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Vietnamese trade group learns about Ky. ethanol

HOPKINSVILLE, Ky. – From the field to the fuel pump, a trade group from Vietnam received a first-hand look at the production and distribution of ethanol in Kentucky and Tennessee on a two-day fact-finding mission, in October.

The team of 16 included various Vietnamese industry and government leaders and representatives from the U.S. Grains Council. The group is one of 11 such groups studying ethanol across the United States.

The groups are an offshoot of the Global Ethanol Summit held Oct. 16-18 in Washington, DC. The Summit, which proposed ways to increase decarbonization through expanded ethanol use, was organized by the U.S. Grains Council and included participants from more than 40 countries.

The Socialist Republic of Vietnam, a communist country, is S-shaped with a 1600-mile coastline along the South China Sea and is 1000 miles long from north to south. Vietnam has three major metropolitan areas, Hanoi in the north, Diange in the middle, and Ho Chi Min (formerly Saigon) in the south.

As would be expected, corn is not a major agricultural commodity. Rice, a dietary staple and export commodity, is grown in the delta regions of the Mekong and Red Rivers in the South, which is the primary agriculture area of Vietnam.

The team arrived in Nashville on Oct. 18 and began their tour at a Thornton's fuel facility.

The group traveled by bus to Hunt Farm on Bodie Road in south Christian County, where they watched soybeans being harvested.

Brandon Hunt manages the farm and is also a Kentucky Corn Growers Association board member. Hunt said the group was engaging and fascinated with the row crop harvest, especially the machinery and the technology associated with the combines and its 40-foot header. When they visited a harvested corn field on Thursday afternoon, they literally "dug" into the agronomics of corn production, environmental impact as well supply chain demands.

Thursday morning began with a

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The Vietnamese Trade Group at Commonwealth Agri-Energy.

Quarles accepts new role as term at KDA ends



Starting Jan. 1, Dr. Ryan Quarles will have finished his time as Kentucky's Commissioner of Agriculture and will start his new position as president of the Kentucky Community and Technical College system.

Quarles has served the maximum time possible as Commissioner of Agriculture for two four-year terms.

"Serving as Commissioner of Agriculture has been a childhood dream of mine, and I've enjoyed every day in this capacity," Quarles said.

As he moves on to serve the public in a different capacity, Quarles said he will continue meeting the needs of the Kentucky Department of Agriculture until his last day.

He said he hasn't slowed down and doesn't plan to.

"Well, I'm committed to serving the rest of my term to the best of my ability. I will have visited all 120 counties this calendar year by the time of your publication. We have a lot of work left to do, including our large veterinarian working group results (originally formed due to the large animal veterinarian shortage). As well as two more trade missions where I will represent the United States and Kentucky before leaving office," Quarles said.

Quarles has some structure for his remaining time with the KDA, including three main goals.

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Adams family named KFB's Outstanding Young Farm Family

Kentucky Farm Bureau announced that Matt and Molly Adams of Hardin County have been named the 2023 Outstanding Young Farm Family. This

annual award honors an individual or couple under the age of 35 who demonstrates strong farm management skills, KFB and community involvement and

consistent financial growth through their farm.

The Adamses consider themselves first-generation farmers as Matt's family's original farm was sold in 1992, following the farm crisis of the 1980s. Matt introduced farming back into his family tree as he followed his life-long passion for agriculture and purchased his own farmland. Molly works at their regional hospital as a registered respiratory practitioner and assists with farm duties.

Matt and Molly operate just over 825 acres of farmland and own 115 acres of the property. A total of 523 acres of their farm is devoted to corn, soybean and soft red winter wheat production, with double crop soybeans being planted after the wheat. They also have 40 acres of hay dedicated to producing small square bales for the equine market. This hay consists of various mixes of alfalfa, orchard grass and timothy. The remainder of Matt and Molly's land is devoted to pasture and mixed grass hay production for their cow/calf operation, which currently includes 87

mature brood cows and replacement heifers. They also sell USDA inspected freezer beef.

The Adamses are passionate about expanding their farming operations and continuing to push the limits as first-generation farmers.

"We hope to grow the row crop enterprise to 800 acres in the next five years and to 1000 acres in the next 10 years," they noted. "We would also like to grow our cow/calf operation to 100 brood cows in the next five years by better utilizing the pasture we currently have."

