



A group listens as John Beiler discusses an organic cover crop that provides pasture for his organic dairy and biomass for the next crop rotation.

## Organic field day based on farmer needs

TRENTON Ky. – “I don’t sleep well if I have bare ground,” John Beiler told the group standing in his pasture field growing multi-species grasses. The group was attending one of the Organic Association of Kentucky farmer field day events.

OAK, with a staff of three full-time and four part-time employees, provided an educational event each month beginning in April, but the planning began last fall.

Brooke Gentile, the executive director of OAK, said that OAK is a non-profit founded by farmers and provides educational

events based on feedback from farmers.

“Throughout the year, farmers tell us what they want to learn, where they want to visit, their successes, and their challenges. We plan all of our educational events, field days, outreach, and especially our annual conference on the input from farmers,” Gentile said.

The field days varied in location from Greenup County to Todd County and in content from a backyard business to a 1000-customer direct market business, meeting the goal of spotlighting Kentucky’s diverse crops, practices and geography.

The April session was held at Modern Heritage Farm in Glendale, where attendees learned how to have a thriving farm market with minimal infrastructure and leased land. This event highlighted the “Do It Yourself” tools developed by Jessica and John Thomas Hodges, including a weeder made from a metal coat hanger and a mop handle.

Crestwood in Oldham County was the spot for the field day with the highest attendance. In June, over 60 people visited Root Bound Farm to learn how this mid-sized farm raises

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## New avian flu strain hits turkey population at peak season

American Farm Bureau Federation cites a new strain of avian flu combined with global inflation as the cause of a 112 percent increase in the commodity price of fresh turkey breast, now at \$6.70 per pound. In 2021, that price was \$3.16.

Drought has also had an impact, and media outlets are warning consumers to purchase that Thanksgiving turkey early while supplies are available.

Anthony Pescatore, an Extension poultry specialist with the University of Kentucky, said the U.S. has lost about 7.4 million turkeys because of the avian flu. If even one bird is sick, the entire flock must be depopulated to contain the highly contagious foreign animal disease.

“It’s a new strain ... every once in awhile, certain weather patterns have birds coming over from Asia,” Pescatore said, and the wild bird population has a reservoir of the virus.

Outbreaks have been impacting domestic poultry and wild birds in Europe and Asia since August of 2020, according to the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service. The virus was detected in North America in late 2021, with at least two new additional viruses occurring since then, causing “extensive morbidity and mortality events in a range of wild bird species, similar to that seen in Europe and Asia.”

According to USDA, there have been two commercial and two backyard flocks affected in Kentucky, for a total of 285,040 birds in the state affected by this outbreak.

“How it gets from the wild birds to the poultry farms, we’re not sure about. That’s the missing link — the transfer from the water fowl population into the chicken houses,” Pescatore said.

But he also points out that avian flu is not a human disease. “It’s not transferable to humans, and any of the birds that are tested positive don’t go into the human food chain. There is no impact on human health or the meat that’s being produced.”

Pescatore says that unfortunately, “we do have impact on foreign trade, where we have bans on certain countries for

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## OAK Field Days based on farmer needs

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arugula to zucchini and pasture-raised livestock. Bree Pearsall and Ben Abell serve more than 1000 direct market customers weekly through farmers' markets and a 700-member CSA. The farm has 18 employees.

During the July session, the field days moved around the state, going to Berea and Salamander Springs Farm to learn about intensive cover crop methods for the no-till production of staple crops.

In May, the University of Kentucky Organic Farming Unit demonstrated how to improve produce quality and extend shelf life.

Traveling to eastern Kentucky and Greenup County in August brought those who wanted to learn about growing a backyard business with flowers, herbs, and vegetables to Mountain Girl Provision Company.

Rough Draft Farmstead in Lawrence-

burg hosted a discussion in September on no-till market gardening, highlighting the farmstead's many different techniques and styles of no and low-tillage production.

During the October session, John Beiler discussed his cover crop practices, which enabled him to produce 28 tons of silage per acre for his organic dairy when neighbors were harvesting 20 tons. Beiler has not added macro or micronutrients to the fields since 2010 but does use soil amendments.

Beiler emphasized that biomass from cover crops increases soil fertility through the soil microbes. Beiler also pointed out the field retained moisture, an essential consideration during a very dry summer.

The silage field, now a bright green cover crop, was planted six weeks prior with a mix of annuals and perennials.

