

## Junior chefs bring Ky. Proud to cafeteria menus



The coaches of first year competitors from Marion C Moore High School in Louisville were nervous as team members Collin Williams, Tristan Jackson and James Pate was down to the wire on plating their garlic herb chicken on couscous with marinated vegetables.

Kentucky abounds with vegetables and fruit at farmers' markets, roadside stands, Community Sustainable Agriculture programs and restaurants.

Schools are a market ripe for Kentucky Proud products, and the Depart-

ment of Agriculture is anxious to connect statewide school food services with more Kentucky Proud products.

What better way to increase awareness of Kentucky Proud products than with students planning menus? Visitors

to the South Wing of the Kentucky State Fair see the results of that menu planning during the KDA Food to School Junior Chefs Competition.

The competition is the brainchild of Tina Garland, administrative branch manager for KDA's Foods Division, Farm to School Program. It is Garland's job to connect school food services with Kentucky Proud products. Developed in 2013, this year's contest marked the ninth competition, skipping one year due to Covid.

Garland said the competition works through the food service directors, encouraging students and sponsors to assemble teams. The teams of two to five students in grades 8-12 come from culinary classes, family and consumer sciences, 4-H and FFA.

"The first thing they must do is create a recipe to prepare and present to judges in 90 minutes. They send us the recipe, and then we check the nutritional (information) to make sure it's within the standards of the National School Lunch Program guidelines," Garland said.

Nutritionally it has to fit with calories, salt, and fat requirements. The rec-

ipe submitted is the one the teams use for competition and can't be changed.

Teams use a statewide high school cooking curriculum beginning with recipe development. From there, it's not just food preparation skills but the organization, teamwork, marketing, and a public presentation. Most teams practice at least once weekly as the competition date grows closer.

The competition begins on the opening day of the Kentucky State Fair when the first two teams square off on the Farm to Food Stage in front of three judges and the crowd of onlookers.

Four teams will compete on the fair's first, second, and third days. The eight teams with the highest point totals advance to the second round beginning the following Tuesday and Wednesday. The teams with the highest point totals will continue to advance until the championship on the second Saturday of the fair.

Dressed in chef jackets and hats, teams work as a well-oiled machine, with each team member completing their tasks while judges observe and ask

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## Kentucky Soybean Board hosts stop on EU sustainability tour

Executive Director Debbie Ellis and farmer-leaders Brent Gatton, Fred L. Sipes, and Adam Hendricks joined Amanda and Matt Gajdzik as they hosted a U.S. Soybean Export Council EU Sustainability Farm Tour at Gajdzik Farms/Mulberry Orchard in Shelbyville recently.

The tour group included key stakeholders and decision-makers from several facets of the feed and food industries from the UK, the Netherlands, Italy, Germany, France, and Spain.

The group, led by Kentucky native Brent Babb and team lead Gene Philhower of USSEC, represented feed companies that supply the aquaculture, poultry, cattle, and swine species.



Amanda Gajdzik, along with her husband Matt (in light blue) welcomed tour participants to Gajdzik Farms and Mulberry Orchard.

Tour participants had a particular interest in the sustainability of US farms and

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# UK celebrates past and future at 50th roundup

LEXINGTON – The 50th annual Roundup is a milestone tribute to the past, present and future of the University of Kentucky Martin-Gatton College of Agriculture, Food and Environment.

The event brings together students, alumni, faculty, staff and friends to experience the spirit of togetherness that defines a cherished family reunion. “This will be my second Roundup since being hired by the college, and it seems like I have joined at the perfect time,” said Tori Summey, director of alumni engagement. “There are generations of heartfelt connection in every corner of this college and being able to bring those connections back together is a really special honor.”

A lot has changed in 50 years. In the early years, Roundup was a one-day event focused on gathering alumni before a football game. Associate director of alumni and development for the college Grace Gorrell spent 17 years building Roundup into a multi-day event involving students, faculty and alumni. Now Roundup is the largest annual alumni event on campus, averaging 4,000 attendees over four days.

Scheduled for Sept. 27-30, Roundup 2023 is packed with a wide range of activities and celebrations. Here's a sneak peek at the highlights, all times EDT:

Sept. 27 – Beef it Out at the Barn, 5 p.m. – student and faculty teams will go head-to-head to create the ultimate burger, while judges decide the winner. Attendees can also vote for the best table theme and enjoy free food while watching the competition.

Sept. 28 – Future Wildcat Day -- high school students have a unique opportunity to learn about the college's programs, student life, scholarships and more.

Sept. 29 – 11 a.m.-1 p.m. – Staff Appreciation Day, Dr. Lisa P. Collins Outstanding Staff Awards and the Diversity, Equity, Inclusion and Accessibility Awards.

- 5 – 7 p.m. – Agricultural and Medical Biotechnology Social

- 5 – 7 p.m. – Plant and Soil Sciences Alumni Social

- 6 p.m. – Animal and Food Sciences Reunion, under the tents

- 6:30 p.m. – Alpha Gamma Rho Reunion, AGR House

Sept. 30 – • The official 50th-anniversary celebration with live music, tailgating, pep rally and the Kentucky vs. Florida football game. The Roundup tents will open four hours prior to kick-off and meal lines will open two hours prior to kickoff.

- 4-H Reunion, E.S. Good Barn Culton Suite, four hours prior to kickoff

- Alumni and Friends Tailgate, under the tents, four hours prior to kickoff

- Program and Pep Rally, 1.5 hours prior to kickoff

In addition to commemorating the 50-year milestone, the college will honor The Bill Gatton Foundation for its exceptional generosity and celebrate the college's new name. The Bill Gatton Foundation is enabling the college to thrive in its vital land-grant mission of teaching, research and extension.

