

Atrazine comment period ends soon

The Environmental Protection Agency is accepting comments through Oct. 7 concerning the use of atrazine, and organizations representing the nation's corn growers are urging farmers to submit comments.

The EPA approved the herbicide atrazine for 15 years in 2020 but then followed up with a biological evaluation that claimed the product would likely harm more than 1,000 protected species, more than half of the endangered plants and animals in the U.S.

Farm groups got involved and questioned the science behind EPA's claims. The risks were determined using a model instead of actual research on the product itself. EPA has agreed to convene a scientific advisory panel to provide peer review of the risk assessment that, if left in place, could lead to the ban of a vital weed control for corn, sorghum and sugarcane farmers. If adopted, EPA's proposal would impact 81 percent of corn acres in Kentucky, according to the Kentucky Corn Growers Association.

Atrazine is included in more than 90 herbicide products in the U.S. and has been used for 60 years. Syngenta, the manufacturer of the product, claims that more than 7,000 studies have been conducted on the product that support its effectiveness and safety.

KCGA and the National Corn Growers Association are both urging producers to

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Surveillance now underway Invasive tick brings deadly disease to cattle

In August, the Kentucky Department of Agriculture confirmed that two different cattle herds in the state had deaths due to a disease carried by an invasive tick species. It is the first time the disease has been detected here and, so far, KDA says it hasn't been found within any other herds.

The state is working to track the problem, getting word out to farmers about enacting a surveillance system in order to help identify the tick and disease.

As of now, Dr. Kerry Barling is feeling that old adage that "no news is good news." He just became the new deputy state veterinarian about three months ago and has been fielding calls about *Theileria orientalis* Ikedia (TOI).

TOI is a protozoon known to be carried by the Asian longhorned tick that causes a disease infecting red and white blood cells in cattle, resulting in severe anemia. *Theileria* can also lead to abortions, stillbirths, weakness, reluctance to walk and death.

On Aug. 14, KDA said cattle in Fleming and Hart counties had been affected by the disease. A beef breed bull got sick and died in both cases, with no relationship between the two herds.

"There's no status update, no new news. We haven't heard of any other reports of the disease and haven't identified the tick anywhere else," Barling said. "And of course, we don't want to press the panic button — it's two individual cases out of some-

where like 800,000 to 1 million cattle in the state."

But this is the first time *Theileria* has been diagnosed in Kentucky.

"So it bears knowledge and information on how it's transmitted, what it looks like and the means of prevention," Barling said Kentucky is "on the western fringe as it moves east to west, so we're on the border of the disease's movement geographically."

The Asian longhorned tick was first found in 2017 in New Jersey on a sheep, and it's still unknown exactly how it entered the country. Barling said the disease was first detected that same year in Virginia.

"So, here we are five years later, and

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Invasive tick brings deadly disease to cattle

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the tick is found in at least 17 different states, and the disease has been found in at least seven different states.”

As the disease and tick are still being studied, surveillance programs are available, which are voluntary to participate in.

KDA said Theileria is not a threat to human health, and humans cannot become sick from contact with affected cattle. Consuming meat from affected cattle is safe as long as it’s cooked to an appropriate temperature.

“The thing people need to realize is that it’s not dangerous to people or meat or milk,” Barling said, but people still need to cook their meat correctly and only drink pasteurized milk.

He said odds are, the tick is probably on the move.

“The tick bites and infects the ani-

mal, it falls off, bites and infects another animal, and it just passes along those lines.” The tick has been found to attach to livestock, wildlife, dogs, cats, birds and humans.

“The tick itself does move slowly, but some of the animals it travels on can move fast …” so the disease it causes has the potential to spread pretty quickly.

Although this is the first time the disease has been detected, the tick has been found previously in Boone, Metcalfe, Floyd, Martin, Madison, Breathitt and Perry counties. KDA said it’s possible that the Asian longhorned is present and undetected in other counties.

Keeping pastures mowed and cattle out of wooded areas can help, and herds should be regularly inspected for ticks. KDA also says the use of acari-

cides will help — like ear tags, pourons or back rubs, and that long-acting macrocyclic lactones (ivermectin, moxidectin or eprinomectin) have shown to be effective in tick control in field research trials.

KDA cautions that the use of clean needles for every injection reduces the spread of bloodborne pathogens, and a veterinarian should be notified if animals show signs of lethargy or weakness.

There is no approved effective treatment or vaccine for the disease, making prevention and biosecurity imperative.

“The best thing we can do in this situation is reinforce the idea that there’s no danger to human beings around cattle, and the meat and milk is safe,” he said. “And to continue offering education, outreach and surveillance. Let

farmers know what’s out there for them to help.”

The surveillance system is being handled by a partnership between UK, Murray State University’s Breathitt Veterinary Center and Virginia-Maryland College of Veterinary Medicine Diagnostic Laboratory.

The state veterinarian is conducting free blood testing for TOI and says that affected farms and owners “will be kept confidential.”

Farmers wanting to submit tick samples or cattle blood samples for testing can email Barling at Kerry.Barling@ky.gov, or call 502-782-5921 for more information.

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Feeder Cattle:

Steers: Medium and Large 1-2: 2 Head, 205-235#, 215.00-230.00; 1 Head, 270#, 204.00; 2 Head, 420#, 190.00; 1 Head, 480#, 176.00; 17 Head, 511-526#, 184.50-187.75; 3 Head, 586#, 179.00; 3 Head, 605-635#, 171.00-184.00; 1 Head, 675#, 165.00; 1 Head, 765#, 146.00. Medium and Large 2-3: 5 Head, 423-447#, 153.00-170.00; 12 Head, 513-545#, 163.00-170.00; 4 Head, 658#, 140.00.

Heifers: Medium and Large 1-2: 2 Head 215-230#, 186.00-187.00; 15 Head 301-342#, 167.00-170.00; 35 Head 371-378#, 164.00-171.00; 22 Head 436-436-437# 170.00-174.00; 9 Head 459#, 163.50; 43 Head, 518-540#, 161.00-168.00; 10 Head 560-575#, 155.00-165.00; 8 Head, 604-628#, 153.00-159.00; 4 Head, 652#, 155.00; 2 Head, 740#, 146.00; 4 Head, 827#, 139.00. Medium and Large 2-3: 3 Head, 548#, 139.00; 1 Head, 695#, 134.00; 6 Head, 744#, 130.00.

Bulls: Medium and Large 1-2: 9 Head, 314#, 195.00; 17 Head, 354-368#, 180.00-192.00; 4 Head, 440#, 163.00; 19 Head, 450#, 184.00; 17 Head, 523-540#, 173.00-178.00; 12 Head, 582#, 174.75; 6 Head, 655#, 154.00; 1 Head, 750#, 129.00; 5 Head, 802#, 122.00. Medium and Large 2-3: 1 Head, 490#, 151.00; 9 Head, 521#, 161.00; 8 Head, 555-589#, 152.00; 1 Head, 645#, 136.00; 2 Head, 657#, 135.00.

Slaughter Cattle:

Cows: Breaker 75-80%: 13 Head, 1400-1760#, 81.00-87.00, Average; 7 Head, 1460-1805#, 88.00-97.00, High. Boner 80-85%: 31 Head, 995-1375#, 75.50-85.50, Average; 31 Head, 955-1405#, 86.00-97.00, High; 1 Head, 1065#, 71.00, Low. Lean 85-90%: 6 Head, 795-1265#, 64.00-70.00, Average; 18 Head, 860-1135#, 74.50-84.50, High; 3 Head, 810-875#, 58.00-60.00, Low.

Bulls: 1-2: 13 Head, 1285-2340#, 107.00-115.00, Average; 6 Head, 1550-1985#, 116.50-123.00, High; 3 Head, 1240-1495#, 91.00-100.00, Low.

