

KSU celebrates women in ag

The Land Grant Program of Kentucky State University celebrated the contribution women have made in agriculture through social media campaigns and a virtual event during March, as part of Women's History Month.

The virtual celebration, held on International National Women's Day on March 8, highlighted women farmers, educators and leaders.

Deputy Secretary of Agriculture Jewel Bronaugh told the group that, as the first Black woman and woman of color to hold the Deputy Secretary position, she took her role very seriously to set a clear path for those who come after her.

"During Women's History month, we must showcase the accomplishments of women to our culture and our society. We draw strength and inspiration from the remarkable women who came before us. They are part of our history, and a truly balanced and inclusive history recognizes how important women have been in American society, including the workforce and the agriculture sector," she said.

Bronaugh outlined several USDA initiatives earmarked to provide underserved audiences more access to USDA programs. She noted that USDA is committed to the values and inclusion rooted in justice and equal opportunity for all those they serve. She also said that underserved audiences are critical to the future of US agriculture.

She discussed the work of the Equity Commission agriculture subcommittee, which she co-chairs. The commission will determine what barriers currently exist in accessing USDA programs and how to remove those barriers. Additionally, commission members will make sugges-

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A surrogate Katahdin Sheep with an Australian White lamb on Bobby Grider's farm.

A lamb's tale.....

First Australian Whites in Kentucky born on Russell County Farm

If you spend much time in rural Kentucky, the sound of cows mooing is one you are no doubt very familiar with.

But If you visit Bobby Grider's farm in Russell County around feeding time, you will hear a very different sound...

It's not cows, but the plaintive sound of sheep bleating.

Grider first became interested in

the sheep industry when he was driving through neighboring Casey County.

The sheep he saw were Katahdin sheep – with hair rather than wool –, so they don't require shearing.

A breeder developed these "hair sheep" and named them after Maine's highest peak, Mt. Katahdin.

It took breeders about 10 years to come up with a uniform animal,

which came to be known as the Australian White.

Developed from four breeds in Australia, the frozen embryos were shipped to a farm in Alabama owned by Daniel Fagerman, a civil engineer and sheep hobbyist, who is very active in the building of the Australian White herd.

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The frozen embryos were then brought to Grider's farm in Russell County.

"They'd been sitting in a nitrogen tank down in Alabama," he said.

In November of 2021, Fagerman, a team of embryologists, and a veterinarian traveled to Grider's farm and implanted embryos in 20 of the Katahdin sheep on his farm in hopes they would become surrogate mothers for the Australian Whites.

Six days before the embryos were implanted, the surrogate mothers were given hormones to "trick" their bodies into thinking they were six days pregnant.

Fast Forward to April 2022.

About 50 percent of the implanted sheep went on to give birth.

So far, seven Australian Whites have been born via this process.

"There are four rams and three ewes" Grider said, "and three of those rams

have been contracted already, and one is going to be going to south Georgia."

Grider has one of four farms in the United States – and the only one in Kentucky – with these unique animals.

He hopes other farmers will follow his lead.

"It will be a way to create income," Grider said, "and deserves a chance for people to research it. It might be something that really works well for them."

Grider says there is a large demand for lamb meat, and that "65 percent of the lamb in the U.S. that is consumed is imported because we do not produce... we only produce 35 percent of what we eat daily."

"We are not even producing what we eat," he said.

Grider hopes to have Australian White breeding stock for purchase by 2023.

**By Lisa Coffey
Times Journal**

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Bobby Grider, left, and Russell County Extension Agent (Agriculture and Natural Resources) Jonathan Oakes, work with some of Grider's prized livestock.

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Quarles praises General Assembly's veto override of two agriculture-related bills

Kentucky Agriculture Commissioner Dr. Ryan Quarles is applauding the Kentucky General Assembly for overriding Gov. Andrew Beshear's vetoes for House Bills 390 and 271, both regarding agriculture-related issues.

"The General Assembly made the absolute correct decisions with these overrides," Commissioner Quarles said. "These bills were brought before the legislature this year to advance the role of the department in recruiting agri-businesses and creating a more efficient operation within three areas of the Kentucky Department of Agriculture. Our agriculture community will come out ahead with the passage of these bills."

