

Annual meetings start now!

Kentucky Farm Bureau kicks off the annual trade show and meeting schedule this week with the 103rd annual meeting at the Galt House in Louisville.

The KFB annual meeting is being held from Nov. 30 – Dec. 3 and gives members a time to set policy for the future and hear from industry leaders.

The 2023 Kentucky Agricultural Economic Outlook by the University of Kentucky College of Agriculture, Food and Environment is set for 10 a.m. eastern on Thursday. A commodity luncheon will feature American Farm Bureau President Zippy Duvall and Kentucky Agriculture Commissioner Dr. Ryan Quarles.

The Kentucky Fruit and Vegetable Conference will be held Jan. 2 – 4, 2023 at the Sloan Convention Center/Holiday Inn University Plaza in Bowling Green. The conference is the joint meeting of the Kentucky State Horticultural Society, the Kentucky Vegetable Growers Association, the Organic Association of Kentucky and Kentucky Wineries Association. Registration is available at kyhortcouncil.org.

The Kentucky Cattlemen's Association annual convention will be held Jan. 4 – 6, 2023 at the Lexington Convention Center. Convention information and registration can be found at kycattle.org.

The Kentucky Pork Producers Annual Meeting will be held at the Sloan Convention Center/Holiday Inn University Plaza in Bowling Green on Thursday, Jan. 19 through Friday, Jan. 20, 2023. Registration is available at kypork.org.

The Kentucky Commodity Conference will be held Thursday, Jan. 19, 2023 in Bowling Green. The event includes the annual meetings of the Kentucky Corn, Soybean and Small Grain Growers Associations as well as an awards banquet honoring the state's winners of corn, soybean and wheat yield contests. Register online at kycommodityconference.org.

Mulberry Orchard earns prestigious award

LOUISVILLE – Mulberry Orchard, a popular Shelby County farm and agritourism destination, has been named winner of the 2022 Agribusiness of the Year award.

The award, sponsored by the Agribusiness Industry Network, was presented to farm operators Matt and Amanda Gajdzik during the annual Farm-City Luncheon at the Kentucky Expo Center.

Now in its 29th year, the Agribusiness of the Year designation honors a Louisville-area agribusiness which excels in financial growth and stability, employee relations and contributions to the overall ag economy.

What is now Mulberry Orchard got its start in 2003 as a small cattle farm when the Gajdziks were students at the University of Kentucky. After graduation the operation expanded to grain and tobacco on rented land, with Matt and Amanda working off-farm jobs as they made plans for an eventual transition to full time farming status.

In 2009 the couple purchased a 90-acre farm for their beef operation while continuing to produce grain and tobacco. The next year, after considerable soul searching and research, they decided their farming future was best served by shifting their focus to fruit, as they planted 2,500 apple and peach trees on their owned acreage.

Over the next five years, they both gave up their jobs off the farm to devote their time and energy to the development of Mulberry Orchard, opening a produce market for retail sales and a commercial kitchen to enhance their customers' on farm experience.

They also expanded their horticultural production, adding berries,



Matt and Amanda Gajdzik are the recipients of the 2022 Agribusiness Award from the Agribusiness Industry Network. Shown during the luncheon are (from left) Natalie Bonura, Greater Louisville Inc., Amanda and Matt Gajdzik with Abby and Nick, and Gary Huddleston, Agribusiness Industry Network.

vegetables and melons, a pumpkin patch and a corn maze to entertain visitors as their popularity grew as a destination for school tours and other groups and individuals who were drawn to the farm and its recreational facilities.

The Gajdziks call their expanded playground the Farm Fresh Family Fun Play Area, highlighted by a large slide, a bike pedal track and innovative features using specially outfitted old farm equipment as backstops for slides and swings.

As Mulberry Orchard has grown, the farm has become a popular venue for local charitable organizations, including Big Brothers Big Sisters and Metro United Way's Farmers Feeding Families program.

On the business side, the operation has shown considerable growth as well. The farm's apples are on the food service menus of several local school systems, including Jefferson, Shelby, Fayette, Franklin and Woodford counties.

Their food items are routinely featured in The Bristol restaurants in Louisville, and they have partnered with Against the Grain Brewery and Ethereal Brewing to develop a peach beer which is marketed in those firms' stores.

Mulberry Orchard's growth and expansion over the past decade is reflected in several aspects of the farm's operation, blending 1,500 acres of row crops and a beef herd with the orchards, retail market and kitchen. There are now over 7,000 fruit trees on the farm, including apples, peaches, plums and pears, while the vegetable tracts showcase tomatoes, melons, blackberries and elderberries.

The farm market serves as an outlet for neighboring farms, also, offering fresh eggs, local honey, meat products and cheese, as well as soaps, lotions and hand-crafted pottery items.

By Gary Huddleston, Agribusiness Industry Network



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Kentucky hemp application portal now open

The window to apply for the Kentucky Department of Agriculture’s 2023 hemp licensing program is now open.

“Regulatory inaction toward cannabinoids by the Food and Drug Administration continues to hamper the nation’s hemp industry,” said Agriculture Commissioner Dr. Ryan Quarles. “As we enter the 10th growing season, we still believe this could one day be a valuable crop for Kentucky farmers, but we also encourage all hemp growers and processors to carefully consider all of the factors in this industry.”

The Kentucky Department of Agriculture, which administers Kentucky’s hemp licensing program, is hosting an online application portal on its hemp webpage, kyagr.com/hemp. Grower applications, including renewals, must be submitted by March 15, 2023. New processor/handler applications may be submitted

year-round. Annual processor/handler license renewals must be submitted by Dec. 31.

During last year’s application period, KDA licensed 240 hemp growers to cultivate up to 5,530 acres and 93 hemp processors and handlers for 2022. Of the 240 hemp grower licenses, about 70 licensees planted hemp, growing just over 1,300 acres this year.

The 2022 numbers continue to reflect national trends for hemp production. According to U.S. Department of Agriculture crop acreage data reported to the Farm Service Agency, there were 20,677 acres of hemp planted nationally in 2022. That is down from 35,395 acres in 2021 and 147,471 reported to USDA in 2019.

Kentucky hemp processors and handlers, in an end-of-the-year filing to the KDA, reported \$43.5 million in gross product sales in 2021. That compares with \$130 million in gross



(Matt Barton, UK Agricultural Communications)

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product sales in 2020 and \$193 million in 2019. Processors reported spending \$33.7 million on capital investment projects in 2021 as compared to \$138.9 million in capital

investment in 2020, and \$207.3 million in 2019.

For more information about the KDA’s hemp program, go to kyagr.com/hemp.

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FEEDER CATTLE:

Steers: Medium and Large 1-2: 1 Head 270# 154.00; 1 Head 425# 94.00; 2 Head 520-540# 89.00-92.00. Dairy Steers: 6 Head 351-390# 80.00-120.00; 1 Head 485# 101.00; 1 Head 640# 88.00; 1 Head 845# 76.00. Heifers: Medium and Large 1-2: 2 Head 323# 131.00 Bulls: 1 Head 540# 104.00.

SLAUGHTER CATTLE:

Steers: 1 Head 1280# 96.00 Cows: Breaker 75-80%: 22 Head 1350-1850# 66.00-74.00; 13 Head 1350-1725# 75.00-80.00; 6 Head 1425-1625# 60.00-65.00; 6 Head 1425-1625# 60.00-65.00. Boner 80-85%: 100 Head 915-1570 64.00-86.00; 10 Head 905-1395# 88.00-109.00; 18 Head 855-1490# 50.00-62.00. Lean 85-90%: 6 Head 830-1190# 57.00-64.00; 6 Head 1040-1155# 68.00-73.00; 5 Head 880-1165# 45.00-56.00. Bulls 1-2: 10 Head 1420-2210# 95.00-105.00; 6 Head 1475-1965# 107.00-119.00; 4 Head 1185-1715# 81.00-90.00. Bulls 3: 3 Head 1365-1655 86.00-94.00; 2 Head 1230-2100# 111.00-113.00; 1 Head 940# 68.00.

REPLACEMENT DAIRY CATTLE:

Fresh/Milking Cows: Supreme Stage O 1 Head 1375.00; Approved Stage O 2 Head 1100.00-1150.00; Medium Stage O 1 Head 825.00.

Bred Cows: Approved T1 2 Head 675.00 Beef Cross; Approved T1-2 675.00 Beef Cross; Approved T2 485.00-675.00 Beef Cross; Medium T1 3 Head 485.00-600.00 Beef Cross; Medium T1-2 700.00 Beef Cross; Medium T2 575.00 Beef Cross. Springer Cows: Supreme T2-3 3 Head 1450.00-1700.00; Supreme T3 2 Head 1350-1425.00; Approved T2-3 1 Head 1000.00; Approved T2-3 3 Head 1050.00 Beef Cross; Approved T3 4 Head 1050.00-1225.00; Medium T3 825.00. Springer Heifers: Supreme T3 11 Head 1300.00-1700.00; Approved T2-3 1000.00-1125.00; Approved T3 5 Head 1200.00-1250.00; Medium T3 2 Head 800.00-900.00

KADB approves \$6 million in projects

The Kentucky Agricultural Development Board approved \$6,020,205 in November for agricultural diversification and rural development projects across the commonwealth at its monthly board meeting.

State and County Funded Projects

Hampton Premier Meats was approved \$3,750 in state funds for funding consultation fees for a Global Food Safety Initiative audit, shelf-life consultation for ground beef, and consultation on smoked meats. For more information, contact Chris Milam at cmilam@hamptonpremiummeats.com.

Kentucky Department of Agriculture was approved \$2,876,000 in state funds to fund the Kentucky Proud Program. For more information, contact Melanie McPartlin at melanie.mcpartlin@ky.gov.

Kentucky Horticulture Council was approved \$1,848,395 in state funds to expand technical assistance, education,

research, and market analysis for Kentucky's horticulture industry. For more information, contact Dr. Cindy Finneseth at cindy@kyhortcouncil.org.

Kentucky State Beekeepers Association was approved up to \$106,000 in state and county funds to support Kentucky beekeepers. For more information, contact Scott Moore at manager@ckyhp.com.

Marion County Public Schools was approved \$8,592 in Marion County funds to update the greenhouse at Marion County High School. For more information, contact Trevor Sweet at trevor.sweet@marion.kyschools.us.

County Agricultural Investment Program (CAIP)

CAIP provides Kentucky agricultural producers with cost-share assistance on practices to allow them to improve and diversify their current farm operations. CAIP covers a wide variety of agricultural enterprises in its 11 investment areas, including, but not limited to,

bees and honey; equine; forage; beef and dairy cattle; goats and sheep; horticulture; poultry; swine; timber and technology, as well as energy efficiency and production; farm infrastructure and water enhancement; marketing; and value-added production.

Four CAIPs were approved by the board totaling \$969,918:

Caldwell (\$97,918)
Fleming (\$300,000)
Mason (\$252,000)
Robertson (\$320,000)

Next Generation Farmer Program (NextGen)

NextGen addresses the growing need for a specialized program that would benefit producers ages 18 to 40 that have been engaged in an agricultural operation for a minimum of three years.

One NextGen program was approved by the board totaling \$40,000:
Fleming (\$40,000)

Shared-Use Equipment Program

The Shared-Use Equipment Program assists broad-based community organizations with the purchase of farm equipment. The equipment purchased is made available for producer use in a specific county on a leased basis.

Two Shared-Use Equipment programs were approved by the board totaling \$39,300:

LaRue (\$23,625 and \$15,675)

Youth Agricultural Incentives Program (YAIP)

YAIP encourages youth to engage in and explore agricultural opportunities.

Five YAIPs were approved by the board totaling \$128,250:

Caldwell (\$10,000)
Casey (\$36,750)
Fleming (\$25,000)
LaRue (\$30,000)
Mason (\$26,500)

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My husband drives a semi for a living and this time of year he moves products for UPS in Louisville. He is an owner-operator and can pick and choose his runs, and prior to Christmas the UPS gig is pretty nice.

I'm sure the company's need for non-union drivers comes from the increase in delivery items for the holidays. I doubt there are many items he is hauling this time of year that are instrumental to our health and well-being. I have visions of televisions and expensive riding toys filling the trailers that he hauls in December.

During the remainder of the year, however, he is more likely to be hauling construction materials or even military loads, and he has dropped loads where school buildings were being built and various items at military bases.

Until recent years, most Americans probably never even thought about our global transportation structure. We just knew if we wanted to purchase something we could buy it and take it home from a store or order it online and it would be delivered.

Now, even after Covid-19 closures are for the most part over, we still tend to see some empty store shelves as some items are temporarily not available.

As a trucker's wife I've heard many comments about how shutting down truckers means shutting down the availability of goods. It's true, of course, because more than 70 percent of the goods (by weight) available in the U.S. spent some time being transported by a commercial truck.

Truckers are not the only instrumental player in transportation, however. Nearly 40 percent of long-distance goods are transported by rail.

A strike by railroad workers, which has been averted until now but appears to be coming closer to reality, would stop more than 7,000 trains from operating, according to Time magazine.

Mike Steenhoek, executive director of the Soy Transportation Coalition, said an actual strike would halt economic activity, "but even the threat of a strike will halt economic activity."

Steenhoek is talking about the impact an unreliable supply chain has on agriculture products.

"Agriculture will struggle to succeed in such an environment. A train transporting soybeans or other agricultural products is a sophisticated transaction involving significant

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CFTC's role in 'crypto' is more lapdog than watchdog

If you don't understand the allure, gyrating value, and many crack-ups of cryptocurrency, a few words from New York University's Nouriel Roubini, the economist who predicted the 2007/08 housing collapse, might help.

Speaking at the Abu Dhabi Finance conference in mid-November, Roubini, reported CNBC, "... described crypto and some of its major players as an 'ecosystem that is totally corrupt.'"

Roubini went on to explain what he meant by listing his "seven Cs of crypto: concealed, corrupt, crooks, criminals, con men, carnival barkers" and "CZ," the initials of a Chinese crypto bigshot.

Roubini isn't the only economist who sees crypto as a crock. Nobel Laureate Paul Krugman, both a professor and New York Times columnist, began warning readers about crypto's sorcery in 2013. This past July he slammed it again in a column that (again) highlighted out-to-lunch U.S. regulators, including the Commodity Futures Trading Commission, the boosterish futures and derivatives watchdog.

Krugman foresaw big trouble because of the lack of regulation in the then-\$3 trillion market. All the looking away, he noted in quoting a Federal Reserve official, "has created an environment subject to bank runs, not to mention 'theft, hacks, and ransom attacks' plus 'money laundering and financing of terrorism.'"

"Other than that," he cheekily added, "it's all good."

Krugman's dislike of crypto is legendary. Recently he labeled Bitcoin, the best known of almost 21,000—yes, 21,000—crypto "coins" in existence, as "useless, wasteful, niche, and only valuable to hype and speculation."

He's been proven mostly correct. In early November, one of the big crypto exchanges, FTX, collapsed in a matter of days. Its founder, Sam Bankman-Fried – a well-known crypto "bro" who often testified before Congress on crypto's virtues – watched as 90 percent of his \$26 billion crypto wealth evaporated.

Other crypto exchanges and coins were teetering before FTX immolated. The value of one bitcoin fell from about \$60,000 in January 2022 to below \$17,000 by Thanksgiving. According to one analyst, an estimated 70 percent of all 2022 bitcoin buyers lost money investing in it. In fact, the once \$3-trillion-crypto market now has an estimated value of \$1 trillion.

Where were U.S. regulators in crypto's long run-up and, now,

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We are at the farm bill table



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As we approach the end of the year and prepare for our advocacy efforts in 2023, Kentucky Farm Bureau has already begun discussions for the next farm bill.

With a September 2023 deadline for the reauthorization of this bill, ag groups throughout the country have been working to compile their issues to let congressional leaders know what farm families need in their efforts to remain on the farm.

This bill contains an array of agricultural and food programs that are essential to the industry. And as an organization, we want Kentucky to be included in those discussions.

With the farm bill being the most important law connected to the agriculture industry and rural communities, I can't emphasize enough how vital it is to have our voices heard when it comes to what goes into this bill, and what should not.

As part of these efforts, KFB convened its Farm Bill Working Committee last fall. This group consists of KFB advisory committee chairs, all of whom are vested in specific commodities that make up the Kentucky ag industry.

We will bring our ideas to congressional leaders as we continue to work with our ag partners throughout the state and with the American Farm Bureau Federation.

Being in lockstep as a collective agriculture community is an important step in getting to a consensus as an industry while this bill is being debated.

From a national perspective, AFBF has offered a look at policy priorities and a set of principles to guide the development of programs in the next farm bill, something I think we can stand on.

Those included protecting current farm bill program spending; maintaining a unified farm bill that keeps nutrition programs and farm programs together; any changes to current farm legislation must be an amendment to the Agricultural Adjustment Act of 1938 or the Agricultural Act of 1949; prioritizing risk management tools and funding for both federal crop insurance and commodity programs; and ensure adequate USDA staffing capacity and technical assistance.

The farm bill regulates many programs that are essential in keeping our farming operations moving forward, including crop insurance, rural development, conservation initiatives, nutrition, and research, to name a few.

And this turbulent year we have had on the farm serves as a great example of why we have to be heard, with a seat at the table when negotiations over the bill begin in Washington.

Stand assured that as we get deeper into discussions and as lawmakers get into earnest debates over the farm bill, Farm Bureau will be a part of those discussions, as we continue to serve as the Voice of Kentucky Agriculture.

MARK HANEY is President of the Kentucky Farm Bureau.

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Rail strike looms

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volume, distance, and expense. Those transactions are less likely to occur if our rail system does not provide the certainty that it will connect agricultural shippers with domestic and international customers,” Steenhoek noted.

As producers already deal with the impact of low water in our inland waterways, they also have to be concerned about how the threat of a railroad worker strike affects their market.

President Biden has called for Congress to adopt a tentative agreement that was approved by labor and management negotiators in September. Since then, four of the 12 railroad worker unions have voted against ratification. The other eight have voted yes. House Speaker Nancy Pelosi (D-California) said Monday the House will take up the legislation this week.

According to an analysis from the Anderson Economic Group and reported by CNN, a freight rail strike could cost the U.S. economy \$1 billion in the first week alone. I imagine a plan to strike right before Christmas is no accident. Stopping the transportation of goods during the peak holiday season would have traumatic repercussions.

We don't know where this will end, but hopefully an agreement will be reached and commerce will continue to flow. We need all the players in our transportation structure, whether it's a trucker in Louisville this week who is hauling riding toys for UPS or the rail that transports 340,000 carloads of soybeans, 691,000 carloads of corn and 305,000 carloads of wheat every year.



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in its swift, steep decline?

The two biggest players, the relatively benign CFTC and the far more feared Security and Exchange Commission, have been fighting a turf battle over who has jurisdiction in the ill-defined crypto market.

The fight isn't as straightforward as it seems. If crypto is seen more like an investment – say, shares in a company or corporate bonds – then the SEC could claim the regulatory role. If, however, crypto is defined more as a spot market for “tokens,” like crypto coins, then the CFTC might become the regulator.

Even more complicating is Congress. Competing House and Senate committees are vying to write crypto's rules. Whichever committee seizes power – Banking oversees the SEC, Agriculture the CFTC – will see their clout increase both on Capitol Hill and in the campaign cash game.

Meanwhile, trillions are riding on the answers. Most analysts view the SEC as a rule-rich, tough regulator. Just ask Wall Street. On the other hand, high risk/

high reward market players – like futures market speculators – love, love, love the smaller, myopic CFTC.

Before crypto's unhappy pre-Thanksgiving clobbering, the weaker approach looked like the stronger bet. “The momentum in Congress is on track to elevate the CFTC as the key front-line regulator,” reported coindesk.com, a crypto news site.

Here's another tell: The Senate CFTC/crypto bill is backed by Senate Ag Committee Chair Debbie Stabenow, the Michigan Dem whose former staff expert on crypto is Rostin Behnam, the now-serving (wait for it) CFTC chairman.

That leaves Stabenow's 2023 Senate ag basket overflowing—a new farm bill to steer through a divided Congress, a complicated crypto regulatory bill that puts guardrails on that Wild West show, and a push to reauthorize the CFTC.

That's right; the CFTC, the agency crypto wants as its regulator, is operating on an expired charter. Little wonder Big Crypto wants the CFTC as its lapdog, er, watchdog.

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According to the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics Occupational Outlook Handbook, there are several agricultural-based jobs growing at a higher-than-average rate. We chose a couple to share, which may have high potential in Kentucky.

LOGISTICS COORDINATOR

Logistics coordinators, or logisticians, analyze and coordinate an organization’s supply chain—the system that moves a product from supplier to consumer. They manage the entire life cycle of a product, which includes how a product is acquired, allocated, and delivered.

Duties

- Manage a product’s life cycle from design to disposal
- Direct the allocation of materials, supplies, and products
- Develop business relationships with suppliers and clients
- Understand clients’ needs and how to meet them
- Review logistical functions and identify areas for improvement
- Propose strategies to minimize the cost or time required to transport goods

Logisticians oversee activities that include purchasing, transportation, inventory, and warehousing. They may direct the movement of a range of goods, people, or supplies.

Logisticians use software systems to plan and track the movement of products. They operate software programs designed specifically to manage logistical functions, such as procurement, inventory management, and other supply chain planning and management systems.

2021 Median Pay: \$77,030 per year
 Typical Entry-Level Education: Bachelor’s degree
 Number of Jobs, 2021 195,000
 Job Outlook, 2021-31 28% (Much faster than average)

AGRICULTURAL AND FOOD SCIENTISTS AND TECHNICIANS

Agricultural and food scientists research ways to improve the efficiency and safety of agricultural establishments and products. Agricultural and food science technicians assist agricultural and food scientists by performing duties such as measuring and analyzing the quality of food and agricultural products. Duties range from performing agricultural labor with added recordkeeping duties to laboratory testing with significant amounts of office work, depending on the particular field the technician works in.

Duties

- Conduct research and experiments to improve the productivity and sustainability of field crops and farm animals
- Create new food products and develop new and better ways to process, package, and deliver them
- Study the composition of soil as it relates to plant growth and research ways to improve it
- Communicate research findings to the scientific community, food producers, and the public
- Travel between facilities to oversee the implementation of new projects

Agricultural and food scientists play

an important role in maintaining and expanding the nation’s food supply. Many work in basic or applied research and development. Basic research seeks to understand the biological and chemical processes by which crops and livestock grow. Applied research seeks to discover ways to improve the quality, quantity, and safety of agricultural products.

Many agricultural and food scientists work with little supervision, forming their own hypotheses and developing their research methods. In addition, they often lead teams of technicians or students who help in their research. Agricultural and food scientists who are employed in private industry may need to travel between different worksites.

2021 Median Pay: \$74,160 per year
 Typical Entry-Level Education: Bachelor’s degree

Number of Jobs, 2021: 37,300
 Job Outlook, 2021-31: 8% (Faster than average)

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Agricultural and food science technicians often specialize by subject area, which includes animal health, farm machinery, fertilizers, agricultural chemicals, or processing technology. Duties can vary considerably by specialization.

2021 Median Pay: \$44,700 per year
 Typical Entry-Level Education: Associate’s degree
 Moderate-term on-the-job training
 Number of Jobs, 2021: 31,600
 Job Outlook, 2021-31: 9% (Faster than average)

Other jobs with a high job growth rate in the next 10 years:

- Animal Caretakers: 27%
- Veterinarian: 19%
- Farm Equipment Mechanic: 11%
- Microbiologist: 9%

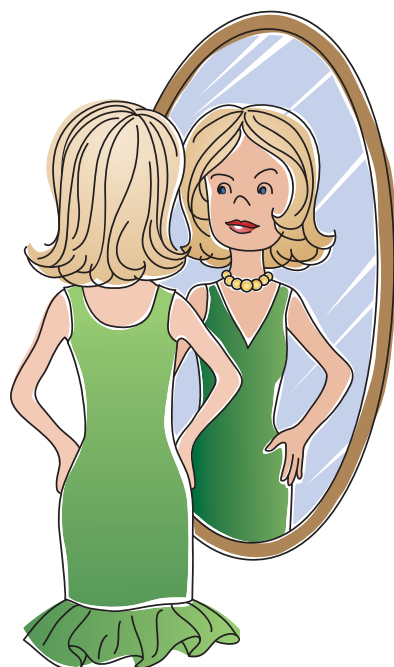
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Classroom Questions

Online research: Search online for agriculture-related careers and start your own file that reflects the job, duties, median pay, and educational requirements. Share with your classmates and discuss careers you were surprised to find or found the most interesting.

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BEYOND THE SURFACE

Charm is deceitful and beauty is vain, / But a woman who fears the Lord, she shall be praised.

Proverbs 31:30

Page through a magazine or flip through the TV channels and you're bound to come across at least one, if not many, ads promoting products that will enhance a person's beauty. While there is no crime in purchasing these products and striving to look your best, it pays to remember that beauty is only skin deep. What we look like on the outside does not necessarily reflect who we are on the inside. Historically, some of the most beautiful people in the world have also been some of the cruelest. Those of us who know God know the perils of vanity. We understand how easy it is to become obsessed with our appearance and instead seek to enhance the people we are within. We pray to God for the knowledge and the strength to look inside ourselves and change what is needed. Only through constant prayer that leads to metamorphosis can we truly merit praise.



Roasted Root Vegetables

- 6 medium beets
- 2 large sweet potatoes
- 3 parsnips
- 2 tablespoons olive oil

- 1 teaspoon salt
- 1 teaspoon black pepper
- Dressing (recipe follows)

Dressing

- 1/3 cup white wine vinegar
- 1/4 cup olive oil
- 2 tablespoons horseradish
- 1 tablespoon Dijon mustard
- 2 teaspoons honey
- 1/2 teaspoon salt
- 1/2 teaspoon pepper

Stir together and set aside.

Preheat oven to 400° F.

Peel beets, sweet potatoes and parsnips. Cut into 1/2 inch thick cubes.

Toss vegetables with olive oil and place in a single layer on a greased baking sheet.

Sprinkle with salt and pepper.

Bake at 400°F for 20 to 25 minutes, or until tender. Cool. Arrange vegetables on a serving dish and drizzle with dressing.

Yield: 6 servings

Nutritional Analysis: 210 calories, 10 g fat, 1.5 g sat fat, 3 g protein, 30 g carbohydrate, 0 mg cholesterol, 750 mg sodium, 7 g fiber.

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Twice-Baked Acorn Squash

- 2 medium acorn squash (1 - 1 1/2 pounds)
- Nonstick cooking spray
- 2 cups fresh spinach, chopped
- 4 strips turkey bacon, cooked and crumbled
- 1/2 cup grated parmesan cheese
- 1 thinly sliced green onion
- 1 tablespoon olive oil
- 2 teaspoons garlic powder
- 1/2 teaspoon salt
- 1/4 teaspoon black pepper
- 1/4 teaspoon nutmeg

Wash hands with warm water and soap, **scrubbing** for at least 20 seconds. **Preheat** oven to 350 degrees F. **Cut** squash in half; **discard** seeds. **Place** squash flesh side down on a baking sheet **coated** with nonstick cooking spray. **Bake** for 50 to 55 minutes or until tender. **Carefully scoop out** squash, leaving a 1/4-inch-thick shell. In a large bowl, **combine** the squash pulp with the remaining ingredients. **Spoon into** shells. **Bake** at 350 degrees F for 25 to 30 minutes or until heated through and top is golden brown. **Store** leftovers in the refrigerator within two hours.

Yield: 4 servings.

Serving size: 1/2 of an acorn squash.

Nutrition Analysis: 210 calories, 9g total fat, 3g saturated fat, 25mg cholesterol, 710mg sodium, 27g total carbohydrate, 4g fiber, 1g total sugars, 0g added sugars, 9g protein, 0% DV vitamin D, 15% DV calcium, 15% DV iron, 20% DV potassium.



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Rejuvenating overgrazed pastures

The Forage Doctor

By Jimmy Henning



The prolonged fall drought across much of central and western Kentucky is resulting in a lot of overgrazed pastures. Attempts to rejuvenate some of these via interseeding have likely been unsuccessful based on our experience in Central Kentucky. Fall seeding results will vary widely across Kentucky this year. The only seedings at our Spindletop research farm that look good were irrigated. Here are some thoughts about rejuvenating overgrazed and drought stressed pastures as we look to next year.

I will admit that overgrazed pastures are not new in Kentucky. If your pasture supply always seems to be critically low in the fall, now might be a good time to assess why. The first place to start

looking is your stocking rate. I highly recommend the NRCS Kentucky Graze model, a simple, spreadsheet-based (Microsoft Excel) model you can even run on a tablet. Contact me, your local county extension agent or your NRCS office for how you can obtain your free copy.

In my last Pride article, I also mentioned the Web Soil Survey as a way to estimate carrying capacity of a given tract of land. Since we often use the terms stocking rate and carrying capacity interchangeably, it is worthwhile to think about their definitions. Carrying capacity is the number of livestock a farm can support, feed or 'carry' for a given period, usually a calendar year. Stocking rate is the actual number being 'carried.' Stocking rate may be equal to carrying capacity in some cases, but in general stocking at less than 'capacity' gives you a safety margin in cases of adverse circumstances like our current drought. In my mind, stocking the farm

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Rejuvenating overgrazed pastures



These heifers seem to be asking 'Whatcha gonna do about my pastures?' Drought and overgrazing have damaged many pastures in Kentucky. Fall interseedings have failed in many instances. Before these heifers go on an unintended hunger strike, take steps to rejuvenate these damaged pastures.

FROM PAGE 10

at what is considered 'capacity' is a high risk venture not for the faint of heart.

In Jim Gerrish's book, *Kick the Hay Habit*, he says the way to avoid feeding

hay is to stock for your least productive time of year. Some of you are going to 'bow up' as we say in Georgia where I was raised at this statement. To do what Jim recommends, we will have to drastically change stocking rates, or develop ways to fluctuate your stocking rates to

match your seasonal production.

Before you dismiss this as academic, pie-in-the-sky management, you might find it interesting to know that Jim is not speaking theoretically – he has done it. Want to know more, get the book. It is an easy and insightful read.

Since we are going to have overgrazed pastures, we can anticipate and manage for or even take advantage of this situation. Overgrazed pastures are going to be subject to greater infestation from our winter annual weeds, most commonly buttercup, henbit and purple deadnettle. Poison hemlock is also another problematic winter-growing invader. At least the drought hinders germination of winter annual weeds too. Be ready to control these weeds using the appropriate broadleaf herbicide in the spring. In my experience the real challenge to spring control of broadleaf weeds is being ready to spray when we get the 50° F temperatures needed for good herbicide activity.

Short pastures lend themselves to overseeding with clover since you do not have to deal with a lot of cover when seed is spread. Chain dragging before or after overseeding in late win-

ter can help expose the bare soil needed for good seed-soil contact. Expect that winter annual weeds will likely be your main source of competition for emerging clover seedlings. Be prepared to flash graze or clip these fields if winter weeds get the upper hand.

A couple of final thoughts and I am done. First, when wet conditions return, overgrazed pastures are easily pugged, destroying soil structure and grass stands. Rejuvenating these pugged up (muddy) fields takes much longer. Either move animals frequently or move them to a sacrifice paddock to limit the damage. And lastly, overgrazed pastures will be slow to emerge next spring. Where possible, allow these fields more time to recover, even consider taking a hay crop instead of stocking as you might ordinarily do.

Dry autumns and overgrazed pastures are not uncommon in Kentucky. Taking an honest assessment of why they happen and being prepared for the challenges and opportunities that result can be a good start for a profitable 2023.

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KENTUCKY GRAIN PRICES							National Weekly Ethanol Plant Report 10/07/2022 Indiana Ohio Illinois Iowa
LOUISVILLE AREA: Louisville & Bagdad; PENNYRILE AREA: Allensville, Auburn, Franklin, Hopkinsville & Pembroke; BLUEGRASS AREA: Bardstown, Lexington & Winchester; GREEN RIVER: Caneyville & Livermore; NORTHERN KENTUCKY AREA: Silver Grove at Cincinnati; PURCHASE AREA: Clinton & Mayfield. Opening bids at elevators and processing plants.							
10/07/2022 4:00 pm est Bids for next day Cash Bids Corn #2 Yellow Corn #2 White Soybeans #1 Y Wheat #2 SRW Barley	Louisville	Pennyrile	Purchase	Bluegrass	Green River	Northern KY	
	5.91-6.33	6.63-6.98 7.43	6.33-6.53	NA	6.13	5.63	
New Crop Delivery Contract Corn #2 Yellow Corn #2 White Soybeans #1 Y Wheat #2 SRW Barley	11.84 NA	12.57-12.87 NA	12.97 NA	NA NA	12.52 NA	12.25 NA	
	5.91-7.04	6.81-6.98 7.43	6.98	NA	7.06	6.92	
	11.84 8.00-8.57	12.57-12.87 8.37	13.57 NA	NA NA	13.42 8.22	12.10 NA	
Yellow Corn Spot Bid 6.76-6.83							
Dried Distillers Grain (\$/ton) 10% moisture 228.75-255.00							
Modified 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							

Weekly Feed Ingredient Price Wholesale prices, \$ per ton Rail or Truck FOB Location	Owensboro Grain 10/10/2022	Commonwealth Agri-Energy Hopkinsville 10/10/2022	St. Louis Weekly Feed Region 10/07/2022	Memphis Weekly Feed Region 10/07/2022	Corn Belt Feedstuffs Region 10/07/2022	Daily Direct Hog Prices LM_HG218 10/10/2022 Barrows & Gilts Purchased Swine Receipts: 3,519 Base Price: \$79.00-\$95.00 Wt. Avg. \$87.07 Compared to prior day, wt. avg. base prices were 1.85 lower. 5 Day Rolling Average: \$91.30	FOR DAILY LIVESTOCK AND GRAIN MARKET REPORTS CALL FARMLOT 1-800-327-6568 1-502-573-0553
Soybean Meal 48% Sol	433.70	—	466.90	439.90-462.90	385.70-476.90		
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	—	—	—		
Corn Gluten Feed 20-21 pct	—	—	300.00	—	200.00-240.00		
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	—	—	—	—	—		

New Holland Sheep and Goat Auction New Holland, Pa. October 3, 2022

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.

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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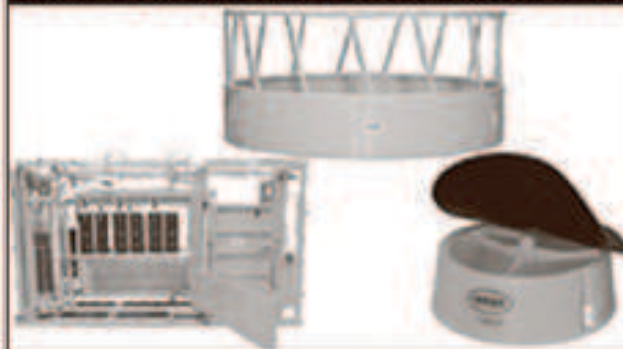
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