Stock Cows: Medium and Large 1-2: Age 2 and below: Stage 0, 1 Head, 1070#, 1000.00; Age 2-4: Stage 0, 1 Head, 1000#, 925.00.



The LaGrange Farmers' Market and Artisans was bustling with customers on a recent Saturday morning with 500-600 customer on a regular Saturday morning.

Local communities embrace farmers' markets

Today's farmers' markets have evolved from the days when marketing a product meant selling vegetables from the tailgate of a pickup truck to today's bustling community centers resembling European open-air markets.

Many communities have built unique venues with an inviting atmosphere that draws the community together to purchase locally grown and value-added artisan products carrying the Kentucky Proud label.

LaGrange Farmers' Market and Artisans and the Lake Cumberland Farmers' Market are two such markets.

Before opening a new venue in July, the LaGrange Farmers' Market and Artisans was a series of tents surrounding the courthouse. An attractive pavilion now draws visitors to a market with more than 30 vendors offering various agricultural products.

During peak vegetable season, the market was brimming with traditional vegetables, especially corn and tomatoes, but many specialty products were also available. Consumers are becoming more adventurous in food preparation, and as a result, vendors

are offering locally grown fresh ginger, garlic, mushrooms and spice rubs.

Meats and cheese are also an integral part of the LaGrange market. Traditional steaks and an up-and-coming cut known as tri-tip were in a meat case, and another regular vendor offers freshwater shrimp. Locally produced Sassy Pimento Cheese and blue cheese were prominent on a table with over 15 other types of cheese.

Need some bread with that cheese? Two booths offered loaves of bread and morning pastries, which sold out quickly. Don't forget the wine to go with the cheese and bread - that's also available.

According to Rush Morris, the market manager, the 96x40 structure was built with funds from a Kentucky Agriculture Development grant and can provide space for 34 vendors inside and space for 15 on the exterior.

Morris estimates that 500-600 people visit the Saturday market. The market is also open on Tuesdays. Morris said the downtown merchants love when the market is open because they see an

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In our
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A blog post published by the U.S. Chamber of Commerce on July 12 claimed that Congress is “rushing” to consider “aggressive legislation to regulate beef markets.”

Boy, if only that were true. In February 2020, the U.S. Cattlemen’s Association hosted its annual Cattle Producer’s Forum at the Public Auction Yards in Billings, Mont. It was there that a group of producers discussed the idea of reigniting a concept previously advanced by Sen. Chuck Grassley of Iowa to improve the cash cattle market.

That concept was introduced by Iowa’s senior senator in 2002 as the Transparency for Independent Livestock Producers Act. It would require 25 percent of a packer’s daily kill to come as a result of purchases made on the daily, open market or spot market.

That was 20 years ago. Since that time, we’ve seen a 75 percent decrease in the number of cattle feedlots and we’ve also lost approximately 1,200 cow-calf producers and backgrounders each year.

“Rushing” into legislation? While we continue to hem and haw over whether or not bold congressional action is needed, independent producers will exit the business.

From an outsider’s view, it can certainly seem like all this talk of consolidation and anticompetitive practices in the U.S. beef and cattle industries suddenly sprung up. But USCA and other stakeholders have worked towards restoring leverage and true price discovery in the cattle marketplace for decades. Congressional passage of the Cattle Price Discovery and Transparency Act and the Meat and Poultry Special Investigator Act represents a significant step toward achieving that goal.

In testimony to the U.S. Senate Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry, Dr. Stephen Koontz of Colorado State University observed that, “There are no other industries outside of cattle and beef...that work in their entirety in this type of setting – whereby supply decisions, demand revelation, and changing the product form are in distinctly different industries. Coordinating the system is difficult.”

“Difficult” is certainly understated, but the point remains: The U.S. cattle and beef industries’ marketing process and dynamics are entirely unique. In our business, we need a referee to ensure a competitive playing field free from interference. We also need a healthy and viable cash market to keep our independent producers in business.

It’s time to finish what Sen. Grassley began 20 years ago: Set aside the interests of multinational meatpackers and secure the future of our sovereign food system.

Every day was labor day – including Labor Day

The lazy, hazy days of summer are almost gone. If the old wives’ tale that for every fog in August there will be a snow in winter holds true, we’ll have a lot of snow this winter. Snow is okay but ice storms are a dairyman’s worst nightmare.

One certain way to raise my agricultural bona fides among farming friends was to casually mention my upbringing on a 100-cow, southern Illinois dairy farm.

“Oh,” they would say reverently, “that’s real work.”

Yes, it was, but mostly for my father who began his farming career milking cows by hand in 1950 and ended it in 1989 in a double-six herringbone parlor complete with glass weigh jars, glass pipelines, and a spotless, stainless steel 1,000-gallon bulk tank.

Across those nearly 14,500 early mornings, long days, and late evenings, Dad saw thousands of cows, a couple dozen hired men, and five sons walk into his noisy milking parlor and, usually within a few short years, walk out for greener pastures.

The few constants across the decades—other than the barn’s concrete block walls and glass block windows—was a radio tuned to KMOX-St. Louis, a manure-spattered clock, and Dad quietly tending the far half of the parlor while trusted herdsman Howard tended the front half.

Work rarely fazed either. Milking cows isn’t hard work but everything else about dairying—baling hay, making silage, hauling manure, pulling calves, climbing silos, scraping barn lots in blizzards—is.

Harder still, maybe, was knowing that no matter how hard you leaned into it, the work pushed right back and you often started the next day further behind. Everyday, in truth, was a labor day.

Herdsman Howard, though, took it all in stride. Everything about him was measured. He walked slowly, talked slowly, and even milked cows slowly but he wasn’t slow. He simply was unrelentingly, unshakably steady. He was a man who had mastered mosey.

Since Sunday was my father’s day off, Howard and I spent most Sundays of my high school years together in the milking parlor. Often we’d talk about his upbringing in the Mississippi

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Ag board awards \$ 1 million toward ag youth endowment



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The 118th Kentucky State Fair wrapped up last month and once again hundreds of thousands came to witness the 11-day festival that is the Kentucky State Fair. I was excited to see this year's fair return to more normal numbers of previous years as attendance continued to increase over 2021 figures, along with an increase in the number of entries.

Livestock competitors filled the West Wing, Hall, and Pavilion with 7,935 entries. FFA and 4-H participants contributed 7,938 entries, which were displayed in the South Wing. It was tremendous to see what these young people, the future of agriculture, are doing to prepare themselves to take on the challenges ahead.

From raising and showing their award-winning animals, to showcasing their skills on the FFA and 4-H stages, the future looks like it's in good hands. It was an honor to see them work, speak with them, and for many, award their hard-work with a ribbon and check.

But, the state fair is much more than competition, it's also a time to showcase our state's agricultural roots and to reintroduce many to the way of life their ancestors once knew. In the South Wing, AgLand, with more than an acre of agriculture exhibits, welcomed people to get better educated about the basics – and the science – behind agriculture. At the Kentucky State Fair, you see why we're Kentucky Proud of our agriculture industry and why you should feel the same.

That pride for Kentucky agriculture was felt on the green shavings of Broadbent Arena as livestock competitors competed against the best of the best for the honor to be named top in their class. While the competitors came away with prize money and award banners, we all won a little on the night of the Championship Drive presented by Farm Credit Mid-America when I had the pleasure to announce that the Kentucky Agricultural Development Board had awarded the Kentucky Exposition Foundation a \$1 million endowment to invest in Kentucky's agricultural youth.

The Kentucky Exposition Foundation is the result of conversations we've had at the State Fair Board about ways to strategically invest in the future of 4-H, FFA and youth programs at the Kentucky Exposition Center. While the \$1 million endowment is a great seed investment, there's one string attached. Over the next 10 years, we are asking FFA, 4-H, and the public to match it, enabling us to increase premiums and support youth activities at the State Fair and other State Fair Board hosted events for our youth.

