

## WHAT THE BUZZ IS ABOUT

### Beekeeping experts head west to share skills, knowledge

Beekeeping is not as easy as setting out a hive with a nucleus of bees in the spring and coming back in the fall and collecting the golden nectar.

Bees are an agricultural commodity, they are considered livestock and require the same types of care, observation for disease and parasites, nutrition and water that is required for animals produced for meat or milk.

Being a beekeeper is not for the faint-hearted, and Laura Shipp, Croton has taken advantage of every opportunity to educate herself about how to become a successful beekeeper and honey producer.

Shipp, 43, began beekeeping after an off-handed remark from husband Josh, who said, "Why don't you try beekeeping?" Shipp said she doesn't go into anything without much study and research.

She spent much of 2019 and 2020 researching bees and beekeeping and by 2021, put out her first "nuc" in a Langston hive built by Josh. She said she studied for hundreds of hours, watched countless Youtube videos, talked with beekeepers, and even has a mentor.

But she acknowledged an old saying, "If you talk with two beekeepers, you will get three different answers."

She knew she was still a "newbie" regarding her beekeeping and honey production skills. She also knew she needed to verify her knowledge from several different sources and attended the Green Valley Beekeeping Conference held on Sept. 10 in Owensboro.

"I felt that with two state Apiarists and two master beekeepers on the program, this was the place to see if what I had learned and what I was doing was



**Laura Shipp is a relative newcomer to beekeeping and recently attended The Green Valley Bee Conference. She checks her hives about every two weeks.**

best bee practices and of course, learn more," she said.

Steve Hahus, president of the Green Valley Beekeepers Association, fulfilled a three-year effort to hold the one-day event at the Owensboro Conference Center. The conference was initially planned for 2020 and then again in 2021.

Haus said the event was purposely held in late summer to help beekeepers prepare their hives for winter when there is more chance of colony loss. Haus said he wanted to hold an event in western Kentucky because nearly all the schools and beekeeping events are

east of Louisville.

Shipp said she attended all five sessions, which began at 9 a.m. and concluded at 3:30 p.m. She recounted the "takeaways" she felt most beneficial to her as an inexperienced beekeeper.

She said the "Preventing Winter Colony Loss" session taught by Steve Hahus was very beneficial. The session centered on controlling varroa mites, the most significant disease threat to bee colonies. The mites are an external parasite and a vector for deadly fungal diseases.

Shipp said she learned that it is essential to treat the invaders before the

queen starts laying her winter eggs.

If the mites are already in the hive, the newly hatched brood will become parasitized and weaken the hive. She said Hahus explained the winter hatch lives in the hive for five months until the queen lays the spring eggs.

John Benham, a master beekeeper, explained during "Managing Colonies for Honey Production" that hives' optimum placement and orientation will improve honey production. He arranges frames, adds and rotates supers, and builds the hive to as many as 10 supers from March until May.

Benham also told the group the bees would let the beekeeper know how things were in the hive. Beekeepers can tell how the colony's society works by the sound the bees make going in and out of the hive. Bees have a very sophisticated social order, with worker bees fulfilling many different roles before they are collectors.

Shipp said Benham told the group a classic mistake is spending too much time with a weak hive. Beekeepers will spend 80 percent of their time trying to bring back a weak hive while they should be spending that time working with their strong hives, which will produce more honey.

Another master beekeeper on the schedule was Leonard Davis. He discussed diseases, parasites, and pests. Shipp said this session was so full of questions that Davis could not complete his presentation. Again the dreaded varroa mite was on the forefront and serves as a vector for three different viruses.

Shipp said the session by state api-

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# Beekeeping experts share skills, knowledge

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apist Tammy Horn Potter on queens and queen failure was fascinating. Potter explained that the hive of bees is a "superorganism" with the queen as the reproductive unit. The queen's pheromone suppresses the reproductive instincts of the other workers, which are her daughters—the hive functions through a collection of chemicals and none more important than the queen's. Potter discussed the anatomy, chemicals, and problems that can derive from issues with the queen. Shipp said the word of the day for her was "ovipositor," the anatomical name for the part of the queen's anatomy that deposits her eggs.

Phil Craft kicked off the

conference with "Getting Off to a Productive Beginning as a New Beekeeper." Craft served as the Kentucky Department of Agriculture's state apiarist from 1999 through 2011. He is also the "Ask Phil" columnist for Bee Culture magazine. Shipp said this session reinforced what she had learned and how she had set up her bee yard.

Haus said there were about 60 hobby beekeepers at the session. He said a hobby beekeeper wants a few hives and collects some honey. He has 13 hives himself and until a beekeeper has 50 hives, they are no longer a hobbyist but a sideline. Beekeepers with 500 hives are considered commercial and make their living from beekeeping.

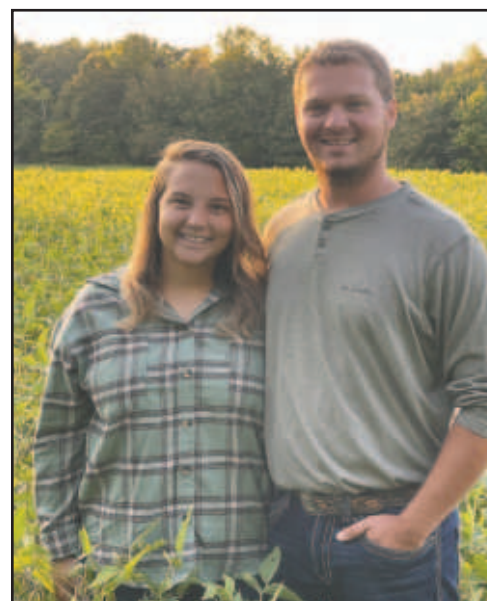
Shipp is so ingrained in bee-

keeping she plans to become a master beekeeper. She says that she will take a course that will take at least two years and serve as a mentor to beekeepers before she has the title. She said attending conferences and interacting with other beekeepers is critical to beekeeping.

Shipp said the conference was a definite asset to her bee education.

"You have to learn what works, different locations, and different weather conditions affect bees, and I realized I understand a lot from my bees and have to use what they tell me in combination with what I learned from others," she said.

By Toni Riley  
Field Reporter



## Catlin Young selected for leadership program

Catlin Young  
and Aaron Vinson

Catlin Young of Caldwell County has been selected as Kentucky's American Soybean Association Corteva Agriscience Young Leader. This national program allows young soybean farmers from around the country to gather for a challenging leadership experience. Catlin raised soybeans on her own farm this year, in addition to helping out on her grandfather's Lively H Farms. Her partner, Aaron Vinson, works at Lively H full time, while Catlin works at the University of Kentucky Research and Education Center in Princeton. She is a graduate of Murray State University's Hutson School of Agriculture with a degree in Agri-Science/Agribusiness.



