

## Summit spotlights Ky's food pioneers

LEXINGTON – The Kentucky Local Food Summit put homegrown stakeholders in the spotlight as the annual event took place at the University of Kentucky's Kroger Field on March 29.

"Many times, conferences bring in out-of-state speakers, but we want to hear from right here in Kentucky," said Ashton Potter-Wright, the event coordinator and director of the UK Food Network. "From the Ground Up: Elevating the Voices of Kentucky Farmers and Local Food Pioneers" included producers, a distributor, and a chef representing the different spokes of the local food system.

The event, hosted by the UK Food Connection, the Kentucky Center for Rural Development and the Kentucky Department of Agriculture, drew 250 people wanting to learn more about the local food industry.

Sessions were filled with successful entrepreneurs sharing their stories. Michelle Howell from Need More Acres Farm in Scottsville, and

her husband, Nathan, left off-farm agriculture careers to begin farming full-time in 1993. Together with their five children, they raise fruits, vegetables, beef, pork, and chicken on 20 acres. Howell is adamant that local food improves local health, and she is committed to making fresh food accessible to everyone. She works with public schools to provide local food for school menus – not only from her farm but from neighboring farms as well.

In the early 1990s, Elmwood Stock Farm recognized that tobacco and cattle were not the future for the farm's operation and began raising pumpkins, John Bell told the crowd.

The Georgetown operation had to support three families, Bell's parents, his sister, and his own.

"We had to generate more income from the same footprint," he said. The farm, now certified organic, developed a rotation program for pasture-raised beef and pork,

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Tyler Greene often has his son with him while doing daily farm chores.

## SUNWATCH HOMESTEAD: Diversified farmer finds grass-fed niche a success

LANCASTER, Ky. – Tyler Greene wasn't necessarily "born into" farming.

"I like to say it skipped a generation. My grandfather did, then nobody in the next generation did."

Greene and his wife, Brittney, created Sunwatch Homestead on what was his grandfather's farm in Garrard County — 225 acres

they use as home and a diversified livestock farm for pasture-raised beef, lamb, pork and poultry, plus another 150 acres he bought from a neighboring farm.

They started out small scale doing egg layers, meat birds and hogs, then began buying cows from there. At first, Greene started with just a handful. Now, they have about 200 head of Red

Devon and Angus.

"We've always sought out specific grass-fed genetics," Greene said, because of their original desire to be self-sufficient. "Hence the homestead name."

He did get some pushback at first, as far as going the grass-fed route.

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# Diversified farmer finds grass-fed niche a success

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"Most other farmers around think it's — I don't want to say 'impossible,' but they were all very doubtful of our program, 100 percent grass-fed from weaning on. Even from pre-weaning, never any grains."

Now, Sunwatch Homestead is sold in a few nutrition centers, such as in Danville and Richmond, as well as direct-market through their website, and he sells and cooks often at area events. They're also in the works of setting up a more permanent market in Danville.

"I mean, taste-wise, your average person who's always eaten grain-fed meat might actually find our meat too flavorful ... An animal that eats 15 different grass varieties on any given day, it's picking up more beta-carotene and nutrients, so it flavors differently."

That may be what some call gamey, he said, but "to others who really like beef, it's just flavor."

Sunwatch beef is 21-day dry aged, which also adds to the flavor.

"I say that about the strong taste, but we just fed 32 at Wilderness Trace Distillery last week, and everyone had good things to say about it, so ..."

When he began farming, Greene said he never envisioned the cooking side of it much.

"But from the get-go, I thought in order to farm, I needed to be in the direct-market business. I couldn't depend on stockyards year after year — it's such a fluctuating market."

When markets are high it makes selling cattle on the hoof very attractive, but Greene said he is looking for consistency.

"When calves are bringing in \$2.50 per pound, it's hard to justify direct marketing to sell your beef because of all the additional input it takes, marketing and advertising ... I mean, we run



Tyler Greene markets Sunwatch Homestead partly by social media, with many customers who take advantage of delivery options. Others, he says, like to come to the farm to pick up their products and have a look around.

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**BULLS:** 16 Head, 1322-2230#, 111.00-126.00, Average; 2 Head, 1800-1896#, 130.00-140.00, High; 2 Head, 1200-1645#, 94.00-99.00, Low.

**FRESH/MILKING COWS:** Supreme, O Stage, 1 Head, 1125#, 1875.00; Approved, O Stage, 1100-1510#, 1375.00-1800.00; Approved, O Stage, 900-988#, 850.00-975.00, Jersey.

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# Our voice has been heard



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“What is being done to benefit the members?” This is a question often asked by those considering joining the Kentucky

Soybean Association, and quite frankly is a challenge we often pose to ourselves within the organization as well. The heart of what we do is always to protect and promote the interests of Kentucky soybean producers. When issues arise in Kentucky, we take that personally and do everything we can to find the right people, ask the right questions, and hopefully seek resolutions.

Several Kentucky Soybean Association farmer-leaders attended the 2023 Commodity Classic, held in Orlando in March. This is an opportunity for us to take our state priorities (resolutions) and present them at a national level. While some went in early for meetings with other organizations, (Soy Transportation Coalition, U.S. Soybean Export Council, etc.) for many of us, Kentucky’s state caucus on March 8 was our first meeting of the event. Most of the resolutions review process (including proposed changes and updates) takes place via Zoom prior to Classic. This process allows delegates from the states to introduce, discuss, and settle most amendments to the resolutions prior to the voting delegates session. The state caucus is then our chance to be sure all changes are suitable for Kentucky farmers as well.

As long as I have been attending Classic, Kentucky has invited dignitaries to visit our state caucus. This year was no exception. We were fortunate to have United States Department of Agriculture Farm Service Agency Administrator Zach Ducheneaux and Natural Resources Conservation Service Chief Terry Cosby join us. The farmers in the room had some great in-depth discussions with Administrator Ducheneaux about the amount of red tape in the application process for beginning farmer and CCC loans. The administrator noted that limits on these loans are not high enough and that having those low lending limits pushes farmers to commercial lenders. He added that the loan programs are among very few government programs that make money.

Once the conversation shifted to NRCS Chief Cosby, several affected farmers expressed their concerns with

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# When stupid bankers make stupid choices, stupid things happen

Even before the latest round of billion-dollar bellyflops, U.S. taxpayers have bailed out banks of all types, sizes, and locations for decades.

But don’t take my word for it.

Prior to 2023—that is, before the \$1.8-billion bath Silicon Valley Bank took last month—563 American banks have failed since 2001, according to the Federal Deposit Insurance Corp., or FDIC.