Just minutes after our announcement, Kentucky's "Mr. Agriculture," Warren Beeler pledged the first \$10,000 to the cause, sharing that he was pledging \$1,000 a year for the next 10 years on behalf of himself and his family. If we all pull together for Kentucky's agricultural youth, we can reach this milestone and far beyond over the next decade.

While this endeavor takes place, we were also pleased to have the General Assembly recognize the popularity and importance of the home for our State Fair and several youth

Harvest, then winter meeting season

Time to reset and gear up for harvest, winter meeting season. It

has been said that the days are long but the years are short, and that certainly seems to be the case for 2022. It doesn't seem that

long ago that farmers and staff were excited to be back together at the National Farm Machinery Show, and here we are with the Kentucky State Fair in our rearview mirror and harvest already underway in some parts of the state.

Your Kentucky soybean staff is busy making plans for a number of winter meetings, and we couldn't be more excited about the opportunities we'll be offering to our farmers this year. While we are still filling in details, there are several dates you'll want to mark on your calendar. As details become available and event registrations open, they'll be posted on our social media channels, so be sure to follow @KySoybean on Facebook and Twitter.

First up in January is our Intensive Soybean Management Workshop in Bowling Green on the 18th. This event will feature Dr. Brewer Blessitt, Chief Research, Development and Agronomy Officer at AgXplore International. The very next day, January 19, we'll be co-hosting the Kentucky Commodity Conference. That day kicks off with an Early Riser Session featuring John McGillicuddy, then continues with the trade show, a marketing panel, lunch keynote with global futurist Jack Uldrich, and the annual meetings of the Kentucky Soybean Association, Kentucky Corn Growers Association, and Kentucky Small Grain Growers Association.

If you are interested in joining the leadership of KSA, check out page 5 of the Fall Kentucky Soybean Sentinel (in your mailbox and online at kysoy.org) to see which areas have director seats available. KSA Director Elections take place during the annual meeting, which is held during the Commodity Conference.

Following the annual meetings, other time-sensitive and informational sessions will be held prior to the grower reception and awards banquet. Complete rules on the 2022 Kentucky Soybean Production Contest may be found at kysoy.org, so be sure to check them out before you harvest your best contender for the contests. Remember, we require a quality sample with each yield contest entry.

Murray State University Soybean Promotion Day is set for Tuesday, Jan. 24, and then we're back with another session of Intensive Soybean Management Workshops in Princeton on Feb. 1 and Elizabethtown on Feb. 2. These dates will feature Dr. Connor Sible, a postdoc researcher focusing on plant growth regulators, biologicals and biostimulants at the University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign.

Annnnnndddd.... Farm Show kicks off Feb. 15 and runs through the 18th. It will be here before we know it.

Those of us who are fortunate enough to be in agriculture understand that everything is cyclical, and the Kentucky soybean events calendar proves that to be true. We look forward to seeing you at these winter events and hope that you have a safe and bountiful harvest season.



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GUEBERT: Every day was labor day

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River bottoms of the 1930s. It was quite a tale. (You may remember Howard; every Christmas he returns to this space to remind us about heartfelt giving.)

Born the eldest of five children, Howard attended a one-room school that stood only 200 yards from where, 30 years later, he would spend the last half of his life milking cows with my father.

Growing up during the Depression was tough but he had a part-time job that allowed him to save an occasional dollar—just not in any bank. “We lost our savings when the bank went under in 1933,” Howard told me during one Sunday session, “so I hid my money in the wall of the bedroom I shared with my brothers.”

One day, probably in the late 1930s, he reckoned, his father wanted the money he knew Howard had hidden in the house. “He didn’t say why; he just wanted it. I said no.” A fight ensued and—as was possible in southern Illinois back then—his father had Howard arrested and put into what everyone pejoratively called “Anna,” a state mental facility.

And there Howard remained for years until he turned up in the mid-1960s to live in the provided frame house with the farm’s main hired man, Jackie, his younger, wiry bachelor brother. In short order, Dad hired the bigger, stronger Howard for the haying

crew.

From the start, though, it was evident that Howard had the gentle, caring demeanor to be a great herdsman so Dad soon shifted him from the alfalfa field to the milking parlor.

That demeanor was the result of his long institutional stay. “I milked 13 cows by hand every morning and every night for more years than I can remember,” he told me one Sunday. “You learn to be quiet after a time.”

The time away also meant no marriage, no children, and no family—except brothers Jackie and Orlee, another bachelor who lived with them a half mile from the milking barn, and two other siblings who lived nearby.

Was he bitter about what had happened? I once asked him. “Sure,” he said, “but not anymore. Besides, without that I wouldn’t be here and I like being here.”

And so did I.

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programs when state lawmakers approved a \$180 million appropriation for renovations for the Kentucky Exposition Center this past session. While the plans are still being developed, we look forward to newer and better facilities in the coming years.

We look forward to all the exciting changes in the future of our agricultural shows.

If you want to be a part of these exciting changes, you can pledge your sponsorship, too. Contributions or donations to the Kentucky Exposition Foundation can be sent to the Kentucky Exposition Foundation, Inc., 401 West Main Street, Suite 400, Louisville,

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Matthew 13:31-32

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“Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God.”

Philippians 4:6 NIV

The good advice to “not sweat the small stuff” is often followed up with the reminder that in the grand scheme of things it’s all “small stuff.” And yet still, we are often rankled by petty concerns or by things that are just not a big deal. We should keep the phrase “no big deal” close at hand for all the times when things don’t work out the way we want them to. A broken coffee cup or a flat tire is never met with gladness, and yet neither is no big deal. Likewise, most problems we face in our daily lives are more like a broken glass or a flat tire than a terminal illness. As a good friend of mine likes to say, “no more trouble than a cloudy day.”

Keep the phrase “no big deal” handy but realize that when we use it to describe other people’s problems they may beg to differ. When faced with someone else’s problems it is better to show them that it’s easily remedied. The flat tire on someone else’s car may be a big deal for them because they don’t have a spare tire or a jack in their car, and the broken coffee cup they are fretting over may hold some special meaning because it was given to them by their mother. Short of helping them to get their tire fixed or convincing them that they shouldn’t be so attached to material things that are liable to break, we should probably hold our tongues. And still, it’s no big deal.

—Christopher Simon



Berry and Basil Pizza Crisp with Honey Balsamic

Balsamic Honey Glaze:	Flatbread:	
½ cup balsamic vinegar	6 flatbreads	1 ½ cups strawberries, chopped
3 tablespoons honey	12 pieces of cheese, such as Havarti (2 per flatbread)	15 basil leaves, chopped and divided
	1 cup blackberries, halved	

Preheat oven to 400°F. **Place** flatbreads on a baking sheet and **add** two slices Havarti cheese, blackberries, and strawberries. **Bake** for 5-7 minutes, or until cheese is melted. After flatbreads are removed from oven, **add** chopped basil and honey balsamic glaze. **Serve** warm.

To make the glaze:
Add balsamic vinegar and honey

to a small sauce pan and **simmer** until reduced by half (10-15 minutes). **Remove** from heat and **set aside**.

Serves: 6 Flatbreads

Nutritional Analysis:
340 calories, 16 g fat, 9 g saturated fat, 40 mg cholesterol, 520 mg sodium, 34 g carbohydrate, 11 g fiber, 16 g sugar, 20 g protein



Pumpkin Apple Muffins

1 ¼ cups all-purpose flour	½ teaspoon ground ginger	1 ½ cups fresh pureed pumpkin
1 ¼ cups whole-wheat flour	½ teaspoon ground nutmeg	½ cup canola oil
1 ¼ teaspoons baking soda	1 ¼ cups honey	2 cups Granny Smith apples, finely chopped
½ teaspoon salt	2 large eggs	
1 ½ teaspoons ground cinnamon		

Preheat oven to 325 degrees F. In a large bowl, **combine** flours, baking soda, salt and spices. In a small bowl, **combine** honey, eggs, pumpkin and oil; **stir** into dry ingredients just until moistened. **Fold** in apples. **Fill** greased or paper lined muffin cups, two-thirds full. **Bake** for 25 to 30 minutes or until muffins test done. **Cool** for 10 minutes before removing from pan.