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# Field days features farms of all sizes

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The mixture contained annuals such as radishes, peas, and sunflowers, as well as oats, rye, and sugar beets. The field will provide pasture for the dairy cattle with no decrease in milk production and then be turned under in the spring as part of the farm's crop rotation.

The group at the Beiler attendance wasn't large, and only a few of those attending were OAK members.

"All of our field days are open to non-members, and we want to share what certified organic farmers are doing with anyone," Gentile said. She noted that during the last year, OAK had 450 members, which included individuals, farms, and businesses, but served over 3000 individuals.

A particular component of the field days for members and non-members is a summary and photos of the event available on the Oak website.

To review any field days, visit [oak-ky.org/join-us-for-a-farmer-field-day](http://oak-ky.org/join-us-for-a-farmer-field-day).

This year's conference will be held at Kentucky State University on Jan. 26-28, 2023. In its 12th year, the conference has the theme "Rooted in Resilience: Growing Healthy Soils and Opportunities for Ken-

tucky Organics."

For more information about the Organic Association of Kentucky and its educational and transition

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# USDA's 'deeply flawed' \$3-billion 'Climate Smart Commodities' program

Even at first glance, the U.S. Department of Agriculture's recently announced \$3-billion "Partnerships for Climate-Smart Commodities" sounds like doublespeak, an Orwellian invention that reverses the meaning of words.

Or, more plainly, how can today's commodity-centered, industrialized agriculture be remotely "climate-smart" when everyone in the food business readily acknowledges it's an oil-gulping, climate-changing juggernaut?

The short, truthful answer is it can't.

But don't tell that to the blinkered politicians at USDA. On Sept. 14, USDA announced it "is investing up to \$2.8 billion in 70 selected projects under the first Partnerships for Climate-Smart Commodities" to prove that it can be done.

This seemingly admirable attempt, suggests one Land Grant University agronomist deeply familiar with climate change ag research, is, in fact, USDA hoping to put 10 pounds of (organic material) into the proverbial five pound sack using just its checkbook. "Good luck," he offers.

But it will try, for example, by examining how "to accelerate long-term cover crop adoption by creating a platform" that "will quantify, verify, and facilitate the sale of ecosystem benefits, creating a marketplace to generate demand for climate-smart commodities."

The leader of this pie-in-the-sky, \$95-million effort is that agricultural research powerhouse, the National Fish and Wildlife Foundation.

Don't worry, though, the group will get ag help, explains USDA, from "other major partners" like the National Corn Growers Association and—curiously—two commodity check-off groups, the National Pork Board and the United Soybean Board.

Even more curious is the presence of an even bigger helping hand, The Walton Family Foundation.

Why does the Wal-Mart clan want a fat finger in the cover-crop pie? USDA doesn't say but the best guess is that the nation's largest grocer needs a seat at this table so it can grab any hoped-for carbon credits to maintain—or even grow—its massive carbon footprint.

And so goes USDA's grant-winning efforts for 26 more pages and another almost \$2.6 billion of Commodity Credit Corporation cash.



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What a growing season it has been! I farm in Muhlenberg County, and before we could plant anything, we had a lot of storm debris to clean up from the December tornado. That was the case in a pretty wide swath across the state, and I know it put a number of farms behind on their planting. We were lucky this summer, and when the drought hit many places so hard, we got a little rain from time to time. I know that farmers in most of the state were not so lucky, and that reminds me that I should remind YOU about being a member of the Kentucky Soybean Association. Our organization and our national policy organization, the American Soybean Association, are already at work on the next farm bill. Do you know what I think is one of the most important issues in that piece of legislation? Crop insurance.

If farmers didn't have crop insurance, years like this one would force some operations into bankruptcy. Being able to insure our crops is an important tool in the toolbox for farmers. I know that I am not looking for handouts, and I bet you aren't either, but the financial risks that we as farmers take year after year, and all the input costs that we invest out of pocket, are so substantial that having a safety net is a necessity. You know what else your Kentucky Soybean Association and American Soybean Association lobby for? Infrastructure. Locks and dams. Dredging the Lower Mississippi River. I know that most years, farmers sell their grain at the elevator and probably don't give much thought to where it goes afterward. This year, with the drought being so severe, many elevators are in a bind when it comes to keeping our beans moving. When the rivers are shallow, that means fewer barges, lighter loads, and increased cost per bushel to move grain. Soy Transportation Coalition Executive Director Mike Steenhoek says that this year,