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**FEEDER CATTLE:** Steers: Medium and Large 3: 6 Head, 325#; 125.00; 8 Head, 350-385#, 90.00-110.00; 6 Head, 400-440#, 90.00-125.00; 2 Head, 575-590#, 100.00-121.00; 4 Head, 700#, 100.00-102.00; 1 Head, 750#, 99.00; 5 Head, 900#, 113.00.

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**BRED COWS:** Supreme, T3, 2 Head, 1385-1400, 1775.00-1850.00; Approved, T2, 2 Head, 1425-1435, 1025.00-1225.00; Approved, T3, 1100-1200#, 1250.00-1350.00; Medium, T2, 4 Head, 950-1425#, 685.00-1100.00.

**BRED HEIFERS:** Medium, T2, 5 Head, 985-1000#, 485.99-750.00

**OPEN HEIFERS:** Approved, Stage O, 6 Head, 425#, 425.00; Approved, Stage O, 600#, 485.00; Approved, Stage O, 3 Head, 800#, 900.00; Approved, Stage O, 1 Head, 900#, 850.00; Medium, Stage O, 1 Head, 200#, 150.00; Medium, Stage O, 1 Head, 325#, 140.00; Medium, Stage O, 1 Head, 480#, 375.00; Medium, Stage O, 7 Head, 600-680#, 385.00-425.00; Medium, Stage O, 6 Head, 700#, 325.00-710.00; Medium, Stage O, 2 Head, 800#, 550.00; Common, Stage O, 3 Head, 675#, 360.00.

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# Committee finds majority of Kentuckians support legalizing medical cannabis

FRANKFORT (KT) – Gov. Andy Beshear released a summary Friday of the feedback obtained by his Medical Cannabis Advisory Committee, saying Kentuckians agree it is past time to act on legalizing medical cannabis.

In June, Beshear announced the members of the Team Kentucky Medical Cannabis Advisory Committee to advise him on providing access to medical cannabis, which is legal in more than three dozen states, for Kentuckians suffering from chronic pain and other medical conditions.

Legislation to legalize medical marijuana has passed the Kentucky House twice but has never received a vote in the Senate.

“Polling suggests 90 percent of Kentucky adults support legalizing medical cannabis,” Beshear said. “Our team traveled the state to talk directly to Kentuckians, and they found our people do indeed overwhelmingly support it.”

Some of the panel’s findings include:

--Kentuckians of all ages are suffering from chronic conditions. Medical providers are prescribing opioids and painkillers that are not providing relief, and Kentuckians are fearful of their addictive properties. Research indicates individuals cannot overdose from cannabis.

--Kentuckians are leaving the state to access medical cannabis in states where it is legal. They want to be able to return to the commonwealth without breaking the law.

--Kentucky military veterans explained that PTSD was significantly eased by cannabis.

Kerry Harvey, Justice Cabinet Secretary and a former U.S. Attorney, who served as co-chair of the committee, noted the advisory committee did not hear any opposition at their town hall meetings.

“Everyone who spoke supported legalizing medical cannabis in Kentucky,” Harvey said. “We heard from many Kentuckians that use cannabis for its beneficial medical effects but can only do so by breaking the law as it now exists. Many of these Kentuckians must leave the Commonwealth to legally obtain medical cannabis in one of the 38 states where it is legal.”

Attendees of the town hall meetings recounted finding relief from medical cannabis after living with chronic symptoms for many years. They reported an increased ability to engage in the activities of daily living after using cannabis. For them, medical cannabis proved effective, while other treatments, such as opioids, did not.

In addition to the town hall meetings, the state’s medical cannabis website allowed Kentuckians to sub-

mit their opinions online. The website received 3,539 comments, 98.64% of which expressed support for legalizing medical cannabis in Kentucky.

“I appreciate the work of those who participated,

and I am taking this information into consideration as I analyze what steps I can take to legalize medical cannabis for those suffering from chronic, debilitating medical conditions,” the governor said.



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# Why we say it again



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Experts will tell you that repetition is important to learning. It's how we move information from the conscious to the subconscious.

I'm not sure why, but I have some very strange distractions going through my mind lately.

Maybe I should just blame my older granddaughter, who has made it a game to recite to me the lines from songs she is playing while she is listening through headphones. She doesn't sing to me; she just repeats the words. Most songs barely make sense as songs, and they certainly are strange when you just recite them.

Lyrics to some songs I've not heard in awhile have gone through my mind lately. That part doesn't bother me so much; it's the jingles. Please don't call the mental health police to come get me, but the last couple of days I have found myself repeating in my mind, "Weebles wobble but they don't fall down."

Where in the world did that come from?

I looked it up. The original Weebles were produced from 1971 through 1983. So I have a jingle going through my mind that is 40 years old!

You younger folks are trying to figure out what the heck a Weeble is. You gently aged readers are now saying this little catchphrase in your mind over and over, too.

Aside from learning that there were 116 different Weebles produced from 1971-1983 and there was a larger version sometime thereafter, the most interesting piece of information I found was the name of the jingle's author, advertising executive J. Mitchel Reed, according to Wikipedia.

He obviously understood something that is very important:

If you hear something enough times, it will stay with you. That can be a good thing, but it can also be a bad thing. There's a lot of bad attitudes and lies out floating around, and if you grab hold of them like I have this jingle, you start going down a path of wrong thinking.

Experts will tell you that repetition is important to learning. It's how we move information from the conscious to the subconscious.

We know in marketing that you don't just advertise once and expect a major change in customer habits. The key is to develop a message, then repeat the message. Say it again and again.

That's a good thing to remember as you educate yourself about the world around you. Have you formed an opinion because you researched it and you thought something through, or did a clever marketer win you over with a snap-py jingle and a repeat button?

# When free market hits the frying pan, consumers often get burned

On Nov. 6, 2018, 12 million Californians voted, by a 63-to-37-percent majority, to establish minimum welfare standards for livestock and poultry products—chiefly eggs, pork, and veal—sold in the nation's most populous state.

The initiative, called Proposition 12 (Prop 12), was an emphatic endorsement of two previous actions (one by voters in 2008; the other by the state legislature in 2010) on California animal welfare standards. Their collective effect was to ban California businesses from selling "eggs and uncooked pork and veal" from "animals housed in ways" that did not meet the new state standards.

