

THE MIGHTY MISSISSIPPI FALLS

Low water levels affecting prices, market access

Water levels in the Mississippi River are reaching a record low, affecting prices and marketing options for Kentucky's grain producers during a critical harvesting window.

Barge capacity has been reduced due to channel depth and width limitations with multiple reports of barges being stranded or stalled in traffic jams. The barge and towing industry has instituted a 25-barge maximum tow size south of St. Louis, a reduction from 30-40 under normal conditions, according to Mike Steenhoek, executive director of the Soy Transportation Coalition.

"Kentucky farmers have a greater appreciation than most about how consequential the inland waterway system is to their profitability," Steenhoek said. "Having this access to this very efficient maritime highway has always been one of the secrets to Kentucky agriculture's success."

Reliance on river transport is usually a great benefit for Kentucky farmers, but that reliance has farmers facing serious price penalties for increased transportation costs and concerns about what lies ahead for the harvest season.

Western Kentucky farmers were seeing a negative \$1.30 corn basis last week, compared to the usual negative 30 cents to 40 cents this time of year. Soybeans were being reported at a negative 80 cents, compared to a negative 20 cents for this time of year.

Prices are not the only thing being affected. Jeff King, a grower in Henderson County, said the elevator he works with reported they were operating on a day-to-day basis.

"They are taking beans today," he said Monday. "They've greatly reduced their receiving hours and they are going to send out a text to all their customers on what or if they are taking any beans tomorrow."

King said he is facing a \$1.30 negative basis right now but, "if you can wait until the first of November, it goes back to an even basis. So, for the next two weeks you can make \$1.30 by not cutting your beans and taking them to town."

Like many producers, King has limited storage



A barge flotilla for Zen-Noh Grain Corporation in March of 2022. Today, barge capacity is being limited due to low waters in the Mississippi River. (File photo provided by KySoy.)

options but believes he will be able to deliver what he has now contracted.

"For all the overage, we are just going to have to wait until the end of November just because of the price difference. I captured the basis, so now I just need them to take it," he said.

Jonathan Miller, a producer in McLean County, understands the value of the Mississippi River to farmers in Kentucky and across the U.S. He serves as chairman of the Soybean Transportation Coalition.

"This is kind of a shock to the system," Miller said. Around 92 percent of U.S. agricultural exports travel the Mississippi River Basin.

"What worries me more than anything, the grain

market is high; the world needs our grain right now. Our extra capacity for storage is these barges going down south to get on a ship and go out of our country, and that isn't happening right now," he said.

Global prices are high in an attempt to bring down demand, but now that grain is not reaching its destination as expected, he said.

"I'm worried that not only will this hurt us right now, but I'm worried it's going to hurt us long term when we get ready to open up these grain bins next year. I'm afraid we are going to get a hit then," he said.

Miller said he is lucky because they have invested

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Female farmers recognized during Kentucky Women in Agriculture Day

With more than half of all farming operations in the United States listing women as a principal operator or a decision-maker, Commissioner of Agriculture Dr. Ryan Quarles signed a proclamation naming Oct. 11 as "Kentucky Women in Agriculture Day."

"The number of women farmers in Kentucky and across the globe keeps growing," Commissioner Quarles said. "Their influence, knowledge, and strong leadership skills are a genuine bonus for agriculture and its future. Acknowledging that is the purest form of gratitude we can show those who give of themselves on our farms, for their families and for our own."

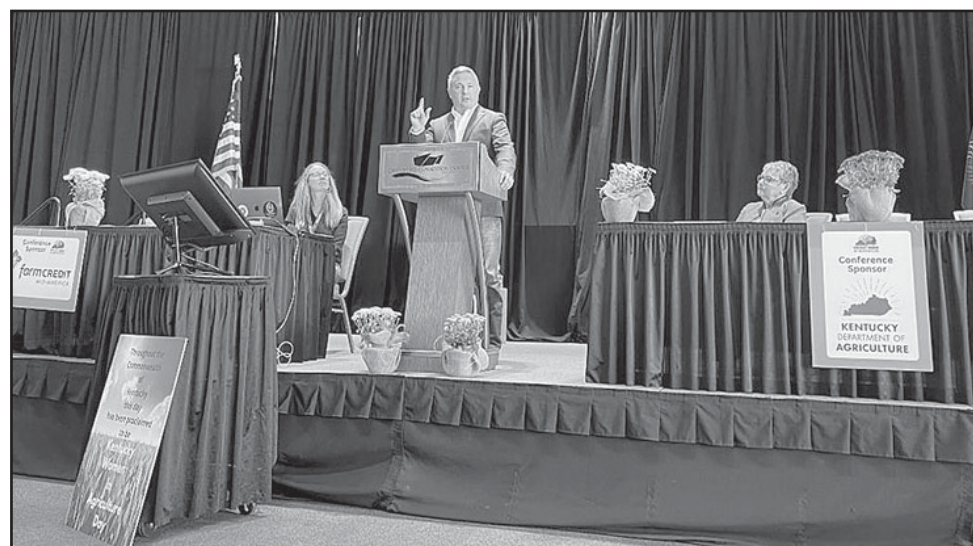
Recognizing the importance of women in Kentucky's farming sector, Quarles presented the proclamation at the Kentucky Women in Agriculture annual conference in Owensboro.

"Each year, the Kentucky Women in Agriculture organization brings together a community of like-minded female leaders in and around farming industries to learn from, collaborate with, and to promote one another," said Babette Overman, president of KWIA. "We are so appreciative of the Kentucky Department of Agriculture's support of

our conference and our young women's scholarships. We are thrilled to join KDA and Commissioner Quarles in proclaiming Oct. 11, 2022, 'Kentucky Women in Agriculture Day.'"

KWIA's membership is comprised of women who own and operate farms and agribusinesses, as well as agriculture entrepreneurs, state and federal personnel, ag educators and students, and consumers. The annual conference provides attendees with the opportunity to network and nurture a recognized agriculture and agribusiness community. This year's theme was "Rooted in Community." By empowering women through education, involvement, and action, KWIA has a positive influence on Kentucky agriculture.

The number of female farmers in Kentucky keeps growing. In 2017, 42,946 women farmed in Kentucky, up 36.7 percent from the number identified in the previous 2012 U.S. Department of Agriculture census. Of those, 33,550 were involved in making day-to-day decisions on the farm, 26,215 were the principal producers on their farms, and 12,648 listed farming as their primary occupation, the census found.



Commissioner of Agriculture Dr. Ryan Quarles spoke at the Kentucky Women in Agriculture conference in Owensboro. The conference recognizes and celebrates the contributions of female farmers. While there, Commissioner Quarles also presented a proclamation designating Oct. 11, 2022 as "Kentucky Women in Agriculture Day."

Kentucky Agricultural Finance Corporation approves \$1 million in loans

The Kentucky Agricultural Finance Corporation approved \$1,073,328 for seven agricultural loans for projects across the commonwealth at its monthly meeting.