Maybe more shocking is that 513 of these failures occurred after the 2008 economic meltdown with the high—or, more accurately, the low—point coming in 2010 when 157 U.S. banks tanked at a cost of \$96.5 billion.

The simple, clear lessons here are that, first, bank failures occur often in the U.S.; second, most happen completely unnoticed; and third, none—as is zero—caused the American banking system to fail in 90 years. In fact, “Since 1933,” rightly brags the FDIC, “no one has lost money due to a bank failure.”

That astonishing record might soon be tested, however, now that Congress has its investigative teeth into the cooked carcass of Silicon Valley Bank (SVB). According to reports surrounding its March 10 collapse, \$175 billion of SVB’s \$209 billion in assets were held in uninsured accounts, much of it by cash-heavy tech start-up companies and fat cat venture capitalists.

FDIC quickly stepped in, though, to guarantee every penny of the uninsured billions because, as banking experts explain, not doing so might ignite a stampede of depositors around the U.S. to rush to withdraw their now-endangered, under-insured deposits to spur a classic “bank run.”

It’s not the first time FDIC covered every deposit of a failed bank. In fact, according to anecdotal evidence offered by several news sources after the SVB action, no deposit holder, regardless of their deposit amount, has ever lost a skinny cent in any American bank failure for generations. FDIC has covered it all.

In the latest round of coverage, however, the Federal Reserve reinforced the unofficial FDIC backstop when it “announced that it was creating a lending facility for the nation’s banks, designed to buttress them against financial risks caused by [the] collapse of SVB.”

In short, FDIC’s unofficial backstop is now officially unofficial and, as a result, banking just got a whole lot less risky. Unofficially, that is.

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# When stupid bankers make stupid choices

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What wasn't left unsaid, however, is who will pay for this new lend-and-spend era in American banking.

According to Washington Post reporting, "Treasury Secretary Janet L. Yellen said that taxpayers would bear none of the burden of protecting depositors." Instead, she explained, "Their funds will be backstopped by a pool of money that is regularly paid into by U.S. banks..."

Which, in the end, is you, me, and everyone else who uses any banks' soon-to-be more expensive services.

And, notes Axios, "Regulators and supervisors may stiffen up oversight in the wake of the [SVB] collapse." More regulations usually bring more costs that, again, will ultimately be paid by bank customers.

Those costs will add to the profit squeeze most small and rural banks have operated under for decades. In 1984, for example, the U.S. had nearly 24,000 banks; today, less than 5,000 remain. Between 2017 and 2021, 7,500 U.S. bank branch locations closed; more than 4,000 of them after the rise of the Covid pandemic in

March 2020.

On top of this pressure to consolidate, small community banks face a rising tide of competition from almost every direction—credit cards and other non-bank lenders, industrial loan companies, cashless online banks, and the quasi-governmental Farm Credit System institutions that dominate ag lending in almost every U.S. state, county, and township.

Congress promises more and deeper inquiries into SVB's collapse and how its fast, costly fire sale of assets spotlights inherent weaknesses in the U.S.—and global—financial sector.

In the midst of all the political grandstanding, however, don't lose sight of the oldest rule in banking: When stupid bankers make stupid choices, stupid things happen.

That's SVB in a nutshell. Blaming its crack-up on anything more is, you guessed it, stupid.

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## Ky. Soybean Promotion Board seeks nominees for United Soybean Board

The U.S. Department of Agriculture Agricultural Marketing Service is seeking nominees for the United Soybean Board, including nominees for one director's seat in Kentucky. The deadline for nominations is April 21.

The Kentucky Soybean Board will submit two nominees to the Secretary of Agriculture. From those nominees, the Secretary will appoint one individual to serve a three-year term beginning in December.

Any soybean farmer who is affected by the soybean checkoff in Kentucky

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Interested farmers may contact Debbie Ellis at the KSPB office at 800-232-6769 or email [dellis@kysoy.org](mailto:dellis@kysoy.org).

For more information on the United Soybean Board, visit [unitedsoybean.org](http://unitedsoybean.org).

# Our voice has been heard

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their Conservation Stewardship Program contracts, and specifically what they believed to be inconsistent interpretation of the language in the nutrient management plan portion (590) of these contracts. Chief Cosby listened intently, took notes, said that he appreciated the frank discussion. He then concluded the conversation by handing out business cards and stating, "I answer my own email. Please email me."

It was only a couple of weeks later that the phone began ringing in the Kentucky Soybean office, with Kentucky's State Agronomist Randy Smallwood on the line. He connected farmer-leader Fred Sipes, who was at that meeting in Orlando, with Acting State Conservationist Casey Shrader. During a conversation between those two, it was decided that a Zoom call between key members of the Kentucky NRCS team and some of the affected farmers was in order. That call happened on Friday, March 31, and

I believe that both the farmers and the NRCS staff have a better understanding of the program and how it is – and is not – designed to operate, and how interpretations can affect farmers at the farm gate level.

Sometimes when we're talking about activities and being a member of this organization or that organization, we wonder, "what are they really doing to benefit their members?" The longer that I'm involved with the Kentucky Soybean Association, the clearer it becomes that this organization is well respected, well connected, and has the right people involved to get things done. If you're a soybean farmer and you're not a member, I encourage you to become one today. You can do that online at [soygrowers.com/states-membership](http://soygrowers.com/states-membership) or phone our office at (800) BEAN-SOY.

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# Small, diversified farmer talks cattle market challenges

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14-15 deep freezes at any given time.”

In a perfect world, Greene said he'd just like to farm as opposed to doing direct marketing. He would like to see is a system that pays the farmer what he's actually worth, and the ability “at the very least to use a regional slaughterhouse and our products are sold back in a more local range. You can still get your grass-fed or your grain-fed, but it's all coming together in an actual system like it should, not a nationwide system like we have now. That would be my 10-year plan, a paradigm shift that puts what the products are actually worth back in the farmer's hands, not a middle man's.”

When Sunwatch Homestead sets up for area events, people come from several counties to get brats, sirloin, New York Strip, rib eye, filets, chuck and rump roast and brisket, just to name a few of his meat prod-

ucts. He also sells cooked-to-order food at area farmers' markets.

Greene said the biggest challenge he faces is processing, a problem that really came to light for everyone during the pandemic.

“So many of them basically booked themselves up during that, put people down months in advance.”

People like Greene who consistently process a handful here and there were put on the back burner, or were just plain out of luck.

“But I've got a good one,” he said about Boone's Butcher Shop in Bardstown, which has been in business since the 1950s. He said they went back and evaluated their customers for the last three years and gave dates based on that.

Although Sunwatch offers delivery to its customers, many take that opportunity to come out to the farm instead.