Those standards were, essentially, no battery cages for egg-laying hens and no gestation crates for sows. The battery cage law, in effect since 2008, has been widely accepted and almost every egg sold in-state is now from a cage-free chicken.

The gestation-crate law, however, has spent most of its four-year life in federal court. At issue, according to the American Farm Bureau Federation and the National Pork Producers Council, is the law's "practical effect" to control commercial conduct beyond California's boundaries," explains the Aug. 24 Agri-Pulse newsletter.

That means, the two groups assert, that every hog farmer in America must follow the California law if any hopes to sell pork in the Golden State.

While that sounds like a logical economic argument, no federal court saw it as a valid legal argument. The anti-Prop 12 litigants lost every hearing and every appeal, including their final one, in June 2021, when the U.S. Supreme Court declined to review the lower court decision.

So, no Supreme Court hearing, case closed, right? Not exactly.

In late March 2022, the Supreme Court agreed to hear arguments on an AFBF and NPPC petition over the constitutionality of the California law. (The hearing is scheduled for October.) The move jeopardizes Prop 12's current legal standing and freezes its already-delayed implementation.

The Supreme Court action delighted AFBF and NPPC. Farm Bureau President Zippy Duvall said he was "pleased" with the



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# Our harvest will see ebbs and flows; market growth continues



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This time last year, I was praising our bountiful corn harvest, which ended up setting a state record with our farmers producing 274 million bushels. That and higher prices led to corn bringing \$1.2 billion to our economy; 2021 was a good year for us.

The weather wasn't quite on our side this year. In addition to devastating losses to infrastructure, total production is forecast to be the lowest it has been in the past 10 years at 200 million bushels. That is the nature of farming. We have some good years, and we have some bad years, but we are resilient and can rely on God to see us through.

We do have some good news. Kentucky recently signed a letter of intent with Taiwan grain buyers to purchase 59 million bushels of corn in the 2023-2024 marketing year. KyCorn worked with the Kentucky Department of Agriculture and World Trade Center of Kentucky to host the Taiwan trade delegation. Taiwan has been a significant buyer of U.S. corn, purchasing more than \$428 million worth in the 2020-2021 marketing year. The upcoming purchase will be closer to \$2 billion from Taiwan. With assistance from the US Grains Council, additional trade delegations will soon be visiting Kentucky from southeast Asia and Mexico.

Promoting corn exports and improving relationships with our customers is paramount to our growers' success. The strong demand for our corn speaks loudly of our growers' dedication to quality and ability to meet demand.

Looking at national corn "wins" for our growers, we can include fertilizer tariffs, estate taxes, and ethanol. Because of our dogged efforts with the International Trade Commission, the large fertilizer companies now know that individual farmers are their customers, not the regional distribution system.

While fertilizer prices are still very high, at least we have had improvements on tariffs for UAN. We have been successful in keeping our family estate taxes at their current level. Ethanol has had a pretty good year, as we managed to get summer E15 back into all stations, and we got 15 billion gallons for the RVO number. The Next Generation Fuels Act was introduced in the Senate and the House of Representatives.

I emphatically want to thank outgoing National Corn Growers Association President Chris Edgington for his leadership on these issues.

Lastly, one other issue that we have been paying close attention to is atrazine. The EPA changed its stance on this critical herbicide this past June. The EPA's proposed rule will impact more than 70 percent of U.S. corn acres, significantly reducing application rates and requiring additional conservation measures and reporting procedures. It also prohibits all aerial application and application during a rain or storm event or when rain is forecast within 48 hours. If adopted, EPA's proposal would impact 81 percent of corn acres in Kentucky. Our Kentucky Corn Growers Association has rallied the troops to send in comments by the October 7 deadline.

Growers, as you move through harvest, please know that we are continuing to invest checkoff funds to grow markets for your future, and we are praying for your safety and well-being this season.

# Relationships are key to farm advocacy

One of the best things about the state's agriculture industry is the comradery Kentucky Farm Bureau has with our ag-related partners.

From our commodity groups to our university cohorts, to the very members that keep KFB moving forward as the Voice of Kentucky Agriculture, together we have obtained so much that is beneficial to farm families across this state.

However, while it is good to reflect as we think of our past accomplishments, there is much work to do as we look to the future.

The harvest season is upon us, and we know for many producers it will be a mixed bag of profit and loss. Higher commodity prices were offset by skyrocketing input costs. Weather-related events have taken their toll and will affect crop yields from east to west.

Nationally, we still face hardships in getting enough guestworkers through a complicated and expensive system; a system the agriculture industry cannot do without.

But one of our most effective ways to accomplish the goals we set year-in and year-out in our efforts to remain sustainable and profitable as farmers is through solid advocacy.

Not just a voice among many, but a loud and proud voice to let people in lawmaking and regulatory positions know what we need to keep agriculture going now and in the future.

It's not really rocket science. We all have to eat. And farm families provide our life-giving food and necessary fuel and fiber needs regardless of input costs, weather conditions, or regulatory hardships.

Working together to stand up for our agricultural needs is the best way to make progress, develop new relationships, and to entice a new generation to take up the cause of growing the most abundant food supply in the world.

In my mind, there is no greater calling than that of a farmer. I have grown up on the family farm and remain there. It is a way of life like no other. We need to instill that thought in not only prospective farmers of the future but to a public that so badly depends on us, whether they realize it or not.

I'm sure you all have seen the bumper stickers, "No Farms, No Food." It's as simple as that. And my friends, the number of farmers continues to dwindle each year, making it necessary for those of us still in the business to produce more with what we have and to convince a newer generation of how important this vocation is to the good of their communities, this state, and our country.

As the world becomes a more volatile place, food security is national security. It is more important than ever to ensure food security remains a top priority for our organization and the ag partners we have here and throughout the U.S.

In my new role as director of the KFB Commodity Division, I will bring my duties as director of National Affairs and lead of the Generation Bridge program with me as I make every effort to maintain existing relationships, foster new ones, and help continue the advocacy efforts that have been a staple of Farm Bureau for more than a century.



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# When free markets hits the frying pan

FROM PAGE 4

Court's move because "One state's misguided law should not dictate farming practices for an entire nation."

But does California's Prop 12 actually "dictate" how every American hog farmer must raise hogs? California, after all, is only 13 percent of the U.S. pork market.

Hog farmers who have made changes in their production system to accommodate Prop 12 recently told the Associated Press that they didn't think so. In fact, two hog farmers quoted in the September story – one from Ohio and the other from Illinois – view the law as a market-creating opportunity for them to "garner premium prices by selling specialty pork" into the California market.