shipping grain is like attaching a garden hose to a fire hydrant. In a recent news release, he said, "Farmers are continuing to harvest an overall strong crop, but the inland waterway system – especially the lower Mississippi River – does not currently possess the normal capacity to accommodate it. This is particularly a challenge for the soybean industry given how the September through February time period accounts for 80 percent of U.S. soybean exports and since over half of soybeans produced in the country are exported. Barge transportation is essential for connecting U.S. soybean farmers with international customers." Steenhoek further noted, "The water levels in the Upper Mississippi River, the Ohio River, the Illinois River, and others clearly benefit from the system of locks and dams that serve to restrain water in order to maintain water levels so that navigation can continue. That being said, we are still witnessing historical shallow areas throughout the lock and dam portion of the overall system. The Mississippi River south of St. Louis does not have locks and dams since, under normal conditions, water depth and width are sufficient to maintain robust navigation on its own. Those farmers located in areas of the country in which alternatives are available are clearly better positioned to withstand these challenges. Given the challenges facing barge transportation, many farmers are exploring options B, C, and D. If a farmer has it, option B may be on-farm storage and simply waiting when conditions on the river hopefully improve. Other options may include driving a longer distance to a soybean processor or a facility with rail loading capacity. However, some farmers – especially many close to the river system – have limited or no on-farm storage. In many areas, the inland waterway system under normal conditions is such an attractive avenue for soybeans and grain that alternatives

(processing or rail loading facilities) have not developed since they would be at a competitive disadvantage to the normal efficiencies of barge transportation. The farmers who are in this situation – with limited on-farm storage and alternative delivery options – will be the most exposed to the current challenges facing the inland waterway system." That last part describes many farmers here in Kentucky perfectly. We are so fortunate to have the rivers nearby, and while we experience the occasional hiccup with barges being backed up or bridges being hit, for the most part, we put our crops on the river and enjoy pretty low transportation costs compared to some areas of the country where farmers have to truck their beans long distances, where they are then loaded onto railcars destined for the West Coast. This year, though, being on the river isn't the advantage that we sometimes take for granted. Elevators have limited storage, and farmers who don't have the luxury of on-farm storage and usually truck straight to the elevator from the field are in a bind. I've been fortunate in a number of ways, and my operation is going to come through this OK. I sure am glad to know that my soybean associations, both KSA and the American Soybean Association, are lobbying to get more dollars allocated to the inland waterways system and are already working on the farm bill to be sure that crop insurance remains part of the safety net. I became a lifetime member of KSA in 2020, and I should have done so long before that. I joined up in 2014, and paid dues by the year or 3 years at a time until I decided the smart thing to do was just go ahead and become a lifetime member. I encourage you to do the same. Call our office at 270-365-7214 to check on your membership or to join up, and keep the voice of Kentucky's soybean growers hard at work.

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# USDA's 'deeply flawed' \$3-billion 'Climate Smart Commodities' program

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Another program goal is USDA's plan to "build markets and provide funding to farmers via outcome-based contracts for the reduction and removal of carbon dioxide through the adoption of new climate-smart practices."

USDA doesn't say what these "new practices" might be, but it will cost U.S. taxpayers another \$95 million to find out. Maybe.

USDA does acknowledge, however, that this project's "major partners" include PepsiCo, Cargill, Target, and Coca-Cola.

These agbiz super powers aren't the only elephants crowding USDA's carbon trough. Other partners in other projects include Archer Daniels Midland, John Deere, Campbell Soup, Keurig-Dr. Pepper, Nestle, Mosaic, Anheuser-Busch, Smithfield Foods, Bayer, and many more.

All, explains USDA, will dig into ways to make more than 50 commodities—from corn to flax to chickens to forestry to fisheries—"climate smart" in the next two to five years.

How, of course, will be a real trick because today's American food production machine is a fully integrated, farm-to-table factory that hums on fossil fuels and belches out greenhouse gases like methane, nitrous oxide, and CO<sub>2</sub>.

Very few in ag research, though, expect any break-

throughs: Commodity agriculture can't be made "climate smart" because commodity agriculture, at its core, is already an incredibly productive, climate-changing machine.

"We know," says one Land Grant University agronomist, "that we can't sequester carbon in any appreciable amount in today's commodity production systems. Not through conventional tillage, not through minimum till, not through no-till. That's just an agronomic fact. So what are we doing with these USDA projects?" he wonders.

Another Land Grant University researcher is more blunt in his view of USDA's "climate-smart" effort: "A model relying on those that caused the problem to solve the problem is a deeply flawed model," he

offers.