HB 390 specifically directs the Cabinet for Economic Development to give notice to the agriculture commissioner when the cabinet receives information about an agricultural-related economic development opportunity. The notice would allow the department to participate in plans, discussions,

and meetings to allow the state full advantage in agriculture-related endeavors. It follows the loss of a meat processing plant that considered locating in Christian County. The bill also adds the Commissioner of Agriculture as a voting member to the Kentucky Economic Development Partnership, changes the quorum from seven to eight, and requires one member of the Kentucky Economic Development Finance Authority to have experience in agriculture.

HB 271 reorganizes the Fair Council and the Agritourism Advisory Council to reflect designees allowed for certain positions in their absences and adjusts the number of seats on the councils. The bill also clarifies the duties for the Office of State Veterinarian are to maintain the health of welfare of agricultural industries for livestock, poultry, and fish.

Both bills had received bipartisan unanimous approval in the House and the Senate before being vetoed by the governor.

Carew receives appointment as Ky. USDA Rural Development Director

WASHINGTON - President Joe Biden announced his intent to appoint Thomas Carew as U.S. Department of Agriculture Kentucky Rural Development state director.

Prior to joining USDA, Carew served as the executive vice president of membership and advocacy for Fahe in Central Appalachia. While at Fahe, Tom was the principal author of the 502 Direct Packaging Demonstration with USDA. Through his leadership, Fahe's membership grew from 44 to include more than 55 affordable housing non-profits.

Carew helped lead the expansion of Fahe housing programs into Alabama

and Maryland. He was the founding executive director of Frontier Housing, a non-profit, affordable housing developer based in Morehead.

Carew is also the recipient of the Dorothy Williams Lifetime Achievement Award from the Kentucky Housing Corporation - the highest award given in the commonwealth for non-profit housing producers. In 2010, Carew received the Cochran Collings award from the Housing Assistance Council for service to Rural America.

In addition to the announcement about Carew, Biden announced the appointment of five FSA state directors and two other RS state directors.

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My two granddaughters are very different from each other. The younger sister, Kenzie, who is 8, loves to dress up in girly clothes and often wears pink and lavender. The older one, Emma, who just turned 13, is more of a denim, oversized sweatshirt type of girl.

They often argue as sisters do and will go from hugging and laughing together one minute to attempting assault the next. You never know what you will get when they are together.

Kenzie and I were spending some time together this past weekend and she mentioned that she and her sister are very different but they love each other. I think the whole conversation started over Easter attire.

I took the opportunity to share some wisdom, and I told Kenzie that it's important for people to spend time with others who are different from them because that is how we learn. She talked about how she has friends whose skin is a different color and how some classmates are mean to them. We talked about how wrong that was.

I decided to give her a different example, and I told her that people in the city don't often understand why people like us want to have guns because the only experience they have with guns are bad people shooting each other. (We had also had a conversation about her Papa killing a turkey and her dad going hunting – this wasn't some wild example from me, I promise.)

We went on and talked about guns more, then she paused.

"How did we get on this topic," she said.

I had to laugh. What had started with this cute conversation about clothes and how she and her sister like different things, ended up with a conversation about gun laws. Have I lost my ability to talk to an 8-year-old?

It all ended well because we were getting close to the "weeeee," a small rise in the road on the way to my parent's house. With just a tap on the gas pedal, I have been able to entertain two generations – first my daughter when she was a child and now my granddaughters – every time we visit my parents.

Kenzie giggled so hard I gave in and took her to the 'umph," a hill that bottoms out quickly and feels like a

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2022 legislative session wraps up with many agriculture-related bills getting passage

Advocating for agriculture advancements is one of my top priorities as your agriculture commissioner. It's not one I take lightly.

Agriculture is the backbone of the American culture. Kentucky still has more than half of its land in agricultural use, so it's important we protect those who have chosen to work this land and produce what we need to live.

It's obvious Kentucky's economy is enriched by these practices with agriculture's total economic impact on the state's economy at \$46 billion a year. With the wrapping up of this year's Legislative Session last week, I applaud legislators for passing a number of bills and resolutions that will help Kentucky and agriculture producers reach even higher levels.

The main function of this year's General Assembly was passing the state's biennium budget, included in that was the Kentucky Department of Agriculture's budget. In total, KDA's working budget is more than \$86 million, including General Fund, restricted, and federal funds. That's a great sum to be accountable for and I, along with my staff, take that responsibility seriously.