“Our college has never had more to celebrate, and what better occasion than the 50th anniversary of our annual Roundup tradition,” said Nancy Cox, vice president of land-grant engagement and dean of the Martin-Gatton College of Agriculture, Food and Environment. “I look forward to reminiscing with our friends on September 30 as we look ahead to all of the achievements still on the horizon.”

Register now to secure a spot during this year's event. For more information and registration details, please visit [alumni.ca.uky.edu/roundup](http://alumni.ca.uky.edu/roundup).

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questions on stage. The Jr. Chefs must present a plate to each of the three judges at the judge's table and answer questions. The judges evaluate the recipe's taste, appearance, creativity, use of local ingredients, and appropriateness for school food service systems.

Marion C Moore High School on Outer Loop in Louisville entered the Jr. Chef for the first time. Chef Garrett Sanborn and Paul Hensen are the coaches of the team.

"We entered Jr. Chefs because we have high expectations for our students and wanted to show everybody what Moore has to offer," Hensen said.

Moore's classes teach a wide range

of hospitality employment skills, with culinary being just one. Hensen said the team worked on culinary math, knife skills, industry terms, employability skills, kitchen safety, and sanitation. He noted how excited the students were about earning a college scholarship.

There are no ordinary, bland recipes in this competition. The 2022 champion, Henderson County, prepared "Awesome Chicken and Veggie Bowl" and flatbreads, stir fry, grain bowls, and couscous.

When the knives stopped chopping and the pots stopped boiling, the Bath County Wildcat Catering Crew team members Blaine Wilson and Dalton Lee were named state champions with its Wilsons Frittata and Richards Fruit Cup.

Each team member received a \$10,000 scholarship offer from Sullivan University. Sullivan awards scholarships to the second and third-place teams for \$7,000 and \$5,000, respectively.

The Bath County team will repre-

sent Kentucky at the Southeast Region Junior Chef competition in May of 2024.

By Toni Riley  
Field Reporter



The Bath County Junior Chef team members Dalton Lee and Blaine Wilson answer questions from judges during the Farm to School Junior Chef program at the Kentucky State Fair. The Bath County team earned the coveted skillet award.

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### SLAUGHTER CATTLE

**STEERS:** Select 1-2: 1 Head, 1475#, 124.00, Average. **DAIRY STEERS:** Select and Choice 1-2: 2 Head, 1135-1140#, 133.00-135.00, Average. **COWS:** Breaker 75-80%: 2 Head, 1565-1745#, 100.00-103.00, Average; 22 Head, 1380-2200, 105.00-130.00, High; 1 Head, 1530, 92.00. **Boner, 80-85%:** 47 Head, 820-1625, 95.00-104.00, Average; 31 Head, 905-1570#, 105.00-122.00; 38 Head, 665-1465#, 85.00-94.00, Low; 26 Head, 670-1650#, 50.00-84.00, Very Low. **BULLS:** 1-2: 15 Head, 1260-1805#, 120.00-129.00, Average; 24 Head, 1430-2020#, 131.00-151.00, High; 7 Head, 875.00-1575.00#, 90.00-115.00, Low. **DAIRY HEIFERS:** Select and Choice 1-2: 9 Head, 1065-1405#, 120.00-128.00, Average.

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I am not completely certain how this happened, as I am SURE it was spring just a few weeks ago, but.... It's fall, y'all. I am hard core member of team summer with a beach problem (the problem being I don't get to go there enough), but I have to admit there is something about fall that just speaks to me.

As some of you may know, I am originally from Graves County, and there's no contest when it comes to favorite fall smell. It's dark-fired tobacco for me, every time. Fortunately, I travel through the Cadiz/Hopkinsville area often enough to get my fix every fall, in addition to driving with the windows down and breathing deeply when I visit my parents.

There's so much more to fall, though, and one big thing on my mind this time of year is always the safety of our agriculture community. Farm safety is super important as we're working around grain bins, livestock, and equipment, and it's also important on the road. No farmer wants to drive a combine or a tractor pulling a grain cart down the road, but the fact remains that the road is the only way for many farmers to get from field to field.

It's important to note that the "share the road" advice that so many of us give applies to EVERYONE. It's not always on the farmers who are driving heavy, difficult-to-turn equipment to pull over and let the passenger vehicles by. Sometimes there's no safe place to do so, and honestly if a farmer pulled over every time a car got behind him or her, it would take forever to get to the next field. On the other side of that coin, it's not reasonable for farmers to think that passenger vehicles should follow them for several miles at a time if there are safe places to pull over and let a long line of backed-up traffic pass.

I encourage everyone driving a passenger vehicle to just chill out a minute. If being behind a piece of farm equipment for a mile or two makes you late, well, you should have left earlier. There are always unpredictable lane closures and accidents on the roads and highways that could slow your commute, but if you're in a rural area during the fall, you should expect some slow-moving vehicle traffic and plan accordingly. Honking your horn will NOT make the equipment go any faster, I promise.

And just where are all of those combines and grain carts going? To harvest the soybeans, of course! You know, I have

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## A hard change is gonna' come

Sometimes the gap between what's real and not real is so narrow that it's impossible to tell truth from fantasy.

For example, recently the front page of a newspaper I receive featured two stories that make perfect sense to almost every farmer and little sense to almost everyone who doesn't farm.

The first laid out current Land Grant University research that farmers can tap in their "quest for 300" bushels-an-acre corn yield.