While the Adams family stays busy with their farm and family, they are also enthusiastic about agriculture advocacy. One way they do this is by sharing their daily farming lives on Facebook, Instagram, and Twitter. Additionally, Matt and two other farming friends began producing a podcast that focuses on all things agriculture, and Molly was inspired to produce her own YouTube channel chronicling their daily lives raising cows, crops, and kids on their farm.



Matt and Molly Adams of Hardin County are the 2023 Kentucky Farm Bureau Outstanding Young Farm Family.

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FEEDER CATTLE:

STEERS: Large 3: 1 Head, 730#, 147.00; 1 Head, 285#, 122.00; 1 Head, 320#, 112.00; 1 Head, 325#, 145.00, Fancy; 2 Head, 383#, 113.00; 3 Head, 138.00, Fancy; 1 Head, 440#, 140.00, Fancy; 1 Head, 470#, 146.00, Fancy; 1 Head, 585#, 101.00; 1 Head, 805#, 100.00; 1 Head, 800#, 137.00, Value Added; 1 Head, 1065#, 123.00. Small and Medium 3: 1 Head, 420#, 80.00; 1 Head, 765#, 85.00; 1 Head, 945, 80.00; **HEIFERS:** Medium and Large, 1-2: 1 Head, 340#, 216.00; 1 Head, 355#, 180.00, Fancy; 1 Head, 410#, 201.00; 1 Head, 500#, 190.00. Medium and Large 2-3: 1 Head, 465#, 122.00; 1 Head, 540#, 155.00; 2 Head, 633#, 132.00; 1 Head, 680#, 119.00; **BULLS:** Medium and Large, 1-2: 1 Head, 820#, 115.00. **DAIRY HEIFERS:** Large 3: 2 Head, 370-380#, 83.00-96.00; 1 Head, 425#, 90.00; 1 Head, 635#, 115.00, Value Added; 3 Head, 765-780#, 86.00-94.00; 1 Head, 820#, 96.00; 3 Head, 855-895, 93.00-95.00; 1 Head 935#, 124.00, Value Added; 1 Head, 975#, 93.00; 6 Head, 1000-1040#, 120.00-131.00, Value Added; 1 Head, 1060#, 125.00, Value Added.

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.

REPLACEMENT DAIRY CATTLE

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Quarles accepts new role as term at KDA ends

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"Goal number one is to run the department to the best of our ability and run to the ticker tape on Jan. 1. So, if anyone needs anything at KDA, I'm still the commissioner, and my administration is here to meet your needs.

"Goal number two is to leave the department in as good a shape as possible for the next administration. I've been telling folks we will leave KDA with a full tank of gas for the next commissioner. We've already started preparing transition documents for the next commissioner to help them transition into office."

He describes goal number three as more of a wish than a goal: "I hope people look back on our eight years as being an administration that was responsive during natural disasters, whether that be floods, tornados, avian influenza outbreaks, as well as helping feed the hungry with our Kentucky Hunger Initiative, which continues to help feed those less fortunate across our state."

Holding seven college degrees, it's no surprise that Quarles took this pivot to accept the position as president of the Kentucky Community and Technical College system.

He has a doctorate in higher education administration from Vanderbilt University, a master's degree in higher education from Harvard University, and a juris doctorate from the University of Kentucky College of Law. He earned four other degrees, including two master's degrees, from the University of Kentucky.

"I believe that education is the great equalizer in life. If you work hard enough and study, you can become anything you want in America. I've always had a passion for higher education. As the son of a public school teacher who spent 30 years in the classroom teaching at Kentucky State Uni-

versity, I've always had a role model in my house of what education can do to change your life," Quarles said.

This isn't the first time he's worked in education, either. When he was a college student, Gov. Fletcher appointed him as the student representative to the Kentucky Council on Postsecondary Education, the state's higher education coordinating agency.

Although he will no longer be representing the KDA directly, Quarles still hopes to advocate for Kentucky's farmers and agriculture industry. First, he plans to keep the "affordability and the accessibility to the (KCTS) system." He said that will remain a goal "as well as supporting and growing the skilled trades in Kentucky."

"I'm excited about continuing my career in public service, just in a different capacity as president of KCTCS. I hope my background in agriculture will benefit our experience at KCTCS because one of the biggest issues facing Kentucky is our workforce development crisis, meaning we need more Kentuckians to go to work as well as more skilled labor, whether that be welders, electricians, carpenters, mechanics, etc. Those are agriculture needs and manufacturing, so I hope my new role benefits agriculture as well. So I hope to bring my blue-collar farm background to this role to help better our state," Quarles said.