For the first time, KDA's budget also reflects the money appropriated to the Kentucky Office of Agricultural Policy. KOAP is responsible for grants and loans for agricultural pursuits from funds provided by the Tobacco Master Settlement Agreement. This year's legislative session put the money allocated to the Kentucky Agriculture Development Fund directly in KDA's funds including more than \$26 million for state funds and \$14 million for county allocations.

KDA's budget also includes a \$500,000 appropriation for the department's Raising Hope campaign, a collaboration endeavor, which partners KDA with state universities and the Kentucky Cabinet for Health and Family Services. The program focuses on the mental and physical health of agricultural producers by increasing awareness of the mental health issues, normalizing the discussion of the topic, reducing the stigma of seeking help, and showing farmer appreciation.

The County Fair Grants, designated to support capital improvements at county fairgrounds across the commonwealth, also saw increase in its budget from \$300,000 to \$455,000.

Though not part of KDA's budget, Kentucky agriculture families and the agriculture communities in Western Kentucky may

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get assistance from HB5 and SB5, companion bills that provide around \$200 million in funds to the West Kentucky State Aid Funding for Emergencies for tornado disaster recovery and relief. The tornadoes from Dec. 10-11, 2021, and Jan. 1, 2022, devastated many rural agriculture-focused communities in the western portion of the state. The funds are being made available for recovery efforts across the spectrum of need.

Fighting food insecurities

Another type of need that was the focus of agriculture-related bills and funding this session, was the need to help those who are food-insecure.

- KDA's Farm to Food Banks Program, which allows purchases of Kentucky-grown produce from participating Kentucky farmers, saw an increase from \$500,000 to \$600,000.

- SB 151, the "Barrier to Breakfast Bill," clarifies current law regarding breakfast at school. The simple change leaves no ambiguity and permits school districts to serve breakfast to students during the first 15 minutes of instructional time. Children can't learn if they're hungry.

- SB 42 allows school districts to increase their food purchasing from local farmers. Specifically, it exempts fresh produce and meat products from the state's regular competitive negotiation requirements, thereby allowing school nutritionists to work with local producers in regard to providing more food items for use in the lunchroom meals.

- HCR 47 recognizes Madison County Schools for its leadership in embracing the farm-to-school concept. KDA's Farm-to-School program brings fresh, high-quality Kentucky Proud products to Kentucky school systems. The General Assembly recognized Madison County for its use of this program in hopes other school systems will emulate what Madison County has been able to achieve.

Other agriculture-related bills passed this session include:

- HB 390 directs the Cabinet for Economic Development to give notice to the Agriculture Commissioner when it receives information about an agricultural-related opportunity. The notice would allow KDA to participate in plans, discussions, and meetings to give the state full advantage in agriculture-related endeavors.

- HB 271 reorganizes the membership of the Fair Council and the Agritourism Advisory Council. The bill also clarifies the duties for the Office of State Veterinarian are to maintain the health of welfare of agricultural industries for livestock, poultry, and fish.

- HB 273 reflects changes to statutes governing amusement ride regulations. It also increases the amount of liability insurance the owners must maintain.

- HB 306 updates statutes defining KDA's responsibilities with respect to pesticides and noxious weeds.

- HB 451 implements changes to some motor fuel statutes. The changes revise legal definitions for some types of motor fuel and what constitutes a retail facility.

- SB 121 streamlines the process for those who use agriculture exemption license numbers. The numbers are used for agriculture producers buying products in retail stores. It exempts the buyer from sales tax on certain agriculture-related items.

- HR 69 urges the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) to update its administrative regulations pertaining to agricultural drones. Advances drone technology have allowed producers to use

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'I used to say FDA stood for foot-dragging artists'

FDA is, of course, government shorthand for the Food and Drug Administration or, as Helena Bottemiller Evich makes crystal clear in a deeply-sourced, richly detailed April 8 exposé, the Food and Drug Administration.

The emphasis is required, explains Bottemiller Evich, a senior editor and ag reporter at Politico, because "a monthslong... investigation" found "that regulating food is simply not a high priority at the agency, where drugs and other medical products dominate..."

That's a deadly problem for every American because the FDA "oversees nearly 80 percent of the American food supply." For decades, though, it hasn't done that job well, FDA official after FDA official told Bottemiller Evich.

For example, she notes, "There are a lot of things that languish," Stephan Ostroff, "who twice served as acting commissioner of FDA," told her. "There's nobody pushing very hard to get them done... We don't have that... pressure to actually make things happen on the food side."