And neither is a small operator: The Ohio farmer, according to the AP, "maintains a herd of about 1,500 sows," and the Illinois farmer "raises about 40,000" animals a year.

As such, these profit-seeking, ag entrepreneurs who have invested heavily to shift their production toward higher value markets – just as farm groups, Land Grant Universities, and lenders have urged for years – now see farm leaders undermining their efforts through federal courts.

"Every industry has to make changes to adapt to

what the consumer wants, whether it's the marketplace or legislation," the Illinois farmer told the AP. "Most would prefer the marketplace but they" – 12 million Californians – "did vote on it, so someone needs to meet that consumer need."

Well, no, replies the nation's largest farm group, AFBF, and its biggest hog group, NPPC, which both claim to represent family farms. "If consumers really wanted this," a NPPC lawyer told the AP, "they would be buying pork chops for \$15 or \$25 a pound, but they don't."

If you follow this attorney's logic – and not the law, his specialty – the NPPC and AFBF are simply saving Californians from making the expensive mistake of caring where their food comes from. Killing a profitable, new opportunity for farmers everywhere is just collateral damage.

Which, coincidentally, also protects Big Ag's deeply entrenched position in industrialized red meat markets, the key benefactor of any Supreme Court victory.

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# State ag officials advocate for long-term mental health funding

At the National Association of State Departments of Agriculture 2022 Annual Meeting, NASDA members urged the U.S. Department of Agriculture and Congress to make long-term funding available to support rural mental health programs.

In 2021, the USDA National Institute of Food and Agriculture announced a onetime investment of \$25 million for 50 grants supporting the Farm and Ranch Stress Assistance Network. As a result, state departments of agriculture

were offered noncompetitive grants up to \$500,000 to combat farm stress.

"The funding provided to support our farmers and help them access important mental health programs has been critical to our industry, in particular, as we continue to, as a nation, recover from the challenges faced during the COVID-19 pandemic. State commissioners, secretaries and directors of agriculture want to build on progress made and ensure our rural communities thrive now and into the

future," NASDA 2021-2022 President Richard A. Ball said.

At the meeting, NASDA members amended the organization's rural mental health policy to read "NASDA urges the USDA and NIFA to make long term grant funding available exclusively to state departments of agriculture to combat farm stress. Specifically, NASDA encourages Congress to fund additional noncompetitive grants supporting Farm and Ranch Stress Assistance Network state department of

agriculture projects.

"Suicide among farmers and ranchers is a critical issue. The loss of life due to suicide ripples through rural communities across our country. It is felt in our homes, schools, and throughout our everyday life," Ball said. "NASDA continues to stand in strong support of policies and programs that promote awareness of mental health issues in our communities."



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Mother Teresa

At some time or another most of us dream of doing something big, perhaps writing a great book or starting a business that changes the world, or perhaps performing some amazing athletic or artistic feat. It is all well and good to dream, but it is the small things of everyday life that make up the warp and woof of our existence. The small things are our everyday interactions with our family, our friends and our classmates or co-workers. It is in these small things that we reveal our characters and cultivate our truest selves. Often it is in these small things that we fail, perhaps by losing our temper or otherwise reacting poorly to minor things. It is also worth noting that even when we are trying to do something great or are faced with some huge task, we do it one step at a time, and again it comes down to the little things. The small acts of kindness and courtesy, the smile and the friendly greeting can make a big difference in the lives of those around us. Resolve to perform these small gestures with love and you will thereby have done something great.

—Christopher Simon



## Green Bean and Ham Soup

- |   |   |                                  |
|---|---|----------------------------------|
| <b>4 cups</b> fresh green beans, trimmed and cut into 1-inch pieces | <b>3</b> whole carrots, peeled and sliced                   | <b>¼ teaspoon</b> black pepper   |
| <b>3 cups</b> russet potatoes, unpeeled and cubed                   | <b>1 pound</b> fully cooked ham, cut into bite-sized pieces | <b>1 teaspoon</b> garlic powder  |
| <b>2</b> small onions, thinly sliced                                | <b>9 cups</b> water   | <b>1 cup</b> half and half       |
|   | <b>1 teaspoon</b> salt                                      | <b>2 tablespoons</b> corn starch |
|   |   | <b>¼ cup</b> cold water          |

**Place** green beans, potatoes, onions, carrots, ham and the nine cups water into a large soup pot; **cover** and bring to a **boil**. **Reduce** heat to medium and **simmer**, uncovered, about 45 minutes or until the vegetables are tender. **Remove** the pot from the heat and **add** the salt, black pepper, garlic powder and half and half. **Return** to heat and bring to a **simmer** again. **Combine** corn starch and

the ¼ cup cold water in a small bowl. When simmer begins, **combine** the corn starch mixture into the soup and stir well. Allow the soup to remain on the heat for 5-7 more minutes while it thickens.

**Yield:** 12, 1 cup servings

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## Pumpkin Apple Muffins

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| <b>1¼ cups</b> all-purpose flour | <b>½ teaspoon</b> ground ginger | <b>1½ cups</b> fresh pureed pumpkin               |
| <b>1¼ cups</b> whole-wheat flour | <b>½ teaspoon</b> ground nutmeg | <b>½ cup</b> canola oil                           |
| <b>1¼ teaspoons</b> baking soda  | <b>1¼ cups</b> honey            | <b>2 cups</b> Granny Smith apples, finely chopped |
| <b>½ teaspoon</b> salt           | <b>2</b> large eggs             |   |

**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.

**Yield:** 18 muffins

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# Cyanide poisoning and nitrate toxicity



Will this plant kill cattle? Frosted johnsongrass is of concern to cattle producers every fall. Tender regrowth of johnsongrass can be very toxic to cattle if grazed in quantity. Often confused with nitrate toxicity, cyanide toxicity is a potential problem with all sorghum species, including johnsongrass.

Some aspects of forage management are just confusing enough that the same questions come up every year. Take the forage disorders, cyanide poisoning and nitrate toxicity, for example. Questions on these disorders come up anytime forages from the sorghum family (which includes johnsongrass) are grazed. Questions arise especially often in the fall as we begin to experience light frosts. This article gives a quick reminder about these two forage disorders of cattle. (Cyanide toxicity is also called prussic acid toxicity or poisoning).

But first, you have to take a test. What follows is taken from an exam given to juniors, seniors and graduate students who took the UK Forage Management and Utilization class. Ready? Okay, here you go:

Please indicate whether the description below is true of cyanide or nitrate toxicity. In some cases either choice will be correct. (Answers below the 'quiz').