The second related that California's recent adoption of Proposition 12--the voter-endorsed law that requires minimum growing space for "egg-laying hens, veal calves and breeding pigs"--is "far and away (the) top priority" of the state's pork group.

Both are typical front page fare for any ag-centered newspaper. What was missing in each story for any non-farming reader, however, was the proverbial "why?"

Why, for example, invest in costly public research for a land-punishing effort to grow 300 bushels per acre corn, or about 126 bushels more than the estimated 2023 national average yield when, according to the U. S. Department of Agriculture, 15 percent of this year's crop will go unsold?

And, too, why strive to grow more corn per acre when 35 percent of today's subsidized crop goes into ethanol, an alternative fuel deeply dependent on government mandates and under increasing assault by electric vehicles?

Similar questions arise about the pork group's "top priority," California voters who have said three times they want their eggs, pork, and veal born and raised without the use of animal-confining cages and crates. Why are 40 million customers wrong and the ever-thinning ranks of the pork industry right?

Even more worrisome than these debatable ag issues is the reality what everyone needs to consider for anyone to even talk about corn yields or pork markets now or a generation from now: today's radically changing environment.

Elizabeth Kolbert, a Pulitzer Prize-winning writer for the New Yorker, starts that discussion in her 2021 book, Under a White Sky, by noting where the Bible starts it: "That man should have dominion 'over all the earth and every creeping thing'" has, she suggests, become "a prophecy that has hardened into fact."

Facts like how mankind has "(T)ransformed more than half the ice-free land on earth--some 27 million square miles," "dammed or diverted most of the world's major rivers," and "our fertilizer plants and legume crops fix more nitrogen than all terrestrial ecosystems combined..."

Meanwhile, "...today people outweigh wild mammals by a ratio of

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# Back to school trainings showcase milk on the menu

Now that summer break is over and students are back in the classroom, The Dairy Alliance is sharing with school nutrition staff across the state how they can encourage students to choose milk at meal times. This August, staff visited schools throughout Kentucky to share The Dairy Alliance programming like the popular Moo Brew program and milk dispenser

equipment, preparing staff to share dairy offerings in tasty, innovative ways.

The Moo Brew program serves iced coffee with real milk to middle school and high school students. Iced coffee is a popular beverage choice among teens and pre-teens, so offering an option made with real milk provides a dairy-appealing beverage to students at meal

times.

The Moo Brew program is proving successful, with several districts adopting the program. Recently, Boyle County learned how to implement Moo Brew on their serving lines at the middle and high schools. Through the program, students will be able to choose their preferred flavors to mix with the coffee and milk drink as they participate in the meal service.

After attending a presentation by The Dairy Alliance, McCracken County High School implemented the program. On the second day of school, 100 students received a Moo Brew. On the third day of school, that number doubled to 200 students. By the fourth day of school, there were 250 Moo Brew beverages served. This shows a 10 percent participation increase compared to the same time last year.

Another popular The Dairy Alliance offering in schools are milk dispensers. Milk dispensers allow students to enjoy cold milk while reducing waste. Campbellsville Elementary School received a Dairy Optimization grant to obtain a milk dispenser for their cafeteria. After staff training, students enjoyed ice-cold milk and its improved taste.

The dispensers were a hit, with one kindergarten student proudly exclaiming he had white milk with his breakfast and drank "the whole thing!" Campbellsville staff were also impressed with the dispenser and how it has really improved the school meals.

Dairy programming and grant offerings play an important role in students' growing love of dairy. In 2022, there were 57 grants awarded in Kentucky to begin dairy programs, impacting 29,370 students.

An estimated 524,500 consumers were reached through the programs and there was an 11 percent increase in milk use in Kentucky schools that received grants when compared to the previous period.

By providing accessible dairy in trendy, tasty ways like Moo Brew, Kentucky children are developing healthy eating habits that will continue throughout their lives. With school back in session, school nutrition staff are serving students delicious dairy through The Dairy Alliance's Moo Brew and milk dispenser programs.



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more than 8 to 1" and if you "(a)dd in "the weight of our domesticated animals—mostly cows and pigs...—that ratio climbs to 22 to 1."

Those dark facts (she lists more) suggest that what we have "blandly labeled 'global change'" actually points to "only a handful of comparable examples in earth's history" as life-changing as what we have done now; "the most recent being the asteroid impact that ended the reign of the dinosaurs, 66 million years ago."

Too bleak? Hold on, Kolbert isn't finished. Our only earth's present state is so off-the-charts,

she writes, that "Humans are producing no-analog"—no comparable—"climates, no-analog ecosystems, a whole no-analog future."

After setting that cheerless scene, most of the book explains current ideas to—as her subtitle suggests—alter "The Nature of the Future" now that we've changed the future of nature.

All the forward-leaning research and in-the-field efforts that Kolbert outlines highlight just how much we must alter the alterations we've already made to nature in order for nature to have any future.

If that sounds too woo-woo and wonky to make much sense, welcome to a world where August 2023

became the hottest month ever in history by breaking the previous record set in July 2023.

None of this is new; we see it in our fields and barns and feel it in our bones. Change is here and even harder change is coming.

The really hard part will be to change with it; in short, to stop telling the market what we will produce and start listening to the market for what it needs us to produce.

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been working for the Kentucky Soybean Board for a little over 10 years now, and the number of uses for soybeans and their components continues to boggle my mind. Sure, we know about food, feed and fuel, but concrete enhancers? Bio-based dust suppressant? Roof rejuvenator? Backing for artificial turf? Bar and chain oil for your chainsaw? Yes, yes, and yes! The United Soybean Board uses the tagline, "soy touches every life, every day," and they're not wrong.