More pointedly, "When Politico called Ostroff, he was so eager to discuss the agency's problems, he prepared a laundry list of his concerns."

Indeed, FDA slowness is so achingly deliberate that it borders on incompetence. Examples abound: It was years before FDA acknowledged dangerous pathogens and heavy metal contamination in baby foods; it was "slow" to recognize the danger of "PFAS, so-called forever chemicals" found in food packaging; and it spent "the better part of a decade working on voluntary sodium reduction goals" while "other countries moved ahead with their own years ago."

This tortoise approach with the nation's food safety carries a price. "This government dysfunction has a real impact..." writes Bottemiller Evich. "The CDC [Center for Disease Control] estimates that more than 128,000 are hospitalized and 3,000 people die from foodborne illnesses each year—a toll that has not lessened after a sweeping update to food safety a decade ago."

And the dysfunction is bipartisan. Republican and Democratic White Houses and Congresses have both been badly served by FDA, reports Bottemiller Evich, who spoke with "more than 50 people" and found a "remarkable level of consensus that the agency is simply not working."

It's more than that, though. Former—and, remarkably, even current—"officials and industry professionals used terms like 'ridiculous,' 'impossible,' 'broken,' 'byzantine,' and 'a joke' to describe the state of food regulation at FDA."

Some of FDA's problems are tied to its dual mission—both food and drug safety. "They have too many programs and not enough resources," Bottemiller Evich quotes one principal deputy commissioner, "and the mismatch is profound."

Currently, the "vast majority... [or] about two thirds" of FDA's "roughly \$1 billion food budget goes... to pay for inspections" even though the "number of food inspections performed each year have been going down..." How can that be?

Because, "There is simply no accountability in Congress," a long-time FDA economist told Bottemiller Evich. "I guess most of their staff really don't understand the risk issues that FDA faces [and, in turn] (t)hey don't really know what to say to FDA to hold them accountable." That's shameful.

Equally shameful, a recent reshuffle inside FDA food safety programs ignited intraoffice turf fights over jurisdiction and authority, again grinding

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FOOD & FARM FILE

Alan Guebert

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agency gears already slipping after years of neglect and inactivity. Lobbying by Big Food through the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) didn't help, either.

"The food industry is lobbying USDA, which in turn puts pressure on FDA through the White House and Capitol Hill, in a way that's unproductive..." former FDA Commissioner Scott Gottlieb told Politico.

Bottemiller Evich, however, makes it clear that FDA has more problems than just Big Food bigfooting its way around FDA. FDA has become a shrimp in an ocean of transnational whales and its—and our elected officials', too—failure to bulk up to match today's increasingly industrialized food system leaves the nation at risk in riskier times.

The complete, authoritative, 9,000-word story, "The FDA's Food Failure" is posted at:

<https://www.politico.com/interactives/2022/fda-fails-regulate-food-health-safety-hazards/>

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drones for a number of advantages on their farms, particularly those involved with applying herbicides, fungicides and insecticides to crops. However, dated regulations surround crop applications are geared toward airplane and helicopter uses. This resolution urges the FAA to update its application regulations to keep pace with today's technology and asks the regulations be straightforward and sensible to better serve farmers.

All-in-all it was a great session for agriculture. We can all be proud of the recognition our agriculture community received.

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roller coaster ride if you hit it just right. It is stomach-churning but well worth it to hear the laughter of a grandchild – and a whole lot cheaper than a trip to the mall.

Kenzie has a big heart and loves people, so I really don't think she could ever be the kind of person who would blindly take a side on an issue and not be open to facts or lack compassion for people who are different from her.

Still, it's the conversations children have with the adults in their life that help shape who they become. We can't expect teachers to be the only ones to teach our children – and our grandchildren – about values. Those come from seeing how the people they look up to live their lives.

Our little trip was such an example of life: the "weeeees" and the "umphs," some rough rides, tough conversations and some laughter. For me, of course, any time spent with a granddaughter is a special time.



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tions and recommendations to improve access to the program and determine accountability measures. She was adamant recommendations would be instituted, ensuring USDA serves all its customers and supports diversity no matter the size of the operation.

"We have to do this the right way because it's the right thing to do," she said.

Female educators conducted presentations on growing a social media audience, the business of farming, fruit crops in Kentucky, and practical biosecurity for small farms.