The commissioner said he would be lying if he said he didn't have moments of "feeling sentimental" these last few months.

"But I've had fun; I feel like we've done the best we could do and that we've elevated the Department of Agriculture, not just among the farm community but across Kentucky as well - even those who may not know the difference between a soybean and a green bean."

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If you are interested in being considered for a board seat in one of these areas, you must be a member in good standing in your own name as of Nov. 19.

They say time flies when you're having fun, and somehow this year is already in its final two months. While many of us have wrapped up harvest for 2023, some still have a way to go. I encourage those still in the combine to continue being mindful of the safety practices that we all know, but sometimes take shortcuts around. Shortcuts can be good in a variety of contexts, but never in farm safety.

As we're working toward wrapping up harvest at Hendricks Farms, I'm planning my meeting schedule. It's filling up fast. In addition to the board meetings I'll attend as president of the Kentucky Soybean Association and as a member of the Kentucky Soybean Promotion Board, there are a number of other soybean-related events that I hope I'll see you at, too.

On Jan. 17, 2024, the first of three Intensive Soybean Management Workshops will be held at the Sloan Convention Center in Bowling Green. This workshop will feature Xtreme Ag team members Matt Miles, Temple Rhodes, and Chad Henderson. They'll be talking about using sustainable land practices while achieving maximum yield and ROI.

The next day, Jan. 18, 2024, we'll join our counterparts at corn and small grains for the Kentucky Commodity Conference. Harry Stine is slated for the early riser session, and we'll hear from Matt Bennett, Dr. Grant Gardner and Dr. Jordan Shockley on the marketing panel before settling in for our keynote lunch speaker, Eric Snodgrass. Following lunch, the Kentucky Soybean Association will host its annual meeting. If you're a member, we hope you'll attend, and if you're not a member, we hope you'll become one.

One agenda item at this annual meeting is the election of directors in several areas. David Winchell of the Green River area, Houston Howlett in the Lincoln Trail area, and both Ben Furnish and Jeremy Tucker in the Central Bluegrass area are directors currently serving and eligible for re-election. We will have open board seats in the Purchase and Mammoth Cave areas as Andrea Williford and Andy Alford will both complete the three, three-year term limit set forth by our organization's bylaws.

If you are interested in being considered for a board seat in one of these areas, you must be a member in good standing in your own name as of Nov. 19. If you need to check the status of your membership or have been meaning to join KSA, give our office a call at 270-365-7214 and one of our staff members will be happy to help you.

We'll wrap up the conference on Thursday evening with an awards celebration to honor all of our production contest win-

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A picture is worth a thousand words

The slightly fuzzy, somewhat overexposed photograph captures a carefree moment in my 3-year-old brother Christian's childhood. He's wearing just a pair of shorts and a bewildered grin. His bare feet and shirtless body confirm what the one edge of 3 1/2-inch square, black-and-white photo already reveals: it's "Aug 68". I might have guessed the year because right behind him is parked the "Blue Goose," our family's pet name for a used, blue 1961 Ford Galaxie my parents bought after my two older siblings, Richard and Peggy, began to drive. It looks more like a billowy summer cloud atop four black discs than fat feathered fowl.

The Goose sits on a patch of gravel next to our three-sided machine shed. My parents never parked it or the family car, a mid-1960s Ford station wagon, in the shed where some half-awake hired man might nick either on their way to the nearby Havoline oil barrels or, Holy Moses, clobber 'em with a tractor or implement. Despite the preventive parking, the Goose got cooked-mangled-by Uncle Honey, Dad's machinery-bending uncle, one fall Sunday noon.

It was a classic Honey hit: he simply plowed into the Goose's passenger rear panel as he backed an 1850 Oliver and its semi-mounted, five-bottom plow out of the machinery shed and into the parked car.

There was no squawk, honk, or alarmed gasp. In true Honey fashion, the sound of grinding metal and sight of flying chrome went completely unnoticed. Without so much as a glance back, Honey then kicked the 1850 into road gear and roared off to plow something else-telephone poles, cows, the heifer barn, and maybe a stubble field.