“They like to see what's going on, and for people

who are interested, we say, ‘Come on out for a ride.’”

Greene said he is not into third-party certifications and has no desire, for instance, to be certified organic. Most of those rules for certifications are made by people who don't farm for people who do, he said.

“I'd rather just show people how we do it, if they care enough like that,” he added.

Greene said he would love to feed straight organic, but the demographic to pay those prices where he sells just isn't there.

“I had a conversation with a customer who said he didn't understand, that if I have the opportunity to do something ‘completely right,’ why don't I do that, and what did I stand to lose. I said, ‘probably my farm.’”

**By Bobbie Curd**  
**Field Reporter**











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fruits, vegetables, lamb, chicken, and eggs, and each family plays an integral part in the operation.

Cleav's Family Market is a three-generation African-American farm with Travis Cleaver as the farm manag-

er, but the entire family is involved in the operation. The market, located in Bonnieville on the edge of LaRue and Hart counties, is in its seventh year of production. Cleav's uses sustainable, regenerative growing practices for their buyers club, farm shares, and one-time and weekly farm shares for pork, beef,

chicken and eggs.

Distribution is an essential part of the local food system. Steven Clem from Clem's Refrigerated Foods discussed how his family business has evolved and stayed a part of the local food supply chain.

"We have been slow and deliberate with thoughtfulness in building relationships," said Clem. He said Clem's makes careful transportation decisions and never travels with an empty truck. If they deliver to west Kentucky, they return with something to the Lexington home base.

Kristin Smith, who operates The Wrigley Taproom and Eatery in Corbin, was the final speaker. Smith began her local food journey farming on her sixth-generation family farm and has a 360-degree view of farm to fork. She sold her products at the Whitney County Farmers' market but learned her prices were too high, so she started cooking. She is proud that supply chain problems don't

disrupt her restaurant since her local menu changes seasonally.

Howell summed up what she and all the panelists expressed: "We all have core values, and we stayed true to those values and worked with passion in our part in the local food system."

The day continued with breakout sessions and networking opportunities. Potter-Wright said she couldn't be happier with the almost capacity crowd and the many great opportunities and connections the summit provided new producers and veteran voices.

Potter-Wright said the mission of the summit is to have a day dedicated to local food system partners and advocates.

"This is a day for the folks doing the hard, slow work to come together to share best practices, innovative programs to research as well as share their desires and hopes," she concluded.

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Field Reporter



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To others, this special time of year marks the saddest and the most wonderful moments of Christ's journey on the Earth. Christians mourn as we recognize the sacrifice Jesus offered by taking sin and sickness upon his body and dying on a cross. We celebrate the third day – the day Jesus was resurrected and took his place at the right hand of God.

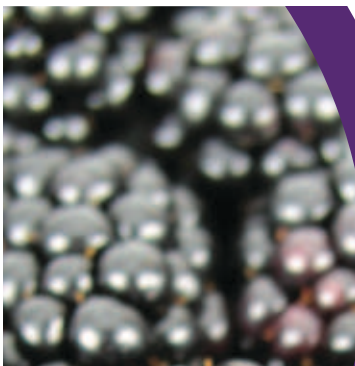
The Bible says that Jesus is our mediator, he is our provider, and he is our savior. By taking our place in judgment, he provides us with direct access to the throne of God - we can go boldly to the Creator, unto the throne of grace, and obtain mercy and find grace in our time of need.

Some people probably wonder why they get more invitations to attend church on Easter than any other time. Christians sense a renewed desire to reach out to others who do not have a relationship with God because of a desire to share the good news of Christ.

God calls on his people to share his story with others. It's a story of love and of goodness. A story of sacrifice and forgiveness.

He does not promise that life on this earth will be easy, but he does promise that he will never leave us, he will never forsake us.

"...I have come that they might have life, and that they might have it more abundantly." (John 10:10 NKJV)



Green Bean Medley

<b>1 pound</b> fresh green beans	<b>1½ tablespoons</b> lime juice	<b>1</b> medium red bell pepper, sliced to narrow lengthwise strips
<b>6 tablespoons</b> light soy sauce	<b>2½ tablespoons</b> sesame oil	<b>2 cups</b> sliced mushrooms
<b>1½ teaspoons</b> balsamic vinegar	<b>4 teaspoons</b> minced garlic	<b>2 cups</b> yellow sweet corn, fresh or frozen

**Place** the green beans in a large saucepan with one inch of water. Bring to a **boil, cover** and **steam** for 5 minutes. Green beans should still be firm. **Drain.** In a small bowl **stir** together soy sauce, balsamic vinegar and lime juice; set aside. **Heat** the sesame oil in a large skillet over medium heat. **Add** minced garlic and **cook** until it starts to brown. **Add** red bell pepper and mushrooms; **stir** to coat with oil. **Cook** 3 minutes. **Add**

corn and green beans; **stir** to coat with oil. **Cook** an additional 2 minutes. **Stir** in the soy sauce and lime juice mixture and **simmer** for a couple of minutes, **uncovered** to reduce the sauce. **Serve.**

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

**Nutritional Analysis:** 150 calories, 7 g fat, 1 g saturated fat, 0 mg cholesterol, 640 mg sodium, 17 g carbohydrate, 3 g fiber, 6 g sugars, 4 g protein.

Blackberry Coffee Cake

<b>1 cup</b> all-purpose flour	<b>⅓ cup</b> margarine	<b>2</b> eggs
<b>1 cup</b> whole wheat flour	<b>⅓ cup</b> applesauce	<b>1 teaspoon</b> vanilla
<b>1½ cups</b> white sugar	<b>½ teaspoon</b> cinnamon	<b>⅔ cup</b> 1% milk
<b>2 teaspoons</b> baking powder	<b>2 tablespoons</b> brown sugar	<b>2 cups</b> blackberries, washed
<b>1 teaspoon</b> salt		

**Preheat** oven to 350 degrees F. **Grease** and **flour** a 9-by-13- inch baking pan. In a large bowl, **combine** flours, sugar, baking powder and salt. Using a pastry blender, cut margarine and applesauce into the mixture until it resembles coarse crumbs. **Stir** in the cinnamon and brown sugar. **Set aside** ¾ cup of crumb mixture to be used as a topping for the cake. In a medium bowl, **mix** together eggs, vanilla and milk. **Blend** into remaining flour mixture. **Spread** batter into prepared pan. **Sprinkle** blackberries evenly over the

batter. Gently **press** blackberries into the batter. **Sprinkle** reserved crumb mixture over fruit and gently pat down. **Bake** in preheated oven for 25-30 minutes or until a toothpick inserted into the center of the cake comes out clean.