And, he adds, "[T]he 'smart'" to the money-dripping effort "is in those who get this type of money to do nothing. It's beyond smart, it is genius."

But it's not any real, lasting climate solution, notes a third Land Grant University researcher. "This is all greenwashing—vanity and greenwashing—to keep today's ag policies in place."

So up is down and smart is dumb, and somewhere George Orwell is smiling.

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John 14:2-3 (NIV)

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## THE FARMER’S PRIDE



# Sweet Potato Crisp

- 3 large** fresh sweet potatoes, cooked until tender.  
**8 ounces** reduced fat cream cheese, softened  
**1 cup** brown sugar, divided
- 1 teaspoon** vanilla  
**1 tablespoon** ground cinnamon  
**2 medium** apples, chopped
- ½ cup** all-purpose flour  
**⅔ cup** quick cooking oats  
**3 tablespoons** butter  
**¼ cup** chopped pecans

- 1. Preheat** oven to 350° F. Lightly spray a 13 x 9 x 2 inch pan with non-stick spray.  
**2. Mash** sweet potatoes. Add cream cheese, ⅔ cup brown sugar, vanilla and cinnamon. Mix until smooth.  
**3. Spread** sweet potato mixture evenly into pan.  
**4. Top** sweet potatoes
- with chopped apples.  
**5. In** a small bowl, **combine** flour, oats, and ⅓ cup brown sugar. **Cut** in butter until mixture resembles coarse crumbles. **Stir** in pecans.  
**6. Sprinkle** mixture over apples.  
**7. Bake** uncovered for 35-40 minutes or until
- topping is golden brown and fruit is tender.  
**Yield:** 16, ¾ cup servings.  
**Nutritional Analysis:**  
240 calories, 6 g fat, 3 g sat fat, 5 mg cholesterol, 200 mg sodium, 44 g carbohydrate, 4 g fiber, 20 g sugar, 4 g protein.

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# Red Potato Salad

- 6 medium** red potatoes cut into 1½ inch pieces  
**4 cups** fresh green beans cut into 1½ inch pieces  
**1 small** red onion, chopped
- 1 red** bell pepper, chopped  
**1 yellow** bell pepper, chopped  
**1 cup** chopped cherry tomatoes
- ¼ cup** mayonnaise  
**2 tablespoons** red wine vinegar  
**2 teaspoons** fresh oregano  
Salt and pepper

- 1. Wash** vegetables in warm water.  
**2. Boil** potatoes until tender and drain.  
**3. Boil** green beans until tender crisp and drain.  
**4. Place** the potatoes and green beans in a bowl.  
**5. Add** chopped red onions, peppers and tomatoes.  
**6. In** a small bowl, **mix** mayonnaise, red wine vinegar and chopped
- oregano.  
**7. Add** to potato mixture and mix lightly.  
**8. Season** with salt and pepper. **Mix** well. **Serve** cold.

**Yield:** 16, ½ cup servings

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# PRIDE IN AG EDUCATION – Today's Farm News for Tomorrow's Farm Community

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## Turkey: From Farm to Table

**A**s you are thinking about enjoying your Thanksgiving Day meal, we thought you may be interested in how turkeys are raised by our farmers. The following information was provided by the National Turkey Federation.

Raising turkeys is around-the-clock work. In 2021, more than 216 million turkeys were raised on about 2,500 farms across the United States, many of which are family farms. NTF is working to amplify the hard work done by the men and women across the turkey industry to support America's robust food supply. Read on to learn more about raising turkeys and the turkey production process in the United States.

### Raising Birds to Maturity

Broad-breasted White is the most commonly domesticated breed of turkey. This breed is raised to produce more breast meat and meatier thighs and is recognizable by their white feathers. Other variations, such as heritage turkeys, are also bred in niche markets.

Turkey eggs are tan with brown specks and are larger than chicken eggs. The incubation period to hatch a turkey egg is 28 days. Once hatched, a baby turkey is called a poult and is tan and brown. Male turkeys are called toms, while female turkeys are called hens.

### How Turkeys Are Raised

American farmers are raising turkeys in scientifically-designed, environmentally-controlled barns that provide maximum protection from predators, disease and weather extremes. They are fed a balanced diet of corn and soybean meal mixed with a supplement of vitamins and minerals. On average, it takes 75-80 pounds of feed to raise a 38-pound tom turkey. Feed ingredients account for roughly two-thirds of the cost of raising a turkey.