Agricultural Infrastructure Loan Program

Two Agricultural Infrastructure loans totaling \$250,000 were approved. Loan recipients were in Barren (\$40,000) and Clinton (\$210,000) counties. KAFC participates with lenders to provide financing to producers making capital expenditures for agricultural projects through the AILP. Eligible projects include permanent farm structures with attached equipment that improves the profitability of farming operations. Producers may be eligible for up to \$250,000 not to exceed 50 percent of the project.

Beginning Farmer Loan Program

Four Beginning Farmer loans totaling \$673,328 were approved. Loan recipients were in Bourbon (\$187,500), Hickman (\$190,000), Logan (\$45,828),

and Mercer (\$250,000) counties. The BFLP is designed to assist individuals with some farming experience who desire to develop, expand, or buy into a farming operation. Beginning farmers may qualify for financing to purchase livestock, equipment, or agriculture facilities; to secure permanent working capital; for the purchase of farm real estate; or to invest in a partnership or LLC.

Diversification through Entrepreneurship in Agribusiness Loan Program

A Diversification through Entrepreneurship in Agribusiness loan totaling \$150,000 was approved for a recipient in Nelson County. DEALP is designed to assist agri-entrepreneurs with the purchase, establishment or expansion of a business that sells agricultural products or services to farmers or consumers.

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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.

SLAUGHTER CATTLE: Cows: Breaker 75-80%, 1475-1612#, 81.00-88.00; Boner 80-85% 80 Head, 1025-1688#, 70.00-89.00; 4 Head, 1170-1665#, 91.00-95.00; 4 Head, 1165-1370#, 64.00-68.00; Lean 85-90%, 16 Head, 870-1085#, 58.00-76.00; 4 Head, 830-1020#, 35.00-57.00; Bulls 1-2: 32 Head, 1100-2100#, 92.00-115.00; 4 Head, 1880-2080#, 120.00-125.00; 2 Head, 1125-1222#, 90.00-92.00.

FRESH/MILKING COWS: Supreme, Stage O, 1 Head, 1265#, 1950.00; Approved, Stage O, 1100-1450#, 1225.00-1675.00; Approved, Stage O, 800#, 800.00, Jersey; Medium, Stage O, 1150-1410, 875.00-1150.00.

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.

BULLS: 1 Head, 1200#, 1025.00.

BABY BULL CALVES: 16 Head, 60-90#, 100.00-140.00; 1 Head, 80#, 190.00, Beef Cross; 1 Head, 175#, 290.00, Beef Cross.

Friends of livestock marketing industry recognized

During the Livestock Marketing Association's annual D.C. Fly In, retired Senate Agriculture Committee Chairman Pat Roberts (R-KS), Sen. Roger Marshall (R-KS), and House Livestock Subcommittee Chairman Jim Costa (D-CA) received the Friend of the Livestock Marketing Industry award for going above and beyond in their legislative service on behalf of the livestock marketing industry. This is the first time in more than 20 years that LMA has given the award. It is the first time

legislators have been award recipients.

"It takes true leadership and quite a bit of grit to be a leader in livestock policy," said Chelsea Good, LMA Vice President of Government and Industry Affairs. "LMA has been blessed by the leadership of Sens. Roberts and Marshall and Rep. Costa. They roll their sleeves up, dig into the details, and are willing to stand up for what is right."

Sen. Roberts is the only individual to chair both the House and Senate agriculture committees. He remained true

to his Kansas roots throughout his 40 years of serving in Washington D.C., prioritizing the interests of the livestock sector. He was known to some simply as the "Farm Guy."

In the 115th and 116th Congresses, Sen. Marshall, who was serving in the U.S. House of Representatives at the time, partnered with Rep. Costa to lead the Securing All Livestock Equitably Act. The SALE Act, which passed into law, created a Dealer Statutory Trust.

The Dealer Statutory Trust helps to provide sellers of livestock with payment protection during dealer payment defaults. Modeled after the Packer Statutory Trust, the Dealer Statutory Trust gives unpaid sellers of livestock (producers, livestock auction markets, and other dealers) first priority in unpaid-for livestock or, if the livestock have already been resold, the proceeds and receivables from those livestock. Dealer Trust was a top priority for the LMA.



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I'm fascinated with logistics. It's amazing to me that a product sewn in Taiwan can make it to my back door or that corn produced in Kentucky can be used in a product in Japan.

I even think distribution centers are fascinating. Some company boxes up its items with 144 to a package and somehow those 144 items make their way across the country to multiple store shelves.

Some distributors obviously do better at this than others. We have one supplier we purchase office supplies from that often ends up delivering items one at a time. A box that could hold 20 of a small item will arrive with just one small package in it. Obviously, this company's business model relies less on warehouse storage and more on shipping the items directly from the manufacturer. It seems like an expensive process, but then again, those warehouses that Amazon has thrown up all across the country aren't cheap, either.

Amazon can almost get your products to you before you even order them. Seriously – I read where they have computer data to predict what will be purchased in a specific region so they can have it nearby when the order is placed. That's amazing!

During Covid, we saw a lot of empty shelves, and we've learned that there were multiple reasons for the lack of merchandise. Some reasons were simple: workers had to stay home. People are back to work and there are still some shortages, however, so the answer is not simple.

I thought about all this as I learned about barges being stranded or in traffic jams because the Mississippi River is low of water. There are a million little things that can go wrong in a global system, and there are some really big ones.

Our inland waterways are critical to the export of farm products, and getting product down river is only one part of the equation. The barges that come in to pick up grain are often loaded with fertilizer, and that could be bad news for the next round of production.

Companies that can't get their products out the back door because of lack of shipping won't be buying a lot of raw products at the front door. It's all about logistics, and it all has to work together.

While I find the process fascinating, I have no desire to learn more about it because barges can't get moving. I hope we have some Amazon-level thinking going on that can help keep products flowing even when the river isn't.

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Ag policy was about cultural stability, not endless market growth

If you think U.S. politics are too polarized, too anger-driven, and too polluted by big money, take a quick look at the train wreck that United Kingdom politics has become to see what's in store for us if we don't regain our collective goodwill soon.

On July 7, the straw-haired, scandal-ridden Prime Minister Boris Johnson resigned. In 2016, BoJo became the Conservative Party's loudest peddler of the UK's barely successful "leave the European Union"–or Brexit–vote. He rode it to the top.

But when Brexit went into effect in 2020, its impact on the UK economy became real and Johnson's popularity began to sink. British dairy farmers, for example, had relied on "EU payments" to "make up 40 percent of their annual profits." Similarly, "livestock farmers receive(d)... subsidies" for "over 90 percent of the annual profits."

Johnson's perpetual shape-shifting–he was against Brexit before he was for it–and his passing acquaintance with the truth undermined any political muscle he might have had to dodge Brexit's impact. When the end came, it was swift but not clean.