**Yield:** 15 servings.

**Nutritional Analysis:** 170 calories, 5 g fat, 1 g saturated fat, 1 g trans fat, 30 mg cholesterol, 280 mg sodium, 32 g carbohydrate, 2 g fiber, 18 g sugars, 3 g protein.



# Kentucky Soybean Promotion Board showcased many uses of soy at NFMS

Kentucky Soybean farmer-leaders always look forward to the National Farm Machinery Show, which is held in Louisville at the Kentucky Exposition Center each February. In addition to putting in a few miles walking around and looking at all the new equipment and other farm-related offerings, many of the organization's board members volunteer their time to staff the Kentucky Soybean exhibit.

This year was no different. The focus of our exhibit was on the numerous uses for soy and soy components, and there were, well... SOY many things to see. From the traditional food items that you find in your pantry to some newer innovations such as Impact Gel Saddle pads, SYN Lawn Artificial Grass, Biobased Motor Oil, DEWALT Bar and Chain Oil, GearHead fifth wheel grease pads, and both tires and Skechers shoes made with Goodyear rubber tread containing soybean oil instead of petroleum, show attendees had a lot to talk about!

While it's common for consumer-facing events to generate conversations that end with, "I had no idea there was soy in that," exhibit workers were glad to get that same reaction from some of the farmers who grow soybeans. Many of the innovative new

uses for soybean oil, including the Goodyear technology used in tires and shoes, DEWALT Chainsaw Bar and Chain Oil, and others, are a direct result of the investment of farmers' checkoff dollars into research and partnerships. Establishing renewable, sustainable soybean oil as the oil of choice for industrial applications is a priority for the checkoff, and we want to let farmers know how their investment is returning value to their operations.

To make learning about soybeans and their many uses even more fun, exhibit workers staged a Nerf shooting gallery and a game of "Bucketball" to engage kids and adults alike in learning about soybeans while winning a soy-themed prize. Our friends Matt Adams and Daniel Carpenter visited and taped an episode of their popular "Dirt to Dollars" podcast with a special guest, farmer-leader Becky Thomas.

The National Farm Machinery Show was also a great time for Kentucky Soybean to debut its new mascot, Buddy the Bean! From the top of his sporty ball cap to the toes of his colorful shoes, Buddy appealed to all ages. His high fives, fist bumps, and engaging smile made him the subject of numerous photo opportunities, and he was happy to accommodate his new friends.



**Buddy the Bean made fast friends with the Clift family from Princeton, Pictured from left with the new mascot are Cody, Renee, and Bill Clift of C&C Farms.**

Buddy has been in the works for quite some time, and you'll be seeing more of him in the future. We are thankful for the volunteers who brought Buddy to life and entertained the crowd.

We appreciate each of the farmers who volunteered their time to staff our exhibit and everyone who stopped by to visit during the farm show.

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## Be looking for your 2023 Membership Directories in the mail!

Thank you to those of you who have either renewed or joined the Kentucky Poultry Federation. We appreciate the support you give the Kentucky Poultry Federation and Kentucky's poultry industry.

Be looking in an email with your 2023 Membership Directory. If you do not receive your directory,

please call the Kentucky Poultry Federation at 270-404-2277 or e-mail [jguffey@kypoultry.org](mailto:jguffey@kypoultry.org).

If you would still like to join the Kentucky Poultry Federation, you can download a membership application at our website [www.kypoultry.org](http://www.kypoultry.org), from the homepage click on "2023 Membership Drive."

## 2023 Kentucky Poultry Federation Scholarship

The Kentucky Poultry Federation is looking for graduating high school seniors (Spring 2023) or students who are currently attending a college, university, or technical training program to be recipients of the KPF Scholarships. These students must have good character and determination to succeed.

Through the generosity of our membership, scholarships have been established to assist graduating high school students or students currently attending a college or university to continue their education. These scholarships were created to benefit the children and grandchildren of our poultry growers, complex employees, and allied

members. The Kentucky Poultry Federation Board of Directors and members established this fund to help young students continue their academic careers or receive additional training in another area beyond high school. The Kentucky Poultry Federation will be awarding four students \$2,000 scholarships each.

For consideration in the scholarship competition, all Application Packets must be electronically submitted by June 30, 2023. No exceptions will be made. The application can be found online at: [www.kypoultry.org](http://www.kypoultry.org) or you can email me to receive a copy at: [jguffey@kypoultry.org](mailto:jguffey@kypoultry.org)

## 2023 Kentucky 4-H poultry contests

We are hoping that the Kentucky 4-H Poultry program will be in full swing this summer. Different competitions will be held with the senior division winners representing Kentucky at the National 4-H Poultry and Egg Conference in November at the Kentucky State Fairgrounds in Louisville, Kentucky. The wide variety of activities, provides opportunities for youth, no matter what their interest or ability.

The Kentucky 4-H Egg Demonstration Contest will be held on Saturday, July 29, 2022. The Egg Demonstration Contest will be held at the Hardin County Extension Office in Richmond. The first and sec-

ond-place individuals from each district competition are eligible to participate in the State competition. The competitors will prepare an egg dish while discussing the nutrition, functionality, and general knowledge of eggs. The first-place winner in the Junior Division will receive a blue ribbon and a check. The first-place winner in the Senior Division will receive a blue ribbon, a check, and a \$300 scholarship to attend the National Competition in November. All prizes are sponsored by the Kentucky Poultry Federation. Registration is through your local county 4-H extension office.

The 4-H Turkey Barbecue contest and

the 4-H Chicken Barbecue contest will be held July 29, 2023, at the Hardin County Extension Office. There are junior and senior divisions in both the turkey and chicken barbecue contests. The contestants are judged on their skill in starting and maintaining a fire, food safety, cooking skills, and of course, their finished product. The senior division winners in both contests will receive a \$300 scholarship from the Kentucky Poultry Federation to attend the National Competition in Louisville in November.

The Kentucky 4-H Poultry Judging Contest, T-shirt, and Avian Bowl Contests will

be held on the first Friday of the Kentucky State Fair, August 18, 2023.

Contestants can register online at the Kentucky State Fair website. Rules for both contests are posted on the 4-H website ([www.ca.uky.edu/Agcollege/4H/projects\\_events/statefair](http://www.ca.uky.edu/Agcollege/4H/projects_events/statefair)).

Check with your local 4-H agent for the registration deadline and additional information.

For additional information on all poultry, contests contact your local extension office or Dr. Tony Pescatore at (859) 257-7529 or via e-mail at [apescato@email.uky.edu](mailto:apescato@email.uky.edu).