There's another car in the photo that captures the still-intact Goose: hired man Jackie's super sweet, '68 Ford Fairlane 500. Like the Ford Mustang of that vintage, the car's key design features were a very un-Jackie, very nonfarm sloping fastback rear window and trunk that went downhill before sliding into its tail lights. Jackie called the car "Turtleback" because the trunk lid, almost hidden in the smooth, downward sweep of the car's rear, opened to reveal a cavern deep enough to hold a month of groceries or a week of firewood.

Quiet, purposeful Jackie, however, used it as a locked vault for his most necessary possessions-a well-oiled, 12-gauge pump shotgun, a pair of six-buckle overshoes, a rubber raincoat, and a week's stash of unopened Velvet tobacco cans and enough cigarette papers to roll the Velvet in "homemades." (If he was feeling flush, he'd treat himself to a pack of "store-



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Legislators learn about veterinarian shortages, mitigation



Rep. Matthew Koch, R-Paris, speaking during the meeting.

FRANKFORT — Whether you're a cat parent, race horses or raise cattle for food, you're bound to need a veterinarian.

Legislators on the Interim Joint Committee on Agriculture recently heard testimony about a shortage of veterinarians in Kentucky and ways to mitigate the problem.

Representatives from the Kentucky Department of Agriculture, longtime collaborators at the Auburn University College of Veterinary Medicine, and those interested in establishing a veterinary medicine school in Kentucky all spoke to the committee.

Keith L. Rogers, chief of staff for the KDA, said addressing the shortage of veterinarians in the state has been a priority. The department launched stakeholder meetings in 2022 concerning large animal vets. This led to working group that was appointed this year, he said.

Efforts include working with students who participate in FFA and 4-H and collaborating with high school counselors to find ways to prepare them for veterinary medicine school, he said.

Rep. Matthew Koch, R-Paris, said there's no doubt more veterinarians are needed in rural Kentucky, but students often graduate from veterinary school saddled with debt. That makes it difficult to practice in rural communities, he said.

Rep. Chad Aull, D-Lexington, asked Rogers about other ways to attract and

retain veterinarians.

For 72 years, Kentucky and Auburn University in Alabama have had a regional contract for veterinary education. Through the arrangement, qualified students can pursue specific health degrees at out-of-state institutions and pay in-state tuition. Private schools offer reduced tuition.

Dr. Calvin M. Johnson and Dr. Melinda S. Camus, both of the Auburn University College of Veterinary Medicine, testified at length about how the arrangement works.

Johnson said Kentucky will pay the regional board \$5.24 million this fiscal year for 152 seats at Auburn.

Dr. Brian Parr, dean of the Hutson School of Agriculture at Murray State University, said the school is well positioned to boost the number of veterinarians in Kentucky.

"(It's) not the first time that this has been looked at. This was looked at at least one time 50 years ago and about three times in between that," he said.

Parr said the shortage in veterinarians is compounded by some younger veterinarians who don't want to work

40-hours a week, according to a national statistic.

Rep. Kim King, R-Harrodsburg, said she was haunted by some of the veterinarians who aim to work less than 40 hours a week.

"I can't even fathom how they expect to have a business model and have their own practice. I can assure them that they will put in three times that amount of work and hours every week," she said.

Parr described it as a "delicate issue," and said the whole profile of what new veterinarians look like has changed tremendously over the last 20 years – with the average pre-veterinarian student at Murray State being a female from a suburban or urban environment.

He also said the corporatization of veterinary offices across the United States causes challenges.

"But often times in those contracts, it cuts out any large animal practice. And there's two main factors that cause that. No. 1, the money is not there to go pregnancy check dairy cows as opposed to giving cancer treatments to Chihuahuas. It doesn't compare," he said.

Meeting season

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ners.

For our friends in the western part of the state, Murray State University Soybean Promotion Day will be held on Tuesday, Jan. 23, 2024. This year's event will feature RFD-TV's Mike Pearson, who will address the Four MegaTrends in Agriculture. He'll talk about big data, robotics, biotechnology and the structure of the industry. Mike will be joined by Dr. Katherine Stowe, who heads the U.S. Soybean Research Collaborative, a multi-state project that works to coordinate and promote all things soybean research.

As the guy on TV says, "but wait... there's MORE." We'll host Intensive Soybean Management Workshops in Princeton on Feb. 6, 2024 and in Elizabethtown on Feb. 7, 2024 with Dr. Seth Naeve and Kentucky American Seed's Patrick Hurt. Dr. Naeve will share some of what he has learned about yield and quality while conducting long-term

and multi-state research, while Patrick will focus on utilizing plant physiology, plant growth regulators, nutrition, and management practices to increase production.