Early last summer, we worked on a video called SOY Many Uses, and even though I have watched it far more times than is probably healthy, it's exciting to me that there seems to be no limit to the things that soy can be used in as a drop-in replacement for petroleum. Goodyear tires, Skechers shoe treads, biosynthetic motor oil... the list really is endless. And U.S. soy – Kentucky soybeans – meets the criteria for that most favorite word in so many spaces... sustainability.

So, as you're out and about this harvest season, don't forget to share the road, whether you're driving a combine or a minivan. Everyone wants to get home safely. And I encourage you to look around and see how many ways that soy touches YOUR life. Every day.

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## Fall Spiced Pumpkin Bread

<b>½ cup</b> all-purpose flour	<b>2 teaspoons</b> pumpkin pie spice	<b>½ cup</b> honey
<b>1¼ cup</b> whole-wheat flour	<b>½ teaspoon</b> salt	<b>2 cups</b> pumpkin puree
<b>1½ teaspoons</b> baking powder	<b>½ cup</b> melted margarine	<b>⅓ cup</b> olive oil
<b>1 teaspoon</b> baking soda	<b>½ cup</b> sugar	<b>2 eggs</b>
		<b>⅓ cup</b> chopped walnuts

**Heat** oven to 350 degrees F. **Mix** flours, baking powder, baking soda, pumpkin spice and salt; set aside. In a large mixing bowl, **whisk** together margarine, sugar, honey, pumpkin puree and olive oil. **Blend** in eggs. **Add** flour mixture. **Stir** until dry ingredients are moistened. **Spray** a 8-by-4 inch loaf pan with non-stick cooking spray. **Pour** batter into pan; **sprinkle** walnuts on top of batter. **Bake** for 1 hour. **Remove** from oven

and **cover** with foil. **Return** to oven and **bake** an additional 20 minutes or until toothpick inserted in center comes out clean. **Cool** for 10 minutes and **remove** from pan.

**Yield:** 16 slices

**Nutritional Analysis:** 220 calories, 13 g fat, 2 g saturated fat, 30 mg cholesterol, 270 mg sodium, 26 g carbohydrate, 1 g fiber, 14 g sugars, 4 g protein.



## Do you know Him?

There's several scriptures in the Bible where Jesus casts out demons. In Mark 5, he meets up with a demon who calls himself Legion. When Jesus tells the evil spirit to come out of the man, the evil spirit says, "Why are you interfering with me, Jesus, Son of the Most High God?"

In other incidents, Jesus forbids the evil spirit to speak. Luke 4:41 (NLT) says, "Many were possessed by demons, and the demons came out at his command, shouting, 'You are the Son of God!' But because they knew he was the Messiah, he rebuked them and refused to let them speak."

Jesus planned to reveal who he was and why he was on Earth in his own time. He did not need demons preparing the way.

I think these scriptures are an important reminder that knowing who Jesus is and knowing Jesus are two separate things.

Anyone who has read the books or seen the movie, "Left Behind," will recall that one of the main characters in the beginning was an active leader in his local church. He knew all about Jesus and faithfully attended church, but he didn't know Jesus. He had never truly accepted the gift of salvation and allowed Jesus to become his Savior.

Going to church and being a good person is not enough. Plus, it's leaving out the best part of what church is all about. I seriously feel bad for people who don't know what it means to receive the gift of love that God is offering us. There is no better way to describe it. If you have received it, truly accepted not only salvation but a true relationship with the God who created you, then you know the gift of love.

It's so much more than words can describe. It changes the way you think. It changes the way you see others. It changes the way you see yourself.

You realize that the God who created all things wants a relationship with you. You have a father, an advocate, and a friend. He is your ever present help in time of need.

You learn to be okay with the fact that you aren't perfect, because he loves you unconditionally. You also have a desire to be better and to do more for him, because you want others to find what you have found.

It's not enough to know who he is. You need to know him.  
s/Sharon

## Apple Sage Pork Chops

- **1 tablespoon** flour
- **1 teaspoon** dried sage
- **2 tablespoons** garlic powder
- **1½ teaspoon** ground thyme
- **1 teaspoon** salt
- **4** boneless center cut pork chops
- **2 tablespoons** oil
- **1½** large onion, thinly sliced
- **2** thinly sliced red apples
- **1 cup** unsweetened apple juice
- **2 tablespoons** brown sugar (optional)

**Wash** hands with soap and warm water, **scrubbing** for at least 20 seconds. **Gently clean** all produce under cool running water. **Mix** flour, sage, garlic, thyme, and salt together in a small bowl. **Sprinkle** 1 1/2 tablespoons of the mixture over both sides of the pork chops. Remember to **wash** hands after handling raw meat. **Heat** oil in a large skillet over medium-high heat. **Sear** pork chops for 2 to 3 minutes on each side. Pan will smoke a little. **Remove** pork chops from the pan and set aside. **Reduce** heat to medium. To the same skillet, **add** onion and **cook** for 2 minutes, or until soft. **Add** apples, and **continue cooking** until tender, about 2 minutes. **Add** apple juice, brown sugar, and remaining spice mixture and stir to dissolve. **Return** pork chops to the skillet by nestling them in the pan. **Bring** the liquid to a boil, **reduce** heat to low, and **simmer** for 5 minutes or until the pork is cooked through and reaches 145 degrees F on a food thermometer. **Refrigerate** leftovers within 2 hours.