To maintain production continuity, laying hens

are artificially inseminated in a controlled environment. During a 25-week laying cycle, a hen normally lays 80-100 eggs. At the end of this cycle, the hen is "spent" and usually processed. Some breeders choose to molt the hen (allow a resting period) before another production cycle. This process takes 90 days; however, the second laying cycle will produce slightly fewer eggs.

Modern production methods have shortened the time it takes for turkeys to reach maturity. A hen usually takes 14 weeks and weighs 15.5 pounds when processed, but a tom takes roughly 18 weeks to reach a market weight of 38 pounds. Genetic improvements, better feed formulation and modern management practices are responsible for the size of turkeys produced today.

Hens are typically processed and sold as whole birds, while toms are often further processed into products such as cutlets, tenderloins, turkey sausage, turkey franks and turkey deli meats.

### Dedication to Animal Health

To prevent disease when raising turkeys, turkey growers rely on vaccination, biosecurity against outside contamination, good hygiene, best management practices and placing newly hatched poult certified free of specific infections. Antibiotics have been safely used in animal agriculture for half a century to treat and control disease in animals and improve the animal's overall health. Advancements in genetics, veterinary management and animal disease research have led to improved animal health and less reliance on antibiotics. In addition, the turkey industry supports alternatives and new mitigation strategies to support challenges producers face.

However, just like humans, animals some-

### Fun facts:

Broad-breasted turkeys are bred with white feathers, so they leave no unsightly pigment spots under the skin when plucked.

Kentucky farms earned \$25 million from turkey sales in 2021. Source: ERS



times get sick and need further medical attention. NTF and the turkey industry are working together to identify and address some of the biggest health challenges facing turkey production today.

### Environmentally Conscious

Turkey growers not only care for the animals they raise, but they are also dedicated stewards of the land and take precautions to ensure their farms' longevity through sustainable agriculture practices. Many turkey farms have been active for generations and are passed down through the family. Sustainability is tantamount to the success of the growing operation and is becoming a standard across the turkey industry.



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# Stocking Rate - The big rock

## The Forage Doctor

By Jimmy Henning



There is an old story about how to get the most rocks of different sizes in a jar. The answer is to put the big rocks in first. In other words, if you take care of the big things, the little things often take care of themselves.

When evaluating pasture, what is the big rock? There are lots of things to consider, like soil fertility, species composition, endophyte level, and legume content. I am going to suggest something not on this list - stocking rate.

Hugh Aljoe from the Noble Foundation identified several criteria to determine if farms are properly stocked in moderate to high rainfall areas. According to Aljoe, the following are characteristics of pastures when the farm is properly stocked:

1. There should always be plant and litter cover (no bare ground).
2. Residual heights at the end of the

grazing season should be three to four inches for cool season perennials like tall fescue and six to eight inches for native warm season grasses.

3. Mature cattle should be able to easily maintain a body condition score of 5.5 or better for most of the grazing season.

4. Cow herds should have conception rates greater than 85 percent with most of the calves born in the first half of the calving season.

Does this describe your farm? Probably everyone will fall short on at least one of these. Getting the stocking rate right or at least close is the first thing to evaluate in a grazing system.

It is important to define the terms 'carrying capacity' and 'stocking rate.' Carrying capacity is the maximum number of animals that can be supported on a given farm. Stocking rate is the actual number of livestock present on a farm. Stocking rate may be the same as carrying capacity but it is most often less. We usually think of stocking rate on a year-long basis.

For our Kentucky farms, it is advisable to have at least three acres to sup-

port a cow/calf pair. But you may need more, depending on your soil type and depth, forage base and livestock size and number. If you have been raising livestock on your farm for years, you have found a stocking rate that works by trial and error.

Getting the stocking rate right is crucial. If stocking rates are too low, there is economic inefficiency because you produce too few calves or lambs or kids to be profitable. If too high, yields are depressed, pastures are always short and slow growing and weed encroachment is common. When overstocked, the usual management practices for increased yield are not effective because

of the over-grazed state of the pastures.

There are tools that let you calculate the stocking rate for your farm, such as the USDA-NRCS Web Soil Survey and the NRCS Kentucky Graze Model. These tools are designed to work together, and here's how.

The web soil survey (WSS) identifies the soils and the acreages of your farm after you have defined the boundaries. You can also use it to estimate the carrying capacity (stocking rate) for your cool season pastures. Some find the tool complex, but there's help for that. UK has developed a publication that give

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Evaluating a grazing system can be complicated. Forage type, endophyte level, legume content and soil fertility are important considerations. However stocking rate can override all of these considerations and will determine the ultimate productivity of the system.

