

## Input costs adds focus on stretching nutrient dollars

PRINCETON, Ky. – With agriculture input costs rising daily, farmers must look for every way possible to keep their profit margins. In a recent Kentucky Agriculture Training School workshop, University of Kentucky specialists offered tips on making crop production decisions during the current economic climate.

Dr. John Grove, UK College of Agriculture Food and Environment soil scientist, discussed how producers could stretch their nutrient dollars through their soil test results. Dr. Edwin Richey, also a UK soil scientist, discussed evaluating plant growth-enhancement products for effectiveness and economics.

Grove began the program held at the Caldwell County Extension Office by asking those in attendance what is the most problematic soil testing element and most accessible.

The group acknowledged taking the sample is the biggest challenge.

“Take the sample right, handle them correctly, submit/send the sample with the correct information,” to have an accurate soil analysis, Grove said. He emphasized the importance of a representative sample of 15-20 cores from the entire field and the correct depth of the sample to ensure accurate evaluation of the nutrient stratification for different modes of tillage.

Stratification brings together roots, water, mulch, and nutrients, and plants have

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Dale Dobson, administrator of the Kentucky Department of Agriculture's Farm and Home Safety Program, speaks to a crowd during a farm safety class at Dixie Fire School.

## TRAINING FOR THE 'WHAT IFS'

First responders, farmers work together to continue education, keep track of wellbeing

ELIZABETHTOWN, Ky. – The Dixie Fire School got back to business last weekend after being on hiatus for two years due to Covid-19.

Its opening event, the farm safety symposium, welcomed a packed house of first responders, students

and farmers eager to get back to normal operations. It focused on road safety, since the top reason for agriculture-related fatalities is transportation incidents, but also touched on farmers' health and wellbeing, even offering free health screenings. And

the entire collaboration was organized by a group of teenagers — the Dixie Ag Safety Team.

“All my fresh new ideas come from here,” Dale Dobson said about the high-schoolers who stood behind him after taking a photo together. As the Kentucky Department of Agriculture's Farm and Home Safety Program administrator, Dobson is well-known for his progressive training techniques, like enlisting the help of Miss Kentucky.

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# Workshop focuses on soil testing, profitability

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evolved to use nutrients located in the soil. A detailed slide explained nutrient stratification for different tillage. Sampling too deep can provide inaccurate results by not correctly analyzing plant nutrient availability and can result in lower lime and higher potassium and phosphorus recommendations.

The group acknowledged the ease of using their soil analysis when applying fertilizer. Grove discussed the analysis process used by several different laboratories, including the University of Kentucky for Kentucky producers and consultants. He showed the soil sample reports from four different labs, including a proposed new report from the University of Kentucky. He cautioned that other lab reports look different and to be sure and check the units used in the recommendation.

He explained how each laboratory could provide a different set of analysis values. He pointed out that the UK

report contained the fewest numerical results while private labs usually reported many more. He explained the different analyses that are important for Kentucky producers and some that "aren't worth the paper they are printed with."

Rate recommendations tend to differ quite a bit between public and private labs, and that difference is often the "philosophy" of the lab, he noted. In the examples, the smallest difference came in lime recommendations between labs while the most problematic was nitrogen. Private lab recommendations significantly exceed public labs.

Grove pointed out that public labs rely on research while private labs usually rely on yield goal times 1 to 1.2 pounds of nitrogen per bushel. He also noted that some labs do not provide fertilizer recommendations but are supplied recommendations by a fertilizer dealer or a crop consultant.

Richey cautioned the group about

purchasing products with questionable claims. There are several reasons why producers might try a new but largely unproven product.

When commodity prices are high, producers can afford to try an unproven product. When commodity prices are low, a farmer may be willing to make a \$5-\$10 per acre investment "to try a few products," and if it's cheaper than fertilizer, the product might do as good. When input prices are high, the philosophy is similar.

Richey said the only way to succeed with products is to use ones with expected results. He pointed out several nitrogen stabilizers with a proven track record and several other products.

But how can a producer know a product works? He advised looking for independent research from independent parties such as the Cooperative Extension Service and on-farm product trials. He said to look for information about the product from reputable websites

and closely examine the company's website.

He cautioned to look for catchwords or actions that raise the alarm. University tested/supported doesn't guarantee the results are from university testing. Testimonials can be written by anyone and be wary of minor differences that look extreme.

On farm trials need specific parameters to ensure the data is not skewed to the products. Plot trials must be in side-by-side strips and fields, not split. Treatments should be randomly assigned where placement doesn't influence the results – ie, is the treatment on the most fertile area? It is essential if using two treatments that one treatment doesn't influence the other.

Richey emphasized the importance of the North Central Multistate Research Coordinating Committee and Information Exchange Group or

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# Spring days are calling



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My dad has been dependent on others for transportation since he was involved in an auto accident in December. He is wearing a neck brace and it took some convincing, but we have assured him he needs to be able to look around to drive safely.

I'm pretty sure I get my independent streak from him, so I understand how difficult this must be. He is pretty well known at his favorite stops, and I have heard from more than one person who wondered why they hadn't seen him lately.

He is the grocery shopper for him and my mother, he likes to drop in on auctions, he knows where the loafers hang out for lunch, and he can find a used part for anything up to 50 years old that might break down.

I now take him to get groceries and run errands, but I'm certainly not an auction fan. I don't think he needs to be working on his tractor – which is what he was doing the day of the wreck. He was in town to get parts when someone pulled out in front of him. Thankfully, while he has some recovering to do, he remains mobile. It came close to being much, much worse.

The only bright side to having an auto accident two days before Christmas is that it sets you on the sidelines during the winter. I'm sure this would have been even more difficult for him had the sun been shining.

But now, here we are, warm spring days, Easter lilies blooming, and the outdoors are calling.

He's compensating by doing some indoor spring cleaning, but I am pretty sure that won't last long. He did mention this past week how wonderful a hamburger tasted at the nearby country store, and I know that I didn't drive him there. I didn't ask...some things are better left unsaid.

Hopefully it won't be long before he is freed from the neck brace and can get back out and about. He is a people person, and it's hard not being able to get out and check on the neighborhood.

I know there are people in urban areas who don't even own a vehicle. I guess having public transportation, taxis, and apps like Uber are a blessing, but there is something to be said about have that motorized vehicle in the driveway ready to role whenever you get the notion.

There is a freedom, an independence in the ability to go when you want to go. As we complain about gas prices these days, it's good to remember why it's so valuable to begin with.

# How to have a job in agriculture

I remind myself often that I may not have had a typical path into my agricultural career compared to the path of many of my peers.

