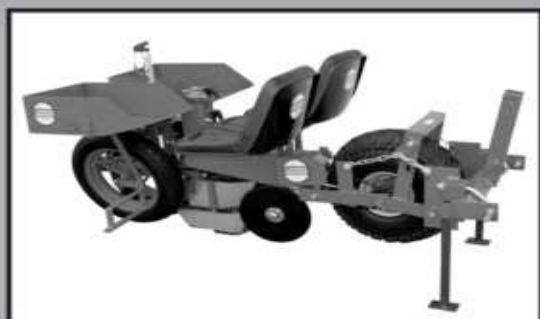
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Fall seedings of cool season grasses are preferred, but sometimes spring seedings are necessary either on prepared seedbeds or by no-till methods as in the above photo. Chances for success are increased by good vegetation control prior to seeding, addressing critical soil fertility limitations, seeding a good variety, planting as early as possible at the right rate and depth and suppressing competition from weeds after seeding by mowing and/or herbicides.

Can I seed grass after an alfalfa failure?

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previous years) can lower the risk of sclerotinia, but there is very little varietal resistance to this problematic disease. The risk of sclerotinia is a major reason many prefer to seed alfalfa in the spring.

But back to this spring and a possible orchardgrass seeding. The good news is that sclerotinia does not readily infect grasses. The bad news is that spring is not the preferred time for planting cool season grasses. To maximize his chances for success, start by consulting a current soil test and address any critically limiting nutrient or soil acidity problem. Second, secure the desired variety of seed for the planting. UK has information on the performance of orchardgrass varieties at https://forages.ca.uky.edu/variety_trials.

Next, prepare the site for seeding. If the site is fairly level, then preparing a fine, firm seedbed is possible without risking serious erosion. Seeding into a prepared seedbed has the added benefit of limiting the competitiveness of any perennial weeds that may be present.

No-till seedings are also an option. I strongly recommend using a non-selective, over-the-top herbicide like glyphosate to kill back any winter weeds or residual grass present prior to seeding. Seedings made without killing the existing vegetation run the risk of non-desirable plants out-competing the small grass seedlings of the newly planted orchardgrass.

For any seedings, care should be

given to ensure that seed is delivered in the proper amounts at the proper depth. For rental no-till drills, go over the planter and carefully clean out the seed boxes and tubes where seeds flow to eliminate any blockages from old, sprouted seed, spiderwebs or other foreign matter. Consult the equipment manual for guidance on calibrating the seeding rate and adjusting the seeding depth. More no-till seedings fail because of seeding too deep than any other single cause.

Finally, use only orchardgrass in the seeding. It is tempting to throw in a little clover in the mix, but clover germinates faster and is overly competitive with new grass seedlings in the spring. Plant as early as you can to allow orchardgrass plants to develop as much root system as possible before the hotter, drier days of summer. Control weed competition after seeding by mowing or timely herbicide use or both.

So for this producer, a spring seeding of orchardgrass can be made after his alfalfa failure with a reasonable expectation for success. As with any spring seeding of grass, take care to control existing competition (plowing or herbicide), address soil fertility deficiencies, seed a proven variety, plant recommended rates of seed as early as possible, place seed at the proper depth, and control competition after seeding. For more information, see UK publication AGR-64, Establishing Forage Crops (<http://www2.ca.uky.edu/agcomm/pubs/agr/agr64/agr64.pdf>).

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