#### FROM PAGE 10

a step-by-step (with pictures!) instructions to estimate your stocking rate. Put 'AGR-222 uky' in your browser search window to access the publication Estimating carrying capacity of cool season pastures in Kentucky using Web Soil Survey. The beauty of this tool is that it takes your soil type into account. However, you have few forage options available and it tends to overestimate carrying capacity because it does not account for grazing efficiency.

The second tool is the NRCS Kentucky Graze Model. The Kentucky Graze model uses historical data on forage production as well as calculated animal intake to evaluate the carrying capacity of your farm and has recently been updated and refreshed by the forages group at UK Extension.

The Graze model accounts for cur-

rent or planned forages and shows the effect of increasing grazing efficiency by improving your pasture management. The graze model is a spreadsheet driven model that requires Microsoft Excel to run. It can be operated from desktop and laptops and even tablets like iPads. Finally the Kentucky Graze model can estimate stocking rates for a variety of livestock types, like sheep, goats and horses. If you want a copy of the Kentucky Graze model and brief instructions, please email me at jimmy.henning@uky.edu.

If your pastures don't meet the Aljoe criteria, or if you are wanting to examine alternative stocking and forage alternatives, you should use the NRCS Graze model to evaluate your farm. Let's start with the big rock – stocking rate.

Happy foraging.

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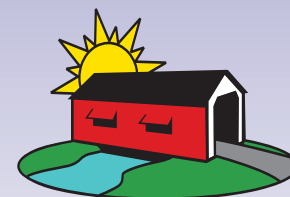
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<b>Farmers Livestock</b> Glasgow, KY Oct. 3, 2022 <b>Feeder Bulls:</b> Medium & Large 1-2 25 hd. 522# 158.00 blk 48 hd. 561# 157.00 blk <b>Feeder Heifers:</b> Medium & Large 1-2 28 hd. 452# 146.50 blk 52 hd. 524# 142.00 blk 44 hd. 529# 150.00 blk 37 hd. 592# 142.00 blk	<b>Kentuckiana Livestock Market</b> Owensboro, KY Oct. 3, 2022 <b>Feeder Heifers:</b> Medium & Large 1-2 34 hd. 699# 150.00 blk	<b>Washington Co. Livestock</b> Springfield, KY Oct. 3, 2022 <b>Feeder Steers:</b> Medium & Large 1-2 125 hd. 770# 177.25 blk 61 hd. 868# 167.25 blk 65 hd. 869# 168.10 blk <b>Feeder Heifers:</b> Medium & Large 1-2 78 hd. 684# 164.50 blk-charx	<b>Blue Grass of Richmond</b> Richmond, KY Oct. 7, 2022 <b>Feeder Steers:</b> Medium & Large 1-2 27 hd. 706# 176.75 blk 64 hd. 787# 168.00 blk-charx-red 57 hd. 975# 162.10 mixed 60 hd. 975# 165.90 blk-bwf 107 hd. 1016# 163.00 blk-bwf
<b>Blue Grass East</b> Mt. Sterling, KY Oct. 5, 2022 <b>Feeder Steers:</b> Medium & Large 1-2 21 hd. 599# 160.00 charx <b>Feeder Heifers:</b> Medium & Large 1-2 50 hd. 539# 170.75 blk-charx 87 hd. 551# 173.85 blk 59 hd. 669# 164.50 blk-charx	<b>Blue Grass Maysville</b> Maysville, KY Oct. 4, 2022 <b>Feeder Steers:</b> Medium & Large 1-2 30 hd. 742# 171.75 blk-charx 37 hd. 918# 159.00 blk-charx <b>Feeder Heifers:</b> Medium & Large 1-2 34 hd. 536# 148.50 blk-red	<b>Blue Grass of Campbellsville</b> Campbellsville, KY Oct. 8, 2022 <b>Holstein Steers:</b> Large 3 27 hd. 313# 168.50	<b>Lake Cumberland Livestock</b> Somerset, KY. Oct. 8, 2022 <b>Feeder Heifers:</b> Medium & Large 1-2 80 hd. 527# 179.75 mixed 46 hd. 583# 182.00 blk  <b>Mid-KY Livestock Market</b> Upton, KY Oct. 4, 2022 <b>Feeder Steers:</b> Medium & Large 1-2 22 hd. 539# 155.00 mixed <b>Feeder Heifers:</b> Medium & Large 1-2 21 hd. 560# 141.00 blk 23 hd. 641# 150.50 mixed

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Compared to last week, woolled and shorn slaughter lambs sold weak, overall. Hair breed lambs sold unevenly steady. Ewes sold weak. Hair ewes sold unevenly steady on a light comparison. No comparison on bucks or hair bucks due to light comparison. Buyer demand was moderate on a moderate supply for the slaughter sheep sale. Slaughter kids sold steady. Nannies/does sold steady. Bucks/billies sold steady with a weak undertone noted. Wethers sold unevenly steady on a light comparison. Buyer demand was moderate on a moderate supply for the slaughter goat sale.