Then the real mess began as Conservative Party wannabes began a weeks-long scrum to pick a Johnson successor who would become both their leader in Parliament's House of Commons and the new prime minister. Rising fast through the fight was Liz Truss, an economist, Johnson cabinet member, and someone even more brazen than BoJo.

Truss's first official move was to walk right off a cliff: she proposed large tax cuts to a few, mostly Conservative Party fat cats who had backed her campaign while throwing but a crumb to millions of poorer Britons facing rising food, energy, and housing costs.

British financial markets tanked on this resurrection of Maggie Thatcher's divisive economic policies and the value of the British pound plummeted to nearly that of the dollar. The Bank of England, roughly equivalent to our Federal Reserve, stepped in–a rare move indeed–to both save it and reassure global markets that, yes, there were still some responsible adults in London.

But Truss, like many self-assured economists, reloaded her



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The harvest season is what we work for



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To say this growing season has been a mixed bag of results is an understatement. It's been quite the roller coaster ride for most of us on the farm. As I have traveled across the state over the last several weeks, I've heard from countless members about the ups and downs they have faced throughout the year.

From early season rain to drought or near-drought conditions in mid-summer, to catastrophic flooding last July, we have seen it all from a weather perspective.

These events were troublesome to some and disastrous to others, but we have managed to make it to the harvest season.

Once again, we are in the fields from daylight to dark bringing in the crops that sustain life for all of us.

For those on the receiving end, it's usually as simple as going to the grocery store to pick their favorite foods, and so many of them don't stop to think about how their food got there.

But for producers, we endure the hardships, relish in the successes, and pray to continue for the next crop, the next growing season. We are farmers and proudly stand tall when we say that.

While we face new challenges every year, we still move forward as we look for new ways to reduce costs and increase production.

It is an ongoing process and one we, as farm families, have learned to accept and one in which we excel, to be perfectly honest.

The American farmer is one of the most educated of all working professionals that I know. We have to continually stay up to date on new production measures, more advanced equipment, and ever-changing regulatory issues to remain in business.

Days off are usually not an option during the growing season and calling in sick is almost never an option. Yet we continue to do what we do year-in and year-out regardless of the mixed bag of conditions we face.

The love of growing and harvesting crops, raising livestock, and nurturing our natural resources gets in your blood.

It takes over your thoughts and gets a hold of your very heart to the point that no matter how tough it gets, the end result; the harvest season, is what we work and live for.

Besides the love for our Lord and our family members, there is nothing more important to farmers across this state and throughout the country than to continue this tradition as old as the earth itself.

We will not quit, or call in, or take a day off when there is work to be done. Many of us come from families who have farmed for generations, while others are just beginning their family traditions.

Whatever the case, we will endure and move forward in years like this one, and for years to come because we are farmers.

We are the caretakers

While I was part of a panel discussion on overcoming obstacles during the Kentucky Women in Agriculture recently, I initially thought that I had not encountered any obstacles in my 25-year career or even before I chose to study agriculture.

I was never told specific jobs were out of reach because I was female. I was never discouraged from going to college, which was more prevalent many years ago than today. It never crossed my mind that aspirations would be out of reach, and I need to thank my parents, grandparents, and educators for that.

Now I initially wanted to become a research scientist in the field of genetics, but I did not have information available to me to know I could have attained that at my school of choice. My only understanding of agriculture at 17 was caring for livestock and loading hay. Due to believing a school in my chosen field was out of reach financially, I settled for something more familiar at the UK College of Agriculture by studying Animal Science. I decided I wanted to see where this led me.

I must be thankful for advisors, professors, career coaches, and timing, as I also decided to tackle agricultural communications and the new media, the Internet. The skill of building websites and print publications undoubtedly landed me my first job in agriculture because I knew very few people in the Kentucky farm community. You could say that was my first obstacle. My stubbornness to rely on my skillset alone and not build or rely on professional relationships was an initial detriment, not the fact that I was a woman.

I later learned that networking would be paramount, challenging me to meet and talk with more people. I had to learn to become an extrovert, at least from 9 to 5.

In the early days of working for the Kentucky Corn Growers and Kentucky Small Grain Growers, it was not unusual that I would be the only female, or one of two, in the room during board and research meetings. I think that was more typical among production-type organizations. Debbie Ellis with the Kentucky Soybean Association and Kentucky Soybean Board was the first to show me that we could have a more significant role in leadership and administration. More women were also beginning to achieve places on grower-led boards, becoming extension specialists or leading educational institutions. We were expanding beyond support staff roles.

I think we have all seen the changing face of agriculture. Many of our farm organizations and agencies are now led by women, and I believe this is a great fit. By nature, we are caretakers of what we genuinely care about. Our families. Our homes. The world we live in—our livelihoods.

When Commissioner Quarles took the stage at the Kentucky Women in Agriculture conference, I loved learning the history of his grandparents and how his native Australian grandmother ran the multi-generational family farm for many years after the death of his grandfather. She made the business decisions. We are very capable.

Again, when I was in the panel discussion, we were asked for our tips on managing a family with a load of responsibilities from our jobs, volunteering, and helping run a farm in many cases. I was reminded that has also been a challenge. I have had a lot of mom guilt over the years due to traveling, my nose buried in my computer, taking on more opportunities because I don't want to let one



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Ag policy was about cultural stability

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guns and fired another massive dud. Days after her tax-cut fiasco, she announced that her economic program would be “growth, growth, and growth,” another perfectly tone-deaf idea as most UK voters are watching their household budgets shrink, shrink, shrink because of inflation.

Few outside the British Fat Cat Brigade believed her and by mid-October, the nation's tabloid press was calling her month-old administration “The Liz Truss Disaster Show.”

There are many reasons the Truss disaster show—and, frankly, the vacant, bombastic Johnson show, too—drips with failure. The key one, however, is not yet plain here: that governments built by self-serving interest groups, think tanks, and business lobbies undermine everything they touch—public trust, politics, themselves and, finally, freedom.

These technocrats are recognizable by the words they use. They say “markets” and “consumers” when actually referring to “communities” and “citizens.” They conflate the word “job” to mean “work”—it doesn't—and stress “wages” rather than “a living.” They “monetize” policy, “politicize” culture, demonize “compromise,” and despise “bipartisanship.”

Ag policy does this in spades: almost everything from farm bills to climate change research is driven,

and oftentimes dictated, by special interest groups, commodity groups, transnational agbiz corporations, and oversized general farm groups.

Most focus on just two issues: the size of the government's coming pie and how to make it bigger to deliver more markets, jobs, profits, and power to these permanent players.

That never was the goal of federal farm policy but it is the key point of it now. The underlying explanation for it goes something like a Liz Truss tax cut: If you take care of the Ever Bigger Folks, something might trickle down to the Ever-Smaller Folks. But it doesn't, of course, and a nearly empty, decaying rural America is proof of that.