My parents decided to establish a horse farm, offering boarding, riding instruction, and training services, as this was my mother's lifelong passion. Even though my grandfather decided farm life and dairying was not for him and opted to pave a path in the white collar world, they regularly visited family farms, where my mom could spend hours on horseback and solidify her love. My father's experience on his family farm and keen mechanic skills proved to be a great partnership. Together, they built the multi-barn operation it is today starting with 9 acres, a pond, and a run-down house.

Both parents had off-the-farm jobs until I was in middle school. That was when they decided my mom could move to full-time farm management. It was also the right time to jump into a 4-H club, specifically the Horse Program. I didn't know it at the time, but it was my first IN to an agriculture career. My parents were not involved in their county Farm Bureau, and I did not have access to FFA at my Louisville-area high school. Looking back, I know this hindered my connections and having a better idea of potential agriculture careers.

Thankfully, being exposed to 4-H and visits to the University of Kentucky College of Agriculture for competitions allowed me to see a few opportunities. I also learned there was a lot of scholarship money available for agriculture students. Wanting to be careful with my money and to increase my grandparents' ability to view live UK basketball, I chose to major in animal sciences. 4-H made that familiar to me.

Here is the part where I wish I had some better resources about jobs in agriculture. I enjoyed my classes, but when visiting career days hosted by the college, I thought that I was limited in what I could do with my degree. I didn't have the Internet. I wasn't asking the right questions. I was not exploring other options. I had not figured my talents into the equation.

After some soul searching and deciding a creative avenue may be a better fit, I almost left the College of Agriculture for the College of Communications and Journalism. Thankfully, I voiced my concerns and wishes with my advisor, and he let me know that I could do that and study agriculture. I found student jobs, organizations, and internships that helped me feel



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confident in this new choice. I had a goal. Luckily for me, the Internet was taking off as a new media, and I jumped at the chance to learn how to create web-based resources in addition to print. Without of a lot of farm-community connections, this skill was my second substantial IN to my career in agriculture.

Finding an agriculture job close to home in the Louisville area was not immediate. I was fortunate to find media jobs right away, but I knew I wanted that continued connection to agriculture. That became my PASSION. Within a few months, the right job came along, and I have worked in agriculture for 24 years now.

Since I have taken the position with Kentucky Agriculture and Environment in the Classroom, it has been my goal to help young people find their path within this wonderful, family-focused community.

I have interviewed many agricultural professionals to report how they ended up in their careers in hopes that it may inspire the next generation. It is clear that many of us did not end up where we thought we were going. Did I mention I really wanted to be a genetic scientist my senior year of high school? I thought an education in that realm was out of reach due to cost. I also had no idea UK College of Ag had that pathway of study. I want young people to know all the possibilities.

In the end, I'm very happy with the path God placed before me. Working in agriculture allows me to marry my love of science, love of learning, and finding creative ways to share that information.

While most view agriculture as a specialized, technical field, or a get-your-hands-dirty type of work, this community needs people of all backgrounds, talents, and skills. If you want to be outside in nature, there is a job for you. If you like the comfort of an office, there is a job for you.

In summary, it is quite easy to have a job in agriculture. Know your PASSIONS and TALENTS, meet as many professionals as you can, develop your KNOWLEDGE and SKILLS, and take advantage of any learning opportunity you can. Then find your job in agriculture.

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## 'Broken systems raise costs far faster than resilient ones'

One of the most beautiful—and inexplicable—aspects of economics is how its practitioners never seem to be wrong.

Indeed, almost every school of economic thought, from John Maynard Keynes' demand-driven economics on the left to Arthur Laffer's supply-side economics on the right, is crowded with disciples defending their leader's theories and just often, if subtly, attacking their theological foes.

One such fistfight broke out in, of all places, the Feb. 28 editorial pages of the New York Times. In it, writer and editor David Dayen undressed one of the most famous economists of the last 40 years, Lawrence Summers, for his role in building one of the most efficiency-centered, imbalanced, and fragile economies in history.

"For decades, economists like Mr. Summers advanced policies like globalization, deregulation, and markets that valued efficiency over competition," says Dayen. "They promised that these trends would deliver lower prices. And they did, for a time. But they also left the system vulnerable."

Vulnerable to what we see today—broken global supply chains impossibly slow to repair; a domestic economy that, somehow, is both quickly growing and mired in inflation; and a consumer culture so treasured that we gladly trade regulation and competition for lower prices and higher economic growth.

It's the manifestation of Nobel Prize-winning economist Milton Friedman's "marketized economy," explains Dayen. "(T)he sole social responsibility of business is to increase profits. Cut regulations, cut taxes and allow companies to structure markets, people like Friedman maintained, and watch the economy take off."

In short, markets are most important and government—regulation, taxes, antitrust—are far less important.

That's been a solidly bipartisan tenet for 50 years.

While Republican administrations—Reagan, Bush II, and Trump—cut taxes and nearly eliminated antitrust, Democratic administrations, especially Carter and Clinton, deregulated trucking, airlines, railroads, banking, and agriculture.

And most of this was accomplished by the early 2000s to lay the foundation for globalization—ever bigger free trade deals; the rapid rise of unregulated financial derivative markets; easy access to cheap, plentiful labor; and sophisticated, just-in-time supply chain management.

A Summers' acolyte, Dayen reports, once likened it to how Walmart initially impacted the U.S. economy: The giant retailer might not have been good for local communities or local job markets, but there "is little dispute" Walmart's cutthroat business model helped the other 120 million Americans not employed in local retail.

As such, "The trade-off was clear: sacrifice resiliency, wage security, and community for the promise of a five-dollar pack of tube socks."

We may not like the comparison but we know it's spot-on because, by golly, a pack of tube socks for \$5—even if the socks were made by children working 70 hours a week in a pollution-riddled sweatshop—is still an easy, smart buy, right?

Until this year, when those socks—like our long-ordered television, new dishwasher, or car—were trapped somewhere in a global supply chain with too few manufacturers, too few shipping companies, too few ports, too few railroads, too few truck drivers, too few retailers, and too few solutions on how to fix the whole bloody mess.

American farmers and ranchers know the feeling. Two years ago a global pandemic, predicted though it was, fouled the food system because no one thought it could happen so no one had any plans for when it did happen.

And when it did happen, what was our first instinctive reaction? Give market giants like exporters and meatpackers even more market power; power it will take decades, if ever, to get back.

Today, war is ripping through integrated markets from Odessa to Omaha. No tax cuts, fewer environmental rules, more deregulation or less antitrust enforcement will lower crude oil prices or cut U.S. potash costs.

But none of this should be news because, as Dayen reminds us, "Broken systems raise costs far faster than resilient ones."

America's too few farmers and ranchers, too many broken rural communities, and too much cheap food are testament to that inarguable economic fact.