Note: Can substitute two cups granulated sugar for honey, decrease baking soda by ¼ teaspoon and increase oven temperature to 350 degrees F.

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Local communities embrace farmers' markets

FROM PAGE 3

uptick in sales on market days. Morris said the market will be open until mid-December, with vendors moving to land and value-added products.

The LaGrange market has an informative website, complete with a list of vendors and their location inside the pavilion, a page noting when certain Kentucky Proud products are in season, and a page of recipes.

The Lake Cumberland Farmers' Market in Somerset now has an attractive year-round pavilion to call home. The Citizens National Bank Pavilion built explicitly for the farmers' market is a community gathering spot connecting local farmers and artisans with area consumers.

The pavilion was the brainchild of Somerset market manager and event planner Joy Carroll. Carroll was frustrated when the farmers' market was relegated to the local mall, which consisted of a row of trucks displaying produce.

"I wanted the farmers' market back

downtown as I remember as a child when my granny would take me, and we would buy green beans," she reminisced.

She wanted the building to be new and modern with a look different from the rest of downtown. The facility received a 50 percent matching grant from the Kentucky Department of Agriculture. She specifically likes the overhead doors, which allow vendors to pull right up to be able to unload and set up booths quickly.

The 5000 sq. ft. market opened in 2020 and has an open-air feel with the overhead doors, which are open or closed as the weather permits. Carroll said 25 vendors could set up inside and at least 20 more outside.

Again much like LaGrange, Somerset has traditional vegetable vendors but a growing number of specialty products, including mushrooms, cream, honey, maple syrup and wine.

The Lake Cumberland market is open from April until October on Saturdays, and is open on Tuesdays through August. There is a winter

event planned that will allow local value-added producers another marketing opportunity.

According to the Kentucky Department of Agriculture, 112 counties offer 170 farmers' markets with 3000 vendors. In a press release referencing a University of California, Davis study, KDA noted that for every dollar of sales, Kentucky's farm families who direct market are generating twice as much economic activity within the region, and farmers' markets reported \$14 million in sales last year.

With a growing economic base, more farmers' markets are finding themselves in communities that value the local farm and value-added products and the community atmosphere of a farmers' market. Customers know products are local and not transported across the country. With increasing customer traffic to local downtowns, farmers' markets are an asset to any community.

By Toni Riley
Field Reporter

Atrazine comment period

FROM PAGE 1

comment to the EPA and share how they use the product and the value it has in their farm operations. Losing the use of atrazine would cost corn growers millions of dollars a year, the organizations report. EPA estimates the cost to replace atrazine is \$42 per acre. Growers are also concerned about the potential reduction in no-till and conservation tillage practices, said Laura Knoth, KCGA executive director.

"Farmers rely on atrazine for long-lasting weed control and it's vital for many who use carbon-smart practices like no-till," said Knoth. "EPA is trying to rewrite its 2020 decision on atrazine, proposing an ultra-low level of concern with an extreme model that would place harsh requirements on most corn farmers. EPA's model predicts over 80 percent of Kentucky corn acres and over 70 percent of U.S. corn acres would be in violation. This is a classic example of agency overreach."

Producers may sign a petition and submit comments through the Kentucky Corn Growers Association website at kycorn.org.

By Sharon Burton
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Hay testing – Just Do It

Testing hay is not the norm. Past surveys have borne this out, as have unofficial 'show of hands' surveys in meetings. Yet testing hay is a vital part of an efficient livestock forage operation.

If you have not done so, there is plenty of time to get hay tested and reap

the benefits during the coming hay-feeding season.

I do understand reluctance to test hay, especially hay that you may think is bad. I can almost hear farmers saying 'I know my hay is bad. Why should I pay to learn something I already

know?' That's a good question. Here are my top ten reasons.

– It saves feed costs.

Overwintering costs are the single biggest cost in a cow-calf operation. UK budgets place the hay cost of overwintering a cow at \$150 (2.5 tons at \$60 per ton). Since much

of the profit in a cow-calf operation comes from saving money, it makes good sense to know what is in your hay and to not purchase nutrients you don't need.

– It keeps livestock healthy.

By preventing under-feeding, you keep cows in better condition and they can better handle the disease stresses of winter.

– It tells you about your legume content.

The calcium to phosphorous ratio will indicate how much legume is in the hay. If calcium and phosphorous are present in similar amounts (in other words the ratio is 1 to 1), your hay is mostly grass. If it is 2 to 1 or greater, you have a significant amount of legume.

– You get more calves.

In other words, skinny cows don't rebreed. Testing hay and feeding accordingly lowers the risk of cows losing significant body condition over winter. Even when supplementing according to the hay test, keep observing cows for individual condition scores in case they are not consuming as much hay as the ration program estimated.

– It is a scorecard for your hay program.

Hay quality is something you can do some-

The Forage Doctor



By Jimmy Henning

thing about but only if you get it tested. Comparing current values to historic values for your hay quality will red flag production issues before you find out about them in the form of fewer calves or thin cows.

– It can make you money.

A hay test can help leverage higher prices for cash sales. Having a hay test says to potential customers that you are a serious forage producer.

– It can tell you if your hay got hot.

A hay test can tell you if your hay got hot in storage, if you specify the correct assay when you submit the sample. Commonly used terms for heat damaged protein are acid detergent insoluble protein (ADICP), acid detergent fiber crude protein (ADF-CP), acid detergent insoluble nitrogen (ADIN), heat-damaged protein (HDP) and insoluble crude protein (ICP). All of these represent the same thing – the amount of insoluble nitrogen associated with the acid

detergent fiber in forage. All forage will have some insoluble nitrogen in the acid detergent fiber, but if it is more than 10 percent of the total, then you have experienced some heat damage to the protein and you may need to compensate for with supplements.

– It helps you use your hay efficiently.

You will be able to feed the best hay to the livestock that need the most nutrition.

– It helps diagnose storage problems.

Getting around to all your hay barns and storage locations will give you a chance to make note of any barn leaks, water encroachment from poor drainage, and other problems.

– It will impress (and maybe shock) your county agent, your ag dealer and even your neighbors.

Testing hay is not the norm. So don't be normal – get your hay tested! Your county agent or ag supply store can tell you how.

Happy foraging.



Figure 1. The ultimate measure of hay quality is animal performance, but hay testing can predict performance. Testing hay is a vital part of an efficient livestock forage program, preventing buying the same nutrients twice as well as the under-feeding of cows and calves.

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Homesteading Conference opens Friday at Homeplace

Homeplace on Green River is a working farm with historical structures and a joint project of Taylor, Adair and Green counties.



There will be lot of activity this weekend at the Homeplace on Green River when the Campbellsville site plays host to the Heartland Homesteading Conference, Friday through Sunday, Sept. 16-18.

The purpose of the event is to create programming and content which promotes responsible land management and stewardship, best environmentally conscience practices, self-reliance, and fostering fellowship and a sharing of knowledge among people interested in homesteading. The event is co-sponsored by the Homestead Preparedness Network.

Several speakers and their classes will highlight the conference and the list will include Suzanne Shires, a North Carolina native herbalist, author, educator, and homesteader; Mike and Christine Stokley of Big Creek Livestock of Paris; and Kara Black, extension agent for Horticulture Education in Taylor County.