Go ahead and mark your calendars, and check the upcoming Kentucky Soybean Sentinel or our social media for registration opening soon for all these events.

For those of you who don't mind to travel, I highly recommend that you consider Commodity Classic. This year it will be held in Houston, Feb. 28 through March 2, 2024. Classic is the place where the newest ideas, technologies, and products debut, and there are a number of educational sessions throughout the week. Find out more at CommodityClassic.com.

So. Yeah. That's a lot. And being as busy as I am, and you being as busy as you are, I'm going to remind you to take some time out to spend some time with your family. Our combine broke down while we were cutting beans right before Halloween. While I was aggravated that we were shut down for the rest of the day, it gave my brother

and me time to go eat pizza and carve pumpkins with our families, including our parents. I need to remember to slow down and be thankful for that time while I still can, and I bet you

need that reminder, too.

As we enter this season of giving thanks, I hope that you have a lot to be thankful for, and that you enjoy those blessings to the fullest.

A picture is worth...

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boughts.")

The Fairlane was Jackie's midlife crisis car and he was proud of it. He had traded an owlsh, practical Ford Falcon and a wad of sweat-earned cash to buy it outright and he never parked it where Honey might clip it with a silage wagon or sickle mower.

And no one—not his older brother Howard, not my dad, and certainly not my brothers and me—were allowed to drive the modest Mustang-wannabe other than the wiry, overall-wearing Jackie even if it was just a mile from

its usual parking spot to the house he shared with his brothers, Howard and Orlie.

It's a rock-solid safe bet that Honey didn't even notice Jackie's new car. Remember, this was a person who was so singularly focused on the task in front of him that fateful Sunday that he never noticed our 3,500 lb. Blue Goose behind him. Worse, my family was just sitting down to a fried chicken dinner that day so we heard and saw the plucking from start to finish.

Dad, who already had many weary memories of Uncle Honey "incidents," said nothing. It was Sunday, his day off, and a platter of fried chicken and an afternoon nap were staring him in the face. I heard a long sigh, then a quiet, "Let's pray."

"For what," my mother asked sharply, "dinner or Honey?"

Smithson earns KFB Excellence in Agriculture



Caleb Smithson, of Butler County, is the 2023 Kentucky Farm Bureau Excellence in Agriculture Award recipient.

Kentucky Farm Bureau has announced that Caleb Smithson of Butler County is the winner of the 2023 KFB Excellence in Agriculture Award.

Each year, KFB awards first, second and third place "Excellence in Agriculture" distinctions to individuals or couples under the age of 35 who contribute to, and exhibit leadership growth from, consistent involvement in Farm Bureau and other agriculture and civic-oriented organizations. To qualify for this award, contestants must not have most of their income subject to normal production risks associated with farming.

Smithson is the assistant agriculture manager and lead sales agronomist at a local, family-owned farm service. He

manages the company's seed supply, shipments, allocation, and orders for seed transactions at the location.

In college, Smithson's concentration of studies was agronomy, giving him experience as the manager of a fertilizer facility. His passion for agronomy led him to host an agronomic field day, which gives farmers an in-depth look at agronomy.

As an active participant in the farming industry, Smithson is very involved in Farm Bureau at the local, state, and national levels. He has been his county's young farmer chair since 2017. He regularly attends the KFB state annual meeting and has won numerous awards through Farm Bureau. Smithson is also

involved in his church, community, and university alumni association.

Smithson will receive a cash credit toward the purchase of a John Deere product of his choice from Farm Credit Mid-America and will represent Kentucky in the national contest at the American Farm Bureau Federation Convention in January.

Matthew and Kelsey Chadwick of Calloway County were recognized as the second-place winners and were awarded \$400 by KFB.

Third place in the contest went to Courtney Jenkins of Morgan County who received \$300 courtesy of KFB.



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Vietnamese Trade Group learn about Ethanol production

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breakfast at H and R Agri-Power in Hopkinsville. Members of the Kentucky Corn Growers Association and Corn Promotion boards interacted with the delegation, answering questions and explaining how both boards operate to increase corn production and sustainability.