**Yield:** 4 servings. **Nutrition Analysis:** 310 calories, 10g total fat, 1.5g saturated fat, 50mg cholesterol, 660mg sodium, 35g total carbohydrate, 3g fiber, 25g total sugars, 7g added sugars, 22g protein, 6% DV vitamin D, 2% DV calcium, 6% DV iron, 15% DV potassium.





# KADB approves over \$1.1 million for projects

The Kentucky Agricultural Development Board approved \$1,138,643 for agricultural diversification and rural development projects across the commonwealth at its monthly board meeting.

## County and State Funded Projects

- Goode's Riverside Creamery LLC was approved up to \$71,000 in multi-county funds matched by state funds, with the option to pursue up to \$250,000 as a participation loan. This project would support the construction of a creamery with retail space. For more information, contact Greg Goode at [greg.goode@windstream.net](mailto:greg.goode@windstream.net).
- Lincoln County Fiscal Court was approved up to \$7,500 in Lincoln County funds to aid in the construction of a new farmers' market pavilion. For more information, contact Judge Woods Adams at [wadams@lincolnky.com](mailto:wadams@lincolnky.com).
- Dr. Madelyn Orem, DVM, was approved up to \$100,000 in multi-county and state funds to purchase a per-

centage of the Todd County Animal Clinic. For more information, contact Dr. Madelyn Orem, DVM at [mkp0029@auburn.edu](mailto:mkp0029@auburn.edu).

- Pulaski County Board of Education was approved up to \$200,000 in Pulaski County funds to construct an agriculture complex building. For more information, contact Corey Dixon at [corey.dixon@pulaski.kyschools.us](mailto:corey.dixon@pulaski.kyschools.us).

- Todd County Animal Clinic PLLC was approved up to \$100,000 in multi-county and state funds to aid in purchasing large and food animal equipment. For more information, contact Dr. John Laster, DVM at [jlaster722@gmail.com](mailto:jlaster722@gmail.com).

- 3 Stone Farms LLC was approved up to \$30,000 in multi-county funds to aid in the construction of a confinement feeding barn. For more information, contact Michelle McBurney at [michelle@cattleeq.com](mailto:michelle@cattleeq.com).

## County Agricultural Investment Program

CAIP provides Kentucky agricultural producers with cost-share assistance on practices to allow them to improve and diversify their current farm operations. CAIP covers a wide variety of agricultural enterprises in its 11 investment areas, including, but not limited to, beef and dairy cattle; farm infrastructure, fencing, and water enhancement; equine; forage; goats and sheep; horticulture; poultry; swine; bees and honey; timber and technology, as well as energy efficiency and production; marketing; and value-added production.

Eight CAIPs were approved by the board in the following counties totaling \$616,143:

- Boyd (\$40,000)
- Breathitt (\$75,000)
- Floyd (\$79,262)
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The DAR program serves as a measure to facilitate the coordination of environmentally-sound and cost-effective disposal of deceased livestock for Kentucky producers.

Two DAR programs were approved by the board in the following counties totaling \$12,000:

- Oldham (\$4,500)
- Russell (\$7,500)

## Youth Agricultural Incentives Program (YAIP)

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# Soy-based Crayon Rocks enjoy international market



Owner Natasha Browning explains how Crayon Rocks are made.

HESTAND, Ky. – Crayon Rocks is a cottage industry located in the heart of Hestand's Amish country. That's in Monroe County, and while UPS doesn't have any trouble finding this hidden treasure, it's a good thing that the ladies behind this niche product have a global distribution network. The 4,000 square-foot office/plant is definitely a destination.

The company was established in 2006 by then-Californian Barbara Lee. Lee, a special education teacher, saw a need to help young children (especially those with developmental disabilities) grow and train their tripod grip muscles so that writing and drawing would be easy and fun. She said that the perfect rock fell into her hand while repotting a plant. It can only be gripped and used with those three important fingers that form the tripod grip: thumb, first and second. That rock became the pattern for the original Crayon Rocks mold,

a version of which is still being used today.

Beyond the grip, Lee knew that the colors had to be rich, vibrant, and easy to apply – that's where the U.S. grown and processed soy-based wax comes in. Crayon Rocks was born, developed, and improved upon over the years. Eventually, Barbara Lee made her way to Kentucky, and just in the past year she sold the company to Natasha Browning.

Fortunately for Natasha, longtime Crayon Rockers Jill Port and Suzette Zeoli stayed on through the transition and have no plans to leave. And why would they? Crayon Rocks are an interesting product, and the team spirit between the three is evident. The day we visited, the long "to be shipped" list was neatly placed on the bulletin board, and barrels of Crayon Rocks – ready to be packed – were just waiting for busy hands to put them in bags and boxes.

All Crayon Rocks are made in Hestand, and "all" is a lot more than we ever imagined. Browning said that it works best to make only one color each day, and that the custom-built machine affectionately known as Daisy can crank out about 14,000 Crayon Rocks in about six hours, with minimal help from her operator. Before Daisy ever enters the picture, though, Production Manager Suzette Zeoli gets busy. Zeoli said it takes about eight hours for a pot of wax to reach 161 degrees in the specially-built heater boxes. If 161 sounds very specific, that's because it is. "Too hot, it's a mess," she said. "Too cold? It's a different kind of mess."

"We use two different kinds of non-toxic soy wax," Zeoli said, "and we make 32 colors." The process itself is somewhat mechanized but still very hands-on. Thankfully, there are lifts and carts on rollers that allow the small staff to manage independently. After the wax heats to the magic 161 degrees, she adds the color, which comes in a highly

pigmented powdered dye form.

Once the color is mixed in, it's on over to Daisy, the one-of-a-kind, patented Crayon Rocks machine. Daisy has 12 molds, and each mold makes 24 Rocks at a time, for a total of 288 Rocks. We did the math, and as best we can figure this small company churned out more than two million Crayon Rocks last year.