- ☐ Dissipates in hay
- ☐ A problem when leaves of freshly frosted johnsongrass or young tender regrowth of sorghums is grazed
- ☐ Causes suffocation
- ☐ Never a problem with pearl millet
- ☐ Usually detoxified by the ensiling process
- ☐ Can be avoided by waiting until sorghums are 24 inches tall before

grazing

☐ High rates of nitrogen and drought

So what do you think? Easy? Hard? My students had a bit of a problem with it the first time (just might have been the instructor, I am afraid). Here are the answers and some explanations.

☐ Dissipates in hay: Cyanide. Cyanide is released as a gas as sorghums (sudan-grass or sorghum sudangrass or johnsongrass) dry out during haymaking.

☐ A problem when leaves of frosted johnsongrass or tender regrowth of sorghums is grazed: Cyanide. In both cases these forages will have high levels of cyanide-producing compounds in their leaves. When consumed by ruminants, cyanide is released in the rumen. Please note that cyanide risk can be several times greater in johnsongrass than the sorghums; some estimate it to be three to five times as toxic. Toxicity with johnsongrass is most frequent in freshly frosted forage, and especially in the new growth that may start after a non-killing frost, similar to the photo above.

☐ Causes suffocation: Cyanide and nitrate. Both of these toxic chemicals react with the oxygen transport in the blood. Blood from ruminants exposed to high nitrates will be brown. Cyanide toxicity causes the blood to be bright red.

☐ Never a problem with pearl millet: Cyanide. Pearl millet does not contain

cyanide-generating compounds like the sorghums. For this reason, many prefer pearl millet over the sorghums for supplemental grazing.

Usually detoxified by the ensiling process: Both cyanide and nitrate. Significant amounts of cyanide and nitrate are either evolved as a gas (cyanide) or metabolized during ensiling (nitrates). Generally, the ensiling process will detoxify forage that would be harmful if consumed fresh. If nitrate toxicity is a concern, collect a sample after a month of ensiling and test for nitrate concentrations. Although nitrate toxicities are

The Forage Doctor

By Jimmy Henning



infrequent, it always pays to be prudent and test.

☐ Can be avoided by grazing sorghums after they reach 24 inches: Cyanide. Young plants of the sorghums have high concentrations of the cyanide-generating compound dhurrin. Concentrations

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We have all felt the increase in our bills at the grocery store this year, but what does that mean for farmers? The difference between retail prices of food and farm-level prices includes costs of distribution, processing, marketing, packaging, retailing, and more. The Agriculture Marketing Act of 1946 requires the USDA to publish information called the "Price Spreads from Farm to Consumer," which allows us to track this difference – the spread – on specific items. The more processing an item requires, the larger the difference between farm and retail price. (Compare the farm share of bread to whole milk.)

The chart below shows recent data for select dairy, produce, grain, and oil products.

A lot of people and industries make money between the farm and the consumer, and that's not an inherently bad thing. The services they provide are often needed. However, in consolidated food industries, farmers often don't have much say or options on what

their farm price is, and the variability from year to year can make profitability uncertain. This is one of the reasons KCARD often works with farmers who sell products outside of traditional agricultural markets and take on more of the "value-added" process on-farm.

When a farmer enters regional or local market channels, it's not easy. They must often take on some or all of the services of the food system mentioned earlier, such as distribution, processing, marketing, packaging, and sales. This adds to the cost of doing business, but it comes with the benefit of making individualized decisions along each step of the "value chain," allowing potentially for higher quality and certainly more diversity in the marketplace. Depending on the farm's regional market channels, the farm has the potential to capture more cents on the dollar for a greater "farm share."

One of the virtues of buying direct from farmers

(CSA, farm stands, farmers markets) is that the price spread is zero! However, when individuals, businesses, and institutions support local foods through purchasing at restaurants, retail stores, or via distributors, the price spread is generally significantly lower due to the higher price received by the farmer. An example is purchasing Kentucky cheeses from your local grocery like Rainbow Blossom in Louisville, Good Foods Co-op in Lexington, or Midtown Market in Paducah, Local's Food Hub in Frankfort, or even select Krogers stores. Many local retailers and distributors even offer a lower markup on local items than national brands to increase the sales and support local farmers.

If you have questions about how to support local farmers through your existing suppliers, or if you are a farmer wanting to explore adding value or increasing local food sales, reach out to KCARD at (859) 550-3972 or [kcard@kcard.info](mailto:kcard@kcard.info) and we'd love to help.

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Strawberries, 1lb.	2019	\$3.28	\$1.06	35%
Apples, 1 lb.	2017	\$1.29	\$0.40	32%
Broccoli, 1 lb.	2019	\$2.00	\$0.56	31%
Peaches, 1 lb.	2019	\$2.07	\$0.61	31%
White AP Flour, 1 lb.	2021	\$0.40	\$0.12	29%
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White Bread, 1 lb.	2019	\$1.30	\$0.06	4%

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### CLASSROOM QUESTIONS

1. At what level of production is beekeeping considered commercial?
2. What is NASDA and what are some policies they support?
3. Take the test on page 10 that is included in an article by Dr. Jimmy Henning. Write about how well you did and what you learned.

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



# Fall Grazing Conference to focus on profitable grazing systems

Cattle producers have two opportunities this fall to learn more about profitable grazing systems. The University of Kentucky College of Agriculture, Food and Environment, with the Kentucky Forage and Grassland Council and the UK Master Grazer Program will offer the Kentucky Fall Grazing Conference Oct. 26 in Leitchfield and Oct. 27 in Winchester.

"This year we are looking forward to some excellent speakers from UK, Missouri and as far away as Idaho," said Chris Teutsch, associate professor for the UK Department of Plant and Soil Sciences, stationed at the UK Research and Education Center in Princeton. "Profitable ruminant livestock production systems include the soil, plant, and animal and conference participants are

going to hear from experts specializing in all three."

Ray Archuleta will speak about the living portion of the soil at both events. Archuleta is a certified professional soil scientist with the Soil Science Society of America with more than 30 years of experience as a soil conservationist, water quality specialist and conservation agronomist with the Natural Resources Conservation Service. During his tenure with the NRCS, he served in New Mexico, Missouri, Oregon and North Carolina.

After his retirement from the NRCS in 2017, he founded Understanding Ag, LLC, and Soil Health Academy. He also owns and operates a 150-acre farm near Seymour, Missouri with his wife and family.

Jim Gerrish, an independent grazing lands educator, consultant and writer from May, Idaho, will speak about the role of extended grazing in profitable ruminant livestock operations.