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# Kentucky Soybean farmers make hill visits

Kentucky soybean farmers were glad to be back in person for their spring Hill visits this week. American Soybean Association (ASA) directors Caleb Ragland of Magnolia (who serves as the national policy organization's secretary), Gerry Hayden of Calhoun, and Fred L. Sipes of Ekron were joined by Kentucky Soybean Association President Brent Gatton of Bremen and Treasurer Clay Wells of Clay, along with staffer Becky Kinder, for the ASA spring board meeting and Hill visits.

"It was good to be back in person," Gatton said. "The KSA executive committee had virtual meetings via Zoom with our lawmakers last year, and while those were good conversations, there's just nothing better than sitting down with our Senators and Con-

gressmen and having those face-to-face conversations about issues that are of concern to those of us back home."

This was Sipes' first schedule of Hill visits as an ASA director, though he has been involved in KSA's policy efforts for several years. "I am with Brent," he said. "Zoom is great when you can't be in person, but having the give-and-take conversations about important topics like trade, supply chain issues, infrastructure, sustainability, biofuels and the upcoming Farm Bill are just so much more effective when you're not having to worry about being on mute or accidentally talking over someone."

The group met with Sen. Rand Paul, Congressmen James Comer, Thomas Massie, Brett Guthrie, Hal

Rogers and Leader McConnell. Kinder said that while Leader McConnell was only available for a brief meeting due to a commitment involving the situation in Ukraine, his staff was helpful and accessible, as always. Congressman Andy Barr was unavailable, but Kinder said that his staff was also receptive to the farmers' messages.

These meetings, representing the Kentucky soybean farmers' interests to those who make our country's laws, are made possible by the farmers who pay dues as members of the Kentucky Soybean Association. Checkoff dollars may not, by law, be used for policy efforts. To learn more about the Kentucky Soybean Association and its stance on a number of important policy topics, visit [kysoy.org](http://kysoy.org).

## Specialists encourage research-based decision-making

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NCERA 103 committee. This long-term group comes together once a year to share what they see in their states as non-traditional soil amendments and discuss their research surrounding those products. The watchdog group tests many products, and the results are scientifically justifiable findings. The reports are available online at [extension.agron.iastate.edu/compendium/compendiumpdfs/ncsfc%202011%20goos%20p5.pdf](http://extension.agron.iastate.edu/compendium/compendiumpdfs/ncsfc%202011%20goos%20p5.pdf)

Finally, Richey advised before purchasing a new product to ask several questions.

Why do you need a new product? Can you find unbiased data? Do claims make sense? Can you set up a proper field trial? Does it pass the smell test (if it is too good to be true, it very well might be)?

"Farmers are optimistic and expect the best, but they must be cautious in these times," Richie said.

Both presenters emphasized the importance of using university researched-based publications when making production decisions. Soil Science News and Views Vol 27,1, 2007 details Grove's laboratory information discussed.

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# Training for the 'what ifs'

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"You've never seen a group of firefighters move as fast as when they need to rescue Haley Wheeler (Miss Kentucky) out of a silo of corn," he said. And Wheeler, known to be a huge ag advocate, was on hand for the symposium, singing to open and close the event held at the Hardin Cooperative Extension Service Office.

Dobson looked at the team of teenagers. "A fresh mind, it's what the Dixie Ag Safety Team is. An open way of me coming up with new things for what we do here."

This was the 29<sup>th</sup> Annual Louis Crozier Farm Safety Symposium, named after the man "we consider the granddaddy, the grandfather of farm rescue," Dobson said.

Taking in the buzzing room, he smiled then said, "Covid made our world hard."

The safety team wasn't able to meet as much as they normally would, but they wanted to revisit the idea of "Share the Road."

"They wrote the program and put it

together," Dobson said.

Alexandra Mackey, 17, co-chair of the team, leads the group from Central Hardin High School. She got into FFA first and is now president of her local chapter, but her brother got her involved with the safety team. She even got to spend one year on it with him before he graduated.

"I loved the theme that year; our mission was suicide awareness and prevention. It just really struck me."

The other co-chair who leads LaRue County students, Will Faulkner, 18, grew up around his grandad's dairy farm, and his dad grew alfalfa and hay. He's also his local FFA chapter's president. Faulkner said he's seen lots of farm accidents in his young life, which is why safety is important to him.

He also joined the Dixie Ag Safety Team the year it focused on farmer suicide.

"It's something that no one wants to talk about, but it is there."

Faulkner said when he heard the group was spreading awareness, "I thought I want to get involved with this."

The safety team group came up with a special coin idea that year, which they wanted to personally give to area farmers with a handshake — binding an agreement by the farmer that they'd reach out if they ever needed anyone to talk to when feeling down. Dobson had the coins made with the safety team logo and the suicide hotline number.

Although Covid-19 put a damper on offering handshakes over the last two years, the program is still going on, Dobson said, and it's an important one.

"You never know what someone is going through, what's happening in their life. But you know enough that you care and want to say, 'Hey, I'm here if you need to talk.' And sometimes, they do."

Participants signed in as they entered and immediately were met with a row of nursing students through Raising Hope — a statewide partnership focused on supporting farmers' health needs.

It was a no-brainer as far as collaborating, said Dr. Cheryl Witt, RN, Raising Hope's project director and an assistant professor with University of

Louisville School of Nursing.

These students would normally be working on required clinical hours anyway, she said, and this way they get to practice their skills and interact with the patients they will eventually be treating.

"And by doing this, we hope we let the farmers know how important they are and that we appreciate them, and that their health is important to us," Witt said. It's also important since research shows that a high percentage of male farmers won't see a medical professional on an annual basis, she said.

Behind Witt as she talked, a busy table of nursing students was performing blood pressure and blood glucose screenings on talkative participants. She gets called away at one point, due to a farmer with an elevated blood pressure. Witt consults with him for several minutes, finding more out about his medical history, explaining how he should monitor his blood pressure and advising to make an appointment with his primary care physician.

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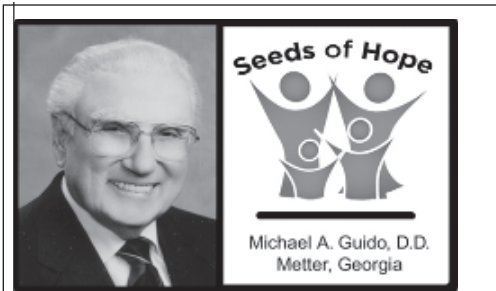
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In 1787 the HMS Bounty was sent to the Pacific Ocean on a botanical mission. After some time at sea, a seaman, Christian Fletcher, led a mutiny against Captain William Bligh. Bligh and 18 of his men were forced off the Bounty on a small vessel.

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One day he was searching through an old chest that the men had taken from the Bounty. In it, he found an old, tattered Bible. He opened it, and shortly after he began to read it, the Holy Spirit spoke to his heart, and he became a Christian. Immediately, he began to study the Bible and was so moved by its message of hope that he began to teach others the Word of God.