So let's try trickle up; let's put citizens and communities at the center of ag policy instead of markets and consumers and see what happens.

Talk among yourselves.

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get away, etc. I could not have done it without my support team, aka my in-laws. But I also have to relish the number of cool, character-building opportunities my children have had over the years. Could I be better at saying, “no?” Maybe. Maybe not.

As I peruse Facebook, I realize we carry a lot on our shoulders. I am in awe of the many women in agriculture working demanding careers, helping run the farm, preparing meals, showing livestock, fostering their kids' 4-H and FFA experiences, starting side business ventures, and much more.

Kentucky agriculture, thank you for embracing more of us and letting us care for communities and the future of our enterprise. We do this work because we can't imagine the alternative, and it is so gratifying.

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Dairy producers can now enroll for 2023 signup for dairy margin coverage

Dairy producers can now enroll for 2023 coverage through the Dairy Margin Coverage Program, an important safety net program from the U.S. Department of Agriculture that helps producers manage changes in milk and feed prices. Last year, USDA's Farm Service Agency took steps to improve coverage, especially for small- and mid-sized dairies, including offering a new Supplemental DMC program and updating its feed cost formula to better address retroactive, current and future feed costs. These changes continue to support producers through this year's signup, which begins today and ends Dec. 9, 2022.

"Dairy producers are the backbone of many agricultural communities across rural America," FSA Administrator Zach Ducheneaux said. "Dairy Margin Coverage provides critical assistance to our nation's small- and mid-sized dairies, helping make sure they can manage the numerous and often unpredictable uncertainties that adversely impact market prices for milk. This year showed why enrolling in DMC makes good business sense. Early in the year, some economists predicted that DMC

would not trigger any payments for the calendar year, but then fast forward to now, when we're starting to see payments trigger and a return on investment."

DMC is a voluntary risk management program that offers protection to dairy producers when the difference between the all-milk price and the average feed price (the margin) falls below a certain dollar amount selected by the producer.

So far in 2022, DMC payments to more than 17,000 dairy operations have triggered for August for more than \$47.9 million. According to DMC margin projections, an indemnity payment is projected for September as well. At \$0.15 per hundredweight for \$9.50 coverage, risk coverage through DMC is a relatively inexpensive investment.

DMC offers different levels of coverage, even an option that is free to producers, aside from a \$100 administrative fee. Limited resource, beginning, socially disadvantaged or a military veteran farmers or ranchers are exempt from paying the administrative fee, if requested. To determine the appropriate level of DMC coverage for a specific dairy operation, producers

can use the online dairy decision tool.

Supplemental DMC

Last year, USDA introduced Supplemental DMC, which provided \$42.8 million in payments to better help small- and mid-sized dairy operations that had increased production over the years but were not able to enroll the additional production. Supplemental DMC is also available for 2023.

Supplemental DMC coverage is applicable to calendar years 2021, 2022 and 2023. Eligible dairy operations with less than 5 million pounds of established production history may enroll supplemental pounds.

For producers who enrolled in Supplemental DMC in 2022, the supplemental coverage will automatically be added to the 2023 DMC contract that previously established a supplemental production history.

Producers who did not enroll in Supplemental DMC in 2022 can do so now. Producers should complete their Supplemental DMC enrollment before enrolling in 2023 DMC. To enroll, producers will need to provide their 2019 actual milk marketings, which FSA uses to determine established production history.

DMC Payments

Additionally, FSA will continue to calculate DMC payments using updated feed and premium hay costs, making the program more reflective of actual dairy producer expenses. These updated feed calculations use 100% premium alfalfa hay, rather than 50%. The benefits of these feed cost adjustments were realized in the recent August 2022 margin payment as current high feed and premium hay costs were considered in payment calculations.

More Information

In addition to DMC, USDA offers other risk management tools for dairy producers, including the Dairy Revenue Protection (DRP) plan that protects against a decline in milk revenue (yield and price) and the Livestock Gross Margin (LGM) plan, which provides protection against the loss of the market value of livestock minus the feed costs. Both DRP and LGM livestock insurance policies are offered through the Risk Management Agency. Producers should contact their local crop insurance agent for more information.

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THE FARMER'S PRIDE



Potato Broccoli Soup

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| 4 cups cubed potatoes | 3 cups 2% milk | 2 green onions, finely minced, divided |
| 2 heads broccoli, (3-4 cups florets) | ¼ teaspoon salt | ½ cup reduced-fat sour cream |
| 2 tablespoons olive oil | ½ teaspoon pepper | ¼ cup bacon bits (optional) |
| ¼ cup all-purpose flour | 5 ounces cheddar cheese, reduced-fat, shredded | |
| ⅓ cup melted butter | | |

Preheat oven to 375 degrees F. **Place** potatoes in large saucepan, **cover** with water and bring to a boil. **Reduce** heat and **cook** potatoes until tender, about 15 minutes. **Cut** broccoli heads into small florets and **place** on baking tray. **Drizzle** with olive oil and **roast** for 15 minutes. **Drain** cooked potatoes in a colander. In the saucepan, **combine** the flour and melted butter; **cook** on medium heat for 1 minute. Slowly **add** milk to the mixture, stirring constantly until thickened. Soup can be thinned by adding an additional

½ cup of milk or water, if desired. **Add** the potatoes, broccoli, salt, pepper, cheese, half of the green onions and bacon bits. **Cook** on low until heated. A few minutes before serving, **add** the sour cream and **stir** to combine. **Serve** topped with remaining onions.

Yield: 6, 1¼ cup servings

Nutritional Analysis: 390 calories, 24 g fat, 13 g saturated fat, 60 mg cholesterol, 370 mg sodium, 30 g carbohydrate, 3 g fiber, 9 g sugars, 15 g protein.



Fall Spiced Pumpkin Bread

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| ½ cup all-purpose flour | 2 teaspoons pumpkin pie spice | ½ cup honey |
| 1¼ cup whole-wheat flour | ½ teaspoon salt | 2 cups pumpkin puree |
| 1½ teaspoons baking powder | ½ cup melted margarine | ⅓ cup olive oil |
| 1 teaspoon baking soda | ½ cup sugar | 2 eggs |
| | | ⅓ cup chopped walnuts |

Heat oven to 350 degrees F. **Mix** flours, baking powder, baking soda, pumpkin spice and salt; set aside. In a large mixing bowl, **whisk** together margarine, sugar, honey, pumpkin puree and olive oil. **Blend** in eggs. **Add** flour mixture. **Stir** until dry ingredients are moistened. **Spray** a 8-by-4 inch loaf pan with non-stick cooking spray. **Pour** batter into pan; **sprinkle** walnuts on top of batter. **Bake** for 1 hour. **Remove** from oven

and **cover** with foil. **Return** to oven and **bake** an additional 20 minutes or until toothpick inserted in center comes out clean. **Cool** for 10 minutes and **remove** from pan.