They will hold classes on medicinal herbs, beef cows and horse handling on the homestead, and vegetable gardening and an introduction to fruit.

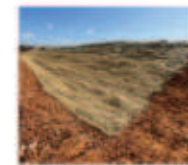
Some of the other guest speakers will

include Shiloh Seal (Equipping parents to translate school to homesteading), Tyler Moyer (Blacksmithing), Caleb and Chelsea Bland (Introduction to Alpacas), Denny and Jennifer Dillman (The Homesteading Pastor), Brian Neudorff (Meteorology), Heidi Huston (Wool processing), Chris Palmer (Beekeeping), Rick Wells Farrier (Hoof health), Jon Anderson (Wildlife health and habitat management), Lauren Celentano (Animal husbandry, soap making), Nancy Curry (Blooming abilities), Jacilyn Harness (Managing a prepared household), and Chris Mason (Habitat management).

Friday classes will be held from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. EST, with a break for lunch. Sessions will typically be 90 minutes long. Saturday classes will run approximately 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., with a lunch break. Classes on Sunday will run from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. EST.

Homesteading families will also be given the opportunity to display their wares for sale during the weekend.

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The Northeastern Indiana Soil and Water Conservation District, along with Purdue Cooperative Extension Services, will present educational seminars daily.

Attendees can expect to enjoy the innovations and wares of over 1,000 booths. The Fort Wayne show will be held Jan. 17-19, 2023 in Fort Wayne, Ind. starting at 9 am. each day.

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Kentucky Agriculture by the Numbers

Cash Receipts in 2021 Hit Record High - \$6.86 Billion

By Jennifer Elwell

According to the latest United States Department of Agriculture Economic Research (USDA-ERS) report, cash receipts from the sale of Kentucky agricultural commodities hit an all-time high of \$6.86 billion due to higher commodity prices, according to David Knopf, Eastern Mountain Region Director of the National Agriculture Statistics Service.

He said the 32-percent increase resulted from higher grain and oilseed prices and the rebounding of the broiler and horse industries from the pandemic.

"In 2021, four commodities, corn, soybeans, broilers, and equine, exceed the \$1 billion mark, which the first time four commodities have exceeded \$1 billion," remarked Knopf in an interview with Alan Watts of WKDZ.

According to the USDA-ERS report, cattle and calf sales were close behind with sales of \$878.6 million.

The previous record of \$6.46 billion in cash receipts occurred in 2014, driven by higher livestock receipts.

In addition to higher prices, Knopf said that the increase speaks of the productivity of our Kentucky farmers.



"We had record high corn and soybean yields in 2021, and so that was a contributing factor along with the higher value that was received for the sale of those items."

Top Commodities by Sales Receipts in 2021:

- Corn - \$1.219 billion
- Soybeans - \$1.157 billion
- All other animals/products - \$1.107 billion (most of this category is equine)
- Broilers - \$1.028 billion
- Cattle and Calves - \$878.55 million
- Hay - \$339 million
- Tobacco - \$251 million
- Wheat - \$176 million
- Milk & Dairy Products - \$174 million
- Hogs - \$170 million
- Miscellaneous Crops - \$149 million

Kentucky Agriculture Cash Receipts in 2021:

Animals and products - \$3.53 billion

Crops - \$3.33 billion

Total Farm Income: \$6.86 billion

- Chicken Eggs - \$145.1 million
- Floriculture - \$40 million
- Turkeys - \$25 million
- Honey - \$1.2 million
- Rapeseed - \$645 thousand
- Farm chickens - \$531 thousand
- Wool - \$55 thousand
- Mohair - \$9 thousand

Classroom Questions

1. Why are corn growers concerned about atrazine?
2. What is a homesteader?
3. What was the 2021 total farm income?
4. What is the Transparency for Independent Livestock Producers Act?
6. What is a good thing that has happened for farmers' markets in recent years?
7. Name one event coming up that soybean producers may be interested in.
8. Write about a recent announcement concerning the Kentucky Exposition Foundation.
9. Should hay producers test their hay? Why or why not?
10. Who is the new deputy state veterinarian? Name at least one role of the state veterinarian's office.

Learn more about Kentucky's agricultural commodities by visiting www.kyfoodandfarm.info, a program of the Kentucky Agriculture and Environment in the Classroom, the Kentucky Agricultural Council, and the Kentucky Agricultural Development Board.

Rough year for Ky. cattle producers after drought, flood

LEXINGTON – Mother Nature dealt heavy blows to Kentucky cattle producers this year. Early summer drought caused hay shortages in the west and late July flooding turned eastern Kentucky pastures into rivers. The high waters wiped out fences and left pasture areas covered in mud and silt that still pose risks to livestock.

“The first question livestock owners had to ask was, ‘What has washed into my pasture?’ They had to carefully walk the area in case they encountered debris, especially hazardous material such as lead batteries, chemicals stored in containers that were damaged, or other foreign objects that cattle may ingest,” said Jeff Lehmkuhler, beef specialist. “I’ve seen an ATV wedged up high in a tree, parts of destroyed homes in low areas leaving insulation in fields, and large propane tanks washed up into fields. Landowners need to take caution to protect themselves when cleaning up fields. Debris with nails or sharp, exposed edges

surface water. Testing the water is difficult because the water’s rapid movement and volume will dynamically change its composition. Be aware of what businesses and ag enterprises are located upstream.”

Another post-flooding concern is blackleg, a disease caused by bacteria that results in rapid death in unvaccinated cattle. UK ruminant veterinarian Michelle Arnold said producers should avoid feeding any feed left in fields, such as hay, due to the high risk of clostridiales from mud.

“Vaccinate calves against blackleg as soon as possible,” she said. “Maternal antibodies from colostrum are only protective for two to three months at best, so vaccination is necessary to protect older calves. Most blackleg vaccines require two doses, a primary and a booster, for complete protection.”

Producers should survey pastures and dispose of potentially dangerous things, like fish and other animals that died and got

take photos before you attempt to fix issues. Walk the field with the adjuster, if possible, to make sure they see everything.”

Drought in western Kentucky, mostly during early summer, caused a pasture and hay shortage.

“When pastures get short during drought conditions, cattle may consume noxious weeds that they usually avoid, such as perilla mind,” said Kevin Laurent, agricultural extension specialist at the [UK Research and Education Center in Princeton](#).

Laurent said it’s tempting to let cattle graze short grass as it starts to grow, but that’s not the best long-term strategy.

“It’s human nature to let cows graze for anything they can find, but what usually happens is we hammer our forage base into the ground and that increases recovery time and opens a canopy for weeds down the road,” he said. “Keeping cattle in the worst paddock is a better strategy.”

Laurent said feeding stored hay to the cattle in the paddock allows the pasture to recover in the other areas, without the stress of grazing. He said that strategy also allows cattle to fertilize the poorer paddock.

By Aimee Nielson

UK Agricultural Communications Specialist



can cause trauma, especially to livestock hooves.”

Floodwaters created washed-out areas in many tilled river bottoms. Other debris left behind included a lot of plastic, which poses a choking hazard to cattle. Many producers are still repairing miles of damaged or missing fence. Farmers who still need help with fencing supplies should contact their county extension agent for resources.

Beyond pasture woes, eastern Kentucky producers need to make sure they have a clean water supply. Lehmkuhler warned that water could have anything in it, including harmful chemicals from pesticides, herbicides, fuel and oil from flooded stranded cars and other poisonous material.

“Big floods often break down catch basins for companies and industries and flow right into the creeks,” he said. “Floodwaters can break down and overwhelm wastewater plants leading to spills into the

stranded, which are a potential source of botulism.

Given all the potential issues, eastern Kentucky farmers may have a temptation to let cattle begin to graze new grass.