About 20 years later an American ship visited the island. Much to their surprise, they found a culture that was founded and governed by Christian principles. There was no crime, no racial strife, no alcohol abuse and no social problems. When Adams was asked how this came to be, he simply responded by saying, "The Bible."

"The unfolding of Your words gives light," wrote the Psalmist. God's Word will bring justice and right living if followed.

**Prayer:** Lord, how wonderful our lives will be when we follow Your ways. Give us the wisdom to correctly unfold Your word and courage and willingness to obey. In Jesus' Name, Amen.

**Scripture For Today:** The unfolding of Your words gives light. Psalm 119:130

1 serving cooking spray  
2 pounds tilapia fillets, cut into serving-sized pieces  
1 cup dry seasoned bread crumbs  
2 tablespoons dried parsley  
2 teaspoons lemon zest  
½ teaspoon garlic powder  
¼ cup melted butter

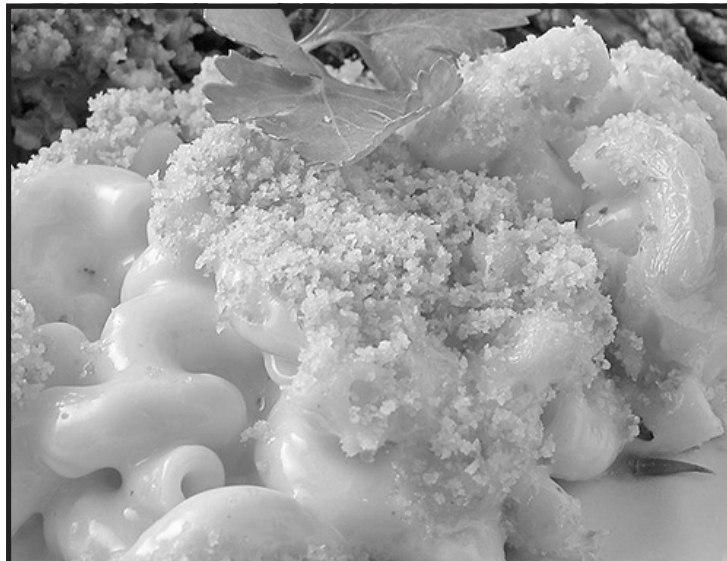
Preheat the oven to 350 degrees F. Spray a baking dish with cooking spray.

Place tilapia pieces into the prepared baking dish. Combine bread crumbs, parsley, lemon zest, and garlic powder in a small bowl. Mix in melted butter and sprinkle mixture over fish fillets.

Bake in preheated oven until tilapia flakes easily with a fork, about 15 minutes.



## Mac and Cheese



8 ounces elbow macaroni  
2 tablespoons butter  
¼ cup all-purpose flour  
2 cups milk  
1 cup shredded Cheddar cheese  
8 ounces cubed processed cheese food

In a large pot with boiling salted water cook elbow macaroni until al dente. Drain.

In a medium saucepan, over medium heat melt butter or margarine. Whisk flour and stir vigorously. Add milk and cook until thick and bubbly, about 5 to 7 minutes. Add cheeses and stir until completely melted.

In a large bowl mix together the drained pasta and cheese sauce mixture. Toss to coat evenly.

Pour into a greased 2 quart casserole dish. Bake in a preheated 350 degree F oven for 30 minutes. Let stand 10 minutes before serving.

## No Bake Chocolate Dessert

20 chocolate sandwich cookies, crushed  
1 (8 ounce) package cream cheese, softened  
2 cups confectioners' sugar  
¾ cup peanut butter  
1 (12 ounce) container frozen whipped topping, thawed

Press crushed cookies into the bottom of a 9x13 inch pan, reserving a few for decoration. In a medium bowl, beat together the cream cheese and confectioners' sugar. Stir in the peanut butter until well blended, then fold in the whipped topping. Spread over the crushed cookie base, sprinkle the remaining cookie chunks on top, and freeze for 1 to 2 hours. Thaw 10 to 15 minutes before cutting and serving.

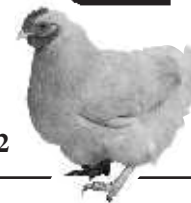
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## 2022 Membership Directories

Thank you to those of you who have either renewed or joined the Kentucky Poultry Federation. We appreciate the support you give the Kentucky Poultry Federation and Kentucky's poultry industry.

Be looking in an email with your 2022 Membership Directory. If you do not receive your directory, please call the Kentucky Poultry Federation at 270-404-2277 or e-mail [jguffey@kypoultry.org](mailto:jguffey@kypoultry.org).

If you would still like to join the Kentucky Poultry Federation, you can download a membership application at our website [www.kypoultry.org](http://www.kypoultry.org), from the homepage click on "2022 Membership Drive."

## 2022 Kentucky Poultry Federation Scholarship

The Kentucky Poultry Federation is looking for graduating high school seniors (Spring 2022) or students who are currently attending a college, university, or technical training program to be recipients of the KPF Scholarships. These students must have good character and determination to succeed.

Through the generosity of our membership, scholarships have been established to assist graduating high school students or students currently attending a college or university to continue their education. These scholarships were created to benefit the children and grandchildren of our poultry growers, complex employees, and allied members. The Kentucky Poultry Federation Board of Directors and members established this fund to help young students continue their academic careers or receive additional training in another area beyond high school. The Kentucky Poultry Federation will be awarding four students \$2,000 scholarships each.

For consideration in the scholarship competition all Application Packets must be electronically submitted by June 30, 2022. No exceptions will be made. The application can be found online at: [www.kypoultry.org](http://www.kypoultry.org) or you can email me to receive a copy at: [jguffey@kypoultry.org](mailto:jguffey@kypoultry.org)



## 2022 Kentucky 4-H Poultry Contest

We are hoping that the Kentucky 4-H Poultry program will be in full swing this summer. Different competitions will be held with the senior division winners representing Kentucky at the National 4-H Poultry and Egg Conference in November at the Kentucky State Fairgrounds in Louisville, Kentucky. The wide variety of activities, provides opportunities for youth, no matter what their interest or ability.

The Kentucky 4-H Egg Demonstration Contest will be held on Saturday, July 30, 2022. The Egg Demonstration Contest will be held at the Madison County Extension Office in Richmond. The first and second place individuals from each district competition are eligible to participate in the State competition. The competitors will prepare an egg dish while discussing the nutrition, functionality, and general knowledge of eggs. The first-place winner in the Junior Division will receive a blue ribbon, and a check. The first-place winner in the Senior Division will receive a blue ribbon, a check, and a \$300 scholarship to attend the National Competition in November. All prizes are sponsored by the Kentucky Poultry Federation. Registration is through your local county 4-H extension office.