Culminating the event was the presentation of the first KSU Women in Agriculture Excellence Award to Jane Tiernan. Tiernan operates an 11-acre flower farm in north Madison County. Tiernan grew up on a small Indiana farm. She noted her good fortune to be involved with KSU and said she has taken advantage of many KSU programs, especially the Third Thursday

Thing since its inception in 1997. She has developed a cohort of like-minded farmers who share their farming experiences by attending this monthly program.

Tiernan was instrumental in developing the Bluegrass Farmers' Market, a growers-only market that has existed for 17 years. She also sells at the Lexington Farmers' Market, and she sells at both markets as Jane's Flowers and Things.

"I think there are all kinds of women that want to see agriculture in Kentucky expand and be more productive. I think every woman that does any production or marketing wants to save her farm and find ways for the young ones coming after us," Tiernan said.

Weekly recognition, which was posted to social media, recognized Tiernan; Dr. Marion Simon, a long-time KSU small farm educator; Dr. Nancy Dawson, a historian, writer, urban farmer, and artist.

KSU will continue its salute to



Jane O'Tiernan speaking at Third Thursday Thing, along with Louie Rivers, who served farmers at KSU for 25 years.

women with Women in Agriculture Workshops planned for June 14, Sept. 13, and Dec. 13. Dr. Jessie Lay is the committee chair and may be reached at

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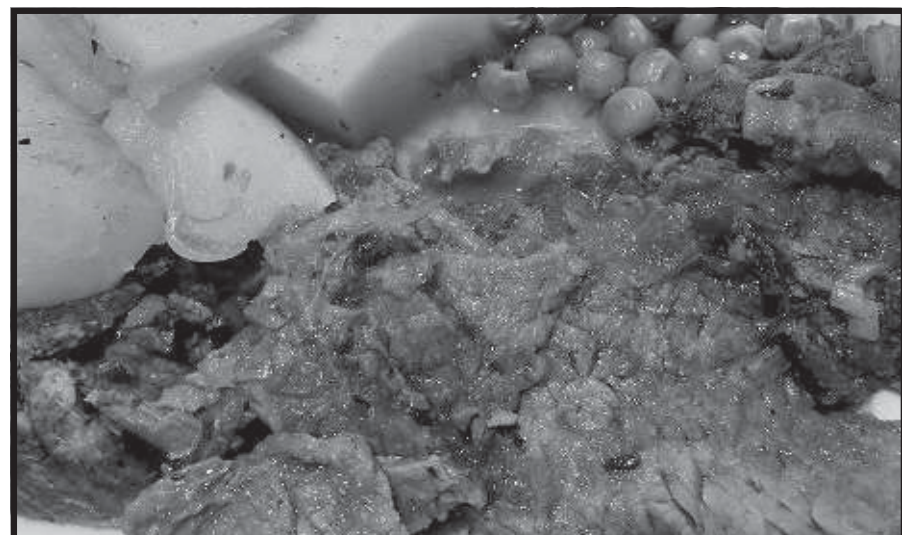
Mix thyme, salt, and black pepper in a small bowl and rub the mixture over both sides of brisket.

Heat olive oil in a roasting pan over medium-high heat; place brisket in the hot oil and brown on both sides, 3 to 4 minutes per side. Remove brisket from pan and set aside.

Place red onion slices into the hot roasting pan and cook and stir until onion is slightly softened, about 2 minutes. Stir in beef broth, tomato sauce, and wine.

Place the brisket back into the roasting pan and cover pan with foil.

Roast the brisket in the preheated oven for 1 hour; remove foil and baste brisket with pan juices. Place foil back over roasting pan and roast brisket until very tender and pan sauce has thickened, 1 1/2 to 2 more hours.



Creamy Au Gratin Potatoes



4 russet potatoes, sliced into 1/4 inch slices
1 onion, sliced into rings
salt and pepper to taste
3 tablespoons butter
3 tablespoons all-purpose flour
½ teaspoon salt
2 cups milk
1 ½ cups shredded Cheddar cheese

Preheat oven to 400 degrees F. Butter a medium casserole dish.

Layer 1/2 of the potatoes into bottom of the prepared casserole dish. Top with the onion slices, and add the remaining potatoes. Season with salt and pepper to taste.