Two million! "We are really only limited by our production," Browning said, "which we could easily increase. And I have been thinking about some new places I'd like to get our product into. Crayon Rocks are a great gift or souvenir item, they're good for touristy places like zoos and aquariums, and even garden centers. They don't take up a large footprint in the store, and they last a really long time."

She's setting her sights high, and has targeted some popular chain businesses

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# Kentucky Soybean Board hosts stop on EU sustainability tour

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were interested to hear the farmers speak about the conservation practices they personally implement. They were especially interested to hear that 98 percent of U.S. farms are family farms, and how different and diversified every family farm is.

The tour kicked off on Labor Day with arrival in Chicago and continued through a number of stops in Indiana before arriving Wednesday afternoon

at the Gajdzik farm, where Amanda and Matt raise soybeans and corn while operating a thriving agritourism venue. Following a wagon ride tour around the farm, attendees were treated to dinner and discussion with farmer-leaders at Claudia Sanders Dinner House, courtesy of the Kentucky Soybean Board.

The tour wrapped up with a stop at CGB in Jeffersonville and another farm visit on Thursday and concluded with a program at the USSEC office in Chesterfield, Missouri, before departure on

Friday.

"You know, our partnership with USSEC is a really important checkoff investment that we make every year," said board member Adam Hendricks, who serves as Kentucky's representative to USSEC. "The more I learn about how USSEC is investing our dollars into developing markets for our soybeans and increasing other countries' preference for U.S. soy over beans from other countries, the more I appreciate what they're doing. One soybean farmer

from Russellville, Kentucky, might not be able to do much by himself, but the folks at USSEC do a great job telling our story and making connections with our international customers."

The farmer-leaders appreciated USSEC taking the lead on this tour and the Gajdziks for opening their farm to the group.

By Rae Wagoner

Communication Director

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# Options to rejuvenate cool season pastures

## The Forage Doctor

By Jimmy Henning



Invariably, rejuvenating cool season grass pastures comes up frequently in fall forage discussions. I'd like to work through two scenarios to share some of the existing management options. These scenarios came from a farm with good soil resources that practices rotational grazing. This operation buys in stockers from January to April and basically is stock-free by October.

**Scenario one** – a field that produced few grazing days in 2023 for a stocker operation. The producer had sprayed for a ragweed infestation, with good results. One of the first things to assess in a pasture evaluation is the presence and prevalence of desirable cool season grasses. In this case, there was very little tall fescue or orchardgrass present. Another limiting factor in this field was the presence of a very thick and an almost fence-to-fence stand of nimblewill.

Nimblewill is a warm season perennial weed that commonly occurs in pastures and turf, especially in central Kentucky. Nimblewill forms a thick mat of forage that effectively prevents any other forage growth. Livestock don't graze it and there are no herbicides that will take it out of cool season grass pastures.

Since there are no selective herbicide control options for nimblewill, we must focus on cultural rather than chemical solutions. Most often, the 'remedy' for nimblewill in pastures is to stimulate the existing cool season grasses. The most effective tools to help the cool season grasses to outcompete nimblewill is pasture rest and to apply fall nitrogen.

Usually we want to apply nitrogen in mid-August or early September to stockpile tall fescue for winter grazing. In the case of pastures where the cool season grass base is overgrazed, applying nitrogen later (in October or early November) stimulates tillering and invigorates stands. Late fall-applied nitrogen coupled with rest will stimulate tillering; the combination is therefore a powerful tool to rejuvenate overgrazed pastures. Addressing any major needs for lime, phosphorus or potassium is similarly important.

Since this field did not, in my estimation, have a good base of cool season grass, interseeding of desired grasses was needed. Because the nimblewill was thick and approximately 8+ inches tall, close mowing was recommended to facilitate interseeding and to minimize the shading on the new seedlings.

We chose to use a mixture of cereal rye and annual ryegrass for interseeding because these are the most aggressive forage species. They are also the forages most able to produce the height

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## Tobacco in the barn

Subscriber Jamie Turner submitted this photo of the tobacco crew in Butler County. "Anyone who has ever done this work knows what it takes," Turner said. Pictured are Lee Turner, Travis Turner, Shelby Turner, Tomas Avelino Perez, Jesus Avelino Olarte, Kenner LaFollette and dogs, Annie and Lexie. (Submit your farm photo to [toni@farmlandpub.com](mailto:toni@farmlandpub.com).)

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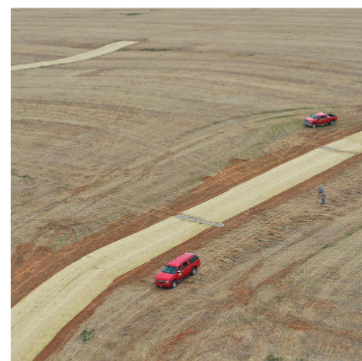


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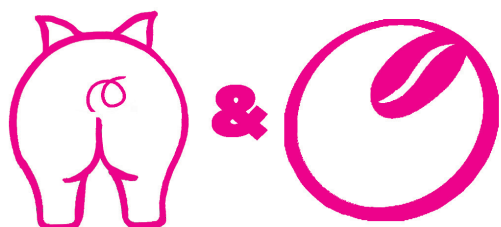
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## PORK 'N BEANS



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With the help of Buddy the Bean and his bestie Chris P. Bacon, farmer-leaders donned their pink Pork 'n Beans t-shirts and took to the Kentucky Expo Center to help consumers better understand the connection between soybeans and livestock.