The 4-H Turkey Barbecue contest and the 4-H Chicken Barbecue contest will be held July 30, 2022 at the Madison County Extension Office. There are junior and senior divisions in both the turkey and chicken barbecue contests. The contestants are judged on their skill in starting and maintaining a fire, food safety, cooking skills, and of course, their finished product. The senior division winners in both contests will receive a \$300 scholarship from the Kentucky Poultry Federation to attend the National Competition in Louisville in November.

The Kentucky 4-H Poultry Judging Contest, T-shirt and Avian Bowl Contests will be held on the first Friday of the Kentucky State Fair, August 19, 2022. Contestants can register online at the Kentucky State Fair website. Rules for both contests are posted on the 4-H website ([www.ca.uky.edu/Agcollege/4H/projects\\_events/state-fair](http://www.ca.uky.edu/Agcollege/4H/projects_events/state-fair)). Check with your local 4-H agent for the registration deadline and additional information.

For additional information on all poultry contests contact your local extension office or Dr. Tony Pescatore at (859) 257-7529 or via e-mail at [apescato@email.uky.edu](mailto:apescato@email.uky.edu).

# UK poultry specialists urge caution amid outbreak



LEXINGTON, Ky. — Highly pathogenic avian influenza has been detected in Kentucky. University of Kentucky College of Agriculture, Food and Environment specialists urge poultry producers, large and small, to take precautions to protect their flocks and their communities, while mitigating the spread.

“So far, Kentucky has only two counties with affected poultry facilities,” said Tony Pescatore, professor and extension poultry specialist for the UK Department of Animal and Food Sciences. “Highly pathogenic avian influenza is very contagious and often fatal for domesticated poultry. We want to make sure producers know how to recognize the signs of HPAI and how to report it if they suspect their birds are sick.”

At-risk birds include chickens, tur-

keys, pheasants, quail, ducks, geese and guinea fowl. Free-flying migratory waterfowl, such as ducks, geese and shorebirds may also carry HPAI without showing any signs of illness.

“We’ve learned that state officials have detected HPAI in waterfowl in our state,” Pescatore said. “So, it’s in the flyway, and we need to be vigilant. The Kentucky Department of Fish and Wildlife Resources ask that die-offs of wild waterfowl, shore birds, birds of prey or wild turkeys be reported to them. Die-offs of other bird species when more than five have died should be reported also. Shoes, clothing and vehicles need to be cleaned when returning from areas where there are wild birds.”

Signs of HPAI in poultry include

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## Family farm environmental excellence award winners sought

The Kentucky Poultry Federation and U.S. Poultry and Egg Association are looking for the next Family Farm Environmental Excellence Award Winner. This could be you, start working on your application today. Winners will receive \$500 and overnight accommodations during the Kentucky Poultry Federation festival that will be held in Lexington in October.

### APPLICATION RULES AND INSTRUCTIONS

1. Entries by August 31, 2022.
2. A family farm may be selected as an award recipient from up to six regions. Although states are typically divided into various regions as indicated below, regional divisions may be adjusted slightly to accommodate for a disparity in number of applications received on a state-by-state basis. Southeast: KY
3. Previous winners must wait three years before resubmitting an application. (e.g., If a family farm wins the award in 2021, the family farm can apply again for the 2024 award.)
4. Application and should be submitted to:

Jamie Guffey, KY Poultry Federation, [jguffey@kypoultry.org](mailto:jguffey@kypoultry.org)

5. Award winners must be willing to allow the KY Poultry Federation and U.S. Poultry to feature the award winner on its web site and publicize the winning entry in the local/regional/national media. Award winners will have the opportunity to review any publicity release.

6. The application package consists of two parts. The first part consists of a general information questionnaire about the family farm and its environmental management techniques. The second part consists of a series of essay questions to which the applicant should respond in a report type format. Photographs, tables, etc., supporting answers to the essay questions should be incorporated directly into the report. Additionally, a facility may include, in an appendix, up to 10 additional pages of pertinent information.

• Questions? Please contact Jamie Guffey at (270) 404-2277, email at [jguffey@kypoultry.org](mailto:jguffey@kypoultry.org) or Dr. Tony Pescatore (859) 257- 7529 email at [apesca@uky.edu](mailto:apesca@uky.edu)

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## Ingredients

**1 and 3/4 cups (350g) granulated sugar\***  
**1 cup + 2 Tablespoons (133g) cake flour (spoon & leveled)**  
**1/4 teaspoon salt**  
**12 large egg whites, at room temperature\***  
**1 and 1/2 teaspoons cream of tartar**  
**1 and 1/2 teaspoons pure vanilla extract**  
**optional: confectioners' sugar for dusting, whipped cream, and berries**

Adjust the oven rack to the lower middle position and preheat oven to 325°F (163°C).

In a food processor or blender, pulse the sugar until fine and powdery. Remove 1 cup and set aside to use in step 3; keep the rest inside the food processor. Add the cake flour and salt to the food processor. Pulse 5-10 times until sugar/flour/salt mixture is aerated and light.

In a large bowl using a hand mixer or a stand mixer fitted with a whisk attachment, whip egg whites and cream of tartar together on medium-low until foamy, about 1 minute. Switch to medium-high and slowly add the 1 cup of sugar you set aside. Whip until

soft peaks form, about 5-6 minutes. See photo and video above for a visual. Add the vanilla extract, then beat just until incorporated.

In 3 additions, slowly sift the flour mixture into the egg white mixture using a fine mesh strainer, gently folding with a rubber spatula after each addition. To avoid deflating or a dense cake, don't add the flour mixture all at once. Sift and very slowly fold in several additions. This is important! Pour and spread batter into an ungreased 9- or 10-inch tube pan. Shimmy the pan on the counter to smooth down the surface.

Bake the cake until a toothpick inserted comes out clean, about 40-45 min-



utes. Rotate the pan halfway through baking. The cake will rise up very tall while baking. Remove from the oven, then cool the cake completely upside-down set on a wire rack, about 3 hours. (Upside-down so the bottom of the tube pan is right-side up, see photo and video above.) Once cooled, run a thin knife around the edges and gently tap

the pan on the counter until the cake releases.

If desired, dust with confectioners' sugar. Slice the cake with a sharp serrated knife. Regular knives can easily squish the cake. Serve with whipped cream and fresh berries.

Store leftovers in the refrigerator for up to 5 days.

## St. Patty's Day Eggs Recipe

*To celebrate St. Patrick's Day, try this green-themed devilled eggs recipe. Cooked egg yolks are blended with cooked ham, Parmesan, mayonnaise and spinach for flecks of green.*

**6 large eggs**  
**1 tsp canola oil**  
**1 3/4 oz deli ham (2 slices), chopped**  
**1/2 cup fresh spinach, chopped**  
**1 tbsp light mayonnaise**  
**1-2 tbsp grated Parmesan cheese**  
**Salt and pepper, to taste**

## Instructions

Place eggs in pot of cold water (about an inch above top of eggs). Put lid on pot and bring to boil; then turn down the heat to simmer (cook for 10 minutes).