“Don’t start grazing too soon,” Lehmkuhler said. “Wait for rains to ‘clean’ any standing forage that may be in the fields. Many have excessive silt deposited on forage standing and may need some help to remove sand, gravel and to fix washouts. These fields will likely need to be replanted in September to get a good stand next spring. Fields with limited silting should be allowed to drain so livestock traffic doesn’t compact the soil and impact future production.”

Specialists recommend taking photos of all pasture damage.

“Be sure to ask your insurance company about your coverage,” Lehmkuhler said. “Ask what they need for your claim and

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Annual Kentucky Poultry Festival dates announced

By Jamie Guffey
Executive Director
Kentucky Poultry Federation

The Kentucky Poultry Federation is hosting the Kentucky Poultry Festival in Lexington, Kentucky.

We invite you to attend the 24th Annual Kentucky Poultry Festival at the Griffin Gate Marriott Resort and Spa, Lexington, KY on October 1. We hope that you will mark your calendars and register to join us for an exciting day of food, fun, and entertainment.

Please, join us for the Horse Farm, Hooch & Historical Tour, Spa Day, Golf at the Griffin Gate Marriott Resort Golf Club, and Sporting Clay event at the Elk Creek Sporting Clays. We have limited spots and appointments and they are filled on a first come first served basis.

An extension of the festival is the Kentucky Poultry Federation Scholarship Fundraiser. On Saturday evening, we will host a silent auction, all proceeds are designated for scholarships given to children and grandchildren of

Kentucky's poultry families, employees and allied members. If you would like to donate an item for the silent auction please email me at jguffey@kypoultry.org.

The day will conclude with the annual Hall of Fame Banquet where we will recognize our Hall of Fame Members, Family Farm Environmental Award Winners, Scholarship Winners, and our Ticket Sales Winners. After an evening of good food and recognizing the successes of friends the grand finale is another great event.

Please make plans to attend our 24th Annual Kentucky Poultry Festival in Lexington. If you are unable to attend the events but would like to support Kentucky's poultry industry, we have many ways that you can get involved without being present.

If you would like to purchase tickets, please visit our website at www.kypoultry.org or if you need more information, please contact the Kentucky Poultry Federation office at (270) 404-2277 or e-mail jguffey@kypoultry.org.

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4:30 p.m. Registration Opens

5:00 p.m. Silent Auction Begins

6:00 p.m. KPF Meeting, Dinner & Banquet

8:45 p.m. Howl at the Moon!

*All times are Eastern Time

Kentucky Poultry Competitions

It has been a busy past few months in 4-H hosting competitions centered on poultry. There were three poultry-related 4-H culinary contests sponsored by the Kentucky Poultry Federation that were held on July 30 at the Hardin County Extension Office in Elizabethtown.

Early that morning, there was the 4-H Egg Chef Challenge. In this contest, participants are required to demonstrate the preparation of an egg dish while discussing the virtues of eggs. It is much like a TV talk show. It is an excellent opportunity for youth to show off their cooking skills and personalities.

The top prize of \$100 went to Cecilia Rose Huggins of Simpson County. She made Kentucky Derby Pie, a family favorite. Taking second place, with a very close score, and receiving \$50 was Josh Cook from Allen County.



He scrambled up the fluffiest eggs that the judges have ever eaten.

In the afternoon, we had the chicken and turkey barbecue contests. We had a total of 19 participants in the two contests,



the most we have had in several years! In the chicken BBQ contest, participants cook four chicken thighs and hand in three for sensory evaluation. They are judging on their cooking skills, food handling skills, and the quality of the product. In the turkey BBQ contest, participants receive two pounds of ground turkey and are required to hand in two turkey patties. They can add what they want to flavor the patties, but the patties must be at least 1/4-pound pre-cooked weight and contain at

least 75 percent turkey meat.

State Fair Contest

In August, many 4-Hers from across the state made their way to the Kentucky State Fairgrounds in Louisville for the Poultry Judging Competition and the Avian Bowl Competition. The Poultry Judging Competition has a junior and senior division. Participants judged laying hens for past egg production, evaluated market eggs and ready-to-cook poultry. Participants learned to make deci-

sions and to defend their decision with oral reasons.

The top five seniors in the poultry judging contest were all from Larue County and included:

1. Lily Norman
2. Madison Chaudoin
3. Kara Reed
4. Cyrus Bivens
5. Seth Redmon

The top senior team was from Larue County and included Jose Villanos, Lily Norman, and Cyrus Bivens.

Recognition is also given for individual performance in the avian bowl contest. The top five juniors were:

- Aneka Sharma from Pike County
- Dylan Klett from Warren County
- Liam Wentz from Simpson County
- Christopher Sweets from

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Kentucky Poultry Competitions

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Warren County

– Riley Combs from Pendleton County

The top five seniors were:

– Jonas Hosay from Warren County

– Jose Villanos from Larue County

– Jack Cushenberry from Warren County

– Cameron Huggins from Simpson County

– Lily Norman from Larue County

The top four senior individuals are given the opportunity to represent Kentucky at the national contest in November.



T-Shirt Contest

Lastly, the Kentucky Poultry Federation sponsors a t-shirt contest for those wearing team shirts. The winner this year was Warren County, followed by Pendleton County.

The purpose of the 4-H Poultry Competitions is to help students develop leadership abilities, build character, and assume citizenship responsibilities. These contests also help students develop creative skills in preparation, use, and serving of food products.

It is our goal to have the best competition possible. Below are some helpful tools that should come in handy as you prepare for the contest. For more information, contact Dr. Jacquie Jacob (jacquie.jacob@uky.edu).

– Kentucky rules: <https://afs.ca.uky.edu/event/egg-prepa->



ration-demonstration-contests

– UK factsheet on egg preparation demonstration

contests: <http://www2.ca.uky.edu/agcomm/pubs/4aj/4aj09po/4aj09po.PDF>

– A series of YouTube videos put together by the Alabama Cooperative Extension Service on Egg prep demos (which they call Egg Cookery) - https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLkNoAmOtt__9-H2GvE5q1zw46Z2acLKB4



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#MeetMeAtTheTailgate this football season

After Labor Day weekends' yard work, a movie, pool time, walks, and other activities with the family, we decided to have

our own little tailgate party to watch the long weekend of college football. Just like Murray State, Western Kentucky

and the University of Kentucky, the smoked BBQ chicken thighs were on point. With fall coming to Kentucky, it is like a

much-needed breath of fresh air. Get your grill cleaned off, fired up and get ready to shine at your next tailgate. Below

are some recipes to get you started. You should always give something a try and never be afraid to try something new.



Game Day Breakfast Sliders

A different twist on a breakfast egg and cheese biscuit! Great tailgate breakfast serving offered at a UVA tailgate by Krisanna Hudson. Gobbled up by the crowd!

Ingredients

Scrambled Eggs:

- 12 eggs
- salt and ground black pepper to taste
- 2 tablespoons butter
- 1 (12 count) package Hawaiian bread rolls (such as King's)
- 18 slices provolone cheese, or as needed
- 12 slices deli ham, or as needed
- ¼ cup butter
- 1½ tablespoons brown sugar
- 1 tablespoon prepared yellow mustard

1. Whisk eggs, salt, and pepper together in a bowl until frothy. Melt 2 tablespoons butter in a large skillet over medium-low heat. Pour eggs into skillet; cook and stir with spatula until set, 3 to 6 minutes. Remove from heat.

2. Cut rolls in half horizontally; lay bottoms in a single layer in a 9x13-inch baking dish. Add a layer of provolone cheese, then scrambled eggs, then a layer of ham, then provolone cheese, then ham, then provolone cheese again. Cover with roll tops. Cut through ham and provolone cheese layers to make individual sandwiches.

3. Melt ¼ cup butter, brown sugar, and mustard together in a small sauce-

pan over medium heat; cook and stir until sugar is dissolved. Spread mixture over roll tops. Cover baking dish with aluminum foil and let stand, about 30 minutes.