In a medium-size saucepan, melt butter over medium heat. Mix in the flour and salt, and stir constantly with a whisk for one minute. Stir in milk. Cook until mixture has thickened. Stir in cheese all at once, and continue stirring until melted, about 30 to 60 seconds. Pour cheese over the potatoes, and cover the dish with aluminum foil.

Bake 1 1/2 hours in the preheated oven.

Recipes courtesy of allrecipes.com

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Your recipe may be in the next Homeline!



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Hopelessness has many causes and few cures. Many, searching for some form of hope, turn to alcohol or other drugs. Others lose themselves in their work or search anxiously for a way out of their despair. Many seek relief by trying new experiences or adventures. Few, however, discover long-lasting results.

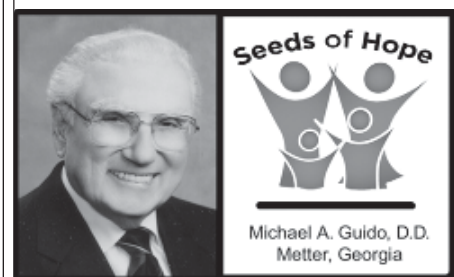
Hopelessness may come from unmet expectations, sorrow, or grief. We all seem to want a life without a "pile of problems." No one looks for tragedies as a form of entertainment. And, we rarely have an opportunity to "pick our pain." Problems and pain, sorrow and grief, are as much a part of life as sunshine or rain, night or day.

Is there a sure source where everyone can find hope? The Psalmist believes there is. "...hope in the Lord; for with the Lord, there is unfailing love. His redemption overflows."

Hoping is different from wishing. Wishing is a desire for something we don't have. Hope, on the other hand, is a gift from God and will give us confidence that He is with us and will fulfill every promise He has ever made. Hope will protect us and empower us to meet the dangers and disappointments of life.

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Crabgrass and a Living Legend

The Forage Doctor



By Jimmy Henning

Crabgrass is a summer annual grass that can be a valuable part of a full season grazing and hay program in Kentucky. Crabgrass is highly palatable and is well adapted to Kentucky although it is often thought of as a weed. It has often been part of Kentucky pastures, especially those that have been overgrazed. The advent of improved varieties of crabgrass has changed the perception of crabgrass as an opportunistic weed to a valuable high quality forage. This article is an update on the varieties available, quick establishment tips and a bit about the family behind the improved varieties of crabgrass.

Crabgrass can be established using a prepared seedbed, but it also has value as a renovation forage for tall fescue pastures, especially areas that have been disturbed by hay feeding or livestock

trampling. Crabgrass will make good use of the soil nutrients left behind in hay feeding areas. These areas are ideal for the introduction of crabgrass because the soil is already disturbed. Crabgrass establishes best when it is worked into the soil between ¼ to ½ inch deep. No-till seedings are possible but depth control is critical.

For renovation, crabgrass should be broadcast at 3 to 6 lb/acre onto disturbed sod and rolled with a cultipacker. Chain harrowing after seeding can help cover the seed, which is essential for successful establishment. Seed may need to be mixed with a carrier such as pelletized lime to flow through spinner seeders. It is critical to check the spread of crabgrass seed as it typically only travels half as far as a carrier such as pelletized lime or fertilizer. Crabgrass can be seeded with red clover for additional yield and forage quality. For more information on using crabgrass for forage, see UK publication AGR-232 Crabgrass. To get to the online version quickly, type 'crabgrass uky' into your web browser.



Crossbred steers grazing improved crabgrass as part of the grass-fed beef operation of Michael and Stacey Palmer of Marshall County Kentucky. Improved crabgrasses are the result of the visionary work of R.L. Dalrymple and Dalrymple Family Farm in Thomas, Oklahoma.

The driving force behind improved crabgrass varieties is one man, R.L. Dalrymple. RL spent a career at the

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FROM PAGE 10

research and extension on pasture and grazing systems. Growing up he observed how his parents had used crabgrass for forage on their west central Oklahoma farm. As part of his Noble Foundation efforts, R.L. selected and released 'Red River' as a public variety in 1988. He also developed another selection named 'Impact' released from Noble in a proprietary agreement with Barenbrug and now forms part of the blend 'Mojo.'

Since retiring, RL has released three other varieties: Dal's Big River (A refinement of Red River), Quick-N-Big, and Quick-N-Big Spreader. All of these improved crabgrasses are erect, high yielding, high quality annual forages. All seed of these varieties is produced on the Dalrymple family farm.

