



Grant County ag students have learned about raising turkeys as part of a school-wide SAE.

## Grant County students learn business, production skills by growing turkeys

WILLIAMSTOWN, Ky. – Students in Erin Butler's animal science, small animal and vet tech class at Grant County High better be ready to roll up their sleeves, get to work, and talk some serious turkey as they operate a turkey production business, which benefits the Grant County FFA chapter. The students raise 53-day-old poults to 35-pound birds that will be the centerpiece of local Thanksgiving tables.

Butler initiated the turkey business while an agriculture teacher at Harrison County Middle School 11 years ago and continued it when she moved to Grant County.

"I wanted the students to have a very hands-on Supervised Agriculture Experience," Butler said.

The primary goal of the class is to learn about avian digestion and how to control diseases in a turkey flock. Butler's co-teacher, Nathaniel Messer, teaches ag business, ag sales, and marketing. Messer has the students develop marketing plans, calculate profits and risk analysis as well as return on investment and labor.

In its fifth year, the project is a well-oiled machine, and students look forward to the experience even as eighth graders. Chapter reporter Kendall Mullins, a senior,

explained the process.

"The poults arrive from a hatchery in Michigan the last week of July, and we keep them in a brooder that has heat lamps, feed, and water," she said. Grant County schools are still a couple of weeks from starting at the time, with chapter officers taking turns going to the school and caring for the birds.

Once school starts, the class takes over care. At three weeks of age, the birds transfer to a barn used by the agriculture department.

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## Beef Bash returns

PRINCETON, Ky. - Oct. 20 was one of the coldest days of fall 2022, but a dedicated group of beef producers turned out for Beef Bash 2022. The program provided an excellent offering of topics to help producers manage their beef herd from a dry, hot summer into fall and spring calving seasons.

A series of popups and tents housed presenters, vendors, and education exhibitors at the beef unit, which, like the entire research facility, was leveled on Dec. 11 during an EF4 tornado.

"We felt it was important to continue the Beef Bash tradition in person and move forward with this program at the UKREC," said Katie VanValin, UK College of Agriculture and Environment Beef Extension Specialist.

Beginning the morning, Dr. Darrh Bullock discussed genomic testing, and Kevin Laurent showed how to use EPDs in bull selection. Genomic testing has become an essential asset in bull selection, and County Agriculture Improvement Program funds are available only for bulls with genomic test data.

With this fall's hay in short supply and expensive, producers must use forage testing to evaluate the nutritional content of their hay. Dr. Chris Teutsch demonstrated how to take a forage sample and also showed a phone app for ration balancing. Anyone who has used the Pearson Square to balance a ration may find this convenient. The app, available at [forage-supplement-tool.ca.uky.edu/](https://forage-supplement-tool.ca.uky.edu/), enables a producer to select the animal's production stage, input forage analysis and calculate the additional feeds necessary.

Again with rising feed costs, beef producers must find those open cows and make management decisions. Dr. Les Anderson discussed pregnancy testing and demonstrated a simple blood test that measures progesterone levels and is the equivalent of a home pregnancy test. The blood sample taken at the dorsal vein near the cow's tail head will show whether the test is positive or negative in just a few minutes.

Selenium has always been an essential mineral for beef production, and Dr. Phil Bridges and Dr. Katie

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# Grant County students grow turkeys

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ment. The barn is just a short walk from the high school, where the birds are raised on pasture until harvested a few days before Thanksgiving.

Students in the animal science class take turns caring for the birds. Once the birds go to the barn, the entire class will go out for "big" things, such as cleaning pens and clipping wings. Otherwise, students take turns doing a daily health check and feed and water during class.

Senior Drystein Daniel discussed the risk analysis. If the birds are too crowded or hungry, they will attack weaker birds, he said. Also part of the risk analysis is predators, which, fortunately, have not been a problem, but foxes, owls, and feral cats can wreak havoc in a flock.

Daniel recalled a risk they were unprepared for when they first started by housing the birds in a greenhouse instead of the barn. They learned that

turkeys do not grow well when in light from sunup to sundown.

When it was time to discuss harvest, senior Maddie Cravens was very professional and matter of fact.

"I don't want to sound morbid, but it's my favorite part. It brings the project full circle, and it's why we raise the turkeys and what they are here for," she said.

Butler says harvest day is a very long day. Two days before Thanksgiving, she leaves at 7 a.m. with 25 students in a school bus. A Grant County FFA Alum follows behind with a trailer and the turkeys for Kentucky State University and the mobile poultry processing unit.

To be able to use the KSU unit, Butler was trained by the local health department in Hazard Analysis and Critical Control Points. Butler then teaches the students how to maintain the safety standards necessary to sell their turkeys for human consumption.

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# Another tick-borne cattle disease found in Kentucky

Another case of a potentially dangerous disease of cattle has been detected in Kentucky.

The disease, *Theileria Orientalis Ikedia*, is a protozoan known to be carried by the Asian Longhorned tick. It was detected in a beef cow in Barren County, who presented with jaundice and rapid breathing.

"Protecting the health of our livestock is a top priority of the Kentucky Department of Agriculture and the Office of the State Veterinarian," Agriculture Commissioner Dr. Ryan Quarles said. "We are working closely with agriculture producers to protect our herds across the state, and contain these cases."

This makes the second confirmed case of *Theileria*. The first was a beef breed bull in Fleming County that fell ill and died in August. Around the same time, it was reported that a beef breed bull in Hart County also died from *Theileria*. But a retesting of the bull's blood found *Theileria* was not present at the time of its death.

"As *Theileria orientalis ikeda* is a newly detected pathogen in the United States, research into advancing diagnostic testing for this pathogen is ongoing," said Dr. Flynn. "The original sample from the Hart County bull was re-evaluated and re-tested. Upon further testing, the test results were negative. The Hart County bull did not have *Theileria*."

*Theileria* is a tickborne protozoa that infects red and white blood cells causing severe anemia in cattle as well as abortions, stillbirths, weakness, reluctance to walk, and death. Physical examination may reveal pale mucus membranes, high fever, and elevated heart and respiratory rates.

In the latest case, the cow did not die. However, once an animal is infected with *Theileria*, it becomes a carrier, which is a source of infection for other cattle in the herd. There is no approved effective treatment or vaccine for the disease, making prevention and biosecurity imperative.

Though a threat to cattle, the disease is not a threat to human health. Humans cannot become sick from contact with affected cattle, and consuming meat from affected cattle is safe provided the meat has been cooked to an appropriate temperature.

The Asian Longhorned Tick has been found to be a primary carrier for this disease. The tick has been found to attach to livestock, wildlife, dogs, cats, birds, and humans. Cattle producers should consider tick control measures to lessen the likelihood of *Theileria* infections in their cattle herds.

Tick control measures include keeping pastures mowed and cattle restricted from wooded areas. Regular inspection of cattle for ticks and use of acaricides, such as ear tags, pourons, or back rubs, are helpful. Long-acting macrocyclic lactones (ivermectin, moxidectin, eprinomectin) have shown to be effective in tick control in field research trials. Use of clean needles for every injection reduces the spread of bloodborne pathogens. A veterinarian should be notified in the instance of animals showing signs of lethargy or weakness.

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# We're helping to solve the meat processing shortfall



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The Covid  
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We're helping to solve the meat processing shortfall. I recently had the pleasure of hosting Under Secretary for Rural Development Xochitl Torres Small as we announced the first Meat and Poultry Processing Expansion Program grant awarded to Marksburg Farm Foods in Lancaster.

The Covid 19 pandemic taught us how fragile our food system can be, and that lesson ended up being an expensive one. As the relatively small supply of meat processors were hit by Covid 19 outbreaks, animals ready for slaughter waited in pens, slowing the supply of meat to grocery stores. With demand staying the same (or even increasing) and supply dwindling, prices went up.

The Meat and Poultry Processing Expansion Program came out of the American Rescue Plan and offers grants to help meat processors like Marksburg Farm Foods expand their operations, which will lead to improved food and agricultural supply chain resiliency.

Marksburg Farm Foods is using our grant of approximately \$780,000 to round out a project that will expand their slaughter capacity by 100 percent and their grind capacity by 250 percent.

As we toured Marksburg Farm Foods, we learned about their humble beginnings and their shift away from processing poultry. By the end, it was clear that the owners cared not only about their employees but also about the local farms they served and the animals they processed.

Expanding meat processing operations means a more resilient food supply chain and increased competition, which will inevitably lead to more and better choices for consumers. With this Meat and Poultry Processing Expansion Program grant, we've taken the first step, but we need more processors like Marksburg Farm Foods to be a part of the solution.

# And the numbers prove it

Journalism, like baseball, aging, and bridesmaids, is often about the numbers. Sometimes big numbers are good, other times small numbers are better. Either way, numbers usually define our work, our families, and our lives in more ways than we care to count.

And they can surprise us, too.

Like in early November when the International Food Policy Research Institute reported that as world markets sweated over a 2.9 million metric tons drop in Ukrainian wheat exports for the first six months of 2022, the North American drought already had sliced more than twice that amount, or 6.8 mmt, off global production.

Moreover, when you add up Ukrainian wheat, corn, and barley exports for the 2022/23 marketing year through Nov. 8, the war-torn nation's exports are down 6.3 million metric tons compared to year-earlier data, reports Reuters. As grim as that sounds, it's still less than this year's drought-shortened losses in North America.

Another set of 2022/23 attention-grabbing numbers were published Nov. 7 by the farmdocDAILY consortium at the University of Illinois. All point to the staggering rise of commodity production in South America.

For example, write UI and Ohio State University market experts, "Brazil alone produces more soybeans than the US;" "Argentina produces almost as many soybeans as the combined output of Illinois, Iowa, Minnesota, and Indiana;" and the "rest of South America produces more soybeans than every state except Illinois and Iowa."

If ranked in the global soybean market, they add, "World shares... are 54 percent for South America, 37 percent for Brazil, 34 percent for the US, and 13 percent for Argentina..."

The key point, they add, is that "Understanding soybean production in South America is as important, maybe more important, for American farmers and agribusinesses than understanding soybean production in the US."

The southern hemisphere's newfound market muscle is also being flexed at the United Nations' annual Climate Change Conference, COP27, in Sharm El-Sheikh, Egypt. Early in the global gathering, "Leaders from poor countries" used "their speeches... to demand wealthy governments and oil companies... pay up for damages being inflicted on their economies," noted Reuters Nov. 8.

As aggressive as that sounds, it's really a deft sidestep around



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Thinking thankful thoughts as the holidays approach



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As we kick off the holiday season, I'll admit to being excited. I am all about holiday cheer and being together with loved ones. I LOVE wrapping presents, and yes, they all have to match. I am all in for gift-giving, and there's nothing like a Christmas movie marathon with a friend to really get me into the holiday spirit. Die Hard is absolutely a Christmas movie, and that's a hill I am willing to die on.

I find that many of my memories from childhood Thanksgiving and Christmas gatherings past are intertwined with food. Hear me out. My Granny, every year, kept boxes of chocolate-covered cherries as part of our Christmas celebration. Queen Anne brand. I didn't like them, but Granny LOVED them, and to this day I will eat one (just one!) every December and think of her.

When we cleaned out my grandparents' house after they passed away, the grandkids took turns claiming personal possessions. My cousin got Granny's extensive salt and pepper shaker collection, and my sister chose Granny's wedding rings. Me? I opted for a cast-iron skillet, her meatloaf pan, and the cookie jar that sat on her kitchen counter for basically my entire life. Sometimes it held vanilla wafers, other times those colored mini marshmallows – you know, the ones that tasted a little bit like chalk. On occasion, she'd splurge on sugar wafers – we always called them Bible School Cookies.

These are just a few illustrations of how closely some of my core memories are tied to food, and of course food comes from farms. Being more aware of where my food comes from than the average American, I think (probably too much) about how important soybeans are to so many aspects of our food supply. Sure, there's vegetable oil, which is generally 100 percent soybean oil. I'll use some of that when I'm baking over the holidays, and it's my oil of choice for frying because it doesn't change the flavor profile of the food being fried. Those chocolate covered cherries I mentioned earlier? Chocolate has soy lecithin in it, and the lecithin acts as an emulsifier, binding the butter and sugar to the cocoa powder. Most of the treats that made their way through Granny's cookie jar contained some form of soy, too.

But what about the "center of plate guest" at your holiday meal? Whether you choose a traditional turkey or ham for Thanksgiving, or if you enjoy prime rib on Christmas, it's a fair assumption to think that soybean meal played a part in the nutrition of that animal on its journey to your oven.

There's more. Increasingly, soy biodiesel and renewable diesel are being used for transportation. Granted, renewable diesel is mostly used on the west coast, as California is trying to lower emissions, but most if not all of the trucks that transport

your holiday groceries and gifts are running on some percentage of biodiesel. If you have friends or relatives up North, they may use home heating oil to combat the cold. Over the past two decades, heating oil has been increasingly cleansed of sulfur and blended with clean-burning biodiesel to create ultra-low sulfur Bioheat® fuel. The industry is committed to increasing the blend ratio to avoid future carbon taxation and make heating oil the cleanest, most sustainable, and most reliable residential heat source available on the planet.

As you may have seen in our most recent video, Soy Many Uses, soybeans truly do touch every life, every day. From the use of meal for protein-rich animal feed to the numerous uses for soybean oil, there aren't very many days that go by without some soybean component touching your life. Like right now, for instance. If you're holding a printed copy of The Farmer's Pride, you should know that the ink used in almost all modern printing presses contains soy oil rather than petroleum.

As you plan your holiday meals, whether it's treating the guys in the shop to a bbq lunch or preparing the "roast beast" for your family's celebrations, I hope you'll start looking for soy and its components in your everyday life. Chances are that you, too, will see that soy touches every life, every day. And for that I am thankful.

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the dancing elephant at COP27: The meeting is being held in a desert resort city on the “southern tip of the Sinai Peninsula,” explained the New York Times, “hundreds of miles from the hectic, overcrowded”—in other words, real world—“of Cairo.”

And that’s not the half of it; consider the jet fuel alone used by world leaders to offer their cures—on the overuse of jet fuel, for instance – as they drop in and buzz out of the air-conditioned conference.

Last year, figured the Daily Mail, Britain’s largest circulation newspaper, U.S. President Joe Biden’s trip to COP26 in Glasgow, Scotland—that required five aircraft and 85 cars—added 2.2 million pounds of carbon to the atmosphere, an amount equal to the annual

carbon footprint of 140,000 Americans.

This year Biden is scheduled to speak at COP27 on Nov. 11, his first stop of a fuel-gulping trip that continues on to Cambodia and Indonesia.

Which, at nearly 10,000 miles from the White House, is about as far away as any politician can get from Washington, D.C. a week after what’s been one of the most bruising, offensive, and ugly election seasons Americans have ever witnessed.

And expensive. Indeed, this election has been obscenely, sinfully, and stupidly expensive.

According to the nonpartisan campaign-tracking opensecrets.org, preliminary spending records show that the two U.S. Senate candidates in Georgia, incumbent Raphael Warnock and challenger Herschel Walker, spent a combined \$142 million on their race.

Other estimates guess the seat may, in the final tally, cost a combined \$250 million.

And it’s not alone; the five most expensive Senate races each spent over \$100 million. Collectively the five—Georgia, Pennsylvania, Florida, Arizona, and Ohio—spent an incredible \$626.8 million, calculates opensecrets.org.

Which, if nothing else, confirms what humorist Will Rogers said nearly a century ago: “We have the best Congress money can buy.”

Just look at the numbers.

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# Farm exports jump to a new record, but imports of farm goods rise

The U.S. exported a record value of farm products in the fiscal year that ended Sept. 30, but imports of agricultural products also surged, "leaving a scant trade surplus of \$2.4 billion, compared to the surplus of \$8.4 billion the previous year," reports Bryan Doherty of Successful Farming.

Farm exports were valued at \$196.4 billion, 14 percent higher than the previous record of \$172.7 billion, set in the previous fiscal year, the Commerce Department said. China remained the top buyer, at \$36.4 billion; Canada was second at \$24.3 billion and Mexico third at \$23.9 billion.

Among farm goods, soybean exports rose 26 percent, to \$33.3 billion. Wheat was up 15 percent,

to \$8.3 billion, and corn rose 12 percent, Doherty reports: "Cotton had the largest increase in percent-age terms, 41 percent, to \$9 billion. Dairy, red meats and ethanol also notched large increases. But rice sales fell 10% and tobacco 27 percent."

Imports rose 19 percent, to \$194 billion. "Ag

imports are dominated by shipments of fruits, vegetables, nuts, wine, beer, distilled spirits, sweeteners and tropical products such as coffee and cocoa," Doherty notes.

Reprinted from the Rural Blog

## Marksbury receives \$780,000 through federal program

Marksbury Farm Foods, LLC has received approval for nearly \$780,000 through a federal program that will allow the company to double its slaughter capacity and increase grind capacity by 250 percent.

U.S. Department of Agriculture Rural Development Under Secretary Xochitl Torres Small visited the Lancaster facility on Wednesday, Nov. 2 to announce the grant. The funds come from the Meat and Poultry Production Expansion Program, which was funded through the American Rescue Plan Act.

Marksbury Farm Foods, which operates as Marksbury Farm Market, is receiving \$779,080 to expand its slaughter and grind capacity. The operation plays an important role in Kentucky's local food economy, providing high-end wholesale markets for Kentucky producers and offering custom processing for producers who market their own products. This project will increase their slaughter capacity by 100 percent and their grind capacity by 250 percent, and it will create 25 jobs.



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It is generally good advice to not take our fears and anxieties too seriously. What we fear the most usually doesn't happen and thus we've worried and fretted for nothing. Moreover, the worry and fretting isn't usually very productive unless it leads to constructive action. But, what should you do when the worst actually happens, when the job loss you feared actually happens, or the test results are positive, meaning you have the disease or condition you feared the most? When this occurs, it helps to have a strong faith and a good support network. I saw this in action recently when the school where I taught closed its doors. We had very little advance notice that this was going to happen, and so the last week was spent in trying to wrap things up in the best way possible, for students, teachers and staff. There were a lot of tears, some gnashing of teeth and other emotional outbursts, but mostly people expressing their faith that God would work things out for all of us. Perhaps even more inspiring than the expressions of faith were the many concrete offers of help and support, usually given with a hug or a warm handshake. When the worst actually happens, we have two considerable sources of support, God and our fellow man. Don't be too proud to ask for help.

— Christopher Simon

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<b>1</b> medium onion, chopped	<b>1 cup</b> low-sodium chicken broth	<b>1 (15-ounce) can</b> no-salt-added kidney beans, drained and rinsed	<b>1 (8-ounce) can</b> tomato sauce
<b>4 cloves</b> garlic, minced	<b>1 (4.5-ounce) can</b> chopped green chilies		<b>1 tablespoon</b> chili powder
<b>1 pound</b> ground turkey			<b>1 tablespoon</b> ground cumin
			<b>1/2 teaspoon</b> salt

**Stovetop:** Heat the olive oil in a large pot over medium heat. **Stir** in the onion and garlic; **cook** and **stir** for 3 minutes or until onion is translucent. **Add** ground turkey. **Break** into pieces and **stir** until cooked through and no longer pink. **Add** the butternut squash, chicken broth, green chilies, tomatoes, kidney beans, hominy, and tomato sauce. **Season** with chili powder, cumin, and salt. **Bring** to a simmer, **reduce** heat to medium-low, and **cover**. **Simmer** until the squash is tender, about 20 minutes.

**Electric Pressure Cooker:** Press sauté function. **Add** olive oil and onion; **cook** and stir for 3 minutes or until onion is translucent. **Add** garlic and cook for 30 more seconds. **Add** ground turkey. **Break** into pieces and stir until cooked through and no longer pink. **Add** the butternut squash, chicken broth, green chilies, tomatoes, kidney beans, hominy, and tomato sauce. **Season** with chili powder, cumin, and salt. **Close** the lid, and then turn venting knob to the sealing position. **Pressure cook** at High Pressure for 15 minutes, **allow** for a natural release. **Open** the lid carefully.

**Yield:** 10, 1-cup servings

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## Glazed Butternut Squash with Carrots and Turnips

<b>1½ cups</b> cubed butternut squash	<b>½ teaspoon</b> salt
<b>1½ cups</b> sliced carrots	<b>¼ teaspoon</b> pepper
<b>1½ cups</b> cubed peeled turnips	Cooking spray
<b>4 teaspoons</b> oil	<b>2 tablespoons</b> maple syrup

**1. Preheat** oven to 450 degrees.

**2. Cut** vegetables into ½-inch pieces.

**3. Coat** a 9 x 13-inch baking dish with cooking spray.

**4. Combine** the first 6 ingredients.

**5. Bake** for 10 minutes.


**6. Stir** in syrup and bake an additional 20 minutes.

**Yield:** 8, ½ cup servings.

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## Another tick-borne cattle disease found

### FROM PAGE 3

Office of the State Veterinarian is coordinating a passive surveillance system of tick and blood samples from cattle with clinical signs to help identify the presence of the Asian Longhorned Tick and *Theileria orientalis* Ikeda in Kentucky.

The Office of the State Veterinarian has also created an alert flyer for cattle owners and coordinated no cost testing of blood for *Theileria*. Results are

available to producers. Information gathered will be used to create maps that depict the spread of the ALT and *Theileria* across Kentucky. Farm and ownership information will remain confidential.

Those who want to submit tick samples for identification or cattle blood samples for *Theileria* testing, can contact the Office of the State Veterinarian at [statevet@ky.gov](mailto:statevet@ky.gov) or call 502-573-0282 for information.

The Asian Longhorned Tick.



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Lindsey Houpp helps during the harvesting process for the Grant County High School turkey program.



# Turkeys are on the table at Grant High School

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Once processing begins, all the students participate in all areas, from humanly stunning, bleeding and decapitation through defeathering and, finally, evisceration.

Cravens discussed how delicate the last process must be.

"It critical that the gall bladder not break. If it does the entire carcass is contaminated, and we lose that sale," she said.

Students return around 6 p.m. and their customers are waiting. They sell the birds for \$70 each with about \$30 profit.

The students were adamant about real-world SAE's importance for their future careers. They said it is significant for students who take agriculture classes, and especially for the ones who don't have a

farm background.

An equally important learning experience is ag literacy for the nonagricultural students at Grant County High School. Students can eat lunch outside and see the turkeys in the barn during warm weather. One student was so amazed at seeing the birds that he took a photo and told a teacher, "We have chickens here."

Grant County High School Principal Todd Moody iterated the importance of the project.

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Toni Riley  
Field Reporter

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# Thankful – the story of an Oklahoma windmill

## The Forage Doctor



By Jimmy Henning

Forgive me for departing from a purely forage theme to share some thoughts about being thankful. As I have gotten older, the list of things to be grateful for gets too long to count. This reflection makes me realize that I am here, right now, because of the choices, efforts, love, sacrifice and support of others. In the words of the poet Robert Frost, "that has made all the difference."

First a little about the windmill. This is a working windmill (most of the time) on a remnant of the half section of land in western Oklahoma that my maternal grandparents acquired over a century ago. In the drought of the 1930s when everyone was leaving for better days in California, my mom's parents chose to stick it out on this small farm in Oklahoma. Their farm was in that region of the Midwest that became known as the dust bowl. This period was called "The Worst Hard Time" by the New York Times journalist Timothy

Egan in a book of the same name.

The water from this well irrigated a garden that helped feed my mom and her family. This period of scarcity in the '30s ingrained some frugal habits, like canning. In the storm cellar, I remember seeing shelves of mason jars of vegetables that were at least 20 years old. My mother's family did a little bit of everything over the years, including dairying and raising sheep, alfalfa, and cotton. But the most important crop they grew were their kids and grandkids.

The windmill now waters cattle in a pasture that produces the native grasses, Russian thistle and wild sunflowers seen in the picture that accompanies this article. But for me it will always be a symbol of the hard work of my grandparents, parents and others that laid the foundation for my generation to succeed.

My dad's family was not as fortunate. In fact, at one point they lived in a sod house on the Oklahoma prairie. My paternal grandfather worked as a ranch hand, and sharecropper and never owned any house he lived in. He was orphaned young, and never really had a nurturing home.



This Oklahoma windmill watches over a patch of ground that at various times has been a garden, pasture and is now reverting back to native prairie. It is a reminder to me to be thankful for the opportunities provided to me and my family and others like me by the sacrifice of others. For which I am thankful.

Neither side of the family passed on material wealth as an inheritance – instead they endowed us with something much more valuable. Their endowment was a love of the land, of learning, of the value of work, and of

being as self-reliant as your conditions allowed. Even now more than 60 years later, I am very grateful.

I am also thankful for the opportunity

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# Beef Bash returns



Dr. Jamie Matthews points out new facilities that will be constructed as the UKREC rebuilds from the Dec. 11 tornado.

## FROM PAGE 1

VanValin emphasized its importance and what to look for in a mineral.

Dr. Les Anderson and Blair Knight overviewed the UKREC breeding program.

The day included a beef cattle health update by Dr. Michelle Arnold, and Dr.

Josh Jackson discussed drone and cattle interaction.

Dr. Jeff Lehmkuhler combined several of the recommendations from other presenters into his discussion of managing the herd through a dry fall. He said producers needed to watch body condition scores and consider culling.

He cautioned about waiting to pur-

chase hay until February or March, when prices would be higher. He said to consider longer days of hay feeding because pastures will grow slower next spring and to consider pasture renovation because of the drought. He advocated forage testing and adding needed supplements to balance the ration and to consider creep feeding to support calf growth.

While beef education brought the crowd to a day-long event, a late-morning update on the UKREC rebuild was an anticipated topic. The insurance company and the UKREC completed negotiations two days before, and 39 buildings will be constructed.

"The company was very flexible with us," said Dr. Jamie Matthews, associate dean for research instruction. "For instance, we were using an old farrowing floor for storage. We didn't need a new farrowing floor, and the company considered it a storage facility, which added square footage into storage."

Matthews said there were two facilities about which he was particularly excited. First, a larger pesticide and chemical storage facility would combine three buildings and include a bio-retention pond. Second is a large

field storage facility located across the road from the main entrance where the "dirty work" of plant and soil sorting and labeling takes place. The building would have some offices but would be the "prep" area before samples go to the high-tech labs in the new Research Center.

"This building will free up lab space and be much more cost-efficient costing \$300 per square foot to do the "dirty work" rather than \$900 per square foot if done in the center."

Matthews said that new facilities would have to be flexible and look to serving Extension clientele far into the future, anticipating what clientele needs. Matthews said the words functionality and faculty input repeatedly.

"Technology changes so rapidly, we have to be able to change with it," Matthews added.

Matthews said many people had done tremendous work to bring the plans for the UKREC to this point.

"You have to plan your work and work your plan," he concluded.

Toni Riley

Field Reporter

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# Thankful – the story of an Oklahoma windmill

FROM PAGE 12

ties provided by the land grant mission, of which I am now a part. Land grant colleges and schools gave opportunities to children and families of rural America and reached down to my dad on a street corner in Reydon, Oklahoma on the 4th of July in 1953. My dad had just graduated high school in a class of 15 and anticipated going to work full time on a hay farm – a good job for the times. Mr. John Roberts, his high school principal, saw him on that summer day and asked where he was going to college. As the oldest child of five in a sharecropper family, my dad told him he had no money for college and was going to work. Mr. Roberts had other plans.

By the fall, Mr. Roberts had arranged for my dad to be matriculated into an A & M (Agricultural and Mechanical) school and to have a job on the college farm. He also arranged it so the tuition and fees would be taken from the wages instead of being due up front.

Because of the intervention of one man, my dad and all his siblings went

to college. And ultimately my life too was impacted by this intervention and the opportunities afforded by the land grant mission in America. As I said at the beginning, I am here, right now, because of the choices, efforts, love, sacrifice and support of others. And that is the point of this rambling expression of thanks in this official time of Thanksgiving.

No matter your circumstance or position, you are who, what and where you are because somebody sacrificed, worked, prayed and maybe intervened for you. They may have had to do the equivalent of keeping a balky windmill going to water a garden. Or like Mr. Roberts, they may have intervened on your behalf.

Like me, I'll bet you can think of much to be thankful for and many to thank. So plant your garden. Fix your windmill. It matters more than you know. Like Mr. Roberts, you cannot imagine all of the good your efforts can accomplish.

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<u>LOUISVILLE AREA:</u> Louisville & Bagdad; <u>PENNYRILE AREA:</u> Allensville, Auburn, Franklin, Hopkinsville & Pembroke; <u>BLUEGRASS AREA:</u> Bardstown, Lexington & Winchester; <u>GREEN RIVER:</u> Caneyville & Livermore; <u>NORTHERN KENTUCKY AREA:</u> Silver Grove at Cincinnati; <u>PURCHASE AREA:</u> 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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**EQUIPMENT CHECK-IN:**  
Wednesday, November 23<sup>rd</sup> from 8:00 A.M. - 5:00 P.M.  
Friday, November 25<sup>th</sup> from 8:00 A.M. - 5:00 P.M.  
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**Feeder Steers:** Medium & Large 1-2  
212 hd. 628# 187.00 blk  
141 hd. 700# 187.00 blk  
128 hd. 716# 180.00 blk  
65 hd. 802# 173.00 blk-charx  
69 hd. 804# 165.25 charx-red  
64 hd. 861# 171.75 blk  
58 hd. 879# 169.70 blk  
56 hd. 913# 167.40 blk-charx-red  
58 hd. 967# 165.90 blk-charx  
99 hd. 1056# 158.20 blk  
**Feeder Heifers:** Medium & Large 1-2  
119 hd. 606# 172.50 blk  
80 hd. 684# 170.95 blk

**Farmers Livestock**  
Glasgow, KY  
Oct. 3, 2022  
**Feeder Bulls:** Medium & Large 1-2  
25 hd. 522# 158.00 blk  
48 hd. 561# 157.00 blk  
**Feeder Heifers:** Medium & Large 1-2  
28 hd. 452# 146.50 blk  
52 hd. 524# 142.00 blk  
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37 hd. 592# 142.00 blk

**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

**KY-TN Livestock Auction**  
Guthrie, KY  
Oct. 6, 2022  
**Feeder Steers:** Medium & Large 1-2  
22 hd. 544# 170.50 bbwf  
22 hd. 625# 163.00 bbwf  
**Feeder Bulls:** Medium & Large 1-2  
33 hd. 495# 162.50 bbwf  
31 hd. 556# 152.00 bbwf  
29 hd. 624# 140.00 bbwf  
20 hd. 701# 131.00 bbwf  
**Feeder Heifers:** Medium & Large 1-2  
20 hd. 367# 145.00 bbwf  
45 hd. 438# 150.00 bbwf  
64 hd. 495# 149.50 bbwf  
39 hd. 559# 141.50 bbwf  
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**Kentuckiana Livestock Market**  
Owensboro, KY  
Oct. 3, 2022  
**Feeder Heifers:** Medium & Large 1-2  
34 hd. 699# 150.00 blk

**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

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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

**Blue Grass Stockyards**  
Lexington, KY  
Oct. 3 & 4, 2022  
**Feeder Steers:** Medium & Large 1-2  
30 hd. 396# 174.50 charx-blk  
41 hd. 420# 213.00 mixed  
20 hd. 525# 178.00 blk  
101 hd. 527# 194.35 charx-blk  
93 hd. 579# 185.25 mixed  
81 hd. 613# 189.75 charx-blk  
54 hd. 700# 174.40 bwf-charx  
68 hd. 713# 173.25 blk-mixed  
26 hd. 775# 171.50 blk  
29 hd. 777# 175.25 blk  
66 hd. 824# 174.00 blk  
52 hd. 849# 168.00 blk  
115 hd. 899# 155.70 xbred  
55 hd. 905# 167.25 bbwf  
31 hd. 965# 163.00 blk  
29 hd. 1204# 138.00 blk-mixed  
**Feeder Heifers:** Medium & Large 1-2  
111 hd. 487# 186.50 charx-blk-red  
34 hd. 619# 168.50 mixed  
83 hd. 643# 173.00 blk  
33 hd. 863# 110.00 blk

**Paris Stockyards**  
Paris, KY  
Oct. 6, 2022  
**Feeder Steers:** Medium & Large 1-2  
37 hd. 624# 175.00 blk  
78 hd. 685# 178.00 blk-mixed  
23 hd. 743# 165.00 blk  
69 hd. 844# 175.00 blk  
130 hd. 923# 165.75 blk-charx  
**Feeder Heifers:** Medium & Large 1-2  
33 hd. 628# 157.25 blk  
64 hd. 742# 162.00 blk  
22 hd. 919# 140.00 blk

**Blue Grass of Richmond**  
Richmond, KY  
Oct. 7, 2022  
**Feeder Steers:** 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

# WINTER FARM EQUIPMENT AUCTION

FRIDAY, DEC. 16 - 8 A.M. [CST]

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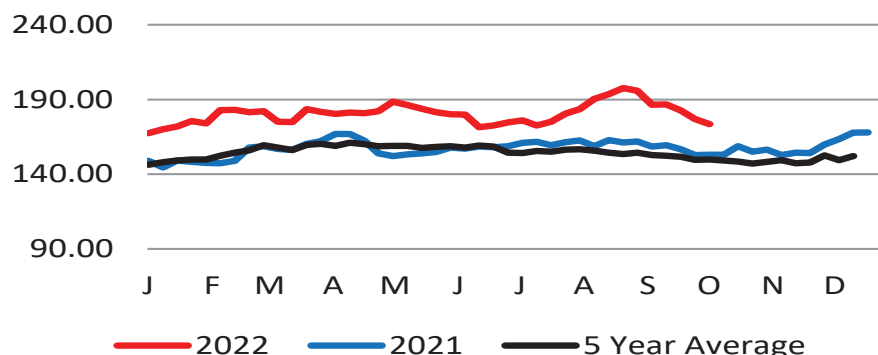
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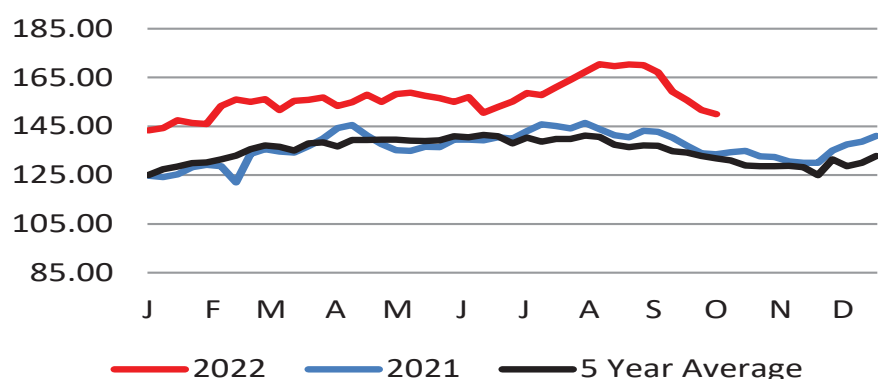
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**SLAUGHTER LAMBS WOOLED & SHORN:** Choice and Prime 1-3 56 lbs 290.00; 75 lbs 310.00. Choice 1-3 42-49 lbs 240.00-242.00; 57 lbs 200.00; 60-61 lbs 230.00-265.00; 74-79 lbs 170.00-235.00; 80-89 lbs 170.00-220.00; 90-99 lbs 170.00-200.00; 100-141 lbs 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.

**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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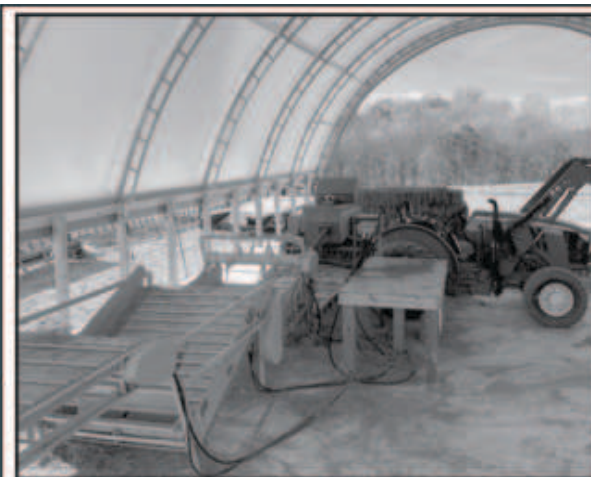
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Pictured with his wife, Imelda, Gary Cecil of Daviess County is the 2022 Kentucky Farm Bureau Farmer of the Year.

## Gary Cecil of Daviess County named KFB Farmer of the Year

Kentucky Farm Bureau today announced that Gary Cecil of Daviess County has been selected as the 2022 KFB Farmer of the Year. Cecil will be awarded the honor during the organization's 103rd annual meeting at the Galt House in Louisville this December.

This annual KFB award recognizes an individual whose efforts not only strengthen the state's agriculture industry, but also demonstrate service and leadership both on and off the farm.

Cecil, who has been farming for 49 years, raises crops – including watermelon, corn, soybeans, mixed vegetables, and greenhouse flowers.

Cecil and his wife, Imelda, have three adult children who are involved in the operation of Cecil Farms.

"Having my family as part of our farming operation is very important to me. I value our time together and appreciate what we have created and grown over the years," noted Cecil.

Throughout his years of farming, Cecil has experienced numerous successes as well as some challenges, especially with labor-intensive farm crops like tobacco and fruit and vegetable

production. He remembered that there were many years he had an excessive turn-over in employees, which made it difficult to complete jobs.

"Twenty-eight years ago, we started using the H2A program to bring in seasonal workers. The reliable help transformed our farm," Cecil noted.

Cecil has served on multiple committees and been a part of various organizations since the start of his farming career. He was named President of the Daviess County Farm Bureau Board in 1991 and 1997 and was awarded "Owensboro Living People's Choice Favorite Farmer/Food Producer" in 2022. Through all his leadership and community roles, he says his family developed productive relationships that have resulted in his operation continuously improving.

Since stepping away from tobacco farming in recent years, Cecil says he has added eight greenhouses for spring flowers, ferns and plants and early vegetable production. Cecil noted that this has given them the opportunity to attract local customers to the farm for spring experiences.

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## Why is Mexico banning genetically modified corn?

Did you read the Kentucky Corn Growers newsletter article about Mexico? This top U.S. corn importer is banning the purchase and use of genetically modified (GM) corn and the herbicide glyphosate, pointing to environmental harm as the reason for the decision. According to several news reports, this was a unilateral decision, and the Mexican government did not consult with farmers and consumers who rely on GM imports.

A new question one could ask is, “How do genetically modified crops affect the environment?”

TeachKyAg went to GMOanswers.com, a resource widely supported by its partners, to answer this question.

Despite damaging myths, there are many reasons why GMOs are good for the environment. Firstly, did you know that genetically modified crops can reduce the environmental impact of farming? GMOs can also have other environmental benefits, such as helping to reduce food waste and improve air quality.

### Reduced Inputs

Reduced inputs are one of the most significant environmental benefits of GMOs. A major advantage for over 18 million farmers globally who plant GMOs is the ability to successfully grow crops with fewer inputs, including reduced pesticide applications and the fuel needed to operate tractors to till the soil. Over the last 20 years, GMOs have reduced pesticide applications by 8.6% and helped increase crop yields by 22%. GM crop technology has improved yields through improved control of pests and weeds. As a result, farmers who grow GM crops have reduced the environmental impact associated with their crop protection practices by 19 percent.

By making targeted improvements to crops through genetic engineering, farmers can produce more food for a

growing world population while reducing agriculture's impact on the environment.

### Increased Efficiency

Another way in which GMOs help the environment is by allowing farmers to grow more crops using less land. Genetically modified traits such as insect and disease resistance and drought tolerance help to maximize yield by minimizing crop loss to pests, diseases, and adverse weather conditions. Between 1996 and 2018, crop biotechnology was responsible for an additional 306 million tons of soybeans, 549 million tons of corn, 36 million tons of cotton lint, and 15 million tons of canola without bringing more land into production. To produce the same amount of crops without GM technology, farmers would have needed to cultivate 59 million additional acres of land, so in this case, the environmental impact of genetically modified crops is hugely positive.

In addition, PG Economics notes that the fuel savings associated with making fewer spray runs (relative to conventional crops) and the switch to conservation tillage, reduced and no-till farming systems, have resulted in permanent savings in carbon dioxide emissions.

### Are GMOs Environmentally Safe?

Crops from genetically modified seeds are studied extensively worldwide to ensure the environmental effects of GMOs are safe before they reach the market. GM plants are tested, and researchers look for any differences between the GM plant and conventional plants to ensure the GM variety grows the same as the non-GMO variety. They're also tested to make sure that they demonstrate the desired characteristics, such as insect resistance.

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Health Organization, the Royal Society of Medicine (UK), the European Food Safety Authority (EFSA), and the International Seed Federation (ISF), along with various governing bodies on every continent around the world, have all affirmed the safety of GMO crops. Since 1992, more than 40 government agen-

cies have approved GMO food, feed, and cultivation. In many countries, multiple agencies are involved in the regulation of GMOs.

To learn more about GMOs, visit GMOanswers.com or www.teachkyag.org and search biotechnology for a catalog of resources on the subject.

## PRIDE IN AG EDUCATION Classroom Questions

1. Why are cattle producers being cautioned about waiting to buy hay?
2. What decision has been made in Mexico that corn growers want to change? Why?
3. How do genetically modified crops affect the environment?
4. Summarize Gary Cecil's farm operation. What honor has he been awarded?
5. What will a grant received by Marksby Farm allow them to do?
6. State your opinion – Should businesses such as Marksby Farm be provided government funds to expand their operations? Why or why not?

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



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## KyCorn urges reversal of Mexico GM corn ban

KyCorn supports calls by the National Corn Growers Association (NCGA) for Mexico to reverse a proposed ban on genetically modified (GM) corn.

In 2020, Mexican President Andrés Manuel López Obrador stated that his country would phase out GM corn and the use of herbicide glyphosate by 2024. Mexico currently imports millions of metric tons of U.S. corn each year, including corn from Kentucky.

Almost all U.S. corn is genetically modified. Genetic modification ensures that corn can withstand damaging pests, allowing farmers to maximize yields while minimizing inputs and costs.

The efforts against GM corn by López Obrador are based on unfounded concerns about GM corn and the use of essential herbicides by American farmers.

“Any interruption to corn exports to Mexico will have a significant impact on this state and its growers,”

KyCorn President Joseph Sisk said in a statement.

Sisk noted that Mexico’s demands are not only a non-starter, but they would take years of preparation and transition time to enact.

“Corn growers are busy right now booking their bags of seed for spring 2023 planting, meaning that what we purchase this fall will be in grain channels as late as 2025,” he said. “Much of that seed corn is and will continue to be biotech corn that empowers us to conserve the soil and reduce insecticide use.”

KyCorn and NCGA are calling on the Biden administration’s U.S. Trade Representative to launch a formal bilateral consultation under USMCA. Such a move would allow for extensive debate on the matter and mediation.

“We’re now looking to the Biden administration to intervene to ensure that corn exports to Mexico don’t come to a sudden stop,” NCGA President Tom Haag, who farms in Eden Valley, wrote in an opinion piece

published in The Hill.

Following repeated calls from the National Corn Growers Association (NCGA) asking the Biden administration to respond to plans by Mexico to block imports of biotech corn, United States Trade Representative (USTR) Katherine Tai met virtually with Mexico’s Secretary of Economy, Raquel Buenrostro. During the meeting, Tai talked about the importance of avoiding a disruption in U.S. corn exports.

“We applaud Ambassador Tai for listening to corn grower leaders

and sharing our concerns with the leadership in Mexico,” said NCGA President Tom Haag. “But, given the magnitude of Mexico’s threats and the fact that the embargo is set to be fully implemented by 2024, we need USTR to resolve the impasse as soon as possible by filing a dispute under the U.S.-Mexico-Canada Agreement (USMCA).”

“We need USTR to act soon and the problem to be resolved quickly, because while some might think the clock is ticking, in reality, we’re already out of time.”