**SLAUGHTER LAMBS WOOLED & SHORN:** Choice and Prime 1-3 56 lbs 290.00; 75 lbs 310.00. Choice 1-3 42-49 lbs 240.00-242.00; 57 lbs 200.00; 60-61 lbs 230.00-265.00; 74-79 lbs 170.00-235.00; 80-89 lbs 170.00-220.00; 90-99 lbs 170.00-200.00; 100-141 lbs 120.00-195.00; 155-192 lbs 100.00-155.00. Good and Choice 1-2 40-41 lbs 170.00-225.00; 63-65 lbs 185.00-205.00; 75-78 lbs 130.00-170.00; 80-84 lbs 130.00-167.00; 90-99 lbs 140.00-165.00; 106-121 lbs 120.00-135.00. **HAIR BREEDS:** Choice and Prime 1-3 55 lbs 355.00; 73 lbs 230.00; 85 lbs 205.00-230.00. Choice 1-3 50-58 lbs 235.00-285.00; 61-68 lbs 220.00-250.00; 70-79 lbs 190.00-212.00; 82-85 lbs 152.00-162.00; 90-98 lbs 140.00-155.00; 100-140 lbs 115.00-175.00. Good and Choice 1-2 45-46 lbs 155.00-177.00; 65 lbs 195.00; 70-79 lbs 135.00-150.00; 81-83 lbs 130.00-145.00. **SLAUGHTER GOATS KIDS:** Selection 1 30-39 lbs 50.00-60.00; 40-49 lbs 55.00-130.00; 50-59 lbs 60.00-180.00; 60-69 lbs 175.00-225.00; 70-79 lbs 220.00-260.00; 80-89 lbs 200.00-230.00; 90-99 lbs 245.00-255.00. Selection 2 50-59 lbs 50.00-75.00; 60-69 lbs 100.00-165.00; 70-79 lbs 145.00-190.00; 80 lbs 190.00. Selection 3 50-59 lbs 20.00-45.00; 60-69 lbs 75.00-85.00; 70 lbs 60.00.

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**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.

**SLAUGHTER LAMBS WOOLED:** Choice and Prime 1-2 70 220.00; 118-139 lbs 120.00; 173 lbs 112.50. Choice 2 58 lbs 230.00. Good and Choice 2-3 61-69 lbs 142.50-175.50.

**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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**USDA ESTIMATED DAILY LIVESTOCK SLAUGHTER**

	CATTLE	CALVES	HOGS	SHEEP
Fri. 10/7/2022 (est)	118,000	1,000	480,000	4,000
Week Ago (est)	115,000	1,000	453,000	4,000
Year Ago (act)	114,000	2,000	473,000	6,000
Week to Date (est)	628,000	6,000	2,408,000	33,000
Same Pd Lt Week (est)	622,000	6,000	2,380,000	33,000
Same Pd Lt Yr (act)	598,000	8,000	2,378,000	38,000

**National Daily Direct Slaughter Cattle****Negotiated Purchases** 10/10/2022

Live Bids FOB- weighed average weights &amp; prices

**Steers:**

80%-up Choice: 1505.0 lbs 147.87

**Heifers**

80%-up Choice: 1323.3 lbs 148.08

**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](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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10/07/2022 Bids for next day Cash Bids	4:00 pm est	Louisville	Pennyrile	Purchase	Bluegrass	Green River	Northern KY
Corn #2 Yellow		5.91-6.33	6.63-6.98	6.33-6.53	NA	6.13	5.63
Corn #2 White			7.43				
Soybeans #1 Y		11.84	12.57-12.87	12.97	NA	12.52	12.25
Wheat #2 SRW		NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Barley							
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Corn #2 Yellow		5.91-7.04	6.81-6.98	6.98	NA	7.06	6.92
Corn #2 White			7.43				
Soybeans #1 Y		11.84	12.57-12.87	13.57	NA	13.42	12.10
Wheat #2 SRW		8.00-8.57	8.37	NA	NA	8.22	NA
Barley							

