

## CSA farms featured on social media

"It's like opening a Christmas present," Deann Allen exclaimed. "It's a like a prized egg," added Kristen Webb, just as enthusiastically.

Both women were describing what it's like to open their CSA box from Old Homeplace Farm, operated by the Bowling family, Ronnie, Gloria, Will and Maggie. These exact sentiments echo across the state from CSA members about their CSA farms.

Highlighting nearly 70 CSA – Community Supported Agriculture – farms across Kentucky, the Food Connection, Kentucky Proud, Edible Kentucky Magazine, the Kentucky Horticulture Council and the Organic Association of Kentucky are hosting an online resource sharing event this week. Social media posts identify Kentucky CSA farms and encourage readers to find a farm that fits their needs and sign up.

The group's Facebook page, "CSA in Kentucky," points out the benefits of CSA membership.

The term CSA began in Massachusetts in 1986, and the concept has grown steadily. A CSA is a direct market practice that emphasizes community or local products, subscriptions or shares, and regular seasonal deliveries.

Kentucky CSA farms promote their markets as a way for consumers to receive healthy and fresh products, but many also go beyond just selling products by offering recipes and even stories about life on their farm. Each farm in the promotion highlights their produce, whether vegetables, eggs, meat, honey, jams, jellies, or even flowers, as seasonal locally grown, humanely raised and delivered fresh and in many cases chemical free or organic.

Both Allen and Webb said fresh, nutritious, locally grown produce was their reason for being a CSA member. Both women and their families reside in eastern Kentucky, Allen in Manchester, and Webb,

SEE **CSA**, PAGE 3



Lynn Rushing describes the evaporator process that turns 40 gallons of sap into one gallon of maple syrup.

## Customers get close-up view during Maple Syrup Day

BURNA, Ky. – Few farmers relish cold weather, but maple syrup producers are excited when temperatures dip into the 20s at night and rise to a balmy 50 during the day. These temperatures are perfect for a strong maple sap harvest. Syrup producer Lynn Rushing's day starts the night before when he checks the weather.

"If it gets down in the 20s but doesn't warm up, there's no sense in going out – there's no flow, but warm up and get to 50, and the sap is really running," Rushing said.

Rushing and 18 other syrup producers opened their operations

to visitors on the fourth Kentucky Maple Syrup Day on Feb. 4 to help visitors learn about maple syrup production and purchase locally produced products. The day, sponsored by the University of Kentucky Cooperative Extension Service and the Kentucky Maple Syrup Association, is part of the Kentucky Maple Syrup Project.

Rushing, who operates Bizzell Bluff Maple Syrup in Livingston County, taps 365 maple trees with 425 taps, 95 percent of which are sugar maple. Rushing doesn't own any land where he taps and depends on the generosity of land-

owners to allow him to tap their trees. As a thank you, he gives each landowner a bottle of syrup.

To operate his syrup business, Rushing taps trees on six different farms in a 10-mile radius of his home on Bizzell Bluff Rd. Because he doesn't own or lease the property, he doesn't use gravity flow or vacuum lines, which he would have to put up and take down each year. His harvest is collected in 5-gallon buckets from taps at every tree. About every other day, he collects sap by physically picking

SEE **CUSTOMERS**, PAGE 2



**PRIDE IN AG EDUCATION** – Jamie Guffey has unique role at Kentucky Poultry Federation **15.**

### INSIDE

|           |   |               |    |
|-----------|---|---------------|----|
| EDITORIAL | 4 | MARKET REPORT | 17 |
| OPINION   | 5 | CLASSIFIEDS   | 20 |



# Customers get close-up view during Maple Syrup Day

FROM PAGE 1

up each bucket and transferring the sap to a collection tank in his truck. He can park relatively close to each tree but says there is one tree he must walk about 75 yards to collect. It takes him about 2 1/2 hours to manage his route.

Returning home with about 200 gallons of sap, Rushing begins evaporation, eventually turning the clear liquid into the lovely caramel-colored sweet syrup. It takes 40 gallons of sap to make one gallon of syrup. Rushing begins by filtering the sap to remove any impurities before it goes into a 35-gallon evaporator. It will take nearly 12 hours for the liquid to reach the required content of almost 60 percent sugar to become syrup. Rushing measures the cooked syrup with a hydrometer. Once the 219-degree syrup has cooled to 185, he filters it again and begins another cooking. Once the day's collection is syrup, he bottles and adds the label he designed himself.

Rushing became interested in making syrup four years ago through the encouragement of a coworker. Rushing was initially skeptical and quick to say that you can't tap trees this far south. But now Rushing is just as fast to pull out a map of the United States depicting the distribution of maple syrup harvest, and right there at the lower limit is western Kentucky. He was also looking for a winter project, and maple syrup filled the void left by his berry and honey operations.

He started small with just 25 tap trees to see if he liked it – which he did – and the friends he gave syrup to also liked it. He worked his way up to 100 and then another 100 to now 365 trees, and he says he is continually looking for more. As he drives around the community, he is looking for woodlots with a significant growth of sugar maples with trees with a diameter that can sustain 2-3 taps.

Rushing tapped his first trees two weeks before Christmas, which some might consider a bit early, but with the temperatures having a 30-degree high and low spread, he knew the sap was running. He tapped a few to check and found that with the freezing night and warm days, the trees were “dripping like crazy.”

Rushing emphasized that there is not just the importance of ambient temperature but the “warming up” of the tree to have a good flow. He observed a grove of trees tapped in December had not had the flow he expected. But as the sun's angle changed, the trees physically warmed up and are now dripping.

Rushing bottled 16 gallons last year and is almost at that mark this year with another two weeks of flow to go. He markets his syrup through social media and by word of mouth. If he has any remaining, he sets up at a farmers' market in mid-April and sells out quickly.

Rushing wants to grow his syrup business, but it takes a lot of work.

While he can't change how he collects, he can change how he cooks. Rushing hopes to purchase a reverse osmosis unit. The machine forces maple sap through a membrane, and the water squeezes out, while the larger sugar molecules won't fit through the membrane. In other words, it's pre-evaporation and produces a more concentrated sap that requires less boiling time.

He also hopes to build a larger sugar house. Currently, he uses a small building behind his home that he also uses for honey, cider and berries. He said it just needed to be bigger to host visitors but did set out his equipment to illustrate the cooking process.

Rushing quickly gave Billy Thomas, extension forester with the UK College of Agriculture, a great deal of credit for his maple syrup enterprise.

“It's been important to have someone

to call and help me and say what about this or that, and Billy Thomas has been there,” he said. Rushing also credits Thomas with helping him secure grants for his equipment and possibly the new reverse osmosis machine.

Thomas said that Rushing and the many other Kentucky maple syrup producers are proving a value of Kentucky woodlands that can go unnoticed.

Jacob Muller, assistant professor of hardwood silviculture and forest operations extension in the UK Department of Forestry and Natural Resources, agreed.

“Landowners should consider their woods an asset. Many in the state have maple trees on their property and can take advantage of the trees' benefits.” He said.

By Toni Riley  
Field Reporter

## KENTUCKY STATE BEEKEEPERS ASSOCIATION

**BUY LOCAL!**

**LOOK FOR THE LOGO!**

**CERTIFIED Kentucky Honey**

**KADF KENTUCKY AGRICULTURAL DEVELOPMENT FUND**

[www.kybees.org](http://www.kybees.org)

### Fertilizer Precision and Lime Power

The toughest made multi-purpose spreaders for over 75 years.

**SPRINGTIME DEALS!**

**FINANCING AVAILABLE!**

There are many spreaders, but none engineered and built like Stoltzfus. Our Ground Driven Spreaders for example are taken to the next level.

Stoltzfus' unique dual contact press wheel offers fertilizer precision combined with the break-out strength to handle damp lime, litter and compost making this the most versatile ground driven spreader available. Unibody fully welded COR-TEN® construction, top driven spinners, and purpose-built walking beam suspension result in a multi-use spreader designed for decades of use.

Stoltzfus Spreaders have a tradition of toughness, longevity and performance in a multi-product application environment. That's the Stoltzfus Difference.

Building spreaders for multi-purpose applications for 75 Years!

**RED BARN AND ASSOCIATES**  
**(859) 608-9745**  
[redbarnandassociates.com](http://redbarnandassociates.com)

**Lime Spreaders**  
Used for spreading wet (damp or stockpiled) lime, gypsum, sand and much more.

**Bulk Material Spreaders**  
Sized for litter but built for lime, these combination spreaders can spread most materials.

**Row Crop Spreaders**  
For wide swath spreading of lime and fertilizer, with the ability to top-dress on standing crops.

Row Crop, Bulk Material, Wet Lime, and Boom Spreaders



# CSA farms featured on social media

FROM PAGE 1

“up a holler” in Leslie County. Both describe their communities as food deserts with fresh produce options non-existent.

The women were consistent in why they are CSA members.

“My family’s nutrition is essential to me because I didn’t grow up with healthy nutrition,” Webb said. Webb has been an Old Homeplace Farm CSA member for three years but purchased produce previously. When her work schedule allowed her the consistency to drive the 35 miles to the pickup point, Webb signed up. Allen has just completed her first year of CSA membership and is ready for 2023.

Both families have young children, and there are no “chicken nuggets only” eaters in either household. The children are as excited about the box as the

adults. Webb said her daughter loves raw turnips, which most of today’s elementary children would not consider a come-home snack.

Being more adventurous in their culinary endeavors is another CSA benefit. Allen said Brussels sprouts were not an immediate favorite, and she was a bit skeptical when she first tried them but is now a huge fan. Likewise, Webb said kohlrabi was intimidating; she had never seen it before. But Maggie Bowling prepares members with a weekly newsletter of what’s coming in the following box and includes recipes.

A critical aspect of CSA membership is the quality of produce.

“My vegetables can last four to five weeks and still be excellent quality because there is no trucking across the country,” Allen said. Webb agreed and said it’s obvious Old Homeplace Farm

knows and cares about their customers like they are family and feeds their customers like they do their own family.

Webb noted a side benefit to CSA membership that happens when members gather to pick up their boxes. A community develops and they begin to share their CSA experiences. She said members now text each other with recipes and cookbook suggestions. She now has a substantial cookbook collection.

The goal of CSA week is to expose consumers to the variety of CSA options available throughout the state, said Ashton Potter Wright, executive director of the UK Food Connection.

More information can be found at [kyproud.com/campaigns/community-supported-agriculture](http://kyproud.com/campaigns/community-supported-agriculture) and [oak-ky.org](http://oak-ky.org).

By Toni Riley  
Field Reporter



A box from Old Homeplace Farm last year included 2 pounds of tomatoes, two bunches of basil, one head of garlic, three red onions, one bunch of celery, one white eggplant, one purple eggplant, one tiny cabbage, two green peppers, three cucumbers and one bunch of dill.

## FARMERS REGIONAL LIVESTOCK MARKET OF GLASGOW, LLC

I-65 & U.S. 68 Exit • Smiths Grove, Ky.

### Dairy Sale Every Tuesday at Noon

Mike Hatcher

1-800-563-2131 • 270-384-6376 • 270-378-0512

### MARKET REPORT: WEEK OF February 7, 2023

#### Farmers Regional Livestock Market of Glasgow, LLC

Supply included: 3% Feeder Cattle (20% Dairy Steers, 40% Heifers, 40% Bulls); 91% Slaughter Cattle (87% Cows, 13% Bulls); 6% Replacement Dairy Cattle (19% Fresh/Milking Cows, 23% Bred Cows, 7% Open Heifers, 9% Bulls, 15% Baby Bull Calves, 28% Baby Heifer Calves). Feeder cattle supply over 600 lbs was 40%.

#### FEEDER CATTLE:

**DAIRY STEERS:** Large 3: 1 Head, 485#, 117.00.

**HEIFERS:** 2 Head, 635#, 110.00.

**BULLS:** 2 Head, 550-570#, 140.00-161.00.

#### SLAUGHTER CATTLE:

**COWS:** Breaker 75-80%: 5 Head, 1490-1860#, 80.00-84.00, Average; Boner 80-85%: 124 Head, 975-1970#, 70.00-89.00, Average; 4 Head 1190-1610#, 90.00-98.00, High; 8 Head, 905-1470#, 60.00-70.00 Low; Lean 85-90%: 34 Head, 835-1155#, 58.00-75.00, Average; 5 Head, 1010#, 78.00, High; 3 Head, 825-1075, 30.00-50.00, Low.

**BULLS:** 24 Head, 1344-2120#, 103.00-120.00, Average; 3 Head, 1945-2044#, 124.00-125.00, High; 2 Head, 1205-1245#, 95.00-98.00, Low.

#### REPLACEMENT DAIRY CATTLE:

**FRESH/MILKING COWS:** Supreme, O Stage, 2 Head, 1300-1365, 1850.00-1875.00; Approved, O Stage, 10 Head, 1000-1652#, 1100.00-1675.00; Approved, O Stage, 3 Head, 1000-1050#, 1200.00-1575.00, Crossbred; Medium, O Stage, 2 Head, 1100-1125, 850.00-1000.00; Medium, O Stage, 1 Head, 950#, 725.00, Crossbred; Common, O Stage, 1 Head, 875#, 450.00.

**BRED COWS:** Supreme, T3, 1 Head, 1500#, 1650.00; Approved, T3, 8 Head, 1100-1600#, 1025.00-1500.00; Medium, T2, 14 Head, 1010-1020.

**OPEN HEIFERS:** Approved, O Stage, 7 Head, 450#, 430.00.

**BULLS:** 9 Head, 250#, 325.00.

**BABY BULL CALVES:** 1 Head, 45#, 30.00, Jersey; 10 Head, 50-85#, 80.00-270.00; 4 Head, 60-90#, 100.00-240.00, Beef Cross.

**BABY HEIFER CALVES:** 5 Head, 45#, 35.00; 1 Head, 40#, 30.00, Crossbred; 18 Head, 54-70#, 20.00-130.00; 5 Head, 50#, 160.00, Crossbred.

For a full listing visit: <https://mymarketnews.ams.usda.gov/viewReport/2198>

Farm Bureau Members Receive a

**\$500 Exclusive Cash Reward\***

on an Eligible New Maverick®, Ranger®, F-150® or Super Duty®



FORD MAVERICK

FORD RANGER

FORD F-150

FORD SUPER DUTY



\*Visit [FordRecognizesU.com/FarmBureau](http://FordRecognizesU.com/FarmBureau) today for complete offer details!

Computer-generated images with available features shown.

We value our long-standing partnership with Farm Bureau and are proud to offer you exclusive savings.



\*Farm Bureau Recognition Program is exclusively for active Farm Bureau members who are residents of the United States. \$500 Exclusive Cash Reward on the purchase or lease of an eligible new 2022/2023/2024 Ford Maverick, Ranger, F-150 or Super Duty. This incentive is not available on F-150 Lightning, F-150 Raptor, F-150 Raptor Super Duty, or F-150 Super Duty. This offer may not be used in conjunction with most other Ford Motor Company private incentives or AKZO-Planes. Some customer and purchase eligibility restrictions apply. Must be a Farm Bureau member for 30 consecutive days prior to purchase or lease and take new retail delivery from an authorized Ford Dealer's stock by January 2, 2024. Visit [FordRecognizesU.com/FarmBureau](http://FordRecognizesU.com/FarmBureau) or see your authorized Ford Dealer for qualifications and complete details. Note to dealer: Garmin VINCENT using #38666.

# A brief check-in on corn



KENTUCKY  
CORN  
GROWERS

PRESIDENT

Josh

Lancaster

We must keep banging the drum on this because Mexico is our number one export customer, accounting for 670 million bushels per year.

I made my usual “quick” trip to the National Farm Machinery Show last week. I always try to get in and out really quickly to see a few new things and have some brief discussions on new technology that I am in interested in – but inevitably I run into some friends and end up closing the place down. I appreciate grassroots leaders from the National Corn Growers Association from around the country for traveling in to stand alongside Kentucky corn leaders at our booth.

We had policy experts and action team chairs from NCGA in the booth to talk on our two main legislative priorities for the coming year: Next Generation Fuels Act to continue forward movement on ethanol utilization, and Farm Bill reauthorization. We had countless discussions from corn farmers throughout the state about their needs in the next farm bill.

It is so important to have these conversations (and to enable NCGA leaders to hear them as well) leading up to Corn Congress, NCGA’s delegate session that occurs during Commodity Classic next month. This is where NCGA’s priorities will be formed and ratified in our official position document. It will guide our negotiations on behalf of corn farmers.

In addition to policy development on legislative issues, the National Farm Machinery Show is an incredible platform to advance our concerns on regulatory and trade issues. With so many ag media professionals in one place, we have ample opportunity to get messages out. Corn staff and leaders, both state and national, conducted nearly half a dozen media interviews during the show. Most of the interviews were focused on the decree from Mexico for a GMO ban that we have been battling since last summer.

This unlawful decree that is based on faulty science was set to begin in January 2024 but, just this week was set into motion early. It violates USMCA. This is a political exercise by Mexico’s president that does not seem to even have the support of the consumers or end-users who are doing the purchasing in his own country. We must keep banging the drum on this because Mexico is our number one export customer, accounting for 670 million bushels per year. It affects more than our Mexico relationship; it could open a Pandora’s box of exploiting bad science against us for essentially every trade negotiation we

SEE **A BRIEF** PAGE 6

# Biggest foreign owner of U.S. ‘ag land’ isn’t who you think

If an editor used standard punctuation to relate the emotion expressed by Iowa Sen. Joni Ernst in a recent Capitol Hill discussion of foreign ownership of U.S. land, it would look something like this:

“... foreign persons hold an interest in approximately 40! Million! Acres! Of U.S. ag! Land! That’s more total acres than make up my entire home state! Of Iowa!”

The alarm by Ernst was purely intentional. Foreign ownership of U.S. land has always been a hot poker to fire up farm state politicians whenever a perceived threat, like the “Chinese spy balloon” Ernst soon referenced, comes into view.

Ernst also mentioned her “concern” of the Chinese-owned Fufeng Group’s intent to build a corn processing plant near the Grand Forks Air Force Base. Two days before the Feb. 9 Senate hearing where she expressed those worries, however, the Grand Forks City Council voted 5-0 to deny Fufeng any “infrastructure... permits” for the \$700 million plant.

Still, who does have title to the 40 million acres – and the U.S. Department of Agriculture phrasing here is important–of “U.S. ag land owned by foreign persons” and how much of America’s 900 million arable acres are owned by Chinese nationals?

In the latter case, the Agricultural Foreign Investment Disclosure Act report shows that, as of Dec. 31, 2021, Chinese entities owned 383,935 acres of U.S. ag land, or just under 1 percent of the 40 million foreign-owned acres and a microscopic 0.04 of 1 percent of total U.S. farmland.

To put those percentages into some perspective, China’s holdings in American ag land amount to just half of all foreign-owned U.S. land devoted to “homesteads and roads,” reports AFIDA.

The biggest foreign owners of U.S. ag land, our northern neighbors, dwarf Chinese holdings. “Canadian investors own the largest amount of reported foreign-held agricultural and non-agricultural land, with 31 percent, or 12.8 million acres,” AFIDA notes.

Moreover, “Foreign persons from an additional four countries, the Netherlands with 12 percent, Italy with 7 percent, the United Kingdom with 6 percent, and Germany with 6 percent, collectively held 12.4 million acres or 31 percent of the foreign-held acres in the United States.”

So, five of America’s strongest, most dependable allies–Canada, Italy, the United Kingdom, Germany, and the Netherlands–own 62 percent, or 62 times more than China, of all foreign-owned U.S. “ag land.”

Equally revealing is where and what those U.S. holdings are. For example, AFIDA shows that Texas is home to the largest amount

SEE **BIGGEST** PAGE 6



FOOD  
&  
FARM  
FILE

Alan  
Guebert

The biggest foreign owners of U.S. ag land, our northern neighbors, dwarf Chinese holdings.

## The Farmer’s Pride

Sharon Burton .....Publisher .....snburton@farmlandpub.com

Toni Humphress .....General Manager..... toni@farmlandpub.com

JaCinda Warner .....Sales .....pridemarketing@duo-county.com

National Sales Rep .....J.L. Farmakis .....www.jlfarmakis.com...203-834-8832

MAIN OFFICE: 270-384-9454

Send news items to newsroom

@thefarmerspride.com

P.O. Box 159, Columbia, KY 42728

E-mail: pride316@duo-county.com

thefarmerspride.com

**PERIODICALS POSTAGE PAID** at Columbia, Ky. 42728 with additional entries. (ISSN 1056-7666) The Farmer’s Pride is published every first and third Thursday of each month with an additional publication in February by Farmland Publications, Inc.

**STREET LOCATION:** 316 Public Square, Columbia, Ky. Mailing address: P.O. Box 159, Columbia, KY 42728.

**ANNUAL SUBSCRIPTION RATE:** \$25. Send check or money order to Circulation Manager, The Farmer’s Pride, P.O. Box 159, Columbia, KY 42728 or subscribe online at thefarmerspride.com

**POSTMASTER:** Send address changes to The Farmer’s Pride, P.O. Box 159, Columbia, KY 42728.

**DEADLINES:** Advertising and news deadlines are 4 p.m. Thursday prior to Thursday publication.

**ADVERTISING POLICY:** Farmland Publications is not responsible for more than one incorrect insertion of an advertisement. Publisher can assume no liability for typographical error except to re-run or cancel charges on the incorrect portion of the ad. All advertising is run subject to publisher’s approval. The Farmer’s Pride does not knowingly accept fraudulent or objectionable advertising. Readers are asked to report any misrepresentation by any advertisers.



## First step taken to combine tobacco groups



**COUNCIL  
FOR BURLEY  
TOBACCO**  
PRESIDENT  
**Darrell  
Varner**

Contracts have begun rolling out from companies across the burley belt. Many growers were hoping that the tight burley supply and the increase last year in input costs would yield higher prices on contracts for next season. So far though contract prices are lower than was expected, and with other commodity prices up right now I expect to see another round of farmers walking away from the burley market.

Over the past several weeks tobacco growers have been working with University of Kentucky tobacco specialists Dr. Will Snell, Dr. Andy Bailey, and Dr. Bob Pearce, along with researchers at the University of Tennessee, on the 2023 tobacco budgets. For those who are still trying to make production and contract decisions for the 2023 season, you can find the 2023 budgets online at [agecon.ca.uky.edu/budgets](https://agecon.ca.uky.edu/budgets).

USDA's Risk Management Agency announced in late 2022 that it would be moving to a two tiered crop insurance program for burley, dark air, fire cured, and Maryland tobacco types in the 2023 season. This change will result in RMA issuing separate price elections for contracted and non-contracted tobacco, reflecting the additional expected value of tobacco grown under contract. Also the quality adjustment will only be available for the amount of tobacco grown under contract. In a release RMA noted that these changes will help improve the integrity of the program for the additional tobacco types and make it more sustainable going forward. I encourage all growers to talk to your insurance agent about these changes for the upcoming season.

While it is easy to get frustrated with all the changes we have faced the past few years in the tobacco industry, I have to admit it was exciting to see the crowd in January at the Council for Burley Tobacco and Burley and Dark Tobacco Producer Association joint annual membership meeting. We had almost 100 growers and industry leaders come to Bowling Green for the one-day meeting to discuss industry trends, crop insurance, and the formation of the new grower association, BDTPA. This meeting was the first step as we move forward to join the two organizations to have a single voice united for all of Kentucky's tobacco – burley, dark air, dark fired, and wrapper.

BDTPA will work in tandem with the Council for Burley Tobacco to address issues, not just for the burley industry, but all of the tobacco industry. Along with tobacco producers in the KY-TN-IN area, producers of leaf, seed or seedlings are encouraged to join the association. To join BDTPA, contact BDTPA's executive director, Joe Cain, at [KYTobaccoGrowers@Outlook.com](mailto:KYTobaccoGrowers@Outlook.com) with your name, mailing address, email address, telephone number, and type of production.

I encourage all tobacco growers to please take time to complete the short 2023 Tobacco Grower Survey. This survey is anonymous and confidential, but the data from the survey will allow our organizations to have a better understanding of the number of tobacco producers and their needs. At the end of the survey producers will have the option to click thru to a separate form to share contact information with the Council for Burley Tobacco and BDTPA. The two forms are separate, so all responses on the Tobacco Grower Survey are anonymous and will not be linked to the contact information from the second form. The survey can be found on the Council for Burley Tobacco website at [www.councilforburleytobacco.com](https://www.councilforburleytobacco.com).

## CAIP administrator training continues

I would like to thank everyone who has taken the time to join us at our County Agricultural Investment Program administrator trainings this year.

We have six remaining CAIP administrator trainings, both in-person and virtually. Each CAIP administrator will attend one session prior to administering a program. However, others interested in the process are also welcome.

This provides us with an opportunity to both present an update of guidelines to administrators and extension agents, and an additional connection to KOAP staff.

You can sign up for one of our remaining 2023 CAIP administrator trainings on our website or by the link below. The training dates are:

- March 22 in Mayfield – <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/472896856227>
- March 23 in Bowling Green – <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/472903987557>
- April 19 in Manchester – <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/472905662567>
- April 20 in Ashland – <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/472907016617>
- May 24 in Richmond – <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/472909403757>
- June 23 via Zoom – <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/472900276457>

On April 21, we will hold our first Kentucky Agricultural Development Board and Kentucky Agricultural Finance Corporation joint board meeting of 2023 at the Franklin County Extension Office.

Coming out of the commissioner's stakeholder meeting, efforts have been made to improve our state's need for large and food animal veterinarians. Specifically in the Kentucky Office of Agricultural Policy, two programs of ours have the potential to impact our commonwealth's coverage of large and food animal veterinarians: KAFV Large/Food Animal Veterinary Loan Program and the KADB Large and Food Animal Veterinary Incentives Program.

The LFAVLP is a loan program designed to assist individuals licensed to practice veterinary medicine in Kentucky who desire to construct, expand, equip, or buy into a practice serving large animal producers, including goat, sheep, swine, and other food animals. School debt may be eligible to use as a matching fund.

The LFAVIP provides funding for Kentucky veterinarians in the form of a cost-reimbursement grant up to 75 percent to increase service to large and food animals in the state. Applicants are able to participate in both programs simultaneously.

I look forward to seeing the new projects throughout the year, funded by both KADF and KAFV, that will continue to provide diversity in Kentucky's agriculture industry. We are grateful of the General Assembly's continued support and commitment to our producers, agribusinesses, and those that work in between. I wish everyone a safe, and happy start to 2023!



**KENTUCKY  
OFFICE  
OF  
AGRICULTURE  
POLICY**

**Brian  
Lacefield**

I look forward to seeing the new projects throughout the year, funded by both KADF and KAFV, that will continue to provide diversity in Kentucky's agriculture industry.



## Biggest foreign owner of U.S. 'ag land' isn't who you think

FROM PAGE 4

of foreign-owned land (5.3 million acres) followed by Maine (3.6 million acres), and Colorado (1.9 million acres).

Didn't think Maine or Colorado—and maybe not even Texas—would be in the top three?

This is why “ag land” and not “farmland” is the defining term to foreign ownership of U.S. land. Foreign owners seem twice as interested in the natural resources already on the land—principally timber and pasture—than any potential crop, like corn or soybeans.

Indeed, according to AFIDA, “Forty-seven percent of the reported foreign interest holdings... are timber or forest, with cropland accounting for 29 percent of the total” and “pasture and other agricultural land total(ing) 22 percent...”

That means more than two out of three foreign-owned acres in the U.S. are either in timber or pasture and that less than one in three acres are in crops.

As for Ernst's native Iowa, 507,519 of its 35.8 million acres, or 1.5 percent, are foreign-owned. Neighboring

Illinois, with almost the exact amount of farmland as the Hawkeye State, however, holds almost two times as much foreign-owned ag land.

Even more revealing is that nearly 300,000 of those foreign-owned Iowa acres, or 60 percent, belong to people from either the Netherlands or Italy. By contrast, the amount owned by the Chinese is so small that AFIDA lumps it into an “All Others” group.

But facts rarely cool heated rhetoric, especially when there are so many political points to score and so many exclamation points going unused.

**ALAN GUEBERT** publishes a weekly column Farm and Food File through the U.S. and Canada. Past columns, events and contact information are posted at [farmandfoodfile.com](http://farmandfoodfile.com). Contact Alan Guebert by email at [agcomm@farmandfoodfile.com](mailto:agcomm@farmandfoodfile.com).

## A brief check-in

FROM PAGE 4

undertake across the globe.

If you are like me, the conclusion of National Farm Machinery Show marks the start of things getting serious on the farm about preparation for planting. Seed is arriving, we are rotating equipment into and out of the shop for calibrations. It is an exciting time I wish everyone a safe and bountiful crop season.

We will have some issues this year that we will need to mobilize grassroots for ensuring we have the best markets possible and we have freedom to operate without extreme and unnecessary restrictions that many anti-agriculture advocates may propose – so keep an eye out for Action Alerts. But most importantly, stay safe as you begin to get equipment rolling this spring.

**JOSH LANCASTER** is the President of the Kentucky Corn Growers.

# NEVER MISS AN ISSUE SUBSCRIBE TODAY



Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
City: \_\_\_\_\_  
State: \_\_\_\_\_  
Email: \_\_\_\_\_  
Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

1 Year - \$25  
2 Year - \$40  
Online Only - \$15

## KENTUCKY AG SERVICES DIRECTORY

Add your service here!  
Call 270-384-9454

 @dairy\_alliance  
 @realdairyrealdelicious  
 @thedairyalliance  


  
**THE DAIRY ALLIANCE**  
[thedairyalliance.com](http://thedairyalliance.com)

Denise Jones  
Senior Manager of  
Farmer Relations  
cell: 270-970-4792  
toll free: 800-343-6693  
[djones@thedairyalliance.com](mailto:djones@thedairyalliance.com)  
5340 West Fayetteville Road  
Atlanta, GA 30349

**Kentucky Aquaculture Association**  
**502-782-4104**  
 111 Corporate Dr.  
Frankfort, KY 40601  


**Kentucky Farm Bureau**  
Mark Haney President  
Drew Graham Executive Vice President  
9201 Bunsen Parkway • Louisville, KY 40220  
**502-495-5000**  
[kyfb.com](http://kyfb.com)  


**Ky. Poultry Federation/  
Ky. Egg Council**  
2248 University Station • Murray, KY 42071  
**Ph. 270-404-2277**  
[jguffey@kypoultry.org](mailto:jguffey@kypoultry.org)  
"Poultry & Eggs – #1 Ag Commodity"  


**Kentucky Pork Producers Association**  
Niki Ellis  
1110 Hawkins Drive  
Elizabethtown, KY 42701  
**270-737-5665**  
"Supporting Kentucky's Swine Industry"  


**KDDC**  
**Kentucky Dairy Development Council**  
176 Pasadena Drive • Lexington, KY 40503  
H.H. Barlow, III, director  
Phone: (859) 516-1129 • Fax: (859) 260-2060  
Email: [kddc@kydairy.org](mailto:kddc@kydairy.org) • [www.kydairy.org](http://www.kydairy.org)

**AWMA**  
**AGRICULTURE WORKFORCE MANAGEMENT ASSOCIATION**  
Phone: 859-233-7845 • email: [h2a@awmalabor.com](mailto:h2a@awmalabor.com)  
[www.awmalabor.com](http://www.awmalabor.com)  
1510 Newtown Pike, Ste. 110 • Lexington, KY 40511

## Letters to the Editor

Letters to the editor are welcomed. Letters must include the author's name, address and phone number for verification purposes. Letters should be no longer than 500 words and will be edited for clarity.



# Some rural Americans push back on wind energy

In 1941, the first modern wind turbine was built in Castleton, Vermont, current population 4,500. Fast-forward 44 years, and the popularity of wind energy has grown exponentially with rural areas as their primary focus, but the push is meeting with rural resistance, reports Joe St. George of **Scripps News**. "The White House and many environmentalists want to build more wind projects around the country. From offshore sites to new wind turbines on farmland, it's a push that has some big dollars behind it. . . . Over \$370 billion in taxpayer money is set to be spent on clean energy projects, like wind, in the coming years."

Wind turbines are considered eyesores by some. Their blades average 200 feet long, and turbine towers average over 300 feet tall—about the height of the Statue of Liberty. "If you want one, you live beside it," Jon Winkelpeck of Tama County, Iowa, told St. George. "These huge industrial wind turbines you will see for miles . . . It's our job to protect our farmland."

Winkelpeck has many allies. "If you go on Facebook, you'll find over 1,200 members of the group **Tama County Against Turbines**," St. George writes. "Heather Knebel, a Tama County resident, stays informed through social-media posts and scheduled meetups that are posted in the

group. It's also where she has learned about possible safety risks from ice developing on the blades of turbines during winter. To be clear, the wind industry says ice can form but de-icing solutions do exist."

"Similar fights are underway in Colorado, Illinois, Ohio, Michigan and other states," St. George reports. "With President Joe Biden and other officials hoping newly created tax credits will spur wind development in the coming years, small-town opposition is quickly becoming a big problem. . . . In Tama County, for instance, the landowner has to sign off before anything can be built."

Some rural residents favor wind energy. Kathy Law, a farmer and an attorney who represents the industry in Iowa, "believes misinformation is an issue, something that is easy to spread online," St. George reports. "Wind, she said, is safe, and with some parts of rural America worried about the future of their economies, wind represents cash. Farmers can be paid a couple thousand dollars a year for putting just one turbine up."

Winkelpeck told St. George that his land is meant for cattle and corn, not turbines and transformers: "We aren't interested."

**From the Rural Blog**  
[irjci.blogspot.com](http://irjci.blogspot.com)

## Carrollton Greenhouse

Tobacco Supplies, Inc.

**Trays • Soil • Tobacco Seed**

**Mechanical Transplanters & Parts**

**Greenhouse Plastic & Side Curtians**



Carrollton Greenhouse

**502-732-9365**

P.O. Box 527 • 3356 Hwy. 42 East • Carrollton, KY

John Rothenburger

Tommy Williams



**FIRST  
FINANCIAL  
BANK**  
Farm and Ranch Division

**In the  
Business  
of YOU.**

While you are planning for the upcoming year, let First Financial Bank be a part of the plan to help manage your borrowing costs. Call Aaron M. Miller today to discuss both fixed and adjustable rate options.

**(502)709-0078**

## WANTED: Logs and Standing Timber

American Wood Fibers is a manufacturer of cedar and pine animal bedding products.



**AMERICAN  
WOOD FIBERS**

390 Warehouse Road  
Lebanon, KY 40033

*Buyers of Red Cedar, Pine  
and Low Grade Poplar Logs*

**Interested Land Owners or  
Loggers can contact:**

**Gerald Beatty**  
**502-488-4020**



Farmer Mac  
Approved Lender

FSA Preferred Lender

[www.ffb1.com](http://www.ffb1.com)

@FFBank1

MEMBER  
**FDIC**



# Getting Our Lives in Order

*“Show me your ways,  
Lord, teach me your paths.”  
—Psalm 25: 4 NIV*



If you are unhappy with your life, or with certain aspects of it—and everyone has some area of their life that needs work—perhaps it is because you have tried to manage it by yourself. It might relieve you to know that God has a better plan for your life than you do, and it takes a lot of the pressure off ourselves when we decide to live by God’s plan. We aren’t responsible for our being here, since none of us created ourselves, and so it shouldn’t surprise us to realize that our Creator already has a plan for us. We should of course take some responsibility for our own well-being, striving to be as happy, healthy and virtuous as possible, but putting the responsibility for our entire life and life plan on ourselves is too heavy a burden. It is folly to try to be the engineer and director of our own lives. Many of us have lived poorly by following our own path and need some help from God to get it together. Consider God’s word as a user’s manual for how to get your life together. If you’re not sure what God has planned for you, a good place to start in the Bible is the Book of Proverbs. It is filled with Godly wisdom for living a good life. – Christopher Simon



## Chicken and Fried Cauliflower Rice

- |   |  |   |
|---|--|---|
| <b>4 tablespoons</b> olive oil, divided | <b>1</b> small chopped zucchini                  | <b>2 tablespoons</b> lower-sodium soy sauce |
| <b>1</b> diced red bell pepper          | <b>1</b> cubed skinless, boneless chicken breast | <b>1/8 teaspoon</b> ground ginger           |
| <b>1/2</b> medium diced onion           | <b>1</b> head of roughly chopped cauliflower     | <b>1/4 cup</b> chopped green onions         |
| <b>2 cups</b> finely chopped carrots    | <b>2 tablespoons</b> minced garlic               | Salt and pepper to taste                    |
| <b>3 cups</b> chopped cabbage           |  | <b>1/2 teaspoon</b> crushed red pepper      |

**Heat** 2 tablespoons of olive oil in a large, lidded skillet or wok over medium-high heat. **Add** bell pepper, onion, and carrots. **Cook**, stirring occasionally, until crisp-tender, about 5 minutes. **Add** cabbage and zucchini to pepper mix. **Cook**, stirring occasionally, about 5 minutes. **Heat** 1/2 tablespoon of olive oil in a second large skillet over medium-high heat. **Add** chicken and cook, turning occasionally, until no longer pink, about 5 minutes. **Transfer** chicken to skillet with vegetable mixture. **Place** cauliflower into a food processor. **Pulse** until the mixture resembles rice. **Heat** 1/2 tablespoon of olive oil in a skillet over

medium-high heat. **Add** garlic and cook about 15 seconds; add cauliflower. **Cook**, stirring occasionally, 2 minutes. **Transfer** to vegetable skillet, and **stir** to combine. In a small bowl, **combine** soy sauce, ginger, 1 tablespoon of olive oil, green onions, salt, pepper, and crushed red pepper. **Add** to cauliflower mixture. **Cook**, stirring until well mixed and heated through.

**Yield:** 6, 1-cup servings

**Nutritional Analysis:** 180 calories, 10 g fat, 1.5 g saturated fat, 15 mg cholesterol, 270 mg sodium, 16 g carbohydrate, 5 g fiber, 7 g sugars, 0 added sugars, 8 g protein

## Carrot Cake Smoothie

- **1 medium** frozen ripe banana
- **2 medium** carrots, chopped
- **1/2 cup** canned-in-juice pineapple tidbits, drained
- **1/4 cup** low-fat vanilla yogurt
- **1/2 cup** nonfat milk
- **4-5** ice cubes
- **Dash** cinnamon (optional)
- **1/2 teaspoon** vanilla extract (optional)

**Wash** hands with soap and warm water, **scrubbing** for at least 20 seconds. **Rinse** carrots under cool running water and scrub with a clean vegetable brush to remove any dirt before chopping. **Add** banana, carrot, pineapple, yogurt, milk, ice, and cinnamon and vanilla (if using) to a blender, and **blend** until smooth. If needed, **add** more milk to encourage blending. **Refrigerate** leftovers.

**Yield:** 2, 1.5 cup servings. **Nutrition Analysis:** 160 calories, 1g total fat, 0g saturated fat, 5mg cholesterol, 90mg sodium, 36g total carbohydrate, 4g fiber, 26g total sugars, 2g added sugars, 5g protein, 6% DV vitamin D, 10% DV calcium, 6% DV iron, 15% DV potassium.





## PRIDE IN AG EDUCATION Classroom Questions

1. What is something that is unique about the role of the executive director of the Kentucky Poultry Federation?
2. Summarize the process used to make maple syrup.
3. What two tobacco groups are working on a joint effort and who do those groups represent?
4. Are are two top legislative priorities for Kentucky corn growers?
5. Why are some people opposed to wind energy?
6. What are some ideas Jimmy Henning shares for seeding cool season grasses without no-till drills.
7. What is a CSA and how is the industry promoting itself this week? Create an imaginary CSA by planning what produce you would grow, when it would be available and how many weeks you will have product available. Develop a marketing plan to reach potential new customers.

## ONLINE AUCTION

27th Annual 2023 SPRING FARM EQUIPMENT  
CONSIGNMENT ONLINE AUCTION

**SATURDAY, MARCH 4 @ 10 A.M.**

At the Warrick County 4-H Center in Boonville, IN  
LOCATION: One mile east of Boonville, IN on Hwy. 62.

**COMBINES, TRACTORS, VEHICLES, FARM & INDUSTRIAL  
EQUIPMENT, TRAILERS, ATVs, RIDING MOWERS, NO SMALL ITEMS!!!**

**To view and bid go to [dasonlineauctions.hibid.com](https://dasonlineauctions.hibid.com)**

The annual Spring Farm Consignment sale will be an online auction through Hibid.com. However, all equipment will be lined up and staged at the Warrick County 4-H Center as usual. We will **NOT** be accepting small items: hand tools, boxed lots, tires or small barn and garage related items that are usually lined up along the barn.

DAS has the right of refusal of any merchandise. Items will be lined up and staged outside in the order they come in. This will also be the order of the online auction. Please call if you have any questions.

DAS will take consignments from Saturday, Feb. 25 through Thursday, March 2 from 7 a.m. to 5 p.m.

**NO CONSIGNMENTS TAKEN ON FRIDAY, MARCH 3 OR ON AUCTION DAY!** Please bring a list and good description of items being consigned. Each day, items will be updated and available for the online auction. Items can be viewed at the 4-H Center Friday, March 3 and on auction day, March 4. The staff will be present if you have any questions. For more information, call or look on our website at [dasonlineauctions.hibid.com](https://dasonlineauctions.hibid.com).

**TERMS:** Since we are an online auction, a 10% buyer's premium will be charged to help with the additional cost of an online sale. A credit card is required to sign up to bid through Hibid.com. When the online auction closes, you will receive an invoice by email (about 30 minutes after the conclusion of the auction) for items you win. When you pick up your items, you can pay with **cash, check, or credit card (3% charge)**. Indiana state sales tax will be charged. Items must be paid for by Monday, March 6. **If items are not paid for by Monday, March 6, your credit card will be charged.** Items can be picked up starting Sunday, March 5 through Tuesday, March 7 from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

If you need assistance signing up with Hibid, let us know. We will send you a tutorial. For pictures and bidding, go to: [dasonlineauctions.hibid.com](https://dasonlineauctions.hibid.com).

**Dimmett  
Auction  
Service  
& Realty**

(812) 897-1747  
1444 White Road  
Boonville, IN 47601

[www.dimmettauctionservice.com](https://www.dimmettauctionservice.com)

**Robert E.  
Dimmett**  
Owner/Auctioneer  
Lic # AU09200240

## BOYLE COUNTY FFA CONSIGNMENT AUCTION

**MARCH 11, 2023 • 9 AM**

**AT THE SHOWROOM, DANVILLE, KY.  
RECEIVING EQUIPMENT MARCH 6- MARCH 10TH 9 A.M. TO 6P.M.  
FARM MACHINERY, CONSTRUCTION EQUIPMENT,  
TRUCKS, TRAILERS AND LAWN EQUIPMENT**



**TAYLOR AUCTION COMPANY**

Online Bidding Available

6% sale fee \$750 cap

\$25 minimum | \$25 no sale fee

Auctioneer Gary Allen Taylor

**859-595-1206**

CONSIGNMENT CONTACTS:

Jimmy Elliott: 859-583-5716

Caleb Kenrodle: 859-516-2570

Ashton Jones: 859-612-8655

## Joey Benningfield Seed Specialist

[jbenningfield@1stchoiceseeds.com](mailto:jbenningfield@1stchoiceseeds.com)

270-403-8130 • [1stchoiceseeds.com](https://1stchoiceseeds.com)

**1<sup>ST</sup> IN SEED QUALITY | 1<sup>ST</sup> IN SEED SERVICE**

**[www.1stchoiceseeds.com](https://www.1stchoiceseeds.com)**

- Direct Sales
- Direct Delivery
- Provider of Highest Quality
- Corn/Soybean/Wheat/Seeds



**1<sup>ST</sup> Choice Seeds**  
*1st in Seed Quality*

**NO FARMER TOO BIG OR TOO SMALL**



# Vilsack announces investment in conservation programs

NEW ORLEANS – Recently, at NACD's 77<sup>th</sup> annual meeting, U.S. Department of Agriculture Secretary Tom Vilsack announced the availability of Inflation Reduction Act funding to support oversubscribed voluntary conservation programs.

In Fiscal Year 2023, the Natural Resources Conservation Service will make \$850 million available for the Environmental Quality Incentives Program, the Conservation Stewardship Program, the Agriculture Conservation Easement Program, and the Regional Conservation Partnership Program.

Secretary Vilsack spoke to an audience of over 800 conservation professionals during his keynote presentation at the National Association of Conservation Districts leadership luncheon.

"The reality is, we can't get it done without you. There needs to be a strong partnership between USDA and conservation

districts. You're the trusted source in your communities," said Vilsack. "Now, for the first time in a long time you're going to have significant resources to drive adoption, get producers ready to participate in climate-smart markets, and quantify and measure those outcomes. This is the moment for people to understand what you've been advocating for a long time - conservation. This is your opportunity."

NACD applauded the announcement.

"Conservation districts are ready to work closely with USDA to implement these new investments in voluntary, locally led programs," said NACD President-Elect Kim LaFleur. "As local partners, districts are uniquely positioned to expand conservation opportunities for historically underserved producers. We know that strong collaboration is the key to success and look forward to continuing that work with USDA."



**16% PROTEIN 10% FAT**  
**THE ECONOMIC ALTERNATIVE**

**Mike England - Mid South Ag LLC**

270-524-2008 OR 270-528-4131

**MIX 30**

THE HIGH ENERGY LIQUID FEED.

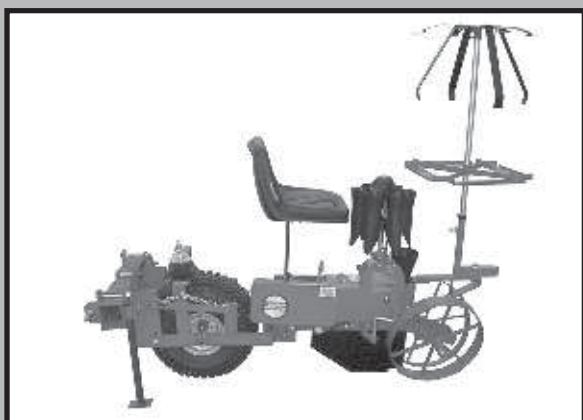
## MECHANICAL TRANSPLANTER COMPANY

*THE MOST COMPLETE LINE OF TRANSPLANTING EQUIPMENT*



### MODEL 1000

- \* Excellent for bare root or small cells
- \* Complete single to multi-row packages available
- \* Patented Direct Drive System



### MODEL 5500WD

- \* Newest design of Model 5500 series carousel setter
- \* Single row or multi-row packages available
- \* Patented Direct Drive System



### MODEL FSD

- \* 300 lb. poly hoppers
- \* Disc openers, cultivator teeth or knives available
- \* Fertilizer can be dispensed by one or more sides of row
- \* Unit shown with optional knife opener

## MECHANICAL TRANSPLANTER COMPANY

1150 CENTRAL AVENUE \* HOLLAND, MI 49423 \* PHONE: 616-396-8738 \* FAX: 616-396-3619

website: [www.mechanicaltransplanter.com](http://www.mechanicaltransplanter.com) \* e-mail: [mtc@mechanicaltransplanter.com](mailto:mtc@mechanicaltransplanter.com)



# LIVESTOCK BREEDER DIRECTORY



**High View Farm**



**REGISTERED ANGUS**  
CAMPBELLVILLE, KENTUCKY  
**Ben T. Cox, D.V.M.**  
**270-469-5517**

**SF** **St. Clair Farms**  
Registered Angus

Eric & Sherry St. Clair  
Cell 270-617-1079

13433 Falls of Rough Rd.  
Falls of Rough, KY 40119  
**stclairangus.com**

**DIAMOND MK** **Foundation Genetics**

**Bulls:**  
**Registered Angus, Chiangus & Chimaine Cattle**  
**BREEDING STOCK & YOUTH CATTLE**  
719 Oil Field Rd. • Horse Cave, KY 42749  
**270-786-3020 – 270-404-5304**  
*Joe & Mary Kate Kordes* *Tim & Wanda Quiggins*

**SAFETY ZONE**  
CALF CATCHERS

*The Cattlemen's Friend*  
**Harry Rogers**

3460 Old Franklin Rd. • Scottsville, KY 42164  
270-622-9337 • amosuh60a@nctc.com  
**KY Dealer**

**RANKIN FARMS**  
*Jerry & Judy Rankin*

**Purebred Angus Bulls**  
**18 — 20 months • fertility tested**  
Jerry | 859-319-1400 • Judy | 859-583-1400  
Danville, KY

**Isaacs Angus**  
**Tim & Ann Marie Isaacs**  
809 Glen Logsdon Rd. • Horse Cave, KY 42749  
270-528-5486 • 270-528-1946  
**Matt Isaacs – 270-774-5486**

Quality Alfalfa Hay  
Registered Angus Cows For Sale  
Registered Angus Bulls – Service Age

**D&D LONGVIEW ANGUS**  
**REGISTERED ANGUS**  
• **BREEDING AGE BULLS**  
• **AI BULL CALVES**  
• **COW AND CALF PAIRS**

**DANNY & DEBBIE BURRIS – 270-250-3701**  
**550 WILLIE NELL RD., COLUMBIA, KY, 42728**

**Robey Farms**

Est. 1899  
Schochoh, Kentucky

**REGISTERED HOLSTEIN CATTLE**  
RHA 32907m 1105F 1002p  
Registered Yearling Bulls Always Available

Chris Robey 270-726-5543  
Adam Robey 270-726-0494

**JMS** **Polled Herefords**  
LINEBRED VICTOR DOMINO CATTLE

**BULLS FOR SALE**  
**jmsvictordomino.com**

270-566-2964 • 270-566-2000  
**jmspolledherefords.com**

Danny Miller and Trent Miller



# Establishing grass on the cheap



When no-till drills are not an option, inexpensive spinner seeders (shown attached to a four-wheeler) can be used to 'establish on the cheap' this spring. This producer has created his own foam marker system to define the areas seeded. Using low-tech seeding methods can be successful if best management practices for establishment are followed.

Pastures and hayfields are needing to be reseeded due to many causes, including inadvertent overgrazing, overstocking, drought, flooding or damage from hay feeding. Spring seedings of cool season

grasses are challenging. For small farms without access to no-till drills, the task gets harder still. Here are some thoughts that can help you increase your chances for success with spring seedings of cool season

grasses without no-till drills.

1. Identify the root cause of your stand loss. First a question: How long do you want a stand of grass to last? Informal asks of that question have yielded only one answer: forever! The best first step in getting (and keeping) a new stand of grass is to avoid the actions that caused you to lose the grass in the first place. If your best assessment of the problem is that you are overstocked, do not buy any seed until you reduce animals or add acres. Ok, enough preaching.

2 Find a good variety of grass. You can access literally decades of Kentucky variety performance at [https://forages.ca.uky.edu/variety\\_trials](https://forages.ca.uky.edu/variety_trials). Or type UKY forage varieties

## The Forage Doctor



By Jimmy Henning

in your internet browser.

3. What about soil fertility? Grasses are pretty forgiving to soil acidity, but need phosphorus (P) and potassium (K) just like clover and alfalfa do. Working from a current soil test is best, but anticipating nutrient removal as hay or pasture can give you a ballpark numbers for fertilizer needs.

SEE **ESTABLISHING**, PAGE 14

## KEEP YOUR FARMING OPERATION FINANCIALLY HEALTHY

**Crop insurance offers a lot of choices.**

**Which protection is right for your business?**

Contact Shelby Insurance to get your crop insurance consultation before it's too late.

Sale closing date is **March 15!**

**SHELBY**  
INSURANCE AGENCY INC.

**1-800-353-6108**

500 Main St. • Shelbyville, KY 40065  
[shelbyinsuranceagency.com](http://shelbyinsuranceagency.com) • [sia@iglou.com](mailto:sia@iglou.com)

**Rain and Hail**  
A Chubb Company

This institution is an equal opportunity provider and employer.

**MPCI,  
WFRP  
or both?  
EU or Optional  
Units?**

**RP  
or  
APH?**



Worried about  
fertilizer prices?

Soil Sample to  
know your  
nutrient levels

Independent  
service

Need  
help planning for  
2023?

Your data  
stays  
YOUR DATA

### AGRONOMY ONE LLC. CUSTOM SOIL SAMPLING

#### • INDEPENDENT SERVICE

- Soil sampling by soil type or production zone
- Samples generate variable rate fertilizer and lime maps
- Can generate spread maps for all controllers
- Serving ALL of Kentucky

**Ag<sup>1</sup> AGRONOMY ONE**  
OWENSBORO, KY

**Ronan Cummins**

25 years of experience in service to Kentucky agriculture  
270-313-1101 • [ronan@agronomyone.com](mailto:ronan@agronomyone.com)



# Farm Show offers fun for the whole family



Climbing onto the equipment is a favorite experience for children visiting the National Farm Machinery Show, and CeCe Blair, 18 months, and Reagan Fleck, 5, were no exception. Reagan is from Jasper, Ind. And CeCe is from Maceo, Ky.

## PROTECT YOUR BUSINESS AGAINST UNKNOWN PRICES

**Prices can bring unwelcome surprises to your crop operation. We can protect your business through a dollar guarantee.**

Talk to your local Rain and Hail agent to learn how Revenue Protection can provide replacement dollar coverage for your crops.

*For details contact:*

**BALE INSURANCE GROUP  
JEREMY HINTON**

270.268.5333

Jeremy@baleinsurancegroup.com

**LINDA LONDON**

270.579.1830

**Rain and Hail**

A Chubb Company

This institution is an equal opportunity provider and employer.



## Pack on the Pounds with Summer Forages

Commodities for feeder cattle are spiking painfully.

What if you could sustain a reasonable rate of gain while feeding less corn and other inputs?

What could that do for your bottom line?

High-energy forages will pack on the pounds while lowering purchased feed costs—even during the summer heat.

- Grow your own energy.
- Keep a reasonable rate of gain.
- Cut those expensive inputs.
- Impact your bottom line.

We'll show you how to grow your own energy this summer with innovative cropping systems featuring highly-digestible Summer Annuals. Call today and take control of your bottom line.



**800-801-3596**



# Establishing grass on the cheap

## FROM PAGE 12

4. Get down to the dirt. When terrain or equipment limitations make using a no-till seeder a non-starter, limited tillage is just about the only way to go. Weakened pastures may have big patches of dead foxtail, and will likely have some winter annual weeds already growing. There are many light tillage tools that can help get soil exposure, such as chain drags or spike-toothed harrows. The object here is to expose soil where you don't have good grass and loosen that soil so broadcast seed can be worked into the top quarter to half inch.

Note: For hard packed areas like horse paddocks, loosening the top half inch of soil will not provide enough root zone for seedling grasses because the underlying soil is too compacted. These seedings often perish in the hot, dry weather of summer.

5. Broadcast the seed using a spinner seeder. Getting a system that works may take some trial and error. For some crabgrass demos, we used pelletized lime as a carrier for the small amounts of seed to be spread. This carrier helped the sometimes-fluffy crabgrass seed to flow well. To calibrate, we determined the desired ground speed and then measured how much lime would flow through the seeder at a given setting. We picked the setting somewhere around 1/3 open; the precise setting is not important. The setting should be big enough to let limestone flow easily but that would not spread so much as to be cost prohibitive. We measured the rate of flow of limestone, and then mixed the correct proportions of limestone and seed to achieve the correct seeding rate. You will want to determine how far the seed will be thrown by doing a trial run over a dark colored tarp or smooth asphalt, and then adjust your driving patterns so that you get seed coverage. Seed will not spread as far as the limestone in most cases.

Note: One of the advantages for using coated grass seed is that it flows and 'slings' better than uncoated. In our crabgrass demos, the coated seed of the variety 'Mojo' traveled as far as the pelletized lime.

6. Get seed-soil contact. The best way to achieve good contact between the broadcast grass seed and the loosened soil is to roll the field with a cultipacker, which is a heavy corrugated roller. If a roller is not available, sometimes going back over the field with a chain harrow will do enough mixing of the seed in the soil that rain or limited hoof traffic will achieve the contact you need.

7. Seed early and pray for rain. Spring

seedings of cool season grass will be challenged by dry springs and competition from other plants. If you seed some clover with the grass, use a lower rate of clover than usual because it will outcompete the

grass if seeded at full rates.

8. Let the field rest. The newly seeded grass needs time to deepen its root system before use. New seedings persist better when grazing is deferred to the next season.

The bottom line - Even when we need to seed grass 'on the cheap', we still need to follow the best management practices for establishment.

Happy foraging.

## BLUEGRASS GELBVIEW ALLIANCE

2<sup>ND</sup> ANNUAL

# Joint Production Sale

MARCH 25 | 1:00 PM | BLUEGRASS STOCKYARDS, LEXINGTON, KY



**PADO 73J**

THIS REBEL YELL SON SELLS



**PADO 74J**

THIS BIG ANDY SON SELLS



**CCRC 555J**

THIS FRONTIER JUSTICE SON SELLS



**CCRC 566J**

THIS BLACK ICE SON SELLS



**MS S & S BIG ANDY 277J**

THIS BIG ANDY DAUGHTER SELLS BRED TO GODFATHER



**MS S & S REBEL YELL 163J**

THIS REBEL YELL DAUGHTER SELLS BRED TO LIFELINE



**EGL E3200**

EGL LASS E3200 X REBEL YELL FROZEN EMBRYOS SELL



**PMFG 626D**

COW/CALF PAIRS LIKE THIS ONE SELL



**McINTOSH BROTHERS**  
WILLIAM McINTOSH  
STEVE McINTOSH  
502-867-3132  
WAMMB@AOL.COM

**S&S GELBVIEW**  
DAVID SLAUGHTER  
ARTHUR SLAUGHTER  
270-556-4259  
HMSLGHTR@AOL.COM

**PADON FARMS**  
THAD PADON  
270-836-5518  
TPADON@TDS.NET

**R&D OWEN GELBVIEW**  
BRIAN OWEN  
270-601-6830  
OWEN83075@GMAIL.COM

**CAVE CREEK CATTLE**  
JEFF PROCTOR  
931-801-5787  
CAVECREKCATTLE@GMAIL.COM



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

Reaching ag students in classrooms across Kentucky



## AGRICULTURE CAREER PROFILE:

### Jamie Guffey, Kentucky Poultry Federation Executive Director

Jamie Guffey is the executive director of the Kentucky Poultry Federation. This non-profit federation fosters, promotes, and encourages the improvement of production and marketing of all types of poultry, poultry products, eggs, and egg products in Kentucky. KPF is unique compared to other commodity promotion organizations in that they also have regulatory responsibilities, such as monitoring disease outbreaks and reporting to the USDA.

"I don't have a typical day," remarked Guffey. "I work with both farmers and the allied members, such as Perdue, Tyson, and Egg Innovations, to name a few. I am also the liaison between the Kentucky poultry industry and elected officials in Frankfort."

Since KPF has a small staff, Guffey manages the organization's financial accounts, employees, board of directors, annual meetings, scholarships, youth, and marketing projects.



**Jamie Guffey is the executive director of the Kentucky Poultry Federation.**

You may also find him behind the grill or skillet, cooking chicken breasts and eggs at schools, appreciation events, and even the Kentucky State Fair.

Guffey says his favorite part of his job is working with the farmers and telling the story of poultry every day.

"Poultry is helping Kentucky agriculture grow, and I get to be a part of that," Guffey said. "I believe poultry is one of the best ways to diversify a farming operation and a great way to bring the next generation back to a farm as it provides a steady income."

For the last 9 out of 10 years, income from poultry and egg production in the Bluegrass state topped all other commodities. The University of Kentucky agricultural economists predict it will be on top again this year.

Guffey went on to report that Kentucky ranks seventh in the nation in broiler production, and he believes Kentucky is now third in the country for pastured table eggs. Other interesting facts are that most poultry farmers were once tobacco farmers, and the poultry industry tends to be the largest employer in counties with a poultry processing plant.

Guffey's interest in agriculture began when he worked on his grandfather's dairy farm. While he said a needed change of scenery encouraged him to enlist in the U.S. Marine Corps, he decided to study agriculture and business administration once he completed his service. He went on to earn a Master's in organizational leadership from Western Kentucky University.

Upon graduation, he worked for different agricultural companies and even ran a landscaping business. He eventually ended up at Keystone Foods, working as a broiler tech, and he quickly moved up the company ladder, giving him a diverse view of a poultry operation. His involvement in the Barren County Farm Bureau and Kentucky Farm Bureau's LEAD program, where he gained a passion for advocacy and agriculture education, paved the way for earning the position with KPF.

Guffey says that strong written and verbal communication skills, thinking on your feet, and flexibility are crucial for his job.

"Whether you are lobbying, talking to growers, or promoting the product, you must be able to listen and be available," he advised.



**Commissioner of Agriculture Dr. Ryan Quarles, past KPF president Dan Flanagan, Rep. Michael Meredith, and Jamie Guffey cook at the 2022 Meat Me at the Capitol event.**

While Guffey loves his job and does not consider it 'work,' working in agriculture is not without its challenges. In the past six months, Guffey has been on high alert due to the continuing threat of avian influenza in Kentucky and the U.S.

When we asked Guffey what he would have done or studied differently if he knew he would end up with this career, he said he would have taken more political science classes and started with the poultry industry much sooner. Environmental regulation is also an area he says he wished he would have paid more attention to.

Compared to poultry organization executives in other states, however, Guffey is one of the few with live poultry production

experience.

"I can talk turkey," he laughed. "I also read a lot of business-related and self-help type books, and I wish I would have read more at an earlier age," Guffey said.

Another fascinating fact about Guffey is that he loves to travel, and he has visited all seven continents as of last month.

"We recently went to Antarctica to see penguins. That really shows my love of poultry!"

**See Pride in Ag  
Education Classroom  
questions on page 9**



# Estate Sales & Auctions

## AUCTIONEER DIRECTORY

Dyer & Associates Auction Realty, Inc.

**Want results? Call me!!**

**Barry Dyer | 270-622-1601**

**Broker/Auctioneer**  
"The Selling Machine"

1545 Old Gallatin Rd. | Scottsville

270-237-3987 | 800-879-9949

dyerauctionrealty.com | bddyer@gmail.com



**DALE HAYES**  
AUCTIONEER

**BRYANT**  
REALTY & AUCTION CO.

110 E. Guardian Street  
Columbia, Kentucky 42728

**Mobile 270-634-1401**

**Office 270-384-2973**

**www.BryantBid.com**



**GLASGOW, KENTUCKY**

**Phillip Harp | 270-670-8793**

**H. BARRY SMITH**  
REALTORS AND AUCTIONEERS, LLC

*Your full service auction company!*

**888-631-2746 • 502-633-2746**

**88 Brunerstown Rd. • Shelbyville, KY**  
**shawn@hbarrysmith.com**

**CONDUCTING LIVE, HYBRID & ONLINE ONLY AUCTIONS.**  
**Call for a FREE Consultation!**

**www.GoldenRuleAuction.com**



Visit us for current REAL ESTATE  
listings & upcoming AUCTION events!  
**270-384-1111 • 1-800-854-9992**

**GOLDEN RULE-WILSON**  
Real Estate & Auction #1, LLC

Danny Mouser, Agent & Auctioneer  
Troy Coffey, Agent & App. Auctioneer

Alex Popplewell, Auctioneer  
Chris Wilson, Broker and Auctioneer

**kurtz**

**AUCTION & REALTY.**

**800-264-1204**

**kurtzauction.com**

**KESSLER**  
AUCTION & REALTY CO.

**HOMES • FARMS • ESTATES • PERSONAL PROPERTY**  
**ANTIQUES • FARM MACHINERY • BUSINESS LIQUIDATIONS**

304 E Broadway  
Campbellsville, KY  
270-465-7051

www.kesslerauction.com

John M. Kessler  
Principal Broker - Auctioneer  
John Wayne Kessler  
Associate Broker - Auctioneer

For The Best In Auction & Private Sales • "Successful Auctions Since 1938"

**Roeder Auction Company**

1010 Skyline Dr.  
Hopkinsville, KY 42240

**Owner: Delbert Roeder**

**Cell 270-881-2610**

**Office 270-962-7273**



**Full Staff of Auctioneers and Professional Ringmen**  
**Mobile Office ~ Portable Sale Ring ~ Tent**

**Real Estate • Livestock • Equipment Auctions**



Tim Haley, Principal Auctioneer  
Michael Mast, Principal Auctioneer  
Adam Haley, Principal Auctioneer  
Kelvin DeBerry, Principal Auctioneer  
Chris Hatfield, Principal Auctioneer  
Will Gregory, Apprentice Auctioneer

**(270) 726-2900**

**HaleyAuctionsAndRealty.com**



| KENTUCKY GRAIN PRICES  |                    |                          |             |               |               |             | National Weekly Ethanol Plant Report<br>2/6/2023-2/10/2023<br>Indiana Ohio Illinois Iowa<br><br>Yellow Corn Spot Bid 6.71-6.69<br><br>Dried Distillers Grain (\$/ton)<br>10% moisture 225.00-295.00<br><br>Modified Wet Distillers (\$/ton)<br>55-60% moisture 130.00-145.00<br><br>Kentucky Weekly Cattle Receipts as reported at local markets:<br>01/23/23 20,635<br>01/30/23 13,996<br>02/06/23 10,722<br>02/13/23 24,580 |
|--|--------------------|--------------------------|-------------|---------------|---------------|-------------|---|
| <u>LOUISVILLE AREA:</u> Louisville & Bagdad; <u>PENNYRILE AREA:</u> Allensville, Auburn, Franklin, Hopkinsville & Pembroke; <u>BLUEGRASS AREA:</u> Bardstown, Lexington & Winchester; <u>GREEN RIVER:</u> Caneyville & Livermore; <u>NORTHERN KENTUCKY AREA:</u> Silver Grove at Cincinnati; <u>PURCHASE AREA:</u> Clinton & Mayfield.<br>Opening bids at elevators and processing plants. |                    |                          |             |               |               |             |   |
| 2/10/2023 4:00 pm est<br>Bids for next day<br>Cash Bids<br>Corn #2 Yellow<br>Corn #2 White<br>Soybeans #1 Y<br>Wheat #2 SRW<br>Barley  | Louisville         | Pennyrile                | Purchase    | Bluegrass     | Green River   | Northern KY |   |
|  | 6.77-6.81          | 6.86-6.96<br>7.46        | 6.81-6.96   | 6.71          | 6.91          | NA          |   |
| New Crop Delivery Contract<br><br>Corn #2 Yellow<br>Corn #2 White<br>Soybeans #1 Y<br>Wheat #2 SRW<br>Barley   | 15.06<br>7.76      | 15.23-15.38<br>7.56-7.91 | 15.63<br>NA | 14.93<br>7.24 | 15.34<br>NA   | NA<br>NA    |   |
|  | 6.81-6.84          | 6.91<br>7.46             | 7.01        | 6.81          | 7.01          | NA          |   |
|  | 15.06<br>7.18-7.59 | 15.13-15.28<br>7.61-7.96 | 15.58<br>NA | 14.83<br>NA   | 15.39<br>7.24 | NA<br>NA    |   |

FOR A FULL MARKET  
REPORT VISIT  
AMS.USDA.GOV



MAYHAVEN FARM  
SEED DAYS

SAVE. CONSULT. SUCCEED.

Everything begins with a seed.  
Let us help you choose the right one.

From now until March 3, save big on many varieties of seed, twine, silage wrap, mineral, and other farm supplies.

Jim May: (606) 669-1651  
Trevor Clark: (859) 339-0088  
mayhavenfarm@gmail.com



Mayhaven Farm  
2000 Ky Hwy 643  
Waynesburg, KY 40489





PEN HEIFER  
Show & Sale  
Kentucky Exposition Center  
Louisville, Kentucky

Show: 2 p.m. • Friday, March 3  
Sale: 2 p.m. • Saturday, March 4



SELLING MORE THAN 80 HEAD!  
REGISTERED & COMMERCIAL FEMALES  
OPENS – BREDS – PAIRS  
SELLING IN GROUPS OF 2 OR 3



Sale Managed by:  
JWC Marketing  
859-229-1767  
john@jwcmarketing.com





**Blue Grass Stockyards**  
Lexington, KY  
Feb. 6 & 7, 2023  
**Feeder Steers:** Medium & Large 1-2  
31 hd. 583# 200.25 blk-mixed  
21 hd. 642# 188.75 blk  
21 hd. 755# 173.50 blk  
62 hd. 795# 178.50 blk-charx  
28 hd. 805# 170.00 blk  
64 hd. 806# 175.50 blk-charx  
54 hd. 822# 176.50 blk  
53 hd. 839# 173.25 charx-red  
59 hd. 913# 171.00 blk-charx  
50 hd. 997# 161.00 blk  
**Feeder Heifers:** Medium & Large 1-2  
30 hd. 462# 192.50 blk-mixed  
91 hd. 645# 174.50 blk  
124 hd. 707# 160.80 mixed  
62 hd. 729# 166.00 mixed  
46 hd. 744# 165.00 blk-charx

**Farmers Livestock**  
Glasgow, KY  
Feb. 6, 2023  
**Feeder Steers:** Medium & Large 1-2  
37 hd. 750# 169.00 blk  
**Feeder Heifers:** Medium & Large 1-2  
22 hd. 601# 168.50 blk  
29 hd. 476# 191.00 blk  
23 hd. 452# 177.00 blk

**Russell County Stockyards**  
Russell Springs, KY  
Feb. 8, 2023  
**Feeder Steers:** Medium & Large 1-2  
20 hd. 414# 237.00 blk  
63 hd. 629# 186.75 blk-bwf  
22 hd. 684# 170.50 blk-bwf  
139 hd. 691# 183.00 blk-bwf  
20 hd. 704# 178.00 blk  
71 hd. 725# 174.00 mixed  
62 hd. 751# 173.00 blk-red-charx  
22 hd. 763# 170.50 blk  
71 hd. 800# 173.60 blk-bwf  
**Feeder Heifers:** Medium & Large 1-2  
21 hd. 452# 204.00 blk  
21 hd. 526# 180.00 blk

**Washington Co. Livestock**  
Springfield, KY  
Feb. 6, 2023  
**Feeder Steers:** Medium & Large 1-2  
22 hd. 704# 182.75 blk  
22 hd. 728# 163.50 blk  
36 hd. 757# 170.00 blk  
57 hd. 822# 173.85 blk  
60 hd. 834# 175.00 blk  
63 hd. 833# 171.00 blk  
24 hd. 909# 153.00 blk  
**Feeder Heifers:** Medium & Large 1-2  
22 hd. 627# 161.50 blk-charx

**KY-TN Livestock Auction**  
Guthrie, KY  
Feb. 9, 2023  
**Feeder Bulls:** Medium & Large 1-2  
24 hd. 485# 195.00 blk-bwf  
23 hd. 630# 160.00 blk-bwf  
**Feeder Heifers:** Medium & Large 1-2  
23 hd. 432# 169.00 blk-bwf  
21 hd. 498# 168.50 blk-bwf  
28 hd. 550# 165.50 blk-bwf

**Blue Grass Maysville**  
Maysville, KY  
Feb. 7, 2023  
**Feeder Steers:** Medium & Large 1-2  
40 hd. 470# 221.25 blk-charx  
95 hd. 557# 219.75 blk-charx  
64 hd. 664# 189.85 blk-charx  
**Feeder Heifers:** Medium & Large 1-2  
69 hd. 717# 166.00 blk-charx

**United Producers Owenton**  
Owenton, KY  
Feb. 8, 2023  
**Feeder Steers:** Medium & Large 1-2  
25 hd. 582# 202.50 blk  
27 hd. 707# 175.25 blk  
**Feeder Heifers:** Medium & Large 1-2  
26 hd. 556# 177.00 blk  
41 hd. 662# 174.00 blk  
65 hd. 758# 165.10 blk

**Blue Grass of Albany**  
Albany, KY  
Feb. 8, 2023  
**Feeder Steers:** Medium & Large 1-2  
70 hd. 666# 191.25 blk  
42 hd. 732# 167.50 blk  
**Feeder Heifers:** Medium & Large 1-2  
81 hd. 681# 170.50 blk-charx

**Blue Grass South**  
Stanford, KY  
Feb. 9, 2023  
**Feeder Steers:** Medium & Large 1-2  
22 hd. 662# 176.00 blk  
20 hd. 702# 168.50 charx  
28 hd. 753# 173.50 blk  
62 hd. 863# 170.90 blk  
65 hd. 877# 173.25 blk-charx  
58 hd. 892# 174.90 blk  
**Feeder Heifers:** Medium & Large 1-2  
28 hd. 639# 158.50 charx-blk  
68 hd. 765# 164.50 blk-charx  
45 hd. 864# 155.00 blk-charx

**Blue Grass of Campbellsville**  
Campbellsville, KY  
Feb. 8, 2023  
**Feeder Steers:** Medium & Large 1-2  
27 hd. 791# 169.50 blk  
**Holstein Steers:** Large 3  
**Feeder Heifers:** Medium & Large 1-2  
26 hd. 598# 157.00 blk  
21 hd. 623# 165.50 blk  
74 hd. 698# 167.75 blk

**Blue Grass of Richmond**  
Richmond, KY  
Feb. 10, 2023  
**Feeder Steers:** Medium & Large 1-2  
62 hd. 747# 180.75 blk  
33 hd. 753# 176.00 blk-charx  
50 hd. 797# 175.00 mixed  
**Feeder Heifers:** Medium & Large 1-2  
74 hd. 695# 168.00 mixed

**Blue Grass East**  
Mt. Sterling, KY  
Feb. 8, 2023  
**Feeder Steers:** Medium & Large 1-2  
37 hd. 673# 184.75 blk-mixed  
66 hd. 764# 180.95 blk-mixed  
**Feeder Heifers:** Medium & Large 1-2  
20 hd. 465# 185.00 blk

**Lake Cumberland Livestock**  
Somerset, KY.  
Feb. 11, 2023  
**Feeder Steers:** Medium & Large 1-2  
35 hd. 822# 165.75 blk-charx-red  
133 hd. 890# 163.00 mixed  
46 hd. 1034# 157.00 blk-charx-red  
49 hd. 1059# 156.00 blk-charx-red  
**Feeder Heifers:** Medium & Large 1-2  
28 hd. 533# 175.00 blk-bwf

**Paris Stockyards**  
Paris, KY  
Feb. 9, 2023  
**Feeder Steers:** Medium & Large 1-2  
35 hd. 592# 208.00 blk-red  
87 hd. 633# 189.00 blk-red  
31 hd. 680# 180.00 blk-charx  
27 hd. 703# 174.00 blk-mixed  
72 hd. 706# 183.30 blk-charx  
34 hd. 714# 180.00 blk  
23 hd. 785# 171.00 blk-charx  
57 hd. 853# 160.00 charx  
**Feeder Heifers:** Medium & Large 1-2  
34 hd. 489# 184.50 blk  
87 hd. 505# 185.50 blk  
20 hd. 544# 173.00 charx  
23 hd. 545# 185.00 blk  
20 hd. 578# 160.00 blk  
23 hd. 607# 167.50 charx  
36 hd. 611# 163.50 charx  
24 hd. 645# 159.00 blk-charx  
76 hd. 649# 168.00 blk-charx  
57 hd. 659# 165.00 blk-charx  
76 hd. 660# 173.25 blk  
21 hd. 678# 160.25 charx  
128 hd. 736# 171.25 blk  
20 hd. 744# 152.50 charx  
44 hd. 848# 155.25 blk  
27 hd. 901# 144.50 blk

**Mid-KY Livestock Market**  
Upton, KY  
Feb. 7, 2023  
**Feeder Steers:** Medium & Large 1-2  
21 hd. 566# 197.00 blk  
20 hd. 712# 176.50 blk  
26 hd. 749# 175.00 mixed  
83 hd. 790# 173.10 mixed  
22 hd. 844# 168.50 mixed  
56 hd. 943# 165.75 mixed  
**Feeder Bulls:** Medium & Large 1-2  
23 hd. 523# 183.00 blk  
25 hd. 620# 156.00 blk  
**Feeder Heifers:** Medium & Large 1-2  
38 hd. 512# 172.00 blk  
24 hd. 557# 165.50 blk  
22 hd. 628# 167.50 blk  
81 hd. 802# 162.50 mixed



# Bluegrass Stockyards of Richmond, LLC

348 K. Street • Richmond, Ky.



## CATTLE SALE

Every Friday  
at 9:30 a.m.

## GOAT SALE

2nd Monday of  
each month at 1 p.m.



For additional information, call Jim Dause at  
(859) 623-5167 or (859) 314-7211

**BLUEGRASS STOCKYARDS OF RICHMOND, LLC**

Ph. (859) 623-1280 • Fax (859) 623-1258

# SOIL

**Sungro Sunshine #5 Soil for tobacco**  
**Sungro Sunshine #4 or MM852 bark mix for Hemp**

**Seeding Systems • Greenhouse Covers • HydroFilm**  
**Tobacco Seed • Greenhouse Supplies • Heating Systems • Fans • And More!**

Custom greenhouses and parts to fit YOUR needs!

Authorized L.B. White  
dealer. If we don't have  
it we CAN get it.



250,000 btu  
Propane or  
Natural Gas

# TRAYS

128, 242, 253, 288, 338

– SPECIAL TRUCK LOAD PRICES –

Call 502-463-2412 or

859-743-1447

## N. KY Tobacco

## Greenhouses & Supplies

1490 Hwy. 35 • Sparta, KY 41086

502-463-2412 • Fax 502-463-2416

kitty.nkygreenhouses@gmail.com



**STATE AVERAGES**

| Steers (M&L 1-2)  | <u>This Week</u> | <u>Prior Week</u> | <u>Last Year</u> |
|-------------------|------------------|-------------------|------------------|
| 350-400 lbs       | 214.69           | 200.28            | 196.70           |
| 400-450 lbs       | 211.21           | 200.03            | 188.96           |
| 450-500 lbs       | 202.83           | 197.16            | 184.46           |
| 500-550 lbs       | 195.18           | 186.47            | 175.32           |
| 550-600 lbs       | 193.12           | 185.53            | 168.86           |
| 600-650 lbs       | 179.76           | 175.34            | 163.89           |
| 650-700 lbs       | 175.71           | 168.93            | 159.23           |
| 700-750 lbs       | 168.43           | 164.42            | 152.70           |
| 750-800 lbs       | 168.84           | 165.84            | 148.21           |
| 800-850 lbs       | 169.60           | 157.51            | 144.46           |
| 850-900 lbs       | 158.23           | 153.01            | 143.91           |
| Heifers (M&L 1-2) |                  |                   |                  |
| 300-350 lbs       | 179.29           | 163.95            | 160.12           |
| 350-400 lbs       | 179.36           | 169.44            | 158.72           |
| 400-450 lbs       | 175.85           | 167.80            | 155.58           |
| 450-500 lbs       | 174.79           | 166.84            | 154.52           |
| 500-550 lbs       | 167.73           | 160.03            | 147.13           |
| 550-600 lbs       | 162.23           | 157.31            | 144.99           |
| 600-650 lbs       | 158.05           | 152.99            | 139.93           |
| 650-700 lbs       | 153.56           | 146.24            | 140.12           |
| 700-750 lbs       | 147.84           | 147.62            | 135.61           |
| 750-800 lbs       | 141.41           | 142.50            | 136.56           |

**WEEKLY COW SUMMARY**

| Slaughter Cows  | <u>Average</u> | <u>High</u>  | <u>Low</u>   |
|-----------------|----------------|--------------|--------------|
| Breakers        | 69.00-89.50    | 76.00-115.00 | 53.00-79.00  |
| Boners          | 62.00-95.50    | 76.00-113.00 | 55.00-87.00  |
| Lean            | 57.00-82.00    | 67.00-101.00 | 30.00-71.00  |
| Slaughter Bulls | <u>Average</u> | <u>High</u>  | <u>Low</u>   |
| Yield Grade 1&2 | 80.00-120.00   | 95.50-140.00 | 70.00-104.50 |

**February 9, 2023****Bowling Green, KY****SLAUGHTER GOATS: 202**

**Kids Selection 1** 63 lbs 325.00; 73 lbs 315.00; 139 lbs 215.00. **Selection 1-2** 93 lbs 280.00; 105 lbs 250.00. **Kids-Selection 2** 53-58 lbs 330.00-380.00; 65 lbs 290.00...

**SLAUGHTER SHEEP: 474**

**Wooled-Choice & Prime 1-2:** 72-76 lbs 237.50-250.00; 141 lbs 175.00. **Choice 2** 60 lbs 240.00. **Hair Breeds-Choice & Prime 1-2** 50-56 lbs 270.00-295.00; 60-68 lbs 240.00-280.00; 85 lbs 225.00; 103-121 lbs 165.00-180.00. **Choice 2** 51-53 lbs 260.00-270.00; 61-62 lbs 232.50-245.00; 70 lbs 230.00; 89 lbs ...

**GRAINS**

|                         | <u>This Week</u> | <u>Prior Week</u> | <u>Last Year</u> |
|-------------------------|------------------|-------------------|------------------|
| <b>Corn</b>             | 6.61-7.11        | 6.55-7.13         | 6.12-6.74        |
| <b>Soybeans</b>         | 14.65-15.78      | 14.70-15.83       | 15.22-16.27      |
| <b>Red Winter Wheat</b> | 6.83-7.91        | 6.80-7.66         | 7.74-8.23        |

**USDA ESTIMATED DAILY LIVESTOCK SLAUGHTER**

|                       | CATTLE  | CALVES | HOGS      | SHEEP  |
|-----------------------|---------|--------|-----------|--------|
| Fri. 2/10/2023 (est)  | 122,000 | 1,000  | 481,000   | 5,000  |
| Week Ago (est)        | 122,000 | 1,000  | 484,000   | 5,000  |
| Year Ago (act)        | 121,000 | 2,000  | 471,000   | 3,000  |
| Week to Date (est)    | 616,000 | 5,000  | 2,405,000 | 35,000 |
| Same Pd Lt Week (est) | 622,000 | 5,000  | 2,422,000 | 34,000 |
| Same Pd Lt Yr (act)   | 619,000 | 8,000  | 2,369,000 | 30,000 |



## Continental Industries, Inc.

- Drexel Chemical Company
  - Sucker Stuff HC
  - Super Sucker Stuff
  - Sucker Plucker
  - Leven-38
  - Drexalin Plus
  - Plucker Plus
  - Transplanter Moly
- Continental Float, Plant & Garden Ag Covers
- Continental Mud & Erosion Control Fabric
- Continental Straw Blankets and Sod Staples
- Bridon/Fabpro Plastic Baler Twine and Bale-Lok Plus Net Wrap

For Further Information on Distribution, contact:

### Jim Hamilton

P.O. Box 865 • Shepherdsville, Ky. 40165  
(502) 543-2600 • [jchamilton@windstream.net](mailto:jchamilton@windstream.net)

## COME SEE US!

### AUCTIONS

- **EVERY WEDNESDAY AND SATURDAY - 10 A.M.**
- **BRED HEIFER SALE - 1<sup>ST</sup> FRIDAY EVERY MONTH - 7 P.M.**



### BLUEGRASS STOCKYARDS

#### CAMPBELLVILLE

Ronnie Choate - Manager  
265 Airport Rd.,  
Campbellsville, Ky., 42718  
**270-465-4051**  
**270-766-8240**  
**270-465-9672 - FAX**



| <b>Weekly Feed Ingredient Price</b><br>Wholesale prices, \$ per ton<br>Rail or Truck FOB Location | <b>Owensboro Grain</b><br><br><b>2/13/2023</b> | <b>Commonwealth Agri-Energy Hopkinsville</b><br><br><b>2/13/2023</b> | <b>St. Louis Weekly Feed Region</b><br><br><b>2/10/2023</b> | <b>Memphis Weekly Feed Region</b><br><br><b>2/10/2023</b> | <b>Corn Belt Feedstuffs Region</b><br><br><b>2/10/2023</b> |
|---|--|--|---|---|--|
| Soybean Meal 48% Sol  | 544.40   | —  | 503.50  | 524.40  | 505.40-549.50  |
| Soybean Hulls   | 300.00   | —  | 200.00-235.00   | 200.00  | 215.00-350.00  |
| Corn Distillers Grain Dried   | —  | 268.00   | 245.00-255.00   | —   | 225.00-275.00  |
| Distillers Grain Modified   | —  | 150.00   | —   | —   | —  |
| Distillers Grain Wet  | —  | 92.00  | —   | —   | —  |
| Corn Condensed Solubles   | —  | NA   | —   | —   | —  |
| Corn Gluten Feed 20-21 pct  | —  | —  | 295.00-310.00   | 195.00-220.00   | 185.00-245.00  |
| Corn Gluten Meal 60 pct   | —  | —  | 800.00  | 650.00-680.00   | 630.00-800.00  |
| Cottonseed Meal 41 pct  | —  | —  | 455.00-470.00   | 385.00-400.00   | 460.00-475.00  |
| Whole Cottonseed  | —  | —  | —   | —   | —  |
| Wheat Middlings   | —  | —  | —   | —   | —  |

**FOR FULL MARKET REPORTS VISIT:**  
**AMS.USDA.GOV**

**▪ CLASSIFIEDS ▪**

## Mixers for Sale



**Call Charlie 859-608-9745  
for a mixer deal today  
LOW RATE FINANCING!**



**LIVESTOCK EQUIPMENT**

**PRO · TEC BUILDINGS**

Gates • Panels • Waterers • Calving Pens • Hay Feeders • Mineral Feeders • Working Equipment



**WM. E. Fagaly & Son, Inc.**  
6858 Hill St. | PO Box 306 • Miamitown, OH 45041

**513-353-2150**

*Delivery Available in Ohio, Indiana, & Kentucky*

**fagalyfeed@aol.com**  
**https://fagalyfeed.com**





## Hauling Rice Hulls for Poultry Houses

### Lewis Farms

John Lewis

Call 606-307-4430

Serving Kentucky & Tennessee

## TIMBER

KENTUCKY MASTER LOGGER

### NOLIN RIVER LOGGING, LLC.

FREE APPRAISALS - REFERENCES AVAILABLE

Buying Standing Timber on Shares or Outright

ALSO BUYING TIMBER LAND  
IN BUSINESS SINCE 1983

ROBERT D. MILLER

Phone: 270-531-3751 LET RING

Cell: 270-528-1537

## SEEDS

### OPEN POLLINATED SEED CORN

Outproduces hybrids for silage.  
Leafy and sweet stalks for grazing.  
High feed value grain.  
\$67/bushel + shipping

**217-857-3377**

borriesopenpollinatedseedcorn.com

**THANKS FOR  
TELLING THEM  
"I SAW IT IN  
THE PRIDE!"**

## FOR SALE

**FOR SALE:** Yearling Simmental Bulls - EPD's qualify for both heifer acceptable and terminal sires. Outstanding choice for use in cross breeding programs. 502-839-6651 or 502-260-7884.

**FOR SALE:** Clean wheat seed. \$12.50 a bushel. Combine run wheat seed \$11.50 a bushel. Germ is 94.6% test weight 62.1 lbs. Scales available. Clean seed will be in totes. For more information call 270-427-6116.

**FOR SALE:** L10 Heifers, ready to breed. 4 Charolais-Angus cross; 6 Angus; 2 black Angus first calf heifers. Call 270-250-8965.

## TIMBER

**MONEY GROWS ON TREES:** Looking for walnut, white oak and red oak trees. Will also harvest other species. Certified logger, references available. Will travel. EXPERIENCE MAKES THE DIFFERENCE. Call Eli Miller Logging at 270-524-2967 and leave a message. Member of the BBB.

## WANTED

**WANTED:** License Surveyor to survey 100 acre farm and boundary line in Breckinridge County KY. Call 270-668-7678

**WANTED:** 352 Grinder mixer, 451 New Holland 7 ft. mowing machine, 2 row new ideal corn picker, Hardy outside wood buring stove 120,000 BTU. Phone 270-668-7678

## LUMBER

### Graham Good Deals

|                                |                                  |
|--------------------------------|----------------------------------|
| -Log Cabin Siding Wood & Vinyl | -Rebar & Concrete Wire           |
| -1x6 & 1x8 T&G Knotty Pine     | -Fence Post & Fence boards       |
| -2x6 T&G SYP & Treated         | -Wood Barn Siding                |
| -6" & 8" Cedar Bevel Siding    | -Used Guardrail                  |
| -Framing & Treated Lumber      | -20' & 40' Used Cargo Containers |

**OUR DIRT CHEAP PRICES ARE POSTED ON OUR WEBSITE  
OR CALL FOR A DELIVERED PRICE TO YOUR LOCATION**



**A.W. GRAHAM LUMBER LLC**  
Website: [www.grahamlumber.com](http://www.grahamlumber.com)  
Phone: 1-877-845-9663



## MEAT PROCESSING

### CEDAR HILL MEAT PROCESSING

**BEEF APPOINTMENTS AVAILABLE  
FOR JANUARY-JUNE  
HOGS EVERY FRIDAY  
ACCEPTING GOATS AND SHEEP DAILY**

4757 JONES CHAPEL RD.,  
CEDAR HILL, TENN., 37032

**615-696-0971**

## Precision Planting

*Good yields begin with accurate planting.  
Accurate planting requires good equipment.*

- Meter Servicing & Calibration
- New Equipment
- Replacement parts for Precision Planting products

### PRECISION PLANTING EQUIPMENT & SERVICING

Contact us about helping you get the best yields.

**ERIC & HAZEL HINTON**

208 Greensburg Road • Hodgenville, KY 42748



**Call or Text  
270-268-5332**

**AUGER DRIVES  
POST DRIVERS**

**SKIDSTEER ATTACHMENTS**  
Elkton, KY 42220  
Call: 270.886.1097

**Large Variety of Attachments in Stock!**

Buckets, Grapples, Pallet Forks, Bale Spears, Augers, Post Drivers, Concrete Breakers, Tree Pullers

**Post Drivers Concrete Breakers**

**SKIDSTEER ATTACHMENTS**  
Elkton, KY 42220  
Call: 270.886.1097

**Large Variety of Attachments in Stock!**

Buckets, Grapples, Pallet Forks, Bale Spears, Augers, Post Drivers, Concrete Breakers, Tree Pullers

**CALL 270-384-9454  
TO ADVERTISE**



# CLASSIFIEDS

Call 1-800-489-9454

## Farm Equipment

### COWHERD EQUIPMENT, INC.

1483 Old Summersville Rd. • Campbellsville • cowerdequipment.com  
Office: 270-465-2679 • Fax: 270-465-8239 • Mobile: 270-469-0398

**Silage Bags • Bunker Covers • Hay Covers  
Stretch Film • Net Wrap • Twine**

**Silage Baggers & Hay Wrappers for Sale or Rent  
Parts & Services Offered!**



**Up North  
Plastics**  
Made in the U.S.A.

Come See Us For All  
Your Mixer Wagon Parts,  
Services & Repairs!

## Services

### Hillside Acres

Eubank, Ky.

#### Custom Silage Bagger Rental

7 ft., 8 ft., & 9 ft. Bags  
*Plastic Sheeting*

|                    |                         |
|--------------------|-------------------------|
| 25'x100'           | 51" Hybrid Netwrap      |
| up to 60'x200'     | 67" Hybrid Netwrap      |
| 30" Flavor Seal    | 48" Blue Magic          |
| Bale Wrap          | Netwrap                 |
| 48" Hybrid Netwrap | Sisal and Plastic Twine |

Call for prices

**606-423-4271 • 606-802-5748**

## Services

### DAY & DAY FEED MILL



270-384-2209

1011 Campbellsville Rd.,  
Columbia, Ky. 42728  
DayandDayFeed.com



## Farm Equipment

### Kentucky Irrigation Co.

*Serving Kentucky and Surrounding States Since 1951*

**New & Used  
Irrigation  
Equipment**

Pipes, sprinklers,  
guns, travelers,  
center pivots & drip

**Manure  
Equipment**  
Pumps, reels,  
drag hose  
systems

**Call 859-254-7022**  
www.kentuckyirrigation.com

## Timber

### Hilltop LOGGING

*Buying Standing Timber • Specializing in Select Cutting*

Marvin Weaver

Andy Yoder

**270.748.3229**

## Services

### EQUIPMENT AUCTIONS • CATTLE AUCTIONS



*We are rural people, helping rural people*

OVER 20 YEARS OF EXPERIENCES TO MEET ALL YOUR NEEDS  
OWNED AND OPERATED IN KENTUCKY | AFFILIATED WITH MCINTYRE & WILEY

MUNFORDVILLE, Ky.

270-932-0285

### Russell County Stockyards

*Farm Visits • Consultation on when to sell*

Have livestock questions?  
Need information?

Call Mike Loy at  
**270-250-3554**



**List your classified!**  
**Call 800-489-9454**

## All Sizes of Silage Bags & Bunker Covers

Ag Bag & Kelly Ryan Baggers

For Sale or Rent • Stretch Film • Silo Doors

• Parts Available for Hanson, Valmetal, Badger®,  
Silo Matic, P & D, Van Dale, Starline, James Way  
• Valmetal Vertical Mixers 250-1100CF

**MATTINGLY SILOS**  
**502-252-7300**

## Services

### KY HOOP BARNS

32x72 – You Build: \$7,500 • We Build: \$11,500  
32x96 – You Build: \$10,000 • We Build: \$14,500

\* Includes everything except concrete around post.

Joe Paul Mattingly  
830 Sally Ray Pike  
Raywick, KY 40060

The Best for Less



Home Phone: **270-692-6730**

Cell Phone: **270-699-1499**

### WOOD SHAVINGS FOR ANIMAL BEDDING

Clean • Natural  
Absorbent • Baled or Bulk

#### Buyers of Pine Logs and Red Cedar

Come see us at NFMS  
Booth 3093!



**SHAVINGS, INC.**

Phone 270-789-9611 • Fax 270-789-4901

1001 New Columbia Rd.  
Campbellsville, Ky. 42718



# Where chickens really come from

The Popsicle, chocolate-chip cookies and raising chickens for meat all started with accidents. In the case of chicken, a shipping error launched a 30-billion dollar industry, writes Kenny Torrella for Vox. “The story begins in 1923, with homemaker and farmer Cecile Steele of Ocean View, Delaware. Steele kept a small flock of chickens that she raised for eggs and waited to slaughter them for meat once their productivity waned. . . . But one day by accident the local chick hatchery delivered 500 birds. . . . Returns weren’t really an option, so she kept them anyway in a barn the size of a studio apartment — 256 square feet — that was heated by a coal stove. . . . She still made a sizable profit off the 2-pound survivors — almost \$11 per pound in today’s dollars — and began to ramp up her operations.”

Steele’s success allowed “her husband to quit his job to help Cecile expand, and within three years, they were raising 10,000 chickens. Word of the Steele family’s success spread, and by 1928 there were hundreds of farmers in the area raising chickens primarily for their meat,” Torrella writes. “And the hatchery accident occurred during the Roaring ’20s, a decade of immense economic growth in the United States. . . . The Delmarva Peninsula, where Steele’s farm was located, was also the perfect place for large-scale chicken farming to take off. There was cheap, abundant land a relatively short distance from the hungry consumers of Washington, Baltimore, Philadelphia, and New York City.”

Torrella continues: “Steele’s accident set off the chicken revolution as we know it. In the first half of the 20th century, chicken accounted for well under 20 percent of meat consumption in the U.S. Today, it’s about 44 percent. . . . Today grocery stores charge \$4 to \$10 a pound for beef and pork, while chicken can cost as little as \$1.80 a pound. Bacon and steak may take center stage for meat lovers, but when it comes to what’s for dinner, the answer is more often poultry.”

The industry’s beginnings were a serendipitous “mix of

coincidence and ambition. Steele set off a race to put chicken at the center of the American plate, changing the face of agriculture forever,” Torrella writes. But for all its popularity, not all the results have been positive. Torrella adds,

“In the process, we bent the chicken to our will, pushing the species to its biological limits, polluting waterways and our lungs along the way, all to supply a growing population with cheap protein.”

## DIRT THAT WORKS TRAYS THAT WICK

### BELTWIDE’S ‘THE GOLD’ SOIL MIX

#### THE GOLD STANDARD FOR TOBACCO MIXES:

- *Our Gold Formula has proven to produce top quality tobacco transplants for 25 years*
- *Consistent formula, no changes, no surprises when you open the bag*
  - *Reliable, freshly made mix delivered when you need it*
- *Use the Gold mix in one of our specially designed, quick wicking BeltWide trays for optimum results.*

#### THE GOLD MIX IN OUR BELTWIDE TRAY PRODUCES THE FINEST TRANSPLANTS

*If you need a consistent, proven and effective mix delivered on time, call Chuck at 813-334-2628 or Carmen at 813-524-6765 for product availability and dealer locations.*



**ADVERTISE OR  
SUBSCRIBE  
TODAY!  
CALL  
270-384-  
9454**





# YOUR DONATION

GIVE \$10 WITH EACH AG TAG

# YOUR COMMUNITY

HALF OF THE FUNDS FOR 4-H AND FFA COME BACK TO YOUR LOCAL CLUBS AND CHAPTERS IN YOUR COUNTY.

# OUR LEADERS

SUPPORT STATEWIDE PROGRAMS IMPACTING 274,000 STUDENTS ENROLLED IN 4-H, FFA AND KY PROUD MEMBERS.



BY MAKING A \$10 DONATION WITH YOUR AG TAG, YOU ARE CHOOSING TO INVEST DIRECTLY INTO THE FUTURE OF KENTUCKY AGRICULTURE. DONATIONS ARE DIVIDED EQUALLY BETWEEN FFA, 4-H AND KENTUCKY PROUD WITH HALF GOING DIRECTLY BACK TO YOUR COUNTY. THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT.