Yield: 16 slices

Nutritional Analysis: 220 calories, 13 g fat, 2 g saturated fat, 30 mg cholesterol, 270 mg sodium, 26 g carbohydrate, 1 g fiber, 14 g sugars, 4 g protein.

Pioneer agritourism farm continues to be popular destination

GEORGETOWN, Ky. – This time of year, agritourism is booming in Kentucky as pumpkin patches and corn mazes attract customers eager to spend time on the farm.

Bi-water Farm is a pioneer in agritourism in Kentucky. With careful planning and holding true to staying a working farm, this family operation expects nearly 100,000 visitors during their 2022 eight-week fall season.

Brothers Steve, Chris, and Len Fister returned to the family farm upon graduation from college. First, Steve in 1977, followed by the other two. Their parents purchased a 185-acre farm in 1959, already named Bi-Water, for use of the Elkhorn and Dry Run creeks, which surround the property. The brothers and six siblings grew up on the farm located on US 25 within sight of Georgetown. The diversified farm was home to some livestock but the primary farm income was produce. All the children worked in the fields and developed a strong work ethic.

When the brothers took over, they constructed a greenhouse and began starting their seeds and selling vegetables and flower seedlings to independent nurseries while raising 80 acres of produce as the main cash crop.

"We were the pickers, packers, and shippers and shipped out of state," Steve Fister said.

The market for their produce began shrinking in the early 1990s as companies consolidated and

focused on vendors that could provide tomatoes year-round rather than three months from Kentucky, squeezing Bi-Water out.

It was 1995 when the brothers decided to bring people to the farm. They built a farm store and included two weekends of you-pick pumpkins in a 4-acre pumpkin patch.

The two weekends in 1995 worked well, and the brothers decided to try it again. In 1996 they increased the weekends to three, turned a tenant house into a "gentle" spooky farmhouse, offered some fall festival-type games, and added a 2-acre corn maze.

Steve doesn't remember how he came up with the corn maze idea, but he does know it was the first in the state. The corn maze serves two purposes – it's a fun brain teaser activity and lets people experience how corn grows. An article in the Lexington Herald-Leader that year brought a line of visitors to the farm, which hasn't slowed down for 26 years.

The focus of Bi-Water Farm is continually evolving.

"We see each other every day, we walk the paths together, we work side by side, we will say what we think about this or that, 'do you think this will work?'" They do have a few meetings to see if their ideas are cost-effective.

Are there ever disagreements? NAAHHHHH, Fister laughed, tongue firmly planted in cheek. "Two outvotes one."



Brothers Steve, Chris and Len Fister and their father Carl. The brothers took over the family farm operation in 1977.

Bi-Water Farm has one philosophy they hold dear when they consider expanding.

"As long as we are going to do this, visitors will see things from the farm," Fister said. They have visited other farms that have gone to more tourism or amusement park styles, but they want to maintain a working farm operation.

It's easy for a family to spend several hours on

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

KyCorn Hosts Grain Buyers from Mexico, Southeast Asia

Kentucky Corn Checkoff dollars are invested every day to boost demand through relationships with global buyers. It is important to demonstrate the advantages American grain farmers have over our overseas competitors, like reliable maritime transportation and on-farm investment in grain storage and handling systems. Showcasing infrastructure is important, but it is also vital to recognize that international grain trade is still a face-to-face business; the personal connection between the family farms producing corn and buyers from food processors and animal feeders around the globe cannot be overlooked.

Harvest season is an ideal time to provide guests with a glance into activities on family farms and create trusted friendships with decisionmakers for overseas grain purchases. The families seal the deals! Throughout October, KyCorn put corn farmers' checkoff dollars to work to host two groups in tours across the bluegrass state.

The first group was Asian poultry feeders; it originated in Louisville and made a circle to Hardin and Christian Counties, then up to Webster and Henderson Counties. They returned to Louisville to head east for a day to visit with the Kentucky Distillers Association, for the international buyers to explain priorities and the distilling companies to understand possibilities for providing them spent grains. On the trip, they saw harvest operations, ethanol and DDG production, grain handling investments, natural resources and input management, merchandising facilities and barge loading capabilities.

The second group was an executive-level team of procurement managers from GRUMA, the largest



Above: Ray Allan Mackey's farm was one of many stops for the Southeast Asia trade delegation. Right: KyCorn leader Bob McIndoo speaks about corn exports with the mission team from GRUMA out of Mexico.



white corn buyer in the world and the parent company of Azteca Milling. They arrived in Henderson to visit with white corn producers and view river transportation capacity on the Kentucky side of the Ohio River. While most of the corn harvest was wrapped up by the time of their visit, farmers shared the history of their farms and preparation to ensure they can provide reliable, quality crops for generations to come. It was a great opportunity for farmers to understand the priorities of their largest white corn customer, whether processed locally by Azteca Milling or shipped to the Gulf of Mexico to be transported to another processing facility outside of the US. This group visited the

Owensboro Riverport and CGB's new low water facility before flying to New Orleans to tour the next step in their supply chain.

The invitations and guest lists were developed by US Grains Council. The itineraries were organized by KyCorn, but the hosts and the overall visits were a collaboration including Kentucky Farm Bureau and Kentucky Distillers Association. All of these organizations are members of the US Grains Council. Perhaps the strongest message sent during these visits is that Kentucky agriculture is united to be a reliable provider of high-quality corn and corn products to global buyers. Working together matters.



For the last three months, Kentucky Corn and its partners have been diligently working to stop the latest attack by the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA). In late June, EPA used an activist lawsuit as cover to revise its registration for atrazine. Throwing sound science and transparency out the window, the agency proposed an extremely low ecological level of concern value for atrazine of just 3.4 parts per billion, down from the published and scientifically proven 15 parts per billion. If finalized, the proposed action would result in new highly restrictive label mitigation measures and, for many farmers, make atrazine outright impractical to continue using.

Knowing input costs and EPA overregulation are a top concern, Kentucky Corn went to work, leading the charge to educate others on this critical issue. Our thanks to the thousands of growers who submitted comments via postcards, online, and email. Recognizing the drastic implications of losing an important tool for corn growers, Kentucky Commissioner of Agriculture also submitted official comments from the Department raising key concerns on behalf of growers.

The fight isn't over. The next step is ensuring EPA follows through with its promise to convene a formal FIFRA Scientific Advisory Panel to examine the science behind the proposed revisions. If done correctly, this should allow for a detailed review of the science behind the agency's flawed decision. Rest assured, we will continue to hold EPA's feet to the fire. One thing is certain; we are strongest when we work together.

Thanks for helping set the record straight in the fight for sound science and commonsense.

Fisters serve up fun on their working agritourism farm

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the farm with the many activities. Families have the option of a one-day admission or a season pass.

"We do a lot – from what I hear – and we see many families several times throughout the season," Fister said.