Gerrish currently lives in the Pahasimeroi Valley in central Idaho and works with numerous ranchers using both irrigated pastures and native rangeland. He also works with livestock farmers in high natural rainfall environments. His experience includes more than 22 years of beef-forage systems research and outreach while on the faculty of the University of Missouri.

Kentucky speakers include UK beef specialist Les Anderson, UK agricultural economist Greg Halich, Adair County agricultural and natural resources

extension agent Nick Roy and Adair County farmer Fred Thomas. Topics include right-sizing cows for profit, grazing myths and hay feeding strategies to build grazing system fertility.

Events begin at each location with registration at 7:30 a.m. local time and run until 3:15 p.m. Participants should preregister. Advance registration is \$35 per person; day-of registration is \$50 per person and student registration is \$15. Use the following links to register: <https://2022GrazingLeitchfield.eventbrite.com>; <https://2022Grazing-Winchester.eventbrite.com>. For more information about the grazing conference and other events, visit <https://forages.ca.uky.edu/>.

**By Katie Pratt**  
**University of Kentucky**

## Cyanide poisoning and nitrate toxicity

FROM PAGE 10

of this compound are diluted as sorghums grow to 24 inches.

High rates of nitrogen and drought: Nitrate. When heavily fertilized with nitrogen (usually above 80 lb N/A) and under drought stress, the sorghums AND pearl millet (and many other plants) can accumulate toxic levels of nitrate in their stems. The concentration of nitrate is higher near the soil and gets lower as you move up the stem. UK ag agents have access to test strips that can indicate if high levels of nitrate are present in stems. If this

quick test is positive for nitrate, submit a sample for analysis to measure actual concentrations present.

How did you do? Pretty well I hope. As you might imagine, there is much more information available on the production of summer annuals, and toxicities of cyanide and nitrate. To learn more, please see UK publications AGR 229 "Warm Season Annual Grasses in Kentucky", ID 220 "Cyanide Poisoning in Ruminants" and ID 217 "Forage-related Cattle Disorders: Nitrate Poisoning."

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<b>Farmers Livestock</b> Glasgow, KY Sept. 19, 2022 <b>Feeder Steers:</b> Medium & Large 1-2 21 hd. 514# 170.00 blk <b>Feeder Bulls:</b> Medium & Large 1-2 24 hd. 648# 154.00 blk 38 hd. 577# 153.00 blk 31 hd. 512# 167.00 blk 33 hd. 437# 175.50 blk 24 hd. 370# 187.00 blk <b>Feeder Heifers:</b> Medium & Large 1-2 22 hd. 593# 148.00 blk 40 hd. 526# 151.00 blk 33 hd. 443# 155.00 blk 39 hd. 372# 153.50 blk	<b>Blue Grass of Albany</b> Albany, KY Sept. 21, 2022 <b>Feeder Steers:</b> Medium & Large 1-2 66 hd. 795# 173.90 mixed 66 hd. 764# 175.95 blk-charx-red <b>Feeder Heifers:</b> Medium & Large 1-2 24 hd. 510# 164.00 blk 27 hd. 438# 162.00 blk	<b>Blue Grass Maysville</b> Maysville, KY Sept. 20, 2022 <b>Feeder Steers:</b> Medium & Large 1-2 23 hd. 436# 189.25 blk 62 hd. 801# 164.75 blk-red-charx	<b>Blue Grass of Richmond</b> Richmond, KY Sept. 23, 2022 <b>Feeder Steers:</b> Medium & Large 1-2 43 hd. 728# 176.50 blk-bwf 127 hd. 760# 177.25 blk-bwf 72 hd. 854# 167.40 blk-charx 59 hd. 889# 168.00 blk-charx-red 54 hd. 904# 167.00 blk-bwf 92 hd. 908# 166.00 blk-bwf-charx 65 hd. 918# 169.90 blk-bwf-charx 119 hd. 964# 166.00 blk-bwf 65 hd. 980# 161.00 mixed 51 hd. 1046# 148.75 mixed
<b>United Producers Bowling Green</b> Bowling Green, KY Sept. 19, 2022 <b>Feeder Heifers:</b> Medium & Large 1-2 26 hd. 713# 146.25 blk-bwf	<b>Christian Co. Livestock Auction</b> Hopkinsville, KY Sept. 21, 2022 <b>Feeder Steers:</b> Medium & Large 1-2 22 hd. 457# 200.00 blk	<b>Blue Grass East</b> Mt. Sterling, KY Sept. 21, 2022 <b>Feeder Steers:</b> Medium & Large 1-2 36 hd. 637# 190.50 blk <b>Holstein Steers:</b> Large 3 41 hd. 971# 122.30	<b>Lake Cumberland Livestock</b> Somerset, KY. Sept. 24, 2022 <b>Feeder Steers:</b> Medium & Large 1-2 62 hd. 852# 171.00 blk 61 hd. 862# 163.60 mixed <b>Feeder Heifers:</b> medium & Large 1-2 20 hd. 499# 164.50 blk
	<b>Kentuckiana Livestock Market</b> Owensboro, KY Sept. 19, 2022 <b>Feeder Bulls:</b> Medium & Large 1-2 24 hd. 444# 161.00 bbwf <b>Feeder Heifers:</b> Medium & Large 1-2 27 hd. 499# 171.00 blk	<b>Mid-KY Livestock Market</b> Upton, KY Sept 20, 2022 <b>Feeder Heifers:</b> Medium & Large 1-2 23 hd. 455# 160.00 blk 20 hd. 622# 156.60 blk 26 hd. 738# 161.50 mixed 38 hd. 752# 161.50 blk	



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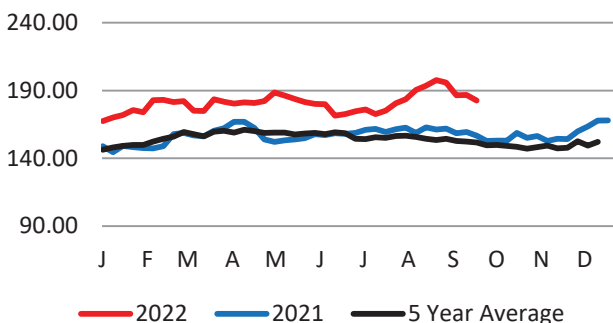
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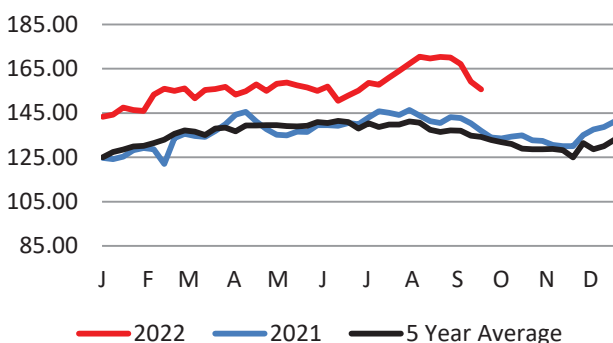