Following breakfast, the team toured H and R Agri-Power. Visiting the Commonwealth Agri-Energy plant on Pembroke Road was next on the agenda. Plant manager Mick Henderson explained how the industry has grown from its beginnings in 2004 to currently producing 47 million gallons of ethanol each year. He said the plant captures its carbon dioxide emissions and turns that into carbonation for soft drinks and also for dry ice. A sidebar of this part of the production is that poultry production purchases the distiller's dried grain by-product for poultry feed and the dry ice for shipping harvested poultry.

The group concluded their day in Christian County at the Casey Jones Distillery, visiting the distillery rick house, interacting with each other and guests over dinner about the two-day experience, and finally, sampling another ethanol product – Casey Jones bourbon. On Friday, their last day, they included the Pilot Travel Stop in Oak Grove, the Buckeye fuel terminal in Nashville, and finally, Eco Energy, a global biofuels marketing partner located in Franklin, Tennessee.

Currently, Vietnam has an E5 mandate, but group officials hope to see an increase to E10 and E15, helping Vietnam reduce its greenhouse gas emissions by 43.5 percent by 2030 and to zero emissions by 2050.

Not surprisingly, scooters and 2-wheelers are the main mode of transportation in Vietnam, with 90 percent of the population owning a scooter that runs on a 110-135cc engine. Automobile ownership is increasing. In 2020, 5.7 percent of the population owned an automobile; today, 9 percent, with

expectations of automobile ownership jumping 30 percent by 2050.

Team member Nguyen Quach Trong, CEO of Pelio, put those numbers in perspective. Trong said currently, there are about 5 million cars and 67 million motorcycles for a population of 100 million.

Pelio owns gasoline distribution stations and 120 gasoline fuel stations across the country, which sell regular and E5 gasoline by the liter. Trong said while E5 gasoline is available, the population needs to be faster to use it.

"Education is the key to using the E5," he said. Trong explained the end users are not well educated about the effectiveness of E5 and how it is good for the environment. Still, most importantly, its use will not damage motorcycles engines. He explained that motorcycles and scooters are the main modes of transportation for getting to work. People are reluctant to use E5 and are scared their means of transportation will be affected. He feels that moving to E10 and E15 will be a great

movement of the country.

Vietnam's annual fuel demand is approximately 3 billion gallons, and predictions are demand will grow to double digits by 2030. Forty percent of the country's ethanol supply comes from two biofuel products, with U.S. ethanol providing the rest through transshipments from South Korea.

Currently, biofuel exports to Vietnam totaled 2.4 million gallons in the first three quarters of the market year 22/23. The increase is nearly 400 percent from the previous year. Another rise of 400 percent, or 150 gallons, in sales is predicted with E10 and E15.

The corn growers of Kentucky provided the group with valuable information on the production, distribution, and sales of ethanol-blended gasoline, and with the expected increase in ethanol levels, Vietnam can use Kentucky corn to meet their new biofuel demands.

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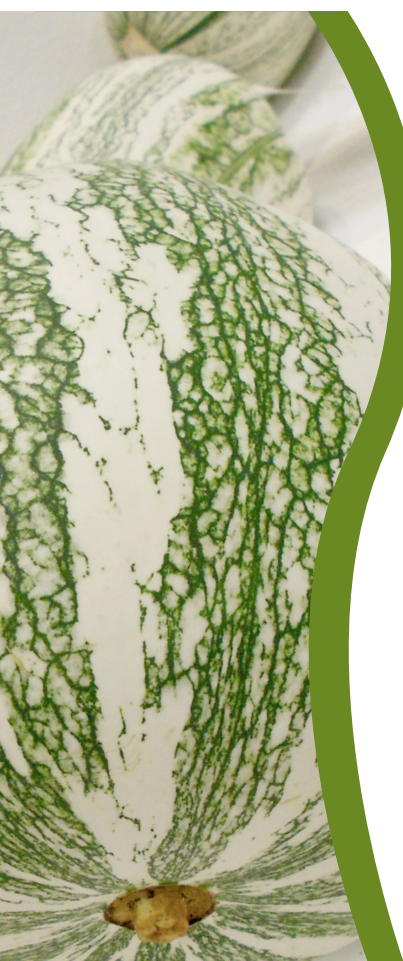
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Cushaw Pie

2 cups cooked and mashed cushaw squash	½ cup brown sugar	½ teaspoon nutmeg
¼ cup butter	2 eggs	¼ teaspoon ground cinnamon
¼ cup sugar	1 teaspoon lemon extract	1 9-