Families can begin their day with a hayride to the now 30-acre pumpkin patch, which also provides pumpkins for the farm store. The corn maze is now 5 acres with a 2-acre "kid-friendly" maze. A 4-acre sunflower and a 2-acre zinnia field are colorful photo opportunities and people can pick their own. A nearly floral designer helps with an arrangement in a vase.

A large recreation area again holds true to farm activities. The petting zoo has only animals found on Kentucky farms, no exotics. Children can make snow angels in a pile of shelled corn, dig in a sandbox and ride a pedal tractor. There are swings, a child-friendly zip line, and 4-foot tubes that children can roll while walking inside. No electronics; nothing motorized.

This time of year, bins in the farmers' market are full of late-season tomatoes, mums, heirloom gourds, farm produce, and farm corn shocks line the market. Everything is grown on Bi-Water except apples from a nearby orchard. The farm even has its own honey.

The farm cafe offers hand-cut French fries from farm potatoes and daily harvested lettuce and tomatoes. All the meat is Kentucky Proud.

Family and farm go hand in hand with the Bi-Water business model. Three brothers working together for nearly 50 years, creatively finding ways to offer

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By Toni Riley, Field Reporter

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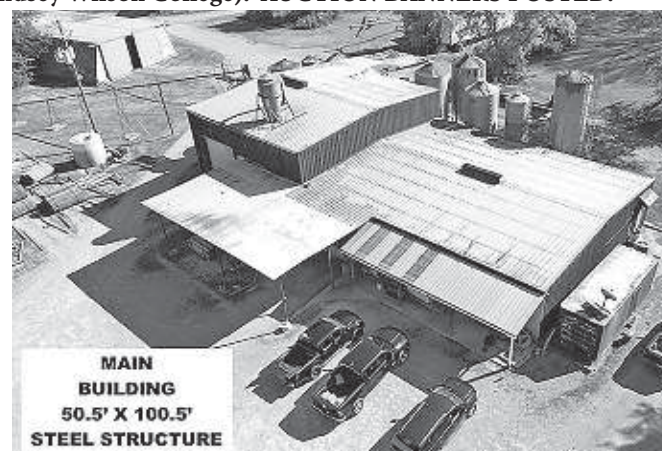
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Low waters in Mississippi affecting prices, market

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in a storage system and start early because they don't have the manpower to deliver to the elevator during peak season.

"I actually got a positive basis," he said. "We sold some corn for 50 cents over and now that would be \$1.30 under...It was just dumb luck because a lot of it was because we had no choice."

Steenhoek is providing updates to the industry, knowing that 54 percent of U.S. soybean exports are transported to port regions via barge. Around 80 percent of those exports occur between the months of September and February.

"These issues have a very practical, local, tangible impact on the farmer's wallet. It couldn't come at a worst time," he said. "It's game time for our industry."

Miller said the Mississippi River allows U.S. products to ship from Chicago to China for \$1 less than South American products.

"That dollar doesn't mean much when it cost an extra dollar to get it down to the Gulf right now," he said. "We've basically given up our global competitive advantage by giving up the river system."

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Sometimes we just don't know

There seems to be a lot of questions coming in that just don't have answers.

While Extension professionals accept that 'I don't know' is an acceptable response, we do feel the burden of sooner or later (hopefully sooner) answering the question. It is nice if we return with a correct answer, too, LOL. (Can you put LOL in a newspaper column; I guess so, I just did!)

This reminds me of something that my agent used to tell me when I was giving oral reasons during livestock judging. Sometimes the best thing he could say about my effort was that I did not tell him any lies (giving oral reasons was not a native skill). My students sometimes have a hard time with that concept. I tell them that when they are answering an essay question, I usually count off none or very little if they don't tell me EVERYTHING, but I have to count off when they tell me things that aren't so. Some do, and some don't follow that advice.

I guess one of the benefits that come with age is to know there really is no

answer to certain questions. Here are a few I have been getting lately.

"My pasture has a _____ (little, some, a lot) of johnsongrass and we got a light frost. It is tall and kind of dried up, and I really don't think they will eat a lot of it. We are expecting a harder freeze in a day or two. Do you think it is safe to leave the cows out there?"

I have exaggerated this question some, but not much. I am happy that producers recognize that frosted johnsongrass will evolve johnsongrass and animals that consume a lot of it can be killed. What makes this question so difficult is that we really don't know how much of what stage of johnsongrass leaf will cause a fatality. We do know that young and very tender growth is very toxic, but how much of that do they need to eat to be fatal. Another unknown is how fast prussic acid evolves when plants are frosted.

So how do I answer this? First, I say that I don't think anyone can give them a definitive answer. Second, I say it is

mainly about the amount of risk they are willing to accept. Usually, I explain that if I was their farm manager, then grazing semi, sort of frosted johnsongrass is just too much risk.

"I planted some _____ (pick your grass) in mid-September and I have not had a rain on it. Do you think I am okay still?" This one is tough, because I really WANT to be able to tell them that everything will be alright. I have to say that no one knows. In 2019, I was advising a farm that was seeding over 200 acres of orchardgrass, a good bit of it on a prepared seedbed.

The Forage Doctor

By Jimmy Henning



They had a good seedbed and seeded on time (late August). Then we had a month of very hot and dry conditions before rain came. The orchardgrass did come up, but stayed small all winter. Even though I sure wanted it to survive, an extreme winter would have hurt it pretty bad. Thankfully, the winter was mild and the orchardgrass survived.

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Henning

My point here is that for seedings made in dry conditions, success is mostly determined by the weather. And we will just have to wait and see. I hate giving that answer.

Maybe I am thinking about this all wrong. Maybe I should be proud that Kentucky farmers are such world class question-askers. What I can say is that telling someone there is no way to

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answer their question does not feel very helpful. Maybe it is true what my wife says to those that think I am a physician (since I have the Dr. title) "Oh no, he's the kind of doctor that can't do you any good." Ouch. But hey, don't stop asking the hard questions. Knowing there is no good answer is sometimes answer enough.

Happy foraging.



Answering questions and solving problems is what we do in Extension, such as shown here as former Clay County Extension Agent Jeff Casada helps Ron Bowling work through the establishment of some native warm season grasses for his family's grass-fed beef business. In this situation, Ron's questions had answers. Sadly, some do not. Sometimes we just don't know.

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Ag Career Profiles: Social Media and Graphics Coordinator

As the social media and graphic coordinator for the Kentucky Department of Agriculture, Alexis Smith has the pleasure of creating content daily to elevate the importance of Kentucky's farm families and their impact on our everyday lives. She also helps coordinate KDA's print and digital graphic design content.

Alexis graduated from the University of Kentucky with a bachelor's in agricultural economics and a minor in business management.

"I fell in love with learning all about Kentucky's abundance in commodities and the hard work and dedication our state's farmers have for their work," she remembered. "I knew I wanted to be someone to help elevate their message and show the rest of the world the side of their lives on the farm many don't see."