Immediately drain off hot water and place eggs in bowl of cold water with

ice cubes. Quickly crack each egg shell at large end and return to ice water. When all eggs are cracked, remove shells completely.

Cut eggs in half and remove yolks. Place in small bowl and set aside.

Meanwhile, heat oil in saucepan set over medium heat and sauté ham for 1 minute. Add spinach and cook for another minute, until wilted.

Mash yolks with mayonnaise, Parmesan cheese, and salt and pepper until smooth. Add spinach mixture and stir until well blended. Stuff egg white halves with filling and serve immediately.

<https://www.eggs.ca/recipes/st.-pattys-day-eggs>

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sudden death of birds without clinical signs. Birds may exhibit respiratory signs including nasal discharge, coughing and sneezing or decreased water consumption. They may also show a lack of energy or appetite, decreased egg production or produce soft-shelled or misshapen eggs.

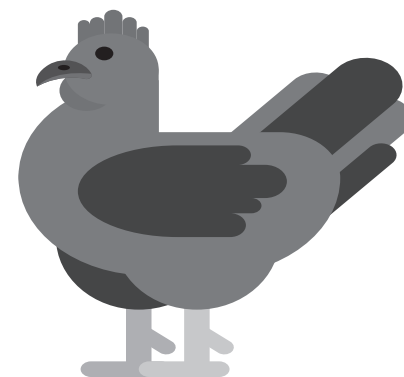
"It's important to note that many of the symptoms can also be related to other more common poultry ailments," Pescatore said.

The disease spreads through direct contact among birds and through their droppings. People may spread HPAI by moving infected birds, equipment and feed and by wearing clothing and shoes that have been in the affected areas.

"It's a good practice to shower, wash your clothes and change your shoes before handling your birds, especially

if you've visited friends or families with birds," Pescatore said. "Also, take these same steps after handling your own birds if you plan to visit others who own birds. Keep your birds away from other birds."

Anyone who notices the signs of HPAI in their birds or free-flying birds may report their findings to the U.S. Department of Agriculture Sick Bird Hotline at 866-536-7593.





# Chicken Pot Pie for Saint Patrick's Day

*Comfort food with a St. Patrick's Day twist. Individual pot pies with a clover in the middle of a tender, flaky crust, hiding a chunky chicken and vegetable filling in a creamy white sauce.*

## INGREDIENTS

1/3 cup butter  
1/3 cup flour  
1/3 cup chopped onion  
1/4 teaspoon salt  
1/4 teaspoon pepper  
1 3/4 cup chicken broth  
1/3 cup milk  
2 cups cooked chicken  
1 cooked potato, diced  
1/2 cup frozen peas  
1/2 cup frozen carrots

## CRUST

2 1/2 cup flour  
1 teaspoon salt  
1/4 cup unsalted butter, chilled  
2/3 cup shortening, chilled (You get the flakiness from the shortening and the great taste from the butter)  
5 to 6 tablespoons ice water

Heat butter over medium heat until melted. Add onions and cook until tender, about 5 minutes. Whisk in flour, salt and pepper. Cook over low heat, stirring constantly until smooth and bubbly.

Gradually stir in chicken broth and milk. Heat to boiling and boil for 1 minute, stirring constantly. (Add more milk if it's too thick).

Remove from heat and stir in chicken and vegetables. Pour into individual baking dishes and top with pie crust. Cook uncovered 30 to 35 minutes or until golden brown. Let cool a few minutes before eating.

## PIE CRUST

Combined flour and salt in a bowl. Cut butter into small cubes. Cut butter and shortening into flour mixture until it resembles very coarse meal. Gradually add water. Divide in four equal pieces, form into round disks, and wrap in plastic. Chill for 30 minutes.

On a floured surface, roll out each crust at least 1" larger than baking dishes.

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# Roadway rules for farm equipment shared at symposium

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"We've found that if we bring those services to them, they will participate," Witt said.

## Roadway rules for farm equipment

"Dixie Firefighters Association's focus has always been on training ... especially in the world of ag," Scott Thompson told the crowd.

Thompson is president of the association and said he's proud that their biggest focus recently is not just farm equipment safety, "but we've gotten into grain rescue and, more recently, suicide prevention."

He thanked Witt and her team for what they've been able to do for farmers.

Joe Nichols, owner of Seven Springs Farms — a large operation in multiple western Kentucky counties, spoke about his experiences growing up doing farm work, and why keeping a "what if" mind-frame can be lifesaving.

Nichols said safety is "understanding the 'what ifs' and managing the outcomes ... You do this by preparation, training and thinking to limit what can go wrong."

Nichols shared an experience from when he was 16, an event that changed his life forever. He had to dig two children, a 6- and an 8-year old, out from under a flipped-over water truck. But he couldn't save them.

"Every action has a reaction, and stupid actions have stupid — and sometimes deadly — reactions," he said.

Sgt. Jason Morris with the Kentucky State Police explained the laws and rules of sharing the road, geared towards farmers hauling large equipment. And Clint Quarles, an attorney for KDA, gave a synopsis on how the laws and rules will affect farmers if they are forced into court after an accident.

Sgt. Morris said making sure tractors and other equipment are visible with the required lighting and emblems is the top priority. He said if it is incapable of hitting 25 miles per hour, it must have slow-moving emblems.

"If it can go 35 miles per hour and up, have to have all lighting just as a car would — turn signals, brake lights, headlights, parking lights, all these have to be in play and visible when that piece of equipment is on the road."

And that's the same for what farmers

are pulling, he said.

Morris said in the state of Kentucky, "If you are a farmer, you get up to 12 feet before you're considered an oversized load. If you break that — have to have an escort vehicle," which has to have oversized-load signs, flags and appropriate flashing lights.

Morris explained how the yellow center line of a road in Kentucky is only just shy of 12-inches wide, all that's separating their machinery from another motorist.

"Thing is, your equipment is wider, right — but you can legally cross this double yellow line. You can legally put your vehicle in that other lane, however — if you meet somebody, you're required to be in your lane of travel," Morris said. "So, if you make contact with that other vehicle, it's all on you."

Dr. Wayne Sanderson, director of the UK's Southeast Center for Agricultural Health and Injury Prevention, said the number of farms has dramatically decreased over the years.

"But the amount of farmland is still about the same. That means production is still up ... and there's more movement of farm equipment on the road."

He said in the world of ag, "surveillance of injuries and fatalities is poor." Coal mines and factories, for instance, are required to maintain all kinds of safety records, Sanderson said. "But if you work in ag, we don't do a good job documenting injuries and fatalities ..."