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# Apply for this years Family Farm Environmental Excellence Award

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## APPLICATION RULES AND INSTRUCTIONS

1. Entries by August 31, 2023.

2. A family farm may be selected as an award recipient from up to six regions. Although states are typically divided into various regions as indicated below, regional divisions may be adjusted slightly to accommodate for a disparity in the number of applications received on a state-by-state basis. Southeast: KY

3. Previous winners must wait three years before resubmitting an application. (e.g., If a family farm wins the award in 2022, the family farm can apply again for the 2025 award.)

4. Application should be submitted to: Jamie Guffey, KY Poultry Federation, [jguffey@kypoultry.org](mailto:jguffey@kypoultry.org)

5. Award winners must be willing to allow the KY Poultry Federation and U.S. Poultry to feature the award winner on its website and publicize the winning entry in the local/regional/national media. Award winners will have the opportunity to review any publicity release.

6. The application package consists of two parts. The first part consists of a general information questionnaire about the family

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Season chicken outside and inside with salt, pepper, and parsley. Don't be afraid to use generous amounts!

Rub the minced garlic over the chicken and under the skin. I do this separately as the last step to maximize the garlic taste.

Stuff the garlic head into the chicken cavity along with the rosemary sprigs and the squeezed lemon halve. You can also use sprigs of Thyme or any other herb.

Roast chicken, basting halfway through cooking time, until cooked through.

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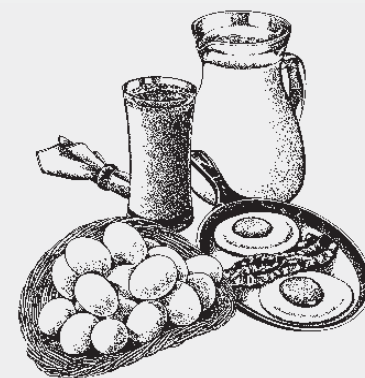
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# Easter Bread



## FOR THE BREAD

- Cooking spray
- 1 c. lukewarm milk
- 1/2 c. plus 1 tsp. granulated sugar, divided
- 2 1/2 tsp. or 1 (0.25-oz.) package active dry yeast
- 4 1/2 c. all-purpose flour, plus more for surface
- 2 tsp. kosher salt
- 2 large eggs
- 1/2 c. (1 stick) butter, softened and cut into cubes
- Egg wash, for brushing
- Sprinkles, for topping

## FOR THE EGGS

- 4 large eggs
- 1 c. boiling water, divided
- 2 tsp. distilled white vinegar, divided
- Food coloring

Step 1: Grease a large bowl with cooking spray. In a small bowl or liquid measuring cup, add milk and 1 teaspoon sugar and sprinkle yeast on top. Let sit until frothy, about 8 minutes.

Step 2: In the bowl of a stand mixer fitted with the dough hook, combine flour, remaining 1/2 cup sugar, and salt. Add milk-and-yeast mixture and eggs. Mix until a very soft dough forms, about 5 minutes. Increase to medium-high speed and add in

butter a tablespoon at a time, mixing well after each addition, until dough pulls away from sides of bowl, about 15 minutes.

Step 3: Transfer dough to greased bowl, cover, and let rise in a warm spot until doubled in size 1 to 1 1/2 hours.

Step 4: Meanwhile make hard-boiled eggs: Place eggs in a medium pot and cover with water. Over medium heat, bring to a boil. Cover and turn off heat. Let sit for 11 minutes, then remove from pan and dunk in ice water.

Step 5: Divide 1 cup boiling water between 2 bowls. Add 1 teaspoon vinegar and desired food coloring to each bowl. Add one egg at a time and let sit 5 to 10 minutes, depending on preferred color. Use a slotted spoon to remove from bowl and let dry on a wire rack fitted over a baking sheet.

Step 6: Preheat oven to 375° and line a large baking sheet with parchment paper. On a lightly floured surface, divide dough into 3 equal parts. Roll each piece into a 16" long rope. Place ropes side by side lengthwise on prepared baking sheet. Pinch top ends together, then tightly braid ropes together. Bring ends together to form a circle and pinch together.

Step 7: Press dyed eggs into braid, then cover dough and let rise until doubled, about 30 minutes.

Step 8: Brush with egg wash and top with sprinkles. Bake until golden, 30 minutes.

# Easter Deviled Eggs

## Ingredients:

- 12 large eggs
- 1/4 cup creamy salad dressing (such as Miracle Whip®)
- 1/4 teaspoon dry mustard
- salt and ground black pepper to taste
- hot sauce
- 4 drops red food coloring, or desired amount
- 4 drops blue food coloring, or desired amount
- 4 drops green food coloring or desired amount
- 3 cups water, divided, or as needed.

## Directions:

Place eggs into a large saucepan, cover with cold water, and bring to a boil. Let eggs boil for 3 minutes; turn off heat, cover pot, and let eggs cook in hot water for at least 20 minutes. Drain and cover eggs with cold water. Peel cooled eggs.

Cut hard-cooked eggs in half lengthwise and remove yolks; mash yolks in a bowl with creamy salad dressing, dry mustard, salt, pepper, and hot sauce until smooth.

Place red, blue, and green food coloring into 3 different bowls and add about 1 cup of water to each bowl. Steep 8 egg white halves in each bowl, tinting the egg whites pink, light blue, and green. If the color is too pale, add more food coloring to the bowls. Drain colored egg whites on paper towels.

Pipe or spoon egg yolk filling into colored egg white halves; cover and chill before serving, at least 30 minutes.

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# Livestock groups support bill to expand options for packing capacity

OVERLAND PARK, Kansas – National livestock groups have come together to support congressional efforts to expand opportunities for industry to invest in meat packing capacity.

The American Farm Bureau Federation, American Sheep Industry Association, Livestock Marketing Association, National Cattlemen's Beef Association, National Pork Producers Council, and United States Cattlemen's Association sent a letter to the chairpeople and ranking members of the Senate and House agriculture committees expressing the groups' support of legislation to allow livestock market owners and operators to own or invest in small or regional livestock packing facilities.

The bipartisan legislation, the Expanding Local Meat Processing Act (S. 813), was reintroduced by Sens. Ben Ray Lujan (D-NM) and Joni Ernst (R-IA) in March. This is the Senate companion to the Amplifying Processing of Livestock in the United States (APLUS) Act (H.R.530), being led by U.S. Rep. Mark Alford (R-MO), Jimmy Panetta (D-CA), and Dusty Johnson (R-SD).

If enacted, these bills would direct the Secretary of Agriculture to update a regulatory prohibition under the Packers and Stockyards Act that bars livestock auction owners from owning or investing in packers.