Fairgoers learned that 98 percent of US farms are family farms AND that poultry and livestock consumes 98 percent of domestic soybean meal while playing PORK 'N BEANGO.

We thank all of the farmer-leaders and volunteers who helped share the important message of soy's connection to animal ag with the fairgoing public.



# Soy-based Crayon Rocks enjoy international market

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that are located just off of major interstate highways.

If you can't find them in a store near you, Crayon Rocks are available at retail price (plus shipping) from the website, CrayonRocks.com, or through Amazon (eligible for Prime). They're sold in packs of eight primary colors, best for the youngest learners because not only do they work on that all-important tripod grip, but also for learning basic color names. The 16 pack includes primary colors plus pastels, which is best for early elementary school children who are learning the color wheel.

The 24 pack includes primary colors, pastels, and warm neutral colors for all-purpose creating, while the 32 pack includes all of the above plus what they call "People Pebbles," chosen for their suitability as skin, eye, and hair color.

Teachers and occupational therapists

are drawn to "Just Rocks in a Box," which features four each of the 16 primary colors plus pastels.

Though direct retail sales are growing, the real revenue source is wholesale orders. Crayon Rocks are available with custom labels, so if a destination like a zoo or an amusement park wanted to custom label an order of Rocks with their information, that's absolutely possible.

While domestic wholesale orders are going strong, we were surprised (and delighted) to hear that Crayon Rocks are sold wholesale internationally as well. There's a world map in the office, and it has a pushpin everywhere this clever invention is sold. We saw outlets in Chile, Argentina, Mexico, Costa Rica, Europe, Russia, Ukraine, Australia, New Zealand, and numerous areas in Asia.

Not bad for a shop off the beaten path in Hestand.

By Rae Wagoner  
Communications Director



Crayon Rocks owner Natasha Browning is joined by Jill Port and Suzette Zeoli.

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Nimblewill is a growing problem in pastures because of its spreading and dense growth habit, the lack of herbicides for selective control and lack of acceptance by grazing livestock. Thick stands of nimblewill hinder the rejuvenation of cool season grass pastures.

## Options to rejuvenate cool season pastures

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and biomass needed to get above the nimblewill this fall and to hopefully shade it out next spring and early summer. Production from these grasses will decline in mid- to late May.

The field will next be seeded to a summer annual like sorghum-sudan-grass in hopes that it will continue to shade and outcompete the nimblewill. Assessing pasture condition and especially nimblewill infestation again next will guide future decisions.

**Scenario two** – Another field on the same farm had better stands of tall fescue and orchardgrass but also had troublesome levels of ragweed and nimblewill. A broadleaf herbicide had controlled the ragweed, and thankfully the nimblewill was not as thick as in scenario one. Their question was what to seed into the field to rejuvenate it.

They wanted to know if they should seed orchardgrass, tall fescue or a mixture of the two. And was it advisable to use a friendly-endophyte or novel tall fescue since the existing tall fescue was likely toxic.

Frankly, you could probably write a short book to fully answer that question. In the end, we agreed on a 50:50 mix of orchardgrass and novel tall fescue, drilled after a close mowing of the dead ragweed and clumps of nimblewill. Applying nitrogen in October or November will boost the seedlings and stimulate tillering in the existing grass.

Working through these two scenarios helps emphasize a few general principles. Ragweed encroachment indicates the need to thicken up (by interseeding, fertilizing, and/or better management) the cool season grass base. Generally if you find yourself needing to use a herbicide in pastures, you likely need to interseed some forage to fill the gaps left where the weeds were.

Next, interseeding cool season grasses into existing vegetation can give mixed results, especially with limited moisture. Existing plants have more extensive root systems and can outcompete newly established seedlings, especially for moisture.

Finally, nimblewill is a very competitive weed with few good remedies. Strengthening the cool season grass stand is a good first step, but don't forget to keep at least four inches of residual height on that field throughout next summer and fall. Having a current soil test is an easily forgotten management step, but one of the easiest to remedy. An overly acidic pH or low phosphorous or potassium will prevent you from getting the nitrogen response you are counting on to stimulate your cool season grasses.

Putting pastures on a 'need to rejuvenate' list is the same thing as an athlete going on the injured reserve roster. They still have potential but need rest and more to get back to their original form.

Happy foraging.

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500-550 lbs	251.18	248.12	178.36
550-600 lbs	250.32	245.81	175.55
600-650 lbs	249.68	238.49	167.41
650-700 lbs	245.91	242.67	172.15
700-750 lbs	232.10	222.73	161.46
750-800 lbs	228.25	221.74	164.38
800-850 lbs	214.62	221.42	162.58
850-900 lbs	195.20	216.05	148.44

Heifers (M&L 1-2)	This Week	Prior Week	Last Year
300-350 lbs	232.68	231.10	165.91
350-400 lbs	231.86	228.70	168.09
400-450 lbs	234.29	228.93	162.29
450-500 lbs	234.74	229.66	162.02
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Slaughter Cows	Average	High	Low
Breakers	95.00-126.50	100.00-138.00	79.00-114.50
Boners	80.00-118.50	95.00-135.00	73.00-109.50
Lean	79.00-113.00	86.00-123.00	70.00-100.00
Slaughter Bulls	Average	High	Low
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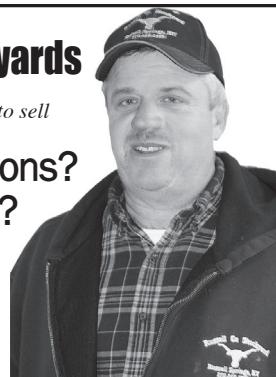
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# Kentucky Ag Receipts Reach New High

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Kentucky's 2022 agricultural cash receipts totaled \$8.3 billion, up from \$6.9 billion in 2021 and a new record high.