There has been some success though, he said. "We've done some good work. Ag used to be the No. 1, 2 or 3 in the highest rate of fatalities — that's not the case anymore," Sanderson said, adding that fishing is now No. 1 nationally. "But unfortunately, in our state, logging is the No.1" cause of deaths, and also No. 2 nationally.

He said the center set up its own surveillance system in 10 southeastern states three years ago, and data shows the no.1 cause of fatalities in both logging and ag is transportation.

"In fact, about one third of the fatalities are associated with people moving products on roadways."

Sanderson also shared data on 84 accidents across those southeastern states that resulted in fatalities, some multiple fatalities.

"The main cause was rear-end accidents. One-third were where people ran into the back of a slow-moving vehicle,



A tractor on top of a vehicle set the stage Friday, March 11 outside of Hardin County Cooperative Extension office, where the 29th Annual Louis Crosier Farm Safety Symposium kicked off this year's Dixie Fire School training.

and someone was usually killed."

He said collisions caused by machinery being passed while making a turn was also a big factor, with head-on collisions also topping the list.

Sanderson said that increasing public awareness is an idea, and possibly offering more public training. Kentucky does have a section on slow-moving

vehicles in its driver's manual, he said, but every state does not.

"What are we going to do?" Sanderson asked the crowd. "Are we going to keep training you people how to cut them out of cars and trucks, or are we going to do something?"

By Bobbie Curd  
Field reporter



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# Thoughts in a crazy time

## The Forage Doctor



By Jimmy Henning

The current economic situation is one of the toughest since the farm crisis of the 1980s. Prices for fertilizer, seed, and fuel/energy have escalated much faster than the farm gate value of hay and livestock. What follows are some research-based ideas to help weather this uncertain time.

1. Manage for the longest possible grazing season. It is almost always true that a day grazing is cheaper than a day feeding hay. While there are exceptions to this principle (there are limits as to what you can spend to get one more day of grazing), it makes sense to manage your forage system to maximize the number of grazing days.

2. Apply fertilizer where the return is the greatest. Yield responses to fertilizer are greatest where soil fertility is most limiting. Fields testing in the low to low-medium level will be candidates

for your limited fertilizer dollar. Spring nitrogen gives the most pounds of forage per pound of fertilizer applied, but that extra yield may be hard to harvest due to rain during May.

3. Capture nutrients from hay feeding. This strategy has short term and long term implications. In the short run, consider planting a warm season grass into areas where the manure and urine from hay feeding have elevated the nitrogen, phosphorus and potassium levels. Options include sorghum sudan-grasses and crabgrass. Seed supplies should be good for both. In the long term, consider feeding hay back on hayfields or low fertility fields to replenish nutrients in these fields that can then be captured with summer annuals.

4. Seek out opportunities to bale hay on neighboring farms. I may be misreading the situation, but limited nitrogen application on grass fields will make for low yields. Finding extra acres to harvest will have the double benefit of ensuring enough hay for winter, as well as importing fertilizer nutrients

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# MSU places first in southern region plant judging contest

MURRAY, Ky. — Murray State University placed first overall for the third time in a row at the Southern Region American Society for Horticultural Science in the plant judging contest.

This year's conference was held in New Orleans Feb. 11-13. There were 51 competitors from colleges and universities across the southern region including Middle Tennessee State, Texas A&M, Auburn, University of Arkansas, Texas A&M Commerce and Southern Illinois University.

The four-person team consisted of Allie Maternowski, senior horticulture major and team captain from Hopkinsville; Ben Rush, senior horticulture major from Oak Grove; Johanna Hooten, junior horticulture major from Red Bud, Ill.; and Savannah French, freshman agriculture business major from Henderson.

The team received multiple individual and team awards to place them at the top. The team competed in five categories including Greenhouse Floral

Crop Identification, Woody Ornamental Crop Identification, Vegetable Crop Judging, Fruit Crop Judging and Outstanding Club. They placed first in all categories except one.

"Our goal was to get first place overall and carry on the winning legacy, to have fun and just do our very best," said Maternowski. Maternowski competed in the last south region competition and helped prepare the other three new team members for their first regional competition. She received multiple individual awards including third place overall, first place in woody ornamental identification and vegetable crop judging. As the Horticulture Club president, she prepared and along with the group collectively delivered a winning club presentation showcasing activities and accomplishments over the last 12 months. They received first place in the Outstanding Club category and were awarded \$150

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Murray State University placed first overall for the third time in a row at the Southern Region American Society for Horticultural Science in the plant judging contest. Pictured (from left) are Hutson School of Agriculture Dean Dr. Tony Brannon, students Ben Rush, Savannah French, Allie Maternowski, Johanna Hooten, and Murray State horticulture instructor and Club Advisor Dava Hayden.

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PB2	1.90
PB3	1.60
PB4	.80



# Thoughts in a crazy time

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which can be captured when this hay is fed.

5. Intensify your grazing management and infrastructure. Having a sound rotational stocking system is essential for nutrient recovery from manure and urine and achieving the longest possible grazing season. Here are some goals to strive for: 1) Don't graze any paddock for longer than seven days – longer periods allow livestock to regrow the same areas, which slows regrowth; 2) Manage defoliation so green leaves are always present – a good rule of thumb is to take half and leaf half; 3) Maintain at least 3 to 4 inches residual height, which protects the crown from overheating, helps hold rainfall on the field, and fosters a strong, deep root system; 4) Add water points or split pastures to keep water within 600 feet in all paddocks – good access to water encourages more uniform forage utilization and promotes more uniform distribution of manure and urine and better recycles the fertilizer nutrients in

pasture.

6. Have a summer pasture option. Moving from cool season grass pastures to summer forages like crabgrass gives livestock a break from toxic tall fescue and facilitates greater regrowth from cool season grasses in the fall. Tall fescue especially responds well to summer rest. Conversely, overgrazing tall fescue in July and August severely limits its fall growth. Allowing tall fescue pasture to accumulate growth from late summer to November or December is a process called stockpiling.

7. Efficiently utilize stockpiled tall fescue. Tall fescue holds its quality longer into winter than any other forage. Tall fescue that is not overgrazed, rested in late summer, and fertilized with moderate levels of nitrogen (where possible) will accumulate a ton or more of grazable forage. Stockpiling tall fescue is the best way for Kentucky producers to extend the grazing season into January and even February. It is important to recognize that nitrogen-fertilized, fall-grown tall fescue is not the cheapest grazing day. Strip grazing using tempo-



Prices for fertilizer, seed and almost every other input to cattle operations will put a squeeze on profitability in 2022. Long grazing seasons, strategic fertilization, a diverse forage base, rotational grazing and stockpiling tall fescue are sound steps to weathering this tough economic time.

rary electric fence will increase utilization and extend the days of grazing. Allocating a three day vs seven day supply will increase grazing days by 42% because less forage is soiled by manure and urine.