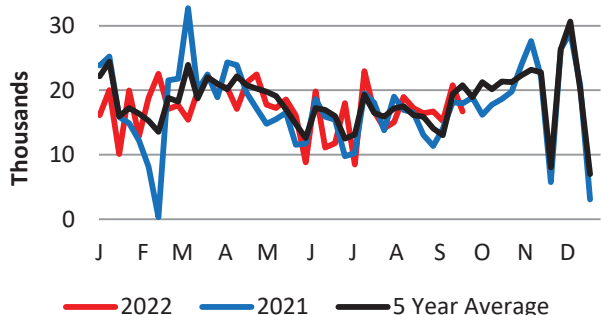
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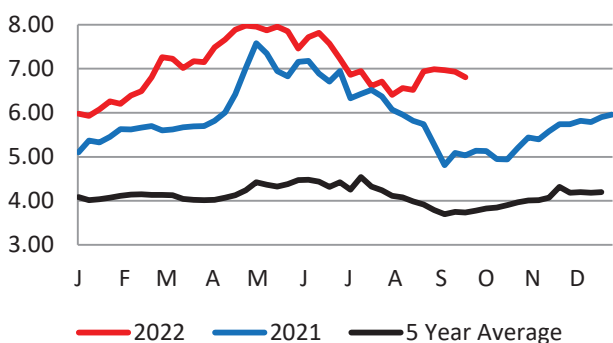
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## STATE AVERAGES

### Steers (M&L 1-2)

	<u>This Week</u>	<u>Prior Week</u>	<u>Last Year</u>
350-400 lbs	185.20	195.19	164.85
400-450 lbs	189.93	185.04	161.90
450-500 lbs	182.67	190.01	156.72
500-550 lbs	173.52	178.81	153.43
550-600 lbs	172.42	175.82	151.01
600-650 lbs	165.86	170.67	143.54
650-700 lbs	163.93	170.43	142.33
700-750 lbs	163.98	165.27	135.69
750-800 lbs	160.01	162.09	139.09
800-850 lbs	164.76	153.74	135.83
850-900 lbs	160.87	170.17	142.17

### Heifers (M&L 1-2)

300-350 lbs	155.87	159.64	139.41
350-400 lbs	159.66	162.60	141.35
400-450 lbs	155.96	159.93	137.61
450-500 lbs	155.07	160.62	136.71
500-550 lbs	149.79	157.21	134.38
550-600 lbs	149.42	153.62	133.29
600-650 lbs	148.45	150.09	130.01
650-700 lbs	145.47	148.05	127.12
700-750 lbs	138.22	141.58	125.71
750-800 lbs	139.52	140.01	122.47

## WEEKLY COW SUMMARY

### Slaughter Cows

	<u>Average</u>	<u>High</u>	<u>Low</u>
Breakers	65.00-89.00	84.00-103.00	61.00-79.50
Boners	66.50-89.00	78.00-105.00	54.50-79.50
Lean	51.50-81.00	70.00-84.00	42.00-72.50

### Slaughter Bulls

	<u>Average</u>	<u>High</u>	<u>Low</u>
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5:30-6:30

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### 6:30—Welcome & Sponsor Recognition

Beau Neal, Fayette County Agriculture & Natural Resources Extension Agent

### Extension Remarks

Dr. Laura Stephenson, UK Extension Director

### Beef Outlook & Marketing Strategies

Patrick Linnell, Cattle-FAX Analyst

### 7:15—Asian Longhorned Tick Concerns

Dr. Michelle Arnold, UK Ruminant Extension Veterinarian

### 7:45—Feeding Drought Stressed Forages

Dr. Jeff Lehmkuhler, UK Beef Nutrition Extension Specialist

### 8:05—Breeding Stock Investment in Expanding Beef Market

Dr. Kenny Burdine, UK Beef Economic Extension Specialist

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**Producers Livestock Sheep and Goat Auction , San Angelo, Texas September 22, 2022**

Compared to last week slaughter lambs 10.00-20.00 lower. Slaughter ewes 10.00-15.00 lower. Feeder lambs not well tested. Nannies steady; kids 5.00-15.00 higher. Trading and demand only moderate.

SLAUGHTER LAMBS WOOLED & SHORN: Choice and Prime 1-2 61-66 lbs 240.00-242.00. Choice and Prime 2-3 115-123 lbs 100.00-105.00. Choice 1-2 55-57 lbs 200.00-210.00; 62-67 lbs 136.00-200.00; 73-78 lbs 130.00-191.00; 80-89 lbs 110.00-149.00; 93-98 lbs 101.00-132.00; 105-115 lbs 110.00. HAIR BREEDS: Choice and Prime 1-2 41-48 lbs 255.00-291.00; 50-58 lbs 250.00-298.00; 60-68 lbs 235.00-290.00; 70-78 lbs 200.00-286.00; 80-89 lbs 212.00-256.00; 90-98 lbs 219.00-232.00. Choice and Prime 2-3 120-123 lbs 135.00-147.00. Choice 1-2 49 lbs 230.00; 50-59 lbs 180.00-262.00; 60-69 lbs 167.00-231.00; 70-78 lbs 170.00-193.00; 80-87 lbs 160.00-190.00; 91 lbs 160.00; 107 lbs 113.00. Good 1 66 lbs 150.00; 75-78 lbs 141.00-157.00.

SLAUGHTER GOATS KIDS: Selection 1 40-49 lbs 305.00-368.00; 50-59 lbs 300.00-360.00; 60-69 lbs 292.00-340.00; 70-72 lbs 293.00-313.00; 83-86 lbs 311.00-329.00. Selection 1-2 42-49 lbs 280.00-323.00; 50-59 lbs 260.00-305.00; 60-69 lbs 260.00-299.00; 70-79 lbs 250.00-280.00; 80-89 lbs 230.00-280.00; 90-94 lbs 220.00-245.00. Selection 2 43-49 lbs 225.00-258.00; 50-55 lbs 200.00-252.00; 60-68 lbs 230.00-240.00; 70-73 lbs 223.00-253.00.

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**New Holland Sheep and Goat Auction New Holland, Pa. September 26, 2022**

Compared to last week, woolled and shorn slaughter lambs sold strong. Hair breed slaughter lambs sold strong. Overall, ewes and hair ewes sold weak on a light comparison. No comparison on bucks or hair bucks. Buyer demand was moderate on a moderate supply for the slaughter sheep sale. Slaughter kids sold steady. Slaughter nannies/does sold steady. Slaughter bucks/billies sold steady. Slaughter wethers sold weak. Buyer demand was moderate on a moderate to heavy supply for the slaughter goat sale.

SLAUGHTER LAMBS WOOLED & SHORN: Choice and Prime 1-3 58 lbs 385.00; 60 lbs 310.00; 70-76 lbs 230.00-250.00; 80-89 lbs 205.00-290.00. 90-95 lbs 205.00-215.00; 107-113 lbs 205.00. Choice 1-3 38 lbs 240.00; 49 lbs 270.00; 50-55 lbs 225.00-290.00; 60-68 lbs 190.00-235.00; 70-74 lbs 175.00-210.00; 80-87 lbs 170.00-197.00; 90-99 lbs 150.00-195.00; 100-149 lbs 120.00-195.00; 151-165 lbs 125.00-135.00. Good and Choice 1-2 50 lbs 170.00-185.00; 60-65 lbs 130.00-175.00; 70-77 lbs 160.00-165.00; 83-85 lbs 150.00-167.00; 115 lbs 110.00. HAIR BREEDS: Choice and Prime 1-3 65 lbs 280.00; 72 lbs 217.00; 85 lbs 240.00. Choice 1-3 42 lbs 245.00; 50 lbs 285.00; 62-67 lbs 230.00-260.00; 70-79 lbs 175.00-200.00; 80-89 lbs 175.00-205.00; 90-99 lbs 130.00-175.00; 100-115 lbs 157.00-177.00. Good and Choice 1-2 51-59 lbs 182.00-195.00; 63-66 lbs 150.00-195.00; 75 lbs 150.00; 118-130 lbs 110.00-125.00.

SLAUGHTER GOATS KIDS: Selection 1 20 lbs 80.00; 40 lbs 65.00-110.00; 50-59 lbs 95.00-195.00; 60-69 lbs 140.00-195.00; 70-79 lbs 200.00-255.00; 80-89 lbs 175.00-245.00; 90 lbs 275.00; 100 lbs 230.00. Selection 2 30 lbs 45.00; 40 lbs 70.00; 50-59 lbs 55.00-140.00; 60-69 lbs 125.00-195.00; 70-79 lbs 117.00-170.00; 80 lbs 175.00. Selection 3 50-59 lbs 50.00-85.00; 60-69 lbs 95.00-100.00; 70-79 lbs 70.00-80.00.

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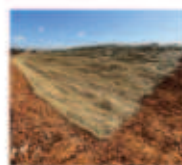
**United Producers Inc. Graded Sheep/Goat Sale - Bowling Green, Ky. Sept. 22, 2022**

Total Receipts 733 Graded 705 Kids stayed steady with good demand. Light lambs remained steady with good demand. Mid and heavy weight lambs were down 10.00 to 15.00 with low demand.

SLAUGHTER LAMBS WOOLED: Choice and Prime 1-2 55 lbs 250.00; 71 lbs 160.00; 103 lbs 110.00. Choice 2 53 lbs 255.00; 94 lbs 140.00. Good and Choice 2-3 100 lbs 120.00.

HAIR BREEDS: Choice and Prime 1-2 54-55 lbs 265.00-270.00; 71-73 lbs 165.00-190.00; 85-89 lbs 160.00-220.00; 95 lbs 125.00. Choice 2 51-53 lbs 242.50-260.00; 65 lbs 170.00; 110 lbs 115.00; 160 lbs 115.00. Utility 2-3 62 lbs 180.00.

SLAUGHTER GOATS KIDS: Selection 1-2 53 lbs 300.00; 65 lbs 260.00. Selection 2 54 lbs 282.50; 62 lbs 275.00; 71-75 lbs 265.00-280.00. Selection 2-3 54-59 lbs 220.00-255.00.



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	6.48-6.79	6.67-6.92 7.37	6.52-6.72	NA	6.82	6.73
	13.47 8.41	13.91-13.96 8.51	14.26 NA	NA NA	14.46 NA	14.98 NA
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Corn #2 Yellow	6.48-6.59	NA	6.52-6.67	NA	6.72	6.57
Corn #2 White		NA		NA		
Soybeans #1 Y	13.47	NA	14.36	NA	14.01	14.40
Wheat #2 SRW	7.91-8.48	8.28	NA	NA	8.13	NA
Barley						

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09/10/22	16,331
09/17/22	21,186
09/24/22	18,101

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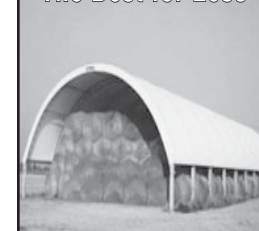
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# State ag officials broaden their recommendations for the 2023 farm bill



SARATOGA SPRINGS, N.Y. – As discussions for writing the 2023 farm bill continue, the National Association of State Departments of Agriculture has added direction to its policy advocacy efforts regarding the bill in several areas. At the recent NASDA annual meeting, members charged the organization to ensure farm bill conversations include the following topics:

– Expanded funding for local and

regional food processing: NASDA members recommend expanding funding for local and regional processing to ensure small and underserved farmers can maximize their participation in local markets.

– Water quality improvement incentive programs: NASDA seeks to incentivize state and local governments to invest in outcome-based water quality programs and match their dollars with

U.S. Department of Agriculture funding, particularly by reducing nitrogen and phosphorus counts in priority watersheds or regions.

– Increased federal nutrition and food assistance: NASDA supports continued and increased investments in nutrition and food assistance programs to address national food insecurity, strengthen food systems and support the overall health of individuals. The next farm bill must remain unified – securing a commitment to American agriculture and the critical food and nutritional assistance programs for those who need it most.

Reliable natural disaster assistance: NASDA members recognize the opportunities and risks of the market economy and uncontrollable conditions that threaten farm income and production stability. The impacts of natural disas-

ters have been exacerbated for many due to existing programs falling short in assisting producers recover their production and infrastructure.

NASDA CEO Ted McKinney remarked on the importance of the farm bill and NASDA members' ability to provide unique perspective.

"The policies NASDA members passed today enable us to deepen our conversations about how to support farmers, rural communities and feed the world through the 2023 farm bill," NASDA CEO Ted McKinney said. "NASDA members are uniquely positioned to suggest innovative ideas and lead policymaking solutions for the 2023 farm bill because they are often the leaders first responding to farmers and consumers' needs."

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