The value of livestock cash receipts totaled \$3.47 billion, up 26% from the previous year. Crop cash receipts in 2022 were \$3.84 billion, up 14% from 2021. Kentucky ranks 24th nationally for all cash receipts.

Corn leads cash receipts in Kentucky for the second straight year, with a 2022 value of \$1.45 billion, up 14% from the previous year. Broilers moved up to the second position with cash receipts totaling \$1.43 billion, up 39% from 2021.

Soybeans ranked third with a total of \$1.39 billion, up from \$1.15 billion the previous year.

Equine, stud fees, sheep, goats, and other livestock totaled \$1.2 billion, up 10% from 2021. Cattle rounds out the top 5 with a value of \$1.1 billion, an increase of 25% from the previous year.

Rounding out the top 10 commodities are hay, eggs, tobacco, milk and wheat, in that order. Cash receipts values for each of these commodities increased from 2021. Eggs had the largest increase, just over \$110 million from the previous year. Cash receipts from these 5 commodities account for 16% of total.

The top 10 commodities total almost \$7.9 billion in cash receipts.

There are several record highs and at least one first for 2022. In addition to total cash receipts, corn, soybeans, broilers, cattle and other livestock all reached record highs in 2022. And for the first time the top 5 commodities all exceeded \$1 billion in cash receipts. Collectively, the top ten commodities total almost \$7.9 billion, and accounted for 95% of all cash receipts.

Commodity	Rank 2021	Rank 2022	Cash Receipts 2021 (\$1,000)	Cash Receipts 2022 (\$1,000)	Change 2021/2021 (%)
Corn	1	1	1,272,169	1,446,528	13.7
Broilers	4	2	1,028,409	1,427,150	38.8
Soybeans	2	3	1,028,409	1,391,531	35.3
All other	3	4	1,108,719	1,224,025	10.4
Cattle & Calves	5	5	878,552	1,100,732	25.3
Hay	6	6	330,288	344,341	4.3
Chicken eggs	12	7	145,178	255,682	76.1
Tobacco	7	8	242,930	246,018	1.3
Dairy prod., milk	9	9	174,086	242,880	39.5
Wheat	8	10	175,936	217,806	23.8
Cash crop recpts			3,369,689	3,839,258	13.9
Livestock cash recpts			3,531,893	4,466,556	26.5
Total cash recpts			6,901,582	8,305,814	20.3

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

## Sisk among farmers speaking to EPA Advisory Panel on Atrazine

Joseph Sisk, Christian County farmer, KyCorn leader, and member of the Kentucky Agriculture Water Quality Authority was one of several growers across the country who testified to the EPA FIFRA Scientific Advisory Panel on August 18 about the conservation benefits of atrazine. He went live from his cornfield to show the connection between the watershed, no-till production, and having the best technology to conserve soil and retain soil structure.

Here is a sample of his comments:

The benefits of atrazine are clear and allow me to use best management practices like this grass waterway behind me. You can see how it helps prevent erosion, slowing down runoff from heavy rain, trapping any sediment, and preventing it from running off.

Atrazine also allows me to use conservation tillage practices, such as no-till and strip-till. This corn crop was planted using strip-till. As you can see, there's very little disturbance of the soil. Without atrazine to



control weeds, I would be forced to go back to the old ways like plowing and disking. That would increase the chances of losing my soil to erosion, increase fuel use because of more passes across the field, and the release of all the carbon my soil has been storing from my years of no-till production.

The purpose of the advisory panel was to seek feedback on the draft

white paper, Examination of the Microcosm/Mesocosm Studies for Evaluating the Effects of Atrazine on Aquatic Plant Communities, which is being submitted to the Federal Insecticide, Fungicide, and Rodenticide Act SAP for peer review. EPA expects to receive the SAP's report in late November.

Thank you, Joseph, for serving our grain farmers!



## Remembering Kenneth Hayden

It is with deep sadness that we report the passing of founding Kentucky Corn Growers Association board member and Corn Promotion Council member Kenneth Hayden of Cecilia. Affectionately called Dodo by his family, Hayden was 92 when he passed on August 30.

Hayden served Kentucky corn farmers as either a Growers Association director or Promotion Council member since 1982, retiring in 2010. He was very active in National Corn Growers affairs and US Grains Council trade promotion efforts, having attended several overseas missions. In 2014, KyCorn honored him by inducting him into the Kentucky Corn Growers Hall of Fame.

We are so thankful for his many contributions to Kentucky's corn industry.

## Corn Sales Top Other Commodities in 2022 - Will We Do It Again in 2023?

USDA's Economic Research Service recently reported Kentucky's 2022 agricultural cash receipts at a record \$8.3 billion. Crop cash receipts in 2022 were \$3.84 billion, up 14% from 2021. The value of livestock cash receipts totaled \$4.47 billion, up 26% from the previous year. Kentucky ranks 24th nationally for all cash receipts. **Corn lead cash receipts in Kentucky for the second straight year, with a 2022 value of \$1.45 billion, up 14% from the previous year.**



The USDA, NASS Crop Production Report was released September 12, the second forecast of 2023 production. Farmers expect a yield of 186 bu./acre, up 19% from last year, and it would be the second highest yield on record.

Total production would increase 33 percent from a year ago, based on the yield and an expected increase in harvested acres (1.6 million). **This will result in 279 million bushels, the largest production on record.**