4. Preheat oven to 350 degrees F (175 degrees C). Remove aluminum foil from baking dish.

5. Bake in preheated oven until tops are golden brown and cheese has melted, 15 to 20 minutes.

Cook's Notes: Number of servings depend on the number of rolls in the package.

Tips: Sliders can be assembled ahead of time and baked just before serving, if desired.

From <https://www.allrecipes.com>



Hot Kentucky Brown Sliders

For the White Cheddar Gravy

- 1 TB butter
- 1 ½ TB all-purpose flour
- 1 cup milk
- A pinch of black pepper
- A pinch of nutmeg
- A pinch of paprika
- ¼ teaspoon salt
- 1-ounce white cheddar shredded

For the Sliders

- 12 slider buns
- 12 - 16 oz sliced turkey
- 2-3 tomatoes sliced
- 12 slices bacon cooked
- 4 TB butter plus additional for serving if desired
- ¼ teaspoon nutmeg
- ¼ teaspoon paprika
- ½ cup shredded white cheddar cheese
- White Cheddar Gravy

INSTRUCTIONS

– Heat oven to 350 degrees.

–In a medium sized sauce pan, melt 1 TB of butter over medium heat. Whisk in the flour and cook until smooth and bubbly. Stir constantly. Slowly add the milk, whisking until smooth. Stir in a pinch each of black pepper, nutmeg, and paprika. Heat to a low boil, stirring frequently until the sauce starts to thicken.

–Remove from heat and add the cheese. Stir until melted. Set the White Cheddar Gravy aside.

–Melt butter in a small bowl in the microwave. (Heat in 5 to 10 second increments until completely melted. Stir in ¼ teaspoon of nutmeg and ¼ teaspoon of paprika.

–Place the bottom half of slider buns

in a baking dish. Brush the buns with half of the butter mixture.

–Place a layer of turkey on the buns, then a slice of tomato. Top the tomato with about 2 tablespoons of cheese gravy. Break each bacon slice in half, and crisscross over the gravy. Sprinkle the ½ cup of white cheddar over the bacon, then top with the top half of the slider buns.

–Brush the remaining butter and spice mixture on top of the buns, then place in the oven uncovered for 15 - 20 minutes until the cheese is melted and the tops are golden brown.

–Top with additional butter (optional), and serve with the remaining White Cheddar Gravy.

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Tomato #2	20 lbs	7.00-35.00	21.45
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Yellow Squash	.5 bu	5.00-14.50	11.28
Zucchini	.5 bu	3.00-16.00	10.08

Prices and Quotes furnished by Wholesale and Retail Markets

New Holland Sheep and Goat Auction New Holland, Pa. August 29, 2022

Compared to last week, woolled and shorn slaughter lambs 50 to 90 lbs. sold strong; lambs 90 to 150 lbs sold weak. Hair breed lambs 60 to 100 lbs. sold strong; lambs 100 to 130 lbs. sold weak on a light comparison. Ewes and hair ewes sold strong. No comparison on bucks or hair bucks. Buyer demand was moderate on a moderate supply for the slaughter sheep sale. Slaughter kids sold strong. Nannies/does sold weak on a light comparison. Bucks/billies sold weak on a light comparison. Wethers sold unevenly steady on a light comparison. Buyer demand was moderate on a light to moderate supply for the slaughter goat sale.

SLAUGHTER LAMBS WOOLED & SHORN: Choice and Prime 1-3 40 lbs 440.00; 50 lbs 370.00; 60-65 lbs 320-335.00; 71 lbs 315.00; 87 lbs 275.00; 120 lbs 235.00. Choice 1-3 35 lbs 420.00; 49 lbs 250.00-275.00; 58 lbs 260.00; 60-67 lbs 255.00-290.00; 70-78 lbs 220.00-275.00; 80-89 lbs 195.00-245.00; 90-95 lbs 175.00-215.00; 100-149 lbs 130.00-215.00; 155 lbs 145.00. Good and Choice 1-2 58 lbs 220.00; 62 lbs 245.00; 76-78 lbs 200.00-205.00; 89 lbs 197.00; 90-98 lbs 125.00-195.00; 110-128 lbs 115.00-150.00. HAIR BREEDS: Choice and prime 1-3 55 lbs 315.00; 62 lbs 290.00. Choice 1-3 35 lbs 220.00; 43-49 lbs 210.00-250.00; 52-55 lbs 245.00-280.00; 60-68 lbs 222.00-275.00; 70-78 lbs 220.00-270.00; 80-85 lbs 195.00-245.00; 90-92 lbs 165.00-200.00; 100-130 lbs 115.00-147.00. Good and Choice 1-2 58 lbs 150.00; 70-76 lbs 165.00-200.00; 86-88 lbs 135.00-165.00. SLAUGHTER GOATS KIDS: Selection 1 40-49 lbs 75.00-155.00; 50-59 lbs 115.00-235.00; 60-69 lbs 210.00-265.00; 70-79 lbs 250.00-320.00; 80-89 lbs 225.00-240.00; 90-99 lbs 315.00-365.00. Selection 2 40-49 lbs 60.00-70.00; 50-59 lbs 145.00-170.00; 60-69 lbs 135.00-185.00; 70-79 lbs 140.00-180.00. Selection 3 50 lbs 120.00; 70-79 lbs 50.00-85.00.

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Producers Livestock Sheep and Goat Auction , San Angelo, Texas August 23, 2022

Compared to last week slaughter lambs 5.00-10.00 lower. Slaughter ewes 10.00-20.00 higher. Feeder lambs not well tested. Nannies 5.00- 10.00 higher; kids 5.00-15.00 higher.. Trading fairly active, demand good.

SLAUGHTER LAMBS WOOLED & SHORN: Choice and Prime 1-2 50-57 lbs 259.00-265.00; 90 lbs 190.00; 101 lbs 158.00. Choice and Prime 2-3 107-135 lbs 105.00-115.00. Choice 1-2 56 lbs 210.00; 62-69 lbs 168.00-208.00; 75-79 lbs 164.00-188.00; 83-89 lbs 145.00-153.00; 91-99 lbs 121.00-147.00; 101-107 lbs 126.00-131.00. Good 1 61-69 lbs 145.00-147.00; 73-77 lbs 136.00-157.00; 80-86 lbs 134.00-140.00. HAIR BREEDS: Choice and Prime 1-2 40-49 lbs 254.00-275.00; 50-58 lbs 248.00-284.00; 60-69 lbs 235.00-267.00; 70-78 lbs 207.00-254.00; 80-89 lbs 180.00-231.00; 90-99 lbs 160.00-188.00; 105-107 lbs 155.00-160.00. Choice 1-2 43-48 lbs 210.00-249.00; 52-59 lbs 200.00-243.00; 60-69 lbs 160.00-240.00; 73-78 lbs 168.00-195.00; 80-89 lbs 160.00-170.00; 93-97 lbs 141.00-152.00; 103-104 lbs 140.00. SLAUGHTER GOATS KIDS: Selection 1 40-49 lbs 275.00-335.00; 50-59 lbs 284.00-385.00; 60-69 lbs 251.00-303.00; 72-76 lbs 260.00-269.00; 80-83 lbs 241.00-300.00; 93 lbs 280.00. Selection 1-2 40-49 lbs 235.00-265.00; 50-58 lbs 230.00-270.00; 60-69 lbs 242.00-265.00; 70-77 lbs 230.00-250.00; 88 lbs 236.00; 96 lbs 220.00. Selection 2 42-48 lbs 220.00-230.00; 53-59 lbs 195.00-230.00; 60 lbs 220.00-230.00; 70-73 lbs 225.00-230.00.