"This is an antiquated rule that does not fit with the current, transparent method of selling livestock at an open auction where sellers can view the transaction either in person or by streaming the auction online," the letter states.

The bills would allow for investment in the packing industry at local and regional levels by those active in the livestock marketing business.

"We appreciate our partners, both on Capitol Hill and

at fellow livestock groups, fighting for opportunities to enhance participation in livestock packing," said Mark Barnett, Livestock Marketing Association president and owner of Kentucky-Tennessee Livestock Market.

"Livestock auction markets, like mine, are in the compe-

tition business.

Allowing livestock auction owners to invest in small and regional packers could enhance competition, which equates to needed additional profit for producers who are being squeezed by high inputs and low margins."

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# Is 'iron toxicity' hurting my cattle profits?

## The Forage Doctor

By Jimmy Henning



One of the constants in the forage world seems to be the love-hate relationship that practicing agriculturalists have with hay-making. We spend a lot of time talking about cutting management, hay testing, curing and baling tweaks, and equipment; we love to talk about equipment. On the other hand, we forage agronomists also like to talk about long grazing seasons, minimizing stored forage, and even year-round grazing. Thankfully, we seldom have to reconcile the two points of view.

It is the 'other hand' point of view that leads to this article. A nationally recognized economist told me once that he felt that the biggest challenge to the profitability of cattle operations was iron toxicity. Meaning the equipment costs of haymaking were eating up the profits of cattle enterpris-

es. While I am sure his statement was based on hard numbers, it has always struck me as an oversimplification of a complex situation. Let's try to make some sense of this situation.

Observation 1. The average cattle operation in Kentucky is a part-time enterprise with around 30 cows and 180 acres. The limited acreage means the cost of owning hay equipment cannot be easily justified. Think of it this way: you may only need the tractor, mower, rake and baler a few days out of the summer, but you have to pay for them all year long. Their annual cost of ownership is the same if you produce one ton of hay or 500.

Owning haymaking equipment does have a cost, but being able to have more control over your hay supply increases the 'sleep at night factor', which has a value as well. We can easily calculate equipment costs, but what is a good night's sleep worth? I don't think I can find those published anywhere.

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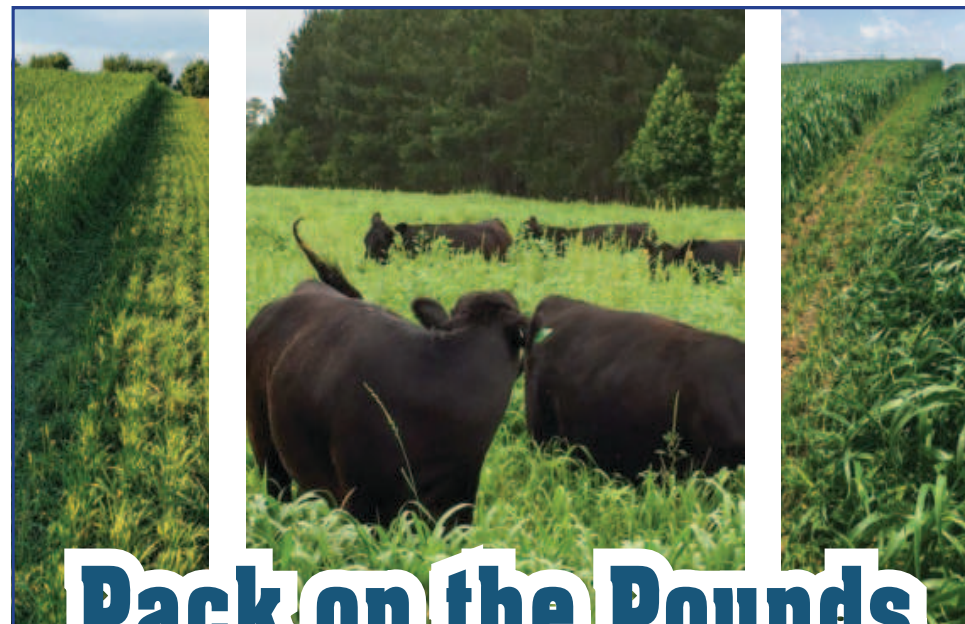
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# Is 'iron toxicity' hurting my cattle profits?



Hay making is a staple of Kentucky cattle farms. Is it holding back my farm profitability?

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Observation 2. Farmers are by nature a conservative group. Farmers implement safety nets wherever possible to minimize risk. Managing the feed supply of livestock is challenging because animals have to eat every day. Having extra hay in case of drought or an overly long winter is an important safety net that most farmers implement. Kentucky producers prefer to be in control of their hay supply rather than depending on another producer or the hay market.

In a perfect world, a farmer could sell their hay equipment and just buy hay when needed. This scenario can and does work for some. If you want to take a serious run at minimizing dependence on stored forage, here are some pre-requisites:

First, move to a stocking rate that is more aligned with something less than peak productivity. In other words don't stock for your May/June pasture yields. This

'de-stocking' is the key point in Jim Gerish's nationally known book 'Kick the Hay Habit.'

Second, implement a sound rotational grazing system that allows for a graze/rest cycle that maximizes the productivity of your forage and soil base. Be sure to include a well-distributed water supply system. Ideally, cattle should walk no more than 800 feet to drink. Google the '800 foot rule' sometime for some interesting reading.

Third, think seriously about how you can shore up your grazing system in the deficit times, typically mid- to late summer and late fall and winter. Study your options for warm season forages and work stockpiled tall fescue into your fall and winter grazing.

Fourth, you may need to reduce cow size. UK's Dr. Les Anderson is doing some really interesting work on Kentucky farms by helping producers to implement an integrated approach to their cattle operation. These producers implement improved forage management including rotational graz-

ing, proper stocking rates and 'right-sizing' cows. These changes have resulted in greater percent weaning weight per cow exposed to a bull, and measurably greater profitability.

My conclusions.

- Hay making is expensive. Equipment is not cheap so watch your spending. Keep your costs as low as possible. Finding a reliable, compatible partner to share equipment can be a good way to lower costs. Selling excess hay each year can also mitigate the costs of ownership.

- Make the best hay possible. Making low quality hay is expensive even with low equipment costs. Low quality hay limits livestock production, costs money and

wastes time – the commodity in shortest supply. A compelling argument can be made that it may be more economical to make haylage (a higher cost option) because the product is better and there is greater animal output per forage input.

- Making hay and grazing are not incompatible.

If you make hay, make good hay. When you graze, do a good job with it too. Frankly, improving your grazing system may result in excess hay because your pasture acres are more likely to achieve their yield potential. Heck, you can just sell that extra hay. Or hang onto it for more 'sleep at night' factor.