Red River. The original improved variety, released by Noble Foundation as a public release. There are known problems with uncertified seedlots, so it is best to specify Certified seed.

Impact. Derived from Red River at the Noble Foundation, this variety was selected to grow longer into the fall. Barenbrug has the marketing rights. Impact is a component of the commercial blend 'Mojo', marketed by Barenbrug.

Dal's Big River®. A refinement and improvement over Red River only available as trademarked, certified Seed. Red River and Dal's Big River have rough seed coats that can have variable amounts of 'fuzz' making the seed flow poorly through spinner spreaders and conventional seeding equipment. As noted above, carriers help seed flow.

Quick-N-Big®. Quick-N-Big was released in 2010 and was selected to germinate earlier and provide quicker earlier growth than Red River or Dal's Big River. It is very upright in its growth habit.

Quick-N-Big Spreader®. Released in 2016, this variety is much like Quick-N-Big except it tends to root more around the crown, if there is space to spread. Quick-N-Big and Quick-N-Big Spreader have smooth seed coats and flow more readily than Red River and Dal's Big River, which are a different species.

Mojo. Mojo is a commercial blend of Impact and Red River varieties, owned and distributed by Barenbrug. Mojo is only available as coated seed, and the coating comprises 50% of the bag. Coating greatly improves the ability of the crabgrass to flow through drills and spread from spinner seeders.

Crabgrass usage in Kentucky is growing, such as producing grass finished beef at Michael Palmer farm in Marshall County (as shown in the photo with this article). Having a high quality summer grass alternative that can complement tall fescue is a valuable option.

Remarkably, all of the varieties of improved crabgrass have been due to the efforts of one visionary forage agronomist, R.L. Dalrymple from Thomas Oklahoma where much of this seed is produced. I am sure R.L. would work pretty hard to deflect any accolades for this work. Yet accolades are due. In my

opinion he is one of the legends of forage agriculture, both for improved crabgrasses as well as a career of contributions to farmers and ranchers. It is a privilege

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| Mixed Grass | 3.62-5.50 | 50.00-80.00 | | 35.00-75.00 |
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| 02/19/22 | 24,067 |
| 02/26/22 | 16,678 |
| 03/05/22 | 17,820 |
| 03/12/22 | 15,957 |

| 03/14/2021 4:00 pm est Bids for next day Cash Bids | Louisville | Pennyrile | Purchase | Bluegrass | Green River | Northern KY |
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| Corn #2 Yellow | 7.12-7.35 | 7.33-7.43 | 7.18-7.28 | 6.23 | 6.28 | 7.31 |
| Corn #2 White | | 8.08 | | | | |
| Soybeans #1 Y | 16.50 | 16.51-16.52 | 16.51-16.52 | 15.97 | 16.46 | 16.69 |
| Wheat #2 SRW | NA | 9.10-9.16 | NA | NA | NA | NA |
| Barley | | | | | | |
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| Corn #2 Yellow | 6.23 | 6.23-6.38 | 6.13-6.23 | NA | 6.33 | 6.23 |
| Corn #2 White | | 7.13 | | | | |
| Soybeans #1 Y | 14.14 | 14.41-14.56 | 14.61-14.66 | NA | 14.56 | 14.65 |
| Wheat #2 SRW | 9.54 | 8.90-9.10 | NA | NA | 9.28 | 10.80 |
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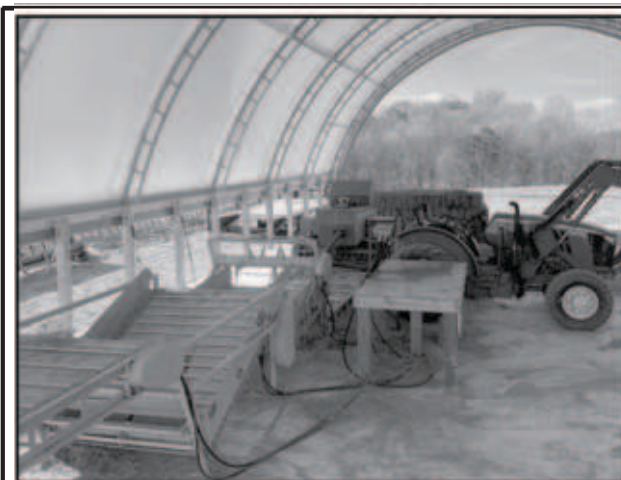
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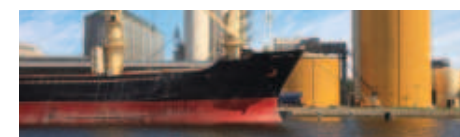
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News from the Kentucky Corn Growers Association and Kentucky Corn Promotion Council



KyCorn Part of Strategic Planning to Expand Exports

Laura Knoth, Executive Director of KyCorn, recently joined U.S. Grains Council (USGC) staff members and representatives from commodity checkoff organizations as they came together for the Global Industry Partners Conference. During the conference, the group discussed the Council's work as it develops its strategic plan.

Attendees received updates on the organization's trade policy and sustainability efforts and received market-by-market updates on ethanol and feed grains from directors in most of its international offices.

"We rely on our partnership with the US Grains Council staff to increase grain exports," said Knoth. "They are our boots on the ground in the countries that purchase our corn and corn products around the world. It was great to meet with them and hear firsthand how grain flows are changing because of their work and how efforts will need to pivot in response to the conflicts in Ukraine."

Corn Growers Thank Biden for Counting on Biofuels to Lower Costs, Boost Energy Independence

President Biden announced last week that his administration would use existing authority to prevent drivers from losing access to lower-cost and lower-emission E15, a higher ethanol blend often marketed as Unleaded 88.

The president made the announcement at a POET ethanol production facility in Menlo, Iowa, and NCGA President Chris Edgington participated in the event.

"Corn growers thank President Biden for ensuring drivers continue to have access to a lower-cost fuel choice and acknowledging how renewable ethanol helps reduce prices, lower emissions and improve our nation's energy security," said Edgington. "Farmers are proud to contribute to cleaner, less expensive fuel choices."

A 2021 court decision resulting from oil industry efforts to limit the growth of higher ethanol blends

was set to end full-market access for E15 beginning this summer, absent action from the Biden administration or Congress.

With a host of factors driving up gas prices, including Russia's invasion of Ukraine, NCGA and farmer leaders across the country asked the president to extend the use of E15 to hold down prices at the pump. Farmers also asked their Members of Congress to support the continued availability of E15, sending them thousands of messages in recent weeks and backing bipartisan Senate and House advocacy for the action announced today.

Ethanol has been priced an average of 80 cents less per gallon than unblended gasoline at wholesale through March, and drivers currently save up to 20 cents or more per gallon where E15 is available.

Ethanol adds billions of gallons

to the U.S. fuel supply every year, lowering demand for high-cost oil while increasing the total fuel available to consumers. Corn farmers' increased productivity and efficiency have resulted in higher yields, using fewer resources to meet food, feed and fuel needs to help keep prices down.

Moreover, allowing continued E15 sales through the summer keeps a lower-emission fuel in the marketplace. E15 has lower volatility than regular fuel, which is a 10% ethanol blend, and using E15 results in lower evaporative and exhaust emissions, important during the summer driving season.

Farmers stand ready to continue working with President Biden, USDA Secretary Tom Vilsack and Congress on energy and environmental solutions that ethanol provides, Edgington said.

Congratulations, Scholarship Recipients

KyCorn is proud to announce the recipients of the 2022 scholarship program, which is funded through grower leader contributions.

For eligibility, students must be a child of an association member and attend an accredited Kentucky institution to study agriculture or a related field.

High School students entering college are awarded \$1,000 each, and current college student recipients each receive a \$2,000 award, one of which is named in honor of the late Jim Barton.



Britney Cox, of Shelby County, is a Senior at the University of Kentucky, studying Agricultural Economics. Her dream is to use her degree to assist local farmers with farm management. She is the daughter of Kelly and Jennifer Cox.



Margaret Elizabeth Gillum, of Todd County, is completing her bachelor's in Agricultural Biotechnology at the University of Kentucky and plans to pursue a doctorate in Plant Pathology. She is the daughter of Duncan and Paula Gillum.



Bo Bryant, of Long Vue Farms in Allensville, will be attending Murray State this fall to study Agriculture. He is among the top 10 in his class at Clarksville Academy. His parents are Billy and Mandy Bryant.



Riley Hudnall, a 4.0 senior at Warren East High School in Bowling Green, will be studying Agribusiness at Murray State University. She is the daughter of Benji and Cheryl Hudnall.

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