**National Weekly Ethanol  
Plant Report**  
 10/07/2022  
 Indiana Ohio Illinois Iowa

Yellow Corn Spot Bid 6.76-6.83

Dried Distillers Grain (\$/ton)  
10% moisture 228.75-255.00Modified Wet Distillers (\$/ton)  
55-60% moisture 115.00-  
140.00
**Kentucky Weekly Cattle  
Receipts as reported at local  
markets:**

09/17/22	21,186
09/24/22	18,101
10/01/22	21,500
10/08/22	23,319

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Soybean Hulls	285.00	—	NA	305.00-325.00	200.00-290.00
Corn Distillers Grain Dried	—	245.00	225.00-240.00	—	220.00-310.00
Distillers Grain Modified	—	135.00	—	—	—
Distillers Grain Wet	—	45.00	—	—	—
Corn Condensed Solubles	—	NA	—	—	—
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Corn Gluten Meal 60 pct	—	—	790.00	—	630.00-680.00
Cottonseed Meal 41 pct	—	—	NA	450.00	NA
Whole Cottonseed	—	—	—	450.00	—
Wheat Middlings	—	—	—	—	—

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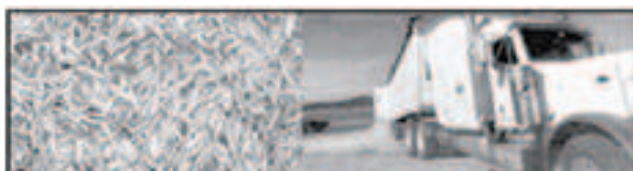
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food products. So if we have a positive in a state, a lot of countries will put in a trade embargo."

Getting a clean status and having those embargoes lifted can take awhile, so it causes many supply chain problems, Pescatore said. The good thing, he said, is there is a system in place. "There are programs at the USDA in response to this, so we've been able to respond quickly to a positive flock."

Farmers who have outside access for birds are being asked to bring them in to reduce contact. There is no vaccination for the strain, so precautionary measures are crucial.

Pescatore said producers should also "be aware of where you've been." Farmers who hunt should make sure they are sanitizing not only their trucks, but their boots, clothing and other equipment, like ATVs used when out and about. These are all ways to bring infections back onto the farm.

Facilities have been tightened down, not only turkeys, but chickens and laying hens will be tested before they leave the farm.

"In the last 2 to 3 years, our system has really been tested, between Covid and the avian influenza," he said.

In 2015, the country saw 50.5 million deaths in birds due to the disease. Pescatore said they were slower to respond at first, "but now we know what needs to be done, and they ramp up very quickly."

According to the USDA, more than 47 million birds have died this year from the virus, which include depopulation. Some companies have said turkey production will be reduced through the beginning of 2023.

Beth Breeding, vice president of communications for the National Turkey Federation in Washington, D.C., wasn't in her position back in 2015 for the first peak of avian flu. But she was working on Capitol Hill at the time for a member of Congress who serves on

the ag committee.

"So I was aware of it, but not living it like we are now," she said.

They've not been able to track all the movements of the virus, Breeding said, "but definitely, wild birds are the source."

Breeding said it's easy to see the migratory paths of the birds on their second swing through, heading back south for the winter.

"You can see where they're flying over and stopping and pausing, like in the Midwest ... I'm not a specialist in this, but there's a lot of water and places to stop in protected areas for them to congregate."

H5N1, also referred to as the "Eurasian strain," has been detected greatly in part because farmers follow the surveillance programs, she said.

"Our goal is to make sure the flocks are depopulated within 24-48 hours," which is also USDA's goal.

The virus doesn't go away with warm weather, Breeding said.

"We had a bit of a lull in June and July, but have since seen a resurgence in cases across the country. It's very clear it's a different situation than what we dealt with in '15."

Breeding said the federation is doing a lot of work with the federal government and research institutions to better understand the science behind it. Although it's now a "day-to-day situation" with managing biosecurity and other controls, she said they must look ahead at the same time.

"We're having a lot of conversations and looking for support from Congress — the farm bill is coming up next year, so we'll be looking for a lot of support from them on animal disease prevention and response," she said. "One of those things is surveillance related — we've love to see the USDA do that in all the major flyways and have a more robust wild bird program. We've been pushing for that."

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