United Producers Inc. Graded Sheep/Goat Sale - Bowling Green, Ky. August 25, 2022

Total Receipts 569 Graded 530 Light lambs sold up 10.00, Mid weight lambs sold up 2.00-5.00, Heavy lambs sold steady. Kids sold steady with fancy kids selling up 10.00.

SLAUGHTER LAMBS WOOLED: Choice and Prime 1-2 64 lbs 250.00; 96 lbs 170.00. Good and Choice 2 50 lbs 255.00.

HAIR BREEDS: Choice and Prime 1-2 54-58 lbs 265.00-270.00; 73 lbs 230.00-237.50; 85 lbs 200.00; 108 lbs 180.00. Choice 2 48 lbs 255.00; 53-55 lbs 260.00-265.00; 60-68 lbs 225.00-235.00.

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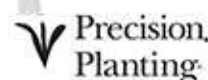
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Blue Grass of Albany Albany, KY August 24, 2022 Feeder Steers: Medium & Large 1-2 63 hd. 916# 172.50 blk-charx-red 62 hd. 835# 182.30 blk 67 hd. 824# 183.50 blk 23 hd. 699# 170.00 blk 62 hd. 687# 180.30 blk-charx-red 43 hd. 614# 207.00 blk-bwf Feeder Heifers: Medium & Large 1-2 77 hd. 743# 168.00 blk-charx-red 70 hd. 726# 161.50 mixed 42 hd. 574# 161.00 blk-charx-red 25 hd. 564# 179.00 blk-bwf	Washington Co. Livestock Springfield, KY August 22, 2022 Feeder Steers: Medium & Large 1-2 20 hd. 681# 185.00 charx 32 hd. 699# 187.25 blk 59 hd. 874# 173.20 blk 111 hd. 885# 176.00 blk Holstein Steers: Large 3 20 hd. 823# 130.00 Feeder Heifers: Medium & Large 1-2 48 hd. 672# 173.10 blk	Mid-KY Livestock Market Upton, KY August 23, 2022 Feeder Steers: Medium & Large 1-2 26 hd. 801# 166.00 mixed Feeder Heifers: Medium & Large 1-2 33 hd. 745# 160.00 mixed	Blue Grass of Richmond Richmond, KY August 26, 2022 Feeder Steers: Medium & Large 1-2 32 hd. 729# 187.25 blk 71 hd. 756# 192.50 blk 60 hd. 856# 169.25 mixed 54 hd. 913# 167.00 blk-charx 53 hd. 1003# 174.00 blk 55 hd. 1005# 175.00 blk 60 hd. 1017# 170.10 blk 55 hd. 1019# 166.10 mixed 50 hd. 1029# 166.50 mixed 60 hd. 1051# 169.70 blk 23 hd. 1054# 150.50 mixed Feeder Heifers: Medium & Large 1-2 74 hd. 661# 177.50 blk
	Blue Grass Maysville Maysville, KY August 23, 2022 Feeder Steers: Medium & Large 1-2 22 hd. 560# 190.25 blk 21 hd. 618# 196.50 blk 64 hd. 686# 191.50 blk Feeder Heifers: Medium & Large 1-2 220 hd. 726# 180.00 blk-charx 66 hd. 764# 160.75 mixed	Blue Grass of Campbellsville Campbellsville, KY August 24 & 27, 2022 Holstein Steers: Large 3 22 hd. 626# 142.50 Feeder Heifers: Medium & Large 1-2 76 hd. 710# 176.50 blk	Lake Cumberland Livestock Somerset, KY. August 27, 2022 Feeder Steers: Medium & Large 1-2 31 hd. 562# 204.50 blk 44 hd. 860# 168.00 blk Feeder Heifers: Medium & Large 1-2 79 hd. 522# 184.00 mixed 28 hd. 738# 150.00 blk 37 hd. 761# 156.00 blk-charx



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

Corn Growers Focus on Policy Priorities this Fall and Beyond



By Brooke S. Appleton,
NCGA VP of Policy

If there is anything unforgettable about Washington, it's that the nation's capital gets hot and humid during the summer months. Yet, leaders in Washington continued to crank out results, some of which will impact corn growers. My team and I hope to build on some of this activity as we move into fall and the next Congress.

The summer was bookended by the president's decision in April to direct the Environmental Protection Agency to use its authority to allow for continued, year-round market access for higher blends of ethanol and with the enactment in August of the Inflation Reduction Act of 2022. While the president's decision on ethanol enjoyed bipartisan praise, passage of his signature piece of legislation was completed along party lines.

We always like to see Congress act in a bipartisan manner, and we were heartened to see our congressional allies on the Senate and House Agriculture Committees advocating for farmers by including millions of dollars for biofuels infrastructure and providing significant investments for agriculture in recognition of the solutions both farmers and biofuels offer for cutting emissions and addressing climate change.

There was also progress for farmers on the tariff front as the U.S. International Trade Commission voted in July against imposing tariffs on nitrogen fertilizers imported from Russia and Trinidad and Tobago. As of this writing, we are awaiting a decision by the U.S. Court of International Trade on whether an ITC decision on phosphorous fertilizers should be remanded to the commission for reconsideration or upheld. Our advocacy on this issue continues.

These developments provide a positive backdrop as we enter an uncertain fall. The lopsided economy – with high inflation and gas prices juxtaposed with strong workforce numbers – makes the outcome of the upcoming midterm election uncertain. The House appears likely to flip to Republican control, but polls are painting a different picture for the Senate.

One of our top legislative priorities this fall is securing additional sup-

port for the Next Generation Fuels Act, which would diversify our fuel supply and take greater advantage of low-cost, low-emission, and high-efficiency ethanol to give drivers affordable choices as we decarbonize and clean up our transportation sector. This bill also has implications for our energy security, as Russia's invasion of Ukraine shows few signs of resolution and continues to impact energy and agriculture.

NCGA is also laying the groundwork to promote our policy priorities for the 2023 Farm Bill. Passed every five years, the Farm Bill affects everything that is governed by the U.S. Department of Agriculture. (If you haven't already, be sure to listen to my interview with Washington veterans on lessons learned from previous Farm Bills.)

We continue to work to ensure that farmers have the tools they need to be effective. That's why we will continue to call on the Biden administration to adopt a level of concern for atrazine that would not impair the effective use of this tool. We are undergoing a robust advocacy campaign on atrazine and are sounding the alarms about how burdensome regulations on inputs are in general. We urge all members to join us and contact EPA.

Here's to an uncertain political season. Here's to progress for growers. Here's to fall!



Farmer Comments are Still Needed by Oct. 7

Due to our collective efforts to push for sound science on atrazine, EPA has formally stated its intent to convene a FIFRA Scientific Advisory Panel (SAP).

According to the agency's latest status report provided to the Ninth Circuit Court, "EPA has determined that aspects of the agency's aquatic plant risk assessment supporting the revisions to the Interim Decision should undergo an additional round of peer review by the FIFRA Scientific Advisory Panel (the "Panel")...EPA is currently working to secure a date for the Panel meeting by compiling the necessary materials and submitting the request to the Panel's Peer Review and Ethics Branch Chief. EPA must submit the documentation at least six months before a meeting with the Panel."

Thank you to everyone who pushed for this critical clarification at every opportunity.

While progress has been made, we still need your help in submitting comments by the October 7 deadline. Can you afford to spend more on inputs? Points to highlight in your comments include the flawed science, the lack of transparency, the problematic, over-conservative prediction map, and the challenges of meeting the questionable pick list.

Submit comments today by visiting www.kycorn.org.

Corn Earns Top Spot Among Kentucky Commodities

Cash receipts of Kentucky corn topped \$1.2 billion last year according to the Sept. 1 USDA-ERS report, leading the commodities to earn a record \$6.86 billion total. Soybeans, broilers, horse sales and service, and cattle rounded out the top five.



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