The above list is not exhaustive and may not fit your particular situation.

However, these are proven practices that rely more on management than large infusions of cash. Preserving profitability in cattle in 2022 is going to be challenging. I can almost guarantee that the most profitable operations will utilize most of my list.

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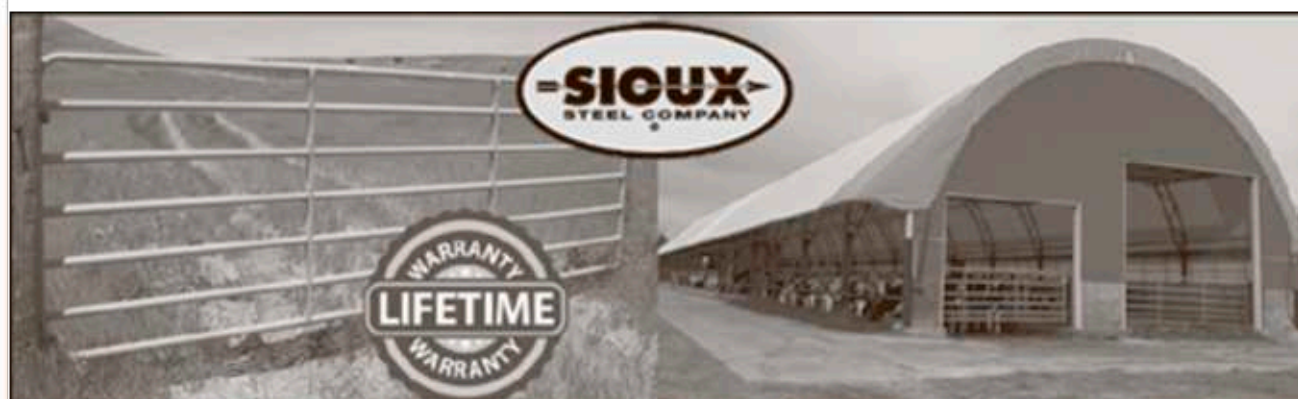
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## Chinese Agriculture Officials Visit with Kentucky Grain Producers and End Users



### Farm Leaders at Work

Association leaders Josh Lancaster (vice-president) and Richard Preston (immediate past president) represented Kentucky corn grower members at this month's Corn Congress that took place during Commodity Classic. Representatives from each state discuss issues and vote on resolutions to direct National Corn Grower policy and priorities. Thank you, Richard and Josh, for your service.



### Ky Small Grain Leaders in National Roles

Two Kentucky Small Grain leaders were elected to national positions. Pat Clements is the new National Association of Wheat Growers (NAWG) Secretary and will serve alongside President Nicole Berg of Washington, Vice President Brent Cheyne of Oregon, and treasurer Keef Felty of Oklahoma. Bernard Peterson was re-elected to the National Wheat Foundation, where he'll serve as Vice Chair. Congratulations to these outstanding farm leaders!

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KyCorn and the Tennessee Corn Growers hosted a China Embassy team earlier this month to facilitate conversation about American grain production, transportation, and end use. The trade mission was accompanied by the U.S. Grains Council.

Representatives from the Washington D.C. office of the Embassy of the People's Republic of China (PRC) visited several farms in western Kentucky.

Tyson and Laura Sanderfur of Sanderfur Farm in Hartford spoke to the group about on-farm grain handling and storage. Josh Lancaster with L. Hust Farms in Slaughters discussed agronomic planning. KyCorn president Joseph Sisk provided a stop in Christian County to discuss environmental priorities, and Alana Baker of River Bend Farms in Cadiz provided the team a glimpse of cattle farming and discussed family farm transition.

Chinese delegates Agriculture Counselor Jiao Dian, and her colleagues An Xiao, Xu Gaocheng, also met with Daviess County ANR extension agent Clint Hardy and enjoyed a tour of Green River Distillery in Owensboro, where Yellow Banks Straight Bourbon Whiskey is made.

"The team thoroughly enjoyed the farm tours and the discussions with the producers," remarked Stella Qian, US Grains Council Manager of Global Ethanol Market Development. "Visits like these help to enhance the agriculture trade relationship between U.S. and China, which contributes to increased profitability for U.S. agriculture."

Several more stops were made in Tennessee, including a visit with Tosh Farms.



Chinese Embassy delegation visited with Sanderfur Farm and KyCorn Executive Director Laura Knoth in Hartford.



KyCorn President Joseph Sisk shows the inside of a grain bin.



Alana Baker Dunn of River Bend Farms in Cadiz discussed farm transition with the delegation.



Chinese Embassy delegation, KyCorn staff, and Clint Hardy with Master Distiller Jacob Call at Green River Distilling Co. A room is dedicated to show the Yellow Banks Bourbon partnership with KyCorn.



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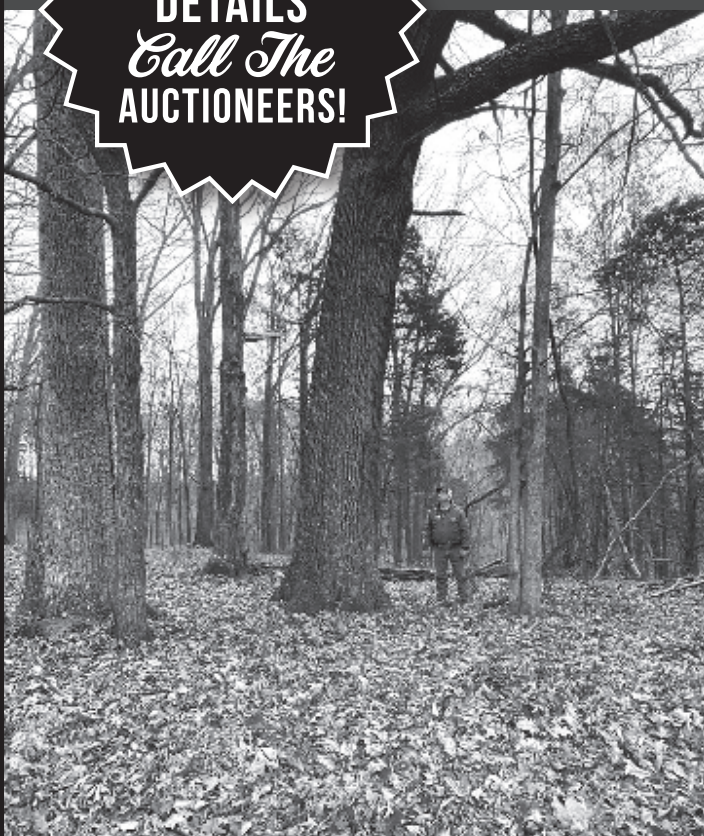
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