



Mike Bach, chairman of the Kentucky Cattlemen's Foundation, speaks to members of the Agricultural Development Board about plans to establish an Agriculture Education Center at the UK C. Oran Little Research Center in Versailles.

## APPLICANTS VOW TO MOVE FORWARD Ag board rejects livestock project

FRANKFORT – A project to develop an education center in Woodford County to serve the livestock industry was denied funding by the Kentucky Agricultural Development Board on Jan. 20, but key players in the project vow that the project will continue.

A number of board members who spoke about the project at the January KADF monthly meeting agreed that the Kentucky Cattlemen's Foundation brought forth a commendable project, but their concerns led to a majority vote against a request to help fund the \$15 million project.

The foundation requested \$10 million toward the project and a

review committee recommended funding half the project's cost, at \$7.5 million. The meeting became somewhat contentious when an impromptu hallway agreement to withdraw the application took a different turn.

Board member Bobby Foree, who helped with legal aspects of the project and abstained from the conversation and vote, said it was his understanding that the foundation wished to withdraw the application.

Mike Bach, chairman of the foundation, responded that the group had worked on the project for a year and a half, had answered the board's questions, and were

ready to move forward.

"We've kicked this can down the road here for about a year," Bach said. "I know we have talked about rescinding the (application), and I don't know what the parameters are for reinstating that, but I don't think we are going to get over the hump of satisfying the board with what information we have at the present time. We've answered all your questions to the best of our ability. I don't know what else we can do."

The project creates a private/public relationship between the foundation and the University of

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## Want to talk 'farm bill' at the farm show? Ky. corn growers have got you covered

Every five years, Congress must renew legislation that sets national farm policy, along with nutrition, conservation and forestry policy, which is commonly referred to as the farm bill.

The House and Senate agriculture committees each draft their own bill and hold hearings prior to any votes. Both chambers have already held field hearings and discussions are underway about what changes need to be made to the nation's farm policy.

Farm organizations want to make sure that producers are part of that conversation, and the Kentucky Corn Growers Association plans to coordinate that conversation during the largest indoor farm show in the country.

The Corn Growers will host conversations about the farm bill at their booth during the National Farm Machinery Show, which will be held Feb. 15-18 at the Kentucky Exposition Center in Louisville.

"We are having several Corn board members as well as national action team farm members come in and talk farm bill at our booth," said Laura Knoth, executive director of the Kentucky Corn Growers. Someone will be there throughout the show each day, Knoth added.

Among others, Kentucky producer Richard Preston will be on hand to talk with producers. Preston serves on the Nation Corn Growers Association's risk management action team.

"He has become an absolute expert. It is amazing what he now knows about the farm bill and the process. It's incredible," Knoth said.

The National Farm Machinery Show is held daily from 9 a.m. – 5 p.m. The Corn Growers are located in Booth #2317.



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# Ag board rejects livestock project application

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Kentucky College of Agriculture, Food and Environment and would include the development of a center for production, processing and marketing at the C. Oran Little Research Center in Woodford County.

An Agriculture Education Center would be located on 15 acres that would be leased to the foundation. It would include 34,000 sq. ft. of educational and office space and that would accommodate educational events, including a demonstration kitchen classroom, conference room and corporate headquarters for the Kentucky Cattlemen's Association.

A Kentucky Value-Added Foods and Meats Workforce Development Center would be used by the animal and plant industries for technical training in such areas as food safety, processing and other needs as the industry continues to move into retained ownership through harvesting and marketing.

The overall cost for both buildings is \$90 million, and the foundation requested funds from the Ag Development Board toward the outreach space contained in the Agriculture Education Center. The Kentucky Cattlemen's Association and Kentucky Pork Producers Association have both committed funding to the project. The foundation plans to request American Rescue Plan Act funds for additional funding.

Board member Al Pedigo said he learned a lot during the application process, such as the work of a meat and food safety program that already exists at UK. The UK Meat Cutting School has trained more than 1,000 meat cutters from 12 states through on-site training at meat processing facilities or at the UK meats laboratory.

Pedigo made the motion to fund the proposal and Tom McKee offered a second.

Wayne Hunt called it a great project but said it was in the wrong place. He suggested they go to the legis-

lature and ask for funding and could perhaps also get

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# Kentucky Farmer wins National Forage Spokesperson Award

Bracken County farmer Bart Hamilton recently won the National Forage Spokesperson Contest at the American Forage and Grassland Council's Annual Meeting in Winton-Salem, N.C. Contestants from across the nation told their farm's story in 15-minute presentations highlighting their operation's forage utilization, quality and overall forage management.

State affiliate councils nominate individual farmers to present at the national conference. In October, Hamilton won the Kentucky Forage and Grassland Council's Forage Spokesperson Contest to qualify for the national contest.

"Bart learned quickly that you cannot manage what you do not measure," said David Appelman, University of Kentucky College of Agriculture, Food and Environment agriculture and natural resources extension agent in Bracken County-Hamilton's home county-who has worked with Hamilton on multiple projects. "I enrolled him in a genetic improvement program with UK Department of Animal and Food Sci-

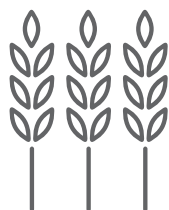
ences extension professor Les Anderson. In addition to forage management, Bart also focused on improving his genetics, reducing the physical size of his cattle and shortening his calving season. This made it easier for him to manage his forage resources."

Hamilton has participated in numerous UK programs over the years, including Master Cattleman, Grazing School and Fencing School and collaborated with Anderson on the East Kentucky Integrated Reproductive Management Program.

Hamilton said his successes and failures along his farming journey and UK programs helped him improve grazing management. When he began his journey, Hamilton said the farm was managing him, not the other way around.

Together with his family, Hamilton raises beef cattle and Broadleaf Wrapper tobacco in the Berlin community. His presentation is available on the KY Forages YouTube channel.

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**DAIRY HEIFERS:** Large 3: 1 Head, 690#, 74.00; 1 Head, 700#, 75.00; 1 Head 795#, 84.00; 1 Head, 820#, 61.00.

#### SLAUGHTER CATTLE:

**STEERS:** 1 Head, 1125#, 81.00 **COWS:** Breaker 75-80%: 32 Head, 1345-2020#, 72.00-83.00, average; 6 Head, 1360-1935#, 84.00-97.00, High; 5 Head, 1380-1805#, 64.00-71.00, Low. Boner 80-85%: 78 Head, 1040-1460#, 70.00-89.00, Average; 12 Head, 1185-1470#, 90.00-100.00 High; 22 Head, 890-1395#, 60.00-69.00, Low; 5 Head, 940-1200#, 55.00-59.00, very low. Lean 85-90%: 18 Head, 865-1260#, 60.00-73.00, Average; 6 Head, 975-1200#, 75.00-83.00, High; 4 Head, 780-945#, 53.00-59.00, Low. **BULLS 1-2:** 2 Head, 1475-1590#, 93.00-105.00, Average; 2 Head, 1535-1850, 116.00-118.00, High; 1 Head, 1520, 60.00, Low. **Dairy Heifers Select and Choice 3:** 5 Head, 1100#, 85.00, Average.

Meeting and Eating Season continues



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While increasing yield is an important piece of the puzzle that row-crop farmers are constantly trying to solve, we can't overlook profitability as the end goal.

This issue of the Pride will reach your mailbox right in the middle of “meeting and eating” season. On February 2, the actual publication date, soybean farmers in the Elizabethtown area will be gathered to hear from Dr. Connor Sible about increasing yield with agronomic management. Dr. Sible works with our friend Dr. Fred Below at the University of Illinois and his research focuses on biologicals and understanding where, how and why they work to improve fertilizer use efficiency and increase crop yields.

While increasing yield is an important piece of the puzzle that row-crop farmers are constantly trying to solve, we can't overlook profitability as the end goal. I remember looking through the “kitchen sink” research project that was completed a few years back and seeing that yes, the yields were remarkable, but so were the input, fuel, and labor costs.

And profitability is really what your Kentucky soybean organizations are all about. The Kentucky Soybean Board invests farmer checkoff dollars into research, education, and promotion, while the Kentucky Soybean Association is a membership and policy-driven organization. Our KSA farmers leaders are already hard at work on the Farm Bill, and they're keeping your right to farm as you see fit at the top of mind for our lawmakers. What works in the “I states” may not work for your operation, and what works in Winchester might not make the grade in Wingo.

In my last column for the Pride, I noted a number of uses for soybean components that have been developed in my 10 years with the Soybean Board. This week, I'd like to focus on membership in the Kentucky Soybean Association. Where the soybean checkoff is federally legislated and compulsory, membership in the Association is voluntary. The Association only generates revenue from advertising in the Kentucky Soybean Sentinel and the receipt of membership dues from grower and agribusiness members.

The American Soybean Association used the tagline “if you believe, belong” for several years, and I think it's a good one. If you believe in what our farmer-leaders are doing at the state and national levels, your dues are your voice. Those dues enable farmer-leaders to be

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The Great Carbon Boondoggle, Part 1

Many policy choices are made on politics alone while other key decision-making elements like cost, science, and even common sense play a lesser or no role at all.

In the old days, this political math resulted in—literally and figuratively—“bridges to nowhere” that cost millions and did little other than raise the local politician's reelection odds.

Today, these exercises of magical thinking cost billions and enrich local oligarchs and distant financiers who then, in turn, bankroll the campaigns of favor-delivering politicians to ensure their gravy train continues to run on time.

Last November, the Oakland Institute, an independent policy think tank in Oakland, CA, published a detailed report on one of these costly, gassy trains, Summit Carbon Solutions' 2,000-mile carbon pipeline across Iowa, Nebraska, North and South Dakota, and Minnesota.

Summit calls its expensive, scientifically-dubious project the Midwest Carbon Express because it hopes to tie 33 “biorefineries”—mostly ethanol plants—together with a pipeline ranging from “four inches to two feet in diameter and placed at least four feet underground” to carry compressed CO2 to North Dakota.

Once there, Summit claims, the CO2 will be “permanently and safely stored underground.”

While all of that scrubbed pleasant-speak may sound like an innovative, ag-based way to somewhat balance the amount of climate-changing carbon emitted by today's intensive livestock and cropping systems, the Oakland Institute sees it as a pressurized pipeline of baloney.

In fact, the Institute uses another descriptive B word in the title of its 31-page report that gets right to the heart of Summit's plan; it calls it “The Great Carbon Boondoggle.” Both this week and next we'll examine what Oakland found in its deep dive into Summit's promises, partners, and finances and why now more farmers seem to be denying Summit easements across their land than allowing them.

First, however, explains Oakland, backers of Summit's carbon capture and storage technology, overlook “the growing body of evidence exposing CCS as a false climate solution...” Indeed, “Despite billions of taxpayer dollars spent on CCS to date... it has ‘not been proven feasible or economic at scale.’”

Even more damning, the report continues, “Over 95 percent of the CO2 captured by these plants”—mostly “ethanol, natural gas processing, or fertilizer plants”—“is currently used for enhanced oil recovery... to boost oil production” that is then refined and burned to

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# Transportation issues part of Soybean conversation

MURRAY, Ky. – Last week's Soybean Promotion Day marked the 18th such event hosted by the Murray State University Hutson School of Agriculture and the first for Dr. Brian Parr as the interim dean.

Producers and students were on hand to hear about research, innovation and promotion efforts to increase the marketing of soybeans worldwide.

Mike Steenhoek, executive director of the Soy Transportation Coalition, talked about current supply chain challenges and the industry's need to promote its resilient supply chain.

The coalition, organized in 2007, is composed of the United States Soybean Board, the American Soybean Board and 13 state soybean boards, including Kentucky.

Soybeans are the number one U.S. agriculture export, with about half of what is produced going outside the United States, Steenhoek said. The coalition focuses on roads, bridges, railroads, waterways, and ports – the infrastructure essential to transporting soybeans to markets.

"What happens when that supply chain or any of those transportation elements is interrupted, and how resilient is the supply chain to trauma and the direct effect on profits?" Steenhoek said.

Steenhoek pointed out recent supply chain trauma. Low water levels on the Mississippi River during the fall as a perfect example. With low water levels, barges could not be loaded to capacity as they traveled from as far north as Minnesota to Gulf of Mexico export ports.

Rail transportation is a significant component of the soybean supply chain. He reminded everyone of the recent rail strike threat. A rail strike would halt the economic activity, but even the threat of a rail strike can halt economic activity, he said.

"Of all the indicators defining a supply chain's effectiveness, predictability and reliability are supreme and are more important than cost or speed of transportation," Steenhoek said. "If a shipper doesn't have the confidence the supply chain will arrive, depart or deliver as expected, then the supply chain is dysfunctional."

Soybean farmers contributed \$2 million toward a 2020 Corps of Engineers \$85 million project to dredge the lower Mississippi five feet deeper to a depth of 50 feet, allowing the lower Mississippi River ports to service larger sea-going vessels. Kentucky farmers will receive \$11.5 million more for the value of their soybeans after the dredging and \$461 million more for U.S. farmers, Steenhoek said.

Steenhoek noted a new opportunity from American

Patriot Holdings, LLC, which has developed a patented vessel to transport shipping containers throughout the nation's inland waterway system. The ship would travel nearly three times the speed of traditional barges and leave no shoreline eroding wake. A report commissioned by the coalition showed a 45 percent savings using this vessel compared to current transportation means.

Steenhoek addressed issues that elevators face in transporting truckloads of soybean meal on rural highways at a time when they face increasing fuel costs and tighter emission standards. The coalition assembled a group of engineers, designers, and other experts from 13 states who proposed 20 innovations for bridge replacement and repair. These innovations use locally sourced and easily obtained materials and can save local county governments hundreds of thousands of dollars, Steenhoek said.

Dr. Shawn Conley, professor of agronomy and state

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# Only Love Can Conquer Hate

*“And we know that in all things  
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who love him, who have been called  
according to his purpose.”*  
*Romans 8:28 NIV*

We’ve all had experiences that seem amazing, even providential, as if God himself is sending us a message via these experiences. It’s natural to think of these as messages from a benevolent God, and it’s just as easy to turn them around and say that it was just a coincidence. But sometimes it strains our credulity to think of these experiences as mere coincidences. I had an experience recently where I purchased a daily devotional book at a used bookstore, since I have for many years enjoyed the habit of spending time with spiritual readings in the morning and this one looked interesting. It was one of those books that has a nice leather cover and a silk ribbon affixed to the binding to mark the page. When I got it home and opened it, I was quite surprised to find that the ribbon was placed on the page corresponding to my Birthday! If that wasn’t a sign that God wanted me to have this book, I don’t know what would have been. And as far as coincidences, there was a 1 in 365 chance that it would be placed on my exact birthday, so it really felt meaningful to me. At the very least, this book will have a special place in my heart for that very reason. These signs from God are important. They make us feel like someone (Someone indeed!) is thinking about us, and looking out for us, and trying to let us know that we are loved and cared for. Look for God in the everyday details of your life, because He is there.

– Christopher Simon



# Potato Broccoli Soup

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

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

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

**Yield:** 6, 1¼ cup servings

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

# Country Ham and Broccoli Grits

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| <b>1 tablespoon</b> olive oil               | <b>2 cloves</b> minced garlic            | <b>6 ounces</b> country ham, cut into ½ inch pieces |
| <b>1 pound</b> fresh broccoli florets       | <b>4 cups</b> 1% milk                    | <b>1 large</b> egg, beaten                          |
| <b>½ cup</b> minced onion                   | <b>1 cup</b> uncooked quick grits        | Salt and pepper to taste                            |
| <b>¾ teaspoon</b> crushed red pepper flakes | <b>1 cup</b> 2%, shredded cheddar cheese |   |

**1. Preheat oven** to 375°F. **Coat** 13x9x2 inch baking dish with cooking spray. **Heat** olive oil in a frying pan. **Sauté** broccoli, onion, garlic and red pepper flakes until vegetables are tender. About 5 minutes. **Set aside.**

**2. Heat** milk to a boil in a large saucepan. Slowly, **whisk** in grits. **Reduce heat** and stir continuously until thickened. **Reserve** 2 tablespoons of the cheese.

**3. Remove** from heat, stir in ham, broccoli mixture, cheese, egg, salt and pepper. **Mix** until well blended. **Pour** into prepared baking dish.

**4. Sprinkle** with reserved cheese. **Bake**, uncovered for 30 minutes, or until top is set and lightly puffed.

**Yield:** 16, ½ cup servings.

**Nutritional Analysis:** 120 calories, 3.5 g fat, 1 g saturated fat, 25 mg cholesterol, 370 mg sodium, 13 g carbohydrate, 1 g fiber, 4 g sugar, 9 g protein.

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# Livestock group says project efforts will continue

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matching federal funds.

He said Kentucky is known as a bricks and mortar state and compared the project to a top-ranking livestock project in California operated from a dairy barn.

"We've done projects that looked like bricks and mortar, but they were not just bricks and mortar, they are internal work," Hunt said.

Dr. Gordon Jones said he had hoped they would not get into the situation they were in and said there is nobody who spends more time than him thinking about ways to improve the beef cattle industry. But Jones said the project is too vague in many areas and he could not support it.

The board took a brief recess before coming back for a voice vote, with the majority of the board voting against the project.

Following the meeting, Bach said he did not know what steps the foundation will take next.

"Our foundation, when we met, were in favor of this to the person," he said. "We figured we could raise our half of the money."

Bach said all the livestock groups supported this project as well as the corn and soybean organizations.

"We'll recover from this and we will have something," he said.

Caleb Ragland, who is actively involved with Kentucky's pork and soybean associations, said he believes the project will move forward.

"It's too important to walk away from, in my opinion," he said.

Cary King, who served as president of KCA this past year, said they had been before the Ag Development Board probably eight times and he was disappointed in the outcome.

"It's a great project and everybody

here said it's a good project. They just differ on how it should be funded," he said. "We are going to meet and decide where we go next. But we're not done. We're not stopping on this project, and so much work has already been done."

King said major issues have already been addressed, including approval of Woodford County government for construction of the facilities and negotiating with UK's attorneys.

"This has taken a lot of effort, and all that groundwork is not wasted," he said.

Agriculture Commissioner Ryan Quarles said he believed the applicants

did a great job of presenting a bold idea.

"This is an opportunity to recalibrate and work with our livestock producers and all of Kentucky ag to try to move forward and maybe have a renewed interest in helping out meat processing across Kentucky," Quarles said. "I would encourage, not just the cattlemen's but also the other livestock groups involved in this livestock coalition, to come back and let's work on a project together that will gain more consensus across the state."

By Sharon Burton

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## Alfalfa Conference to focus on hay production, marketing and mechanization

Forage producers rely on successful production strategies and marketing skills to turn a profit in a competitive agriculture industry. During the upcoming 42nd annual Kentucky Alfalfa and Stored Forage Conference, University of Kentucky forage specialists, Kentucky farmers and industry speakers will offer research-based information and ideas to maximize producers' efforts and profits.

"We are especially excited to have a significant portion of the program devoted to hearing from successful producers," said Jimmy Henning, UK forage extension specialist. "These alfalfa growers have a proven track record of producing high-quality hay and have agreed to share some of the practices that have helped them be successful."

The daylong conference is from 8 a.m. to 3:15 p.m. CST, Feb. 21 at the Cave City Convention Center in Cave City.

Topics include increasing alfalfa sales to horse owners, hay production in the Deep South, options for hay mechanization from a producer's perspective, hay mechanization industry overview, a KFGC update, fall armyworm research,

assessing the nutrient status of Kentucky alfalfa stands and options for managing thinning alfalfa stands.

UK forage specialist Chris Teutsch and other faculty from the UK Research and Education Center in Princeton will give a tornado recovery update. During a panel discussion, past winners of the Kentucky Department of Agriculture's Hay Contest will share ideas that have helped them improve their haying operations.

In addition to the presentations, the conference will include awards, exhibits and a silent auction.

Individuals may preregister for the conference at the Kentucky Alfalfa and Stored Forage Conference Eventbrite site. Registration is \$40 for general admission or \$15 for students. Those without internet access may mail registration and a check made payable to KFGC to Jimmy Henning, N-222D Agricultural Science Center North, University of Kentucky, Lexington, KY 40546-0091. For more information, call Henning at 859-229-4989 or visit the UK Forages website at <https://forages.ca.uky.edu/>.



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# Transportation issues part of Soybean conversation

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soybean and small grain specialist at the University of Wisconsin, Madison, detailed the extensive research he and a group of other state small grain specialists have gathered for increased soybean production.

Conley's recommendations for growers to consider improving their soybean management include:

- Genetics, the use of university-generated trials
- Fine-tuning planting date - plant early
- Maturity group
- Seeding rate
- Foliar fungicide and insecticide application.

His website, [www.coolbean.info](http://www.coolbean.info) highlights many areas of information for soybean farmers. He encouraged producers to watch "Science for Success," which features soybean extension specialists from across the United States initiative and focuses on leveraging local expertise to provide national soybean best management practices. The video is available on YouTube.

Conley is recruiting for on-farm research for 2023 and growers can complete a 30-minute survey available online or on paper at the website.

Also on the program were Jonathon Reynolds, vice president of the Kentucky Soybean Association, and Barry Alexander, vice chairman of the Kentucky Soybean Promotion Board. Each gave overviews of the organizations' work during 2022. KSA, funded by



Mike Steenhoek speaking at Murray State University Soybean Promotion Day.

membership dues, works as an advocate for soybean farmers. Reynolds pointed out the commodity conference held in person in 2022, a legislative luncheon held in Frankfort for legislators and support staff, and meetings with legislators at the federal level.

KSB is funded with checkoff dollars and supports research, education, marketing, and promotion. KSPB is represented at trade shows such as the National Farm Machinery show and the Kentucky State Fair and produced an educational video featuring Reynolds and his wife, Gracie, highlighting the growing number of everyday products from soybeans, including Skecher shoes.

By Toni Riley  
Field Reporter

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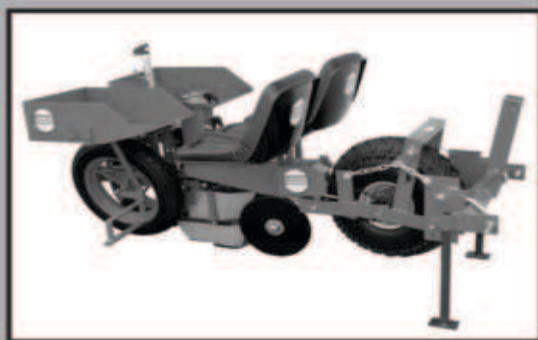
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# Commissioner Quarles announces specialty crop application window opens

Agriculture Commissioner Dr. Ryan Quarles has announced the proposal window is open for Kentucky Department of Agriculture's Specialty Crop Block Grant Program.

"The specialty crop program is intended to help make Kentucky specialty crops more competitive in both domestic and foreign markets," Commissioner Quarles said. "Specialty crops make up a significant part of Kentucky's agricultural economy, and there is plenty of room to grow. We look forward to another round of creative proposals."

Applicants must describe how the project potentially affects and produces measurable outcomes for the specialty crop industry and/or the public. Private, 501(c)(3) nonprofit organizations, and quasi government entities, including public universities, are eligible to apply. All projects are subject to the availability of funds. KDA will not award grant funds for projects that solely benefit a particular commercial product or provide profit to a single organization, institution, or individual.

Preliminary proposals must be submitted on the form located at [https://www.kyagr.com/marketing/documents/Grants\\_Specialty\\_Crop\\_Block\\_Concept\\_Proposal.pdf](https://www.kyagr.com/marketing/documents/Grants_Specialty_Crop_Block_Concept_Proposal.pdf) and emailed to Brett McQueary at [Brett.McQueary@ky.gov](mailto:Brett.McQueary@ky.gov) no later than 4:30 p.m. EST on Feb. 24. Qualifying applicants will be notified and invited to complete a full grant application. Specialty crops are defined as fruits and vegetables, tree nuts, dried fruits, horticultural products, nursery crops (including floriculture), and honey. For a comprehensive list, interested parties may visit [www.ams.usda.gov/services/grants/scbgp/specialty-crop](http://www.ams.usda.gov/services/grants/scbgp/specialty-crop).

KDA receives grant funding from the U.S. Department of Agriculture Agricultural Marketing Service for the specialty crop grant program and conducts an annual competitive application process to award grant funds.

For more information about the Specialty Crop Block Grant Program, go to [kyagr.com/marketing/crop-block-grant.html](http://kyagr.com/marketing/crop-block-grant.html) or contact Brett McQueary at 502-782-4114, 502-330-6044 or [Brett.McQueary@ky.gov](mailto:Brett.McQueary@ky.gov).

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# Hay is hot



Ramon Grimaldi and Otis Freeman examine a lot of round bales for sale at the recent Madison County hay auction.

Hay is a hot topic across Kentucky right now. Supplies of hay in some areas are short, due to less high-priced fertilizer going onto hay fields and drought in some areas. As we all learned in Economics 101, short supply of an in-demand commodity puts upward pressure on prices.

I recently was able to attend the hay auction conducted in Madison County under the leadership of Brandon Sears. The warehouse was full to overflowing with all types, qualities and packages of hay. Each of these were sampled and tested onsite by the Mobile Hay Testing Laboratory of the Kentucky Department of Agriculture.

ment of Agriculture.

This auction was my first since a frigid, outdoor auction in the dairy region of Minnesota in the late 1980s. The two events had similarities and differences. At both events, buyers had access to an onsite test of the quality of hay. Snow was flying on both days, although the Minnesota temperatures were brutally cold, at least in the memory of that younger version of me who had spent most of his life in Georgia.

The prices at the Minnesota auction were driven almost totally by quality, and the lots were mostly alfalfa or alfalfa mixes. They were intended for the dairy market, which explained the close attention to quality. Most of those lots were traditional small, rectangular bales.

In contrast, the hay in the Madison County auction was mostly grass, with a few alfalfa-grass mixes. Bale types were more diverse and the small, rectangular bales were in the minority. Buyers had access to bale weights, but all bids were on an individual bale basis. Although no formal survey was

## The Forage Doctor



By Jimmy Henning



conducted, my conversations indicated that buyers were primarily horse and cattle owners.

Buyers did consult the hay tests, and the auctioneer used the data throughout the morning. Not surprisingly, crude protein was the only quality term mentioned. There was no question that high protein values resonated with buyers.

Hay in small, rectangular packages commanded prices that, in a few cases, were much greater than the forage quality warranted. That day, it seemed that anything in these traditional packages brought \$4 per bale, translating to more than \$200 per ton.

Another thing was obvious – alfalfa hay is valued. In one especially leafy

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# Hay is hot

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and green lot of small rectangular alfalfa bales (testing more than 20% crude protein and a relative feed value of 172) brought \$13.50 per bale. This hay checked all the boxes – color, texture, leafiness and quality. And the grower was rewarded for it.

**Want to know more about how to make hay like this?** Come to the 2023 Alfalfa and Stored Forage Conference at the Cave City Convention Center in Cave City on February 21. The program begins at 8 AM Central time. We are devoting a significant portion of this meeting to hear from award winning producers about how they make quality hay and produce for the cash market. We are calling this session, 'One Great Idea' - a theme we borrowed from our friends in conservation. In this session, Keith Deweese, Clayton Gerald and John McCoy will highlight the innovations that have been most helpful in their cash hay operations.

In addition, we will hear from New Holland on what's new in mechanization. Dennis Wright, Logan County alfalfa producer will also present on his

experiences with mechanization. Our featured speaker will be Dr. Jennifer (Johnson) Tucker from the University of Georgia speaking about their work with alfalfa-bermudagrass mixtures. Dr. Tucker is the daughter of Ken and Karen Johnson from Monroe County and is a University of Kentucky graduate.

The conference will present the results of a national survey on how to increase alfalfa hay sales to horse owners, updates on fall armyworm control, the rebuilding efforts for the UKY West Kentucky Research and Education Center in Princeton, the coming International Grassland Congress in Covington, alfalfa producer and hay quality awards and a brief update on initial results in extending the productive life of alfalfa stands. The cost is \$40 and you must pre-register by going to the Events link from our UKY Forages website (<https://forages.ca.uky.edu/Events>). For more information, you can contact me at [jimmy.henning@uky.edu](mailto:jimmy.henning@uky.edu) or (859) 229-4989. Come see why hay is hot in Kentucky.

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4. Summarize the topics that will be discussed at the Alfalfa Conference. Why do you think these topics are important?
5. What are some of the specifics Jimmy Henning noticed about the types of hay that sold at a recent auction he attended?
6. What were some of the concerns the Agricultural Development Board had with a project by the Kentucky Cattlemen's Foundation? What are some of the benefits that would come from the project?

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## KDDC Young Dairy Producers Meeting/ADA Meeting & Ky. Dairy Partners Meeting

**Feb. 28 & March 1 • SLOAN CONVENTION CENTER**

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### Tuesday, February 28

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|-----------------|--|
| 9-11 a.m.       | Trade Show Set up  |
| 10 a.m.         | Registration for KDDC Young Dairy Producers Conference   |
| 10:30 a.m.      | "Manure Management for Profit"   |
|                 | – Edwin L. Ritchey, University of Kentucky   |
| 11:15 a.m.      | "Show Me the Money!!"  |
|                 | – Brian Lacefield, Kentucky Office on Agriculture Policy   |
| 11:45 a.m.      | Lunch and Trade Show Opens   |
| 1:30p.m.        | "Managing Winter Annuals for Profit"   |
|                 | – Jimmy Henning, University of Kentucky  |
| 2:15 p.m.       | "Advancing in Technology for the Betterment of Dairy Cattle through Genomics-A Producer's Perspective" |
|                 | – Larry Embry, David Corbin, Branden Fields and Billy Wilcher  |
| 3:15 p.m.       | Ice Cream Break and Visit Trade Show   |
| 1 p.m. - 5 p.m. | ADA of Kentucky Board Meeting  |
| 4:30 p.m.       | Young Dairy Producers of Kentucky Mixer  |
| 6 p.m. - 8 p.m. | Dairy Awards Dinner  |

### Wednesday, March 1

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|------------|--|
| 8 a.m.     | Registration and Trade Show Open   |
| 8:40 a.m.  | Welcome – Denise Jones, Dairy Alliance   |
| 9 a.m.     | "Good Transition Cow Management Means More Milk"                               |
|            | – Bill Weiss, Ohio State University  |
| 9:35 a.m.  | "Strategies for Success in a Changing Milk Market"                             |
|            | – Zach Myers, PA Center of Dairy Excellence                                    |
| 10:10 a.m. | Break and Visit Trade Show   |
| 11 a.m.    | "Marion County Schools Mooving with Milk"                                      |
|            | – Jennifer Wheeler, School Nutrition Director for Marion County Public Schools |
| 11:35 a.m. | "Apply Nutritional Know-How to Your Farm"                                      |
|            | – Bill Weiss, Ohio State University  |
| 12:10 p.m. | Lunch & Round Table Discussions  |
| 1:30 p.m.  | Trade Show Exhibits (Bidding Ends on Silent Auction Items)                     |
|            | Wrap up and Evaluations  |



**Holiday Inn Hotel room rate is \$109  
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 Opening bids at elevators and processing plants.

**National Weekly Ethanol  
 Plant Report  
 1/16/2023-1/20/2023  
 Indiana Ohio Illinois Iowa**

Yellow Corn Spot Bid 6.77

Dried Distillers Grain (\$/ton)  
10% moisture 225.00-270.00Modified Wet Distillers (\$/ton)  
55-60% moisture 130.00-  
150.00
**Kentucky Weekly Cattle  
 Receipts as reported at local  
 markets:**

01/09/23 19,860

01/16/23 26,642

01/23/23 20,635

**1/20/2023 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
6.63-6.65	6.71-6.91 7.41	6.76-6.91	6.51	6.81	NA
14.69 7.42	14.97-15.02 7.17-7.47	15.27 NA	14.67 6.77	15.07 NA	NA NA

**New Crop Delivery Contract**

 Corn #2 Yellow  
 Corn #2 White  
 Soybeans #1 Y  
 Wheat #2 SRW  
 Barley

6.65-6.86	6.91 7.41	6.96	6.61	6.96	NA
14.64 6.71-7.12	14.77-14.92 7.27-7.52	15.22 NA	14.47 NA	15.12 6.77	NA NA

**USDA ESTIMATED DAILY LIVESTOCK SLAUGHTER**

	CATTLE	CALVES	HOGS	SHEEP
Fri. 1/20/2023 (est)	123,000	1,000	485,000	6,000
Week Ago (est)	123,000	1,000	477,000	5,000
Year Ago (act)	115,000	2,000	442,000	5,000
Week to Date (est)	616,000	5,000	2,311,000	32,000
Same Pd Lt Week (est)	628,000	5,000	2,398,000	34,000
Same Pd Lt Yr (act)	576,000	8,000	2,221,000	29,000



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Steers (M&L 1-2)	This Week	Prior Week	Last Year
350-400 lbs	195.61	194.98	185.37
400-450 lbs	193.64	190.97	181.00
450-500 lbs	190.16	192.00	174.03
500-550 lbs	181.46	182.29	165.68
550-600 lbs	178.27	180.58	158.75
600-650 lbs	173.42	170.37	153.20
650-700 lbs	166.13	165.98	145.95
700-750 lbs	165.03	164.08	146.86
750-800 lbs	163.92	162.48	143.93
800-850 lbs	156.09	164.21	149.01
850-900 lbs	163.16	154.73	143.31

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

300-350 lbs	165.86	164.34	157.33
350-400 lbs	166.47	167.87	150.61
400-450 lbs	163.62	162.71	148.85
450-500 lbs	161.95	161.34	148.09
500-550 lbs	157.75	155.17	146.18
550-600 lbs	155.38	153.31	139.78
600-650 lbs	148.51	146.27	136.61
650-700 lbs	149.55	146.11	133.03
700-750 lbs	144.57	142.93	128.41
750-800 lbs	143.71	139.08	128.79

**WEEKLY COW SUMMARY**

Slaughter Cows	Average	High	Low
Breakers	59.50-80.50	68.00-92.50	51.00-73.00
Boners	55.00-83.00	62.00-94.50	47.00-74.00
Lean	53.00-75.00	65.00-84.00	35.00-67.00
Slaughter Bulls	Average	High	Low
Yield Grade 1&2	84.00-117.50	100.00-120.00	66.00-96.00



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Grass/ Mixed		90.00		118.75
Alfalfa	8.07	156.50-170.00		
Alfalfa Mix	9.00	130.00-160.00		
Straw	2.50	44.00		38.00
Grass	6.38	100.00-115.00	47.50	47.00-92.50

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**TERMS: NO Buyer's Premium.** All items sold AS-IS. Not responsible for the accuracy of the information herein contained. Seller: Monty McKinley

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Jan. 19, 2023  
**Feeder Steers:** Medium & Large 1-2  
25 hd. 702# 163.00 blk  
27 hd. 762# 162.00 blk  
49 hd. 1084# 158.25 blk  
**Holstein Steers:** Large 3  
50 hd. 1042# 133.25  
**Feeder Heifers:** Medium & Large 1-2  
75 hd. 718# 159.95 blk  
67 hd. 891# 155.20 blk

**Farmers Livestock**  
Glasgow, KY  
Jan. 16, 2023  
**Feeder Bulls:** Medium & Large 1-2  
24 hd. 452# 177.00 blk

**Kentuckiana Livestock Market**  
Owensboro, KY  
Jan. 16, 2023  
**Feeder Steers:** Medium & Large 1-2  
24 hd. 588# 171.00 blk  
21 hd. 710# 151.00 blk  
**Feeder Heifers:** Medium & Large 1-2  
32 hd. 434# 164.50 blk  
31 hd. 519# 155.00 blk

**Russell County Stockyards**  
Russell Springs, KY  
Jan. 18, 2023  
**Feeder Steers:** Medium & Large 1-2  
30 hd. 592# 180.75 blk  
53 hd. 713# 175.00 blk  
**Feeder Heifers:** Medium & Large 1-2  
44 hd. 582# 157.00 blk  
71 hd. 680# 163.75 blk

**KY-TN Livestock Auction**  
Guthrie, KY  
Jan. 19, 2023  
**Feeder Steers:** Medium & Large 1-2  
63 hd. 804# 167.75 mixed  
**Feeder Bulls:** Medium & Large 1-2  
20 hd. 489# 183.00 blk-bwf  
**Feeder Heifers:** Medium & Large 1-2  
23 hd. 436# 157.00 blk-bwf  
26 hd. 493# 153.00 blk-bwf

**Washington Co. Livestock**  
Springfield, KY  
Jan. 16, 2023  
**Feeder Steers:** Medium & Large 1-2  
21 hd. 556# 190.00 blk-charx  
24 hd. 561# 189.50 blk-red  
20 hd. 594# 188.00 blk  
27 hd. 615# 176.00 blk-charx  
21 hd. 651# 170.50 blk  
22 hd. 713# 172.00 blk-charx  
28 hd. 718# 173.00 blk  
21 hd. 728# 165.75 mixed  
20 hd. 739# 173.50 blk  
21 hd. 794# 167.75 blk  
52 hd. 898# 166.75 blk  
52 hd. 1019# 155.50 blk  
**Feeder Heifers:** Medium & Large 1-2  
26 hd. 592# 156.75 blk  
27 hd. 637# 157.00 blk  
37 hd. 657# 157.50 mixed  
26 hd. 704# 156.75 blk  
72 hd. 730# 165.00 blk

**Lake Cumberland Livestock**  
Somerset, KY.  
Jan. 21, 2023  
**Feeder Steers:** Medium & Large 1-2  
25 hd. 472# 215.50 blk-bwf

**Blue Grass Stockyards**  
Lexington, KY  
Jan. 16, 2023  
**Feeder Steers:** Medium & Large 1-2  
25 hd. 518# 195.00 blk  
26 hd. 622# 179.00 blk  
40 hd. 663# 173.50 blk  
20 hd. 664# 160.50 blk  
26 hd. 695# 175.00 blk  
71 hd. 716# 174.75 blk-mixed  
20 hd. 733# 166.50 blk  
62 hd. 888# 170.50 blk-mixed  
24 hd. 1180# 149.00 blk  
**Feeder Heifers:** Medium & Large 1-2  
20 hd. 411# 172.00 blk  
26 hd. 561# 167.00 blk  
32 hd. 588# 160.00 blk  
71 hd. 688# 162.00 mixed  
71 hd. 693# 168.35 blk  
67 hd. 732# 169.90 blk-bwf  
45 hd. 801# 155.75 mixed

**Blue Grass of Campbellsville**  
Campbellsville, KY  
Jan. 18 & 21, 2023  
**Feeder Steers:** Medium & Large 1-2  
21 hd. 801# 160.00 blk  
30 hd. 848# 167.90 blk  
**Holstein Steers:** Large 3  
23 hd. 436# 158.50  
28 hd. 666# 137.50  
**Feeder Bulls:** Medium & Large 1-2  
22 hd. 683# 148.00 blk  
**Feeder Heifers:** Medium & Large 1-2  
83 hd. 612# 165.00 blk  
73 hd. 743# 167.50 blk  
71 hd. 774# 162.50 blk  
26 hd. 823# 150.25 blk

**Paris Stockyards**  
Paris, KY  
Jan. 19, 2023  
**Feeder Steers:** Medium & Large 1-2  
72 hd. 575# 187.00 blk-charx  
47 hd. 955# 152.00 mixed  
**Feeder Heifers:** Medium & Large 1-2  
24 hd. 565# 160.00 blk  
44 hd. 794# 158.25 blk-charx

**Blue Grass of Richmond**  
Richmond, KY  
Jan. 20, 2023  
**Feeder Steers:** Medium & Large 1-2  
60 hd. 800# 170.50 blk  
24 hd. 910# 155.00 mixed  
55 hd. 976# 163.00 mixed

**Mid-KY Livestock Market**  
Upton, KY  
Jan. 17, 2023  
**Feeder Steers:** Medium & Large 1-2  
22 hd. 579# 185.00 blk  
34 hd. 759# 170.50 mixed  
**Feeder Heifers:** Medium & Large 1-2  
26 hd. 453# 159.00 blk  
30 hd. 700# 157.75 mixed

**Blue Grass of Albany**  
Albany, KY  
Jan. 18, 2023  
**Feeder Steers:** Medium & Large 1-2  
23 hd. 720# 164.50 blk-charx

**United Producers Irvington**  
Harned, Ky  
Jan. 16, 2023  
**Feeder Steers:** Medium & Large 1-2  
25 hd. 565# 165.00 blk  
**Feeder Heifers:** Medium & Large 1-2  
23 hd. 647# 150.00 blk

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**New Holland Sheep and Goat Auction New Holland, Pa. January 23, 2023**

Compared to last week, wooled and shorn slaughter lambs sold weak. Hair breed slaughter lambs sold weak. Ewes sold steady with a strong undertone noted. Hair ewes sold strong. Buyer demand was moderate on a moderate to heavy supply for the slaughter sheep sale. Slaughter kids sold steady, Nannies/does sold steady. Bucks/billies sold unevenly steady. Wethers sold weak. Buyer demand was moderate on a moderate supply.

SLAUGHTER LAMBS WOOLED & SHORN: Choice and Prime 1-3 55-58 lbs 300.00-370.00; 60-65 lbs 260.00-285.00; 79 lbs 255.00; 86 lbs 257.00; 90-98 lbs 225.00-295.00. Choice 1-3 35 lbs 225.00; 43 lbs 280.00; 50-57 lbs 225.00-267.00; 63-69 lbs 215.00-240.00; 70-79 lbs 210.00-240.00; 80-89 lbs 195.00-240.00; 90-97 lbs 160.00-210.00; 100-143 lbs 140.00-210.00; 165 lbs 167.00. Good and Choice 1-2 45 lbs 220.00; 67 lbs 200.00; 72-79 lbs 160.00-200.00; 83-85 lbs 190.00-200.00; 94-99 lbs 120.00-170.00; 105-143 lbs 130.00-165.00. HAIR BREEDS: Choice and Prime 1-3 54-57 lbs 265.00-282.00; 60 lbs 275.00; 77 lbs 240.00; 83-85 lbs 225.00-235.00; 90-95 lbs 205.00-220.00; 100-105 lbs 180.00-225.00.

Choice 1-3 43 lbs 255.00; 50-59 lbs 200.00-230.00; 60-69 lbs 215.00-260.00; 72-79 lbs 190.00-220.00; 82-88 lbs 175.00-215.00; 97-99 lbs 160.00-185.00; 105-140 lbs 120.00-165.00. Good and Choice 1-2 36 lbs 200.00; 49 lbs 205.00; 50-58 lbs 185.00-215.00; 63-65 lbs 220.00-230.00; 88 lbs 125.00; 97-98 lbs 140.00-150.00.

SLAUGHTER GOATS KIDS: Selection 1 20 lbs 90.00; 30 lbs 55.00-135.00; 40-49 lbs 85.00-95.00; 50-59 lbs 85.00-195.00; 60-69 lbs 165.00-205.00; 70-79 lbs 175.00-225.00; 80-89 lbs 195.00-215.00; 90-99 lbs 210.00-265.00. Selection 2 59 lbs 115.00; 60-69 lbs 125.00-150.00; 79 lbs 130.00; 80 lbs 180.00.

**United Producers Inc. Graded Sheep/Goat Sale - Bowling Green, Ky. January 12, 2023**

Total Receipts: 1328 hd. Graded: 1224 hd. Light Lambs were up 10.00-15.00 with mid to heavy weights unchanged compared to last sale. Demand was good. Kid prices up 7.00-10.00 with good demand.

SLAUGHTER LAMBS WOOLED: Choice and Prime 1-2 70 lbs 277.50; 105 lbs 175.00. Choice 2 55 lbs 227.50; 63 lbs 245.00; 73 lbs 230.00.

HAIR BREEDS: Choice and Prime 1-2 52-59 lbs 295.00-335.00; 62-68 lbs 267.50-280.00; 71-79 lbs 217.50-257.50; 86-89 lbs 195.00-240.00; 104 lbs 167.50; 150 lbs 140.00. Choice 2 52-54 lbs 270.00-272.50; 67 lbs 247.50; 70-73 lbs 230.00-250.00; 80 lbs 230.00; 115 lbs 105.00; 180 lbs 125.00. Good and Choice 2-3 51 lbs 237.50.

SLAUGHTER GOATS KIDS: Selection 1-2 48 lbs 335.00; 68 lbs 350.00; 84 lbs 265.00; 102 lbs 275.00. Selection 2 38 lbs 325.00; 53 lbs 335.00; 66-68 lbs 292.50-300.00. Selection 3 51 lbs 280.00; 60 lbs 280.00.

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## UK interns helping students and communities through school gardens

Farm-to-School programming, a way of connecting kids to farmers and fresh foods, has existed in Kentucky since the early 2000s, but in 2021, farm-to-school stakeholders established the Kentucky Farm to School Network to further promote and enhance these efforts. Now, University of Kentucky Department of Dietetics and Human Nutrition interns are completing their first year of working with schools' farm-to-school programs and are finding the tasks fulfilling.

The state network uses best practices from the National Farm to School Network, and seeks to push farm-to-school projects further by sharing resources and ideas and creating a united effort to advance farm-to-school activities in the commonwealth.

Founding partners include the UK College of Agriculture, Food and Environment, Kentucky Horticulture Council, Community Farm Alliance, Feeding Kentucky and the Kentucky Department of Agriculture.

"The past 10 years have really seen farm-to-school programs become more popular," said McKenzie Fox-Potter, KHC special projects coordinator. "This new network was established to progress it even further. Now schools, farms and other farm-to-school stakeholders can share resources and grow their programs even more."

In 2021, the network, through the KHC, received nearly \$225,000 in grant funds from the U.S. Department of Agriculture National Institute of Food and Agriculture Food and Agriculture Service Learning Program to fund the development of the network and two pilot projects.

In the first pilot project, the KHC teamed up with UK DHN to work with five schools that received \$5,000 school garden grants through one of the grant's pilot projects. An internship program, consisting of both graduate and undergraduate students, assisted schools to bring their programs to life. More than 30 schools applied for the five spots to help establish a garden while incorporating nutrition and cooking education programming.

"Starting in January 2022, the interns helped these schools plan their gardens, figuring out what to plant and showing them how to start a garden-to-school process," said Kendra OoNorasak, DHN program coordinator. "Over the spring and summer, the interns helped establish and maintain the garden. Since the schools were spread over the state, these interns also worked with the schools to teach them to maintain their gardens independently."

In the fall, the interns implemented a five-week

garden, cooking and nutrition curriculum in the participating schools. The curriculum uses activities and programs from The Edible Schoolyard Project—a non-profit aimed at changing public education using organic school gardens, kitchens and cafeterias to teach both academic subjects along with nourishment, stewardship and community—to leverage the work toward the age-appropriate students working with the school's garden.

"Our interns also conducted baseline and post-work surveys," OoNorasak said. "We wanted to find out the students' confidence level in gardening and healthy eating and wanted to know about a student's food preparation skills, such as measuring and following recipe instructions. We tried to expose the students to various fruits and vegetables to get an idea of which recipes they enjoyed the most and if and how their food preferences changed."

Many schools across the state have school gardens, however, some find them difficult to maintain for a variety of reasons.

"Funding and sustainability are two of the biggest barriers," Fox-Potter said. "Often, when a school starts a garden, only one teacher works with it. If that teacher leaves, the garden falls to the wayside and is sometimes removed altogether. Applicants to this new program had to outline how they would keep their gardens sustainable into the future."

The second pilot program provided students from more than 40 schools with increased access to local fruits and vegetables through "taste-testing" grants.

"Most of these schools are spending 80–90% of their grant budget on fruits and vegetables, but some are buying agricultural books, making posters and stickers and paying for a local farm tour involving taste testing," Fox-Potter said.

Nicholas Gunn, a dietetics senior with a minor in sustainable agriculture, said working with the program was a valuable experience.

"I gained a better understanding of what it takes to organize a project of this size across a variety of schools," Gunn said. "I also discovered students' nutrition and sustainability knowledge. This helped me cater lessons to include past knowledge with a gained understanding throughout our sessions. The impact was the best part of the experience. Not only did the students I taught learn skills they can use throughout their life, but I learned a great deal about food systems, policy, societal impact and food accessibility."

Catharine Pickford joined as a graduate



intern in 2022 to help develop a curriculum for the schools and work on the research aspects of the project and credits the program with an increased enthusiasm among students for local foods.

"It's exciting to see students of all ages receive an education about nutrition and gardening or agriculture," said Pickford, who is currently working on her master's in nutrition and food systems. "I didn't have access to programs like these until I first got to college. We are giving them a chance to touch the soil and tell them everything that is in it. I feel like it's great that students here in Kentucky know where their food is coming from, and I think it's sparked an interest in some who now want to pursue a different career path. I am really appreciative that I was able to be a part of this and know that we are helping students and communities."

By Jordan Strickler  
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