"When I was in high school, I had absolutely no idea what I wanted to do. I started out taking my prerequisites while trying to explore as many career paths as I could by job shadowing. Growing up in a tech-savvy world, I found myself particularly interested in helping others be successful in their businesses, especially on the marketing side. Throughout college, I taught myself numerous skills to successfully manage social media platforms, design websites, and create brand identities and marketing materials. Pursuing these skills helped me be successful in my role at the KDA by knowing how to be efficient with my time, create engaging content, and help spread the mission of the department through print and digital marketing channels."

Regarding additional skills that help her in her work, Alexis says she loves to learn new things.

"I'm someone who thinks that we can never stop learning no matter what role you're in or how long you've been in it," remarked Alexis. "Although I took a few marketing classes in college, I took numerous online courses through Hubspot and Skillshare and took advantage of the wide

array of free knowledge available on YouTube, which I continue to do because the marketing world changes daily. Through these tactics, I taught myself Adobe Photoshop and Illustrator to benefit my digital content creation and InDesign, which benefits the department's print marketing materials. My daily responsibilities are always different so learning how to manage time efficiently and stay organized is essential in almost any role you take."

When asked if there were something she would have done or studied differently if she knew she would end up in this career, she said that there's always going to be a path you take in your life that you could have never prepared for.

"I think that's the best thing about having an open mindset and taking advantage of as many opportunities as you are presented. If I knew I would end up in social media and graphic design, I definitely would have taken more marketing classes like graphic design, story-telling, and photography."

Alexis said her favorite part of her job is getting to represent the voices of those in the ag community.

"I love getting to tell the stories of our farm families, capture their pictures, and spread the message of how important agriculture is in our daily lives. I also enjoy creating flyers or brochures and pursuing projects that challenge my skills, making me better in my role."

Her advice to other young people looking for careers in agriculture is to have patience.

"If you wish to pursue anything in marketing or communications, know that what works one day may not work the next day. Always be up for the challenge to learn new things every day. Don't be afraid to ask for help or advice. Always be willing to learn and expand your skills because even though you may be studying one thing today, you may end up being in a role you never imagined you'd be in."



Alexis Smith, Social Media and Graphics Coordinator, Kentucky Department of Agriculture

PRIDE IN AG EDUCATION Classroom Questions

1. Why is the low water level of the Mississippi River a concern to Kentucky Farmers?
2. How much of U.S. ag exports travel the Mississippi River Basin?
3. Why would johnsongrass that's been hit by frost be of concern for farmers?
4. What was a nickname for Sen. Pat Roberts and what dual positions has he held that nobody else has ever held?
5. Find an advertisement by the Kentucky Pork Producers and explain why you think the industry is promoting the information in the ad. Where do you think funding for this ad came from?
6. Compare feeder steer prices in market reports from earlier this month and identify which lot of cattle earned the highest price.
7. The dairy industry will be holding meetings in November to discuss industry issues and promotional efforts. Who is the district chairman for your county?

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LOUISVILLE AREA: Louisville & Bagdad; PENNYRILE AREA: Allensville, Auburn, Franklin, Hopkinsville & Pembroke; BLUEGRASS AREA: Bardstown, Lexington & Winchester; GREEN RIVER: Caneyville & Livermore; NORTHERN KENTUCKY AREA: Silver Grove at Cincinnati; PURCHASE AREA: Clinton & Mayfield. Opening bids at elevators and processing plants.							
10/07/2022 4:00 pm est Bids for next day Cash Bids Corn #2 Yellow Corn #2 White Soybeans #1 Y Wheat #2 SRW Barley	Louisville	Pennyrile	Purchase	Bluegrass	Green River	Northern KY	
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Distillers Grain Modified	—	135.00	—	—	—		
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Bred Cows: Supreme NA. Approved 975.00 Jersey. Medium 725.00. Common NA.

Open Heifers: Supreme NA. Approved 600 lbs 475.00; 700-710 lbs 460.00-500.00 Jersey. Medium 900 lbs 675.00. Common NA.

Bull Calves: (per head) Medium and Large 110.00-190.00, Beef Cross 190.00-220.00, Crossbred 130.00.

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10/10/2022 USDA Carlot Meat Summary, Compared to Previous Day Prices in dollars per hundred weight: Boxed beef cutout prices trended down on Choice and Select carcasses.

NATIONAL BOXED BEEF CUTOUT Estimated composite cutout value of Choice 1-3 600-900 lbs carcasses down 1.44 at 244.63; Select 1-3 600-900 lbs carcasses down 2.31 at 213.82; based on 65 loads of choice cuts, 46 loads of select cuts, 23 loads of trimmings, and 16 loads of ground beef. Choice/Select Spread 30.81.

CARCASS PRICE EQUIVALENT INDEX VALUE NW_LS410 https://www.ams.usda.gov/mnreports/nw_ls410.txt. Estimated carcass price equivalent value of Choice 1-3 600-900 lbs carcasses down 0.66 at 223.78; Select 1-3 600-900 lbs carcasses down 1.88 at 195.22.

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SLAUGHTER LAMBS WOOLED & SHORN: Choice and Prime 2-3 114-125 lbs 100.00-123.00. Choice 1-2 61-63 lbs 136.00-205.00; 75 lbs 151.00; 80-89 lbs 103.00-124.00; 91-99 lbs 100.00-107.00; 102 lbs 103.00. Good 1 78 lbs 108.00. HAIR BREEDS: Choice and Prime 1-2 41-48 lbs 255.00-301.00; 50-59 lbs 255.00-291.00; 60-69 lbs 230.00-299.00; 70-78 lbs 200.00-254.00; 80-88 lbs 190.00-228.00; 90-98 lbs 150.00-200.00; 103-115 lbs 190.00-200.00. Choice 1-2 43-49 lbs 230.00-245.00; 50-56 lbs 220.00-250.00; 60-69 lbs 180.00-240.00; 71-79 lbs 149.00-200.00; 80-89 lbs 130.00-180.00; 90-98 lbs 110.00-135.50; 101-108 lbs 119.00-150.00.

SLAUGHTER GOATS KIDS: Selection 1 41-49 lbs 300.00-341.00; 51-59 lbs 280.00-326.00; 60-68 lbs 285.00-320.00; 73-75 lbs 300.00-333.00; 80-82 lbs 325.00-339.00; 92-95 lbs 320.00-341.00. Selection 1-2 40-49 lbs 250.00-300.00; 50-59 lbs 249.00-307.00; 61-69 lbs 240.00-300.00; 70-73 lbs 250.00-280.00; 80 lbs 232.00-261.00; 90-93 lbs 224.00-232.00. Selection 2 43-48 lbs 204.00-230.00; 50-58 lbs 200.00-250.00; 63-68 lbs 220.00-245.00; 71-77 lbs 218.00-234.00.

Blue Grass Stockyards of Richmond Graded Sheep/Goat Sale - Richmond, Ky. Oct. 10, 2022

Total Receipts 241 Good prime and choice mid weight lambs sold up 5.00 to 10.00. Light weight prime and choice sold steady to unchanged compared to last sale with good demand. Plain lambs steady with average demand, Kid prices were down 1.00 to 3.00.

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HAIR BREEDS: Choice and Prime 1-2 50 lbs 215.00; 69 lbs 240.00; 81-85 lbs 182.50-190.00; 140 lbs 110.00. Choice 2 53 lbs 230.00; 70 lbs 167.50; 80-83 lbs 137.50-187.50. Good and Choice 2-3 55 lbs 217.50; 68 lbs 162.50.

SLAUGHTER GOATS KIDS: Selection 1-2 43-48 lbs 275.00-327.50; 68 lbs 305.00; 93 lbs 250.00; 105 lbs 260.00. Selection 2 47 lbs 210.00; 51-54 lbs 230.00-240.00; 67 lbs 227.50; 80 lbs 200.00; 90 lbs 247.50. Selection 2-3 50-58 lbs 150.00-195.00; 65 lbs 195.00-217.25.

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Blue Grass East Mt. Sterling, KY Oct. 5, 2022 Feeder Steers: Medium & Large 1-2 21 hd. 599# 160.00 charx Feeder Heifers: Medium & Large 1-2 50 hd. 539# 170.75 blk-charx 87 hd. 551# 173.85 blk 59 hd. 669# 164.50 blk-charx	Blue Grass Maysville Maysville, KY Oct. 4, 2022 Feeder Steers: Medium & Large 1-2 30 hd. 742# 171.75 blk-charx 37 hd. 918# 159.00 blk-charx Feeder Heifers: Medium & Large 1-2 34 hd. 536# 148.50 blk-red	United Producers Owenton Owenton, KY Oct. 5, 2022 Feeder Steers: Medium & Large 1-2 131 hd. 768# 174.50 blk-charx-red Feeder Heifers: Medium & Large 1-2 21 hd. 617# 151.00 blk 73 hd. 676# 159.75 blk-red	Lake Cumberland Livestock Somerset, KY, Oct. 8, 2022 Feeder Heifers: Medium & Large 1-2 80 hd. 527# 179.75 mixed 46 hd. 583# 182.00 blk
		Blue Grass of Campbellsville Campbellsville, KY Oct. 8, 2022 Holstein Steers: Large 3 27 hd. 313# 168.50	Mid-KY Livestock Market Upton, KY Oct. 4, 2022 Feeder Steers: Medium & Large 1-2 22 hd. 539# 155.00 mixed Feeder Heifers: Medium & Large 1-2 21 hd. 560# 141.00 blk 23 hd. 641# 150.50 mixed

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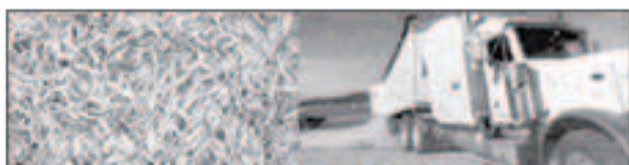
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NOTE: Districts have been rearranged and renumbered! Please verify your correct district and meeting place. The NEW District 10 will have two meeting dates/locations to choose from, but you only need to attend one of the meetings.

DISTRICT AREAS		MEETING DATE, TIME & LOCATION	PLEASE RSVP TO YOUR DISTRICT CHAIRMAN
1	Christian, Todd	November 14 or 16 - TBA Hopkinsville, KY	Jesse Ramer 270.889.1160 344 Boley Road, Sharon Grove, KY 42280
2	Ballard, Caldwell, Calloway, Carlisle, Crittenden, Fulton, Graves, Henderson, Hickman, Hopkins, Livingston, Lyon, Marshall, McCracken, Muhlenberg, Trigg, Union, Webster	November 14 or 16 - TBA Hopkinsville, KY	Open Seat 270.970.4792 P.O. Box 77, Loretto, KY 40037
3	Allen, Barren, Butler, Logan, Simpson, Warren	Thursday, November 17 - 7:00 p.m. CST Cave City Convention Center 502 Mammoth Cave Street, Cave City, KY	Tonya Cherry 270.590.4312 1242 South Combs Lane, Fountain Run, KY 42133
4	Breckenridge, Bullitt, Daviess, Edmonson, Grayson, Hancock, Hardin, Hart, Jefferson, LaRue, McLean, Meade, Ohio	Thursday, November 17 - 7:00 p.m. CST Cave City Convention Center 502 Mammoth Cave Street, Cave City, KY	Hope Reynolds 270.528.6188 1018 Bales Road, Magnolia, KY 42757
5	Casey, Green, Taylor	Thursday, November 3 - 7:00 p.m. EST Taylor County Extension Office 1143 South Columbia Avenue, Campbellsville, KY	OPEN
6	Boyle, Fayette, Garrard, Jessamine, Madison, Marion, Mercer, Nelson, Spencer, Washington, Woodford	Tuesday, November 15 - 12:00 p.m. EST Marion County Extension Office 415 Fairgrounds Rd, Lebanon, KY	Kim Jones 270.402.1383 3310 Highway 52, Loretto, KY 40037
7	Cumberland, Metcalfe, Monroe	Thursday, November 17 - 7:00 p.m. CST Cave City Convention Center 502 Mammoth Cave Street, Cave City, KY	Mary Ann Fudge 270.819.0126 163 Fudge Street, Gamaliel, KY 42140
8	Adair, Russell	TBD - CST Adair County Extension Office 409 Fairgrounds St, Columbia KY	Billy Rowe 270.634.0334 499 Norman Grant Road, Columbia, KY 42728
9	Bell, Breathitt, Clay, Clinton, Estill, Floyd, Harlan, Jackson, Knott, Knox, Laurel, Lee, Leslie, Letcher, Lincoln, Magoffin, McCreary, Owsley, Perry, Pike, Powell, Pulaski, Rockcastle, Wayne, Whitley, Wolfe	Tuesday, November 15 - 6:30 p.m. EST Marcella's Farm to Fork - <i>Please park in the lot behind restaurant</i> 216 Cedar Rapids Road, Mount Vernon, KY	Ronnie Patton 606.309.5138 5049 Highway 490, East Bernstadt, KY 40729
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		Wednesday, November 9- 12:00 p.m. EST Mason Co. Extension Office 800 U.S. 68, Maysville, KY 41056	
11 - IN	Clark, Crawford, Daviess, Dubois, Floyd, Gibson, Green, Harrison, Jackson, Jefferson, Knox, Lawrence, Martin, Orange, Perry, Pike, Posey, Scott, Spencer, Sullivan, Vanderburgh, Vermillion, Vigo, Warren, Warrick, Washington	Tuesday, November 8 - 7:00 p.m. CST RZ's Cafe 104 North Main Street, Ft. Branch, IN	Kelly Obert 812.779.8531 7826 S 550 E, Fort Branch, IN 47648