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**Rae Wagoner** is the Communications Director for Kentucky Soybean and has held her current post for the past decade! Prior to her time with Kentucky Soybean, Rae ran a local weekly rural newspaper and a publishing company and worked in sales/marketing at an event hotel. In her position, Rae oversees the marketing strategy for her organization and the different mediums that inform consumers about the organization.

Rae has always been interested in agriculture, having grown up in a rural area. Her first "real" job was pulling tobacco plants in Graves County!

Rae has a valuable piece of advice for those looking to get their start in agriculture.

"Do it. Find yourself some mentors, ask a lot of questions, and do it. I've never had a job so rewarding or worked with/for a better group of people than Kentucky's agriculture community. Building relationships with others in Kentucky agriculture and with those across the nation who I've had the pleasure of getting to know over the years has enabled me to build a network of incredibly high-quality folks.

"Also, you don't have to have an ag degree to have a successful career and make a difference. Agriculture needs communicators, bankers, salespeople, accountants, scientists, and a wide number of other career paths that may not have "agriculture degree required" in the job description.



**Sarah Coleman** is the Executive Director of the Kentucky Horse Council and has been part of the organization since October 2020. She moved to Kentucky in 2004 to work with multiple equine- and agriculture-related publications. She shifted to equine-oriented roles at Lexington Catholic High School and Georgetown College before transitioning to the community and public relations director for New Vocations Racehorse Adoption Program. In that role, Coleman oversaw the construction of New Vocations at Mereworth Farm and established the New Vocations All-Thoroughbred Charity Horse Show at the Kentucky Horse Park, among other endeavors.

Sarah grew up on a very small farm in Ohio, which fostered a love of horses from a young age. Thanks to 4-H Writing Club, she also discovered her love of writing. Once she discovered that she could combine her two passions with horses in Kentucky, Sarah knew right where she belonged.

Her advice: "Pay attention. The ability to connect with people and pay attention is a dying art. Simply paying attention to how people answer your questions will tell you so much about them, their struggles and their pride. Listen. REALLY listen. It could truly save a life ... but even more, listening to what someone has to say means you care. You see them; you hear their concerns, you're vested in them."



**Sharon Spencer** is a Division Director of Direct Farm Marketing at the Kentucky Department of Agriculture, and her love for farming started on her family's farm in Franklin County. She counts doing what she loves every day and making a difference among her greatest achievements.

Her advice to others looking to make an impact in the agriculture community is "be true to yourself."

"Farming is tough, and it's a lot of give and take. It's not a 9 to 5 job. It's very rewarding watching something you plant in the ground grow, giving that baby calf a chance when its momma has given up on it, and doing what your heart tells you. I have been very involved with many of our FFA students from working with the Kentucky Department of Agriculture and Franklin County Farm Bureau, and sometimes you don't feel you have made a difference until you get a handwritten note from some of those students that have graduated college, getting married and beginning their careers saying thank you for everything you have done and being their role model. That's when you know you have made an impact; it warms your heart and keeps you going.

"You don't have to grow up on a farm to be involved in Agriculture and make a difference. The most important thing is just stepping up, reaching out to help and learn what farming means to that Kentucky farmer."



**Laura Knoth** is the Executive Director for the Kentucky Corn Growers and the Kentucky Small Grain Growers and has held this position since 2010. Prior to that, Laura served as Public Affairs and Program Director at the Kentucky Farm Bureau from 1991-2010.

"My love of agriculture began with growing up on a family farm; I was inspired by my Dad, who was an Ag Teacher, FFA Advisor, and farmer, then the UK College of Agriculture opened doors to opportunities.

"I love seeing farmer-leaders develop and issues being solved when farmers are engaged in the process.

"There is a place for anyone willing to work hard and contribute to agriculture. Every role in the agriculture industry is important, so find one that you enjoy and do it to the best of your ability. Then stay engaged with the organizations that work to protect and promote farmers and farming."

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# Quarles applauds passage of bill that modernizes vet care

FRANKFORT – A bill that modernizes veterinarian licensure in Kentucky is being applauded by Kentucky Commissioner of Agriculture Dr. Ryan Quarles.

House Bill 167 updates and creates new sections of KRS Chapter 321, the statutory chapter creating the Kentucky Board of Veterinary Examiners and mandating licensure for the professions of veterinary medicine, ensuring public protection for animal owners across the commonwealth.

“Veterinarians across the state, including large-animal vets that service our agricultural herds and flocks, play a key role in keeping our animals healthy,” said Quarles. “Making sure the statutes that guide KBVE in its role is up-to-date is important for the public health and protection.”

KBVE, which doesn't receive any general fund tax appropriation, is funded through fees associated with the licensing and registration of its professionals. Although KBVE is an independent government agency, the Kentucky Department of Agriculture provides administrative support to the board and the Commissioner of Agriculture is a permanent board member.

“The passage of the Kentucky Veterinary Medicine Practice Act Modernization bill

was the result of a remarkable collaborative effort,” KBVE Chairman Steven J. Wills, DVM, said. “HB167 elevates the practice of veterinary medicine in the commonwealth, while offering more protections for citizens. With gratitude, we thank bill sponsor Rep. Matt Koch, and Sen. Jason Howell for carrying this bill. We extend thanks to Commissioner Ryan Quarles for the partnership between the KBVE and the Department of Agriculture, including administrative resources and support to the board. Finally, all of this could not have been accomplished without the leadership of our executive director, Michelle Shane, who provided guidance and direction to the board in crafting this legislative package.”

HB 167 includes a number of critical updates to KRS Chapter 321, including:

- Establishing a framework for the safe and effective use of telehealth in veterinary medicine;
- Creating a veterinary facility registration and a voluntary inspection program by 2025;
- Implementing a new credential for allied animal health professionals working in animal chiropractic;

- Establishing an educational awards program to incentivize new graduates to work in rural areas and food animal species;
- Requiring criminal background checks on new applicants;
- Requiring minimum standards for medical records and veterinary facilities; and
- Increasing board authority over those in violation of the Practice Act and those offering veterinary services without a board credential.

“HB167 is the result of the KBVE and KVMA working in partnership to benefit the veterinarian community and citizens of the commonwealth,” Rep. Koch said. “These organizations worked to ensure that every veterinarian had the opportunity to have his or her voice heard. They brought together key stakeholders to make this bill right for Kentucky. Everyone did a fantastic job collaborating on this effort, and I'm happy that we were able to get HB 167 across the finish line.”

During the Senate Agriculture Committee hearing President Pro Tempore Sen. David Givens said, “Thank you for engaging all the stakeholders. This is the way legislation is supposed to be done. It's not easy, but it's important. So, thank you.”

Prior to this year's bill, the Kentucky Veterinary Medicine Practice Act had not been updated for more than 30 years. HB 167 was the culmination of two years of research including in-depth review of two national Practice Act Models and existing laws in key states. KBVE consulted with the Kentucky Veterinary Medical Association, the Kentucky Veterinary Technician Association, and other key stakeholders throughout 2022, hosting 15 stakeholder meetings, both regional and species specific. The compiled feedback was used to refine the proposed draft, providing a comprehensive piece of legislation that better protects consumers and provides members of the profession transparent frameworks in which to conduct business.

Dr. James Weber, KVMA governmental relations chair, also praised the bill's passage. “Many thanks to Rep. Koch for being the primary sponsor of HB 167. Thank you also to the General Assembly and the many animal health related groups for understanding the need for changes and then helping to rewrite the Veterinary Practice Act. These updates will aid in addressing the veterinary practitioner shortage in Kentucky.”

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# Bivens honored with American Soybean Association award

Those who know Ryan Bivens, who farms in LaRue County, would agree that there's no one more deserving of a volunteer award than he is. This one is national in scope, recognizes exceptional volunteer service and support at the state level, and was presented during the recent Commodity Classic by the American Soybean Association.

Bivens was nominated for this prestigious award, which is given to one volunteer from a pool of national applicants, by 2022 Kentucky Soybean Association President Brent Gatton. Gatton's nomination letter cited Bivens as being, "that go-to guy" for not only the soybean organizations, but for much of Kentucky agriculture. Gatton said, "He is just as comfortable dishing up hot sauce at our Legislative BBQ Lunch at the state capitol or taking multiple shifts promoting soybeans to consumers at the Kentucky State Fair as he is in front of a camera and microphone."

Gatton continued with, "In addition to participating in Kentucky soybean-sponsored activities, Ryan is a man who makes

himself and his resources freely available for the greater good of Kentucky's soybean farmers. His first-generation farm, aptly named Fresh Start Farms, includes a large shop and is centrally located within our state. I can't begin to name the events that he has hosted, but offhand they include the Kentucky Joint Interim Agriculture Committee Meeting and Farm Tour (twice), and Kentucky Secretary of Energy and Environment farm tours (Sec. Snavely and Sec. Goodman). Ryan also regularly hosts farm tours for FFA chapters, Chambers of Commerce, and even a group of nursing students who were studying farmer stress."

It is important to note that Bivens juggles his schedule to devote time to his many volunteer efforts while being an active farmer and employer. Fresh Start Farms operates on several thousand acres in multiple counties, and Ryan is a hands-on farmer and manager, often doing interviews or attending Zoom meetings from the cab of his combine, tractor, or truck as he works.

Gatton's nomination was supported by letters from Kentucky Soybean Board

Chairman Larry Thomas, who stated that "Ryan is well-known, well-respected, and well-connected due in large part to his volunteer efforts." Thomas also noted that Bivens serves on the United Soybean Board and the Kentucky Soybean Board, and can always be counted on to be a spokesperson for soybean farmers, whether on a panel discussion at an event, on RFD-TV, or anywhere in between.

Another letter of support came from ASA Director Fred L. Sipes, who farms in a neighboring county to Bivens' operation. He said, "Ryan is that guy who, when a fellow farmer had a heart attack last spring, got in touch with the family and then went and quietly planted that neighbor's soybean crop. Ryan is the guy who, when a massive tornado tore through Kentucky late one night in December 2021, just showed up at first light with equipment and his farm crew to help a local business owner put his greenhouses back together, salvage what they could, and remove debris. Ryan is the guy who, during his time on the state fair board, used his considerable influence to

get all of the agriculture exhibits together in an educational space called AgLand. He was also instrumental in the creation of our state's Championship Drive, in which FFA/4-H livestock show youth are spotlighted and awarded prize money for their efforts during the state fair." Sipes, a father of two boys himself, also noted that Bivens is a great father and role model for his sons, Cyrus and Avery.

The final letter of recommendation came from David Beck, who has worked with Bivens during Beck's current role as CEO of Kentucky Venues and in his previous role as Executive Vice President of Kentucky Farm Bureau. Beck said, "I observed Ryan at an early age providing leadership for numerous local, state, and national agricultural and educational activities....Throughout his tenure, he continued to be creative and innovative in encouraging others to engage and support an understanding of production agriculture and its importance to not only feed ourselves and the rest of the world, as well as its importance on our overall economy."



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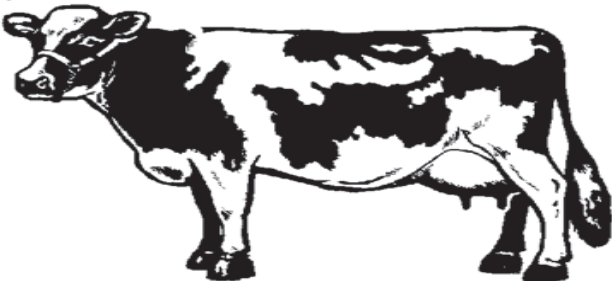
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	<b>Blue Grass of Albany</b> Albany, KY Feb. 8, 2023 <b>Feeder Steers:</b> Medium & Large 1-2 70 hd. 666# 191.25 blk 42 hd. 732# 167.50 blk <b>Feeder Heifers:</b> Medium & Large 1-2 81 hd. 681# 170.50 blk-charx	<b>Lake Cumberland Livestock</b> Somerset, KY. Feb. 11, 2023 <b>Feeder Steers:</b> 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 <b>Feeder Heifers:</b> Medium & Large 1-2 28 hd. 533# 175.00 blk-bwf	

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This year's winner is Elizabeth (Libby) Alexander of Trigg County High School. Libby wrote in her application that she is excited to attend Tarleton University in Stephenville, Texas in the fall. She is an avid rodeo contestant and plans to continue her rodeo career at the collegiate level while pursuing a degree in agriculture communication.

One thing that stood out in Libby's application is the amount of time she spends in BETA Club, National Honors Society, FFA, Next Generation Youth Leadership, and Fellowship of Christian Athletes in addition to her commitments to the Kentucky High School Rodeo Association and the Tri-Star Little Britches Rodeo Youth Board.

Juggling all of these commitments along with the time it takes to tend to her horses, practice her rodeo skills, and

attend the events themselves is impressive enough, but maintaining a 3.8 grade point average – including some dual-credit college courses – is testament to her abilities as a self-directed learner.

Libby said that her father, Barry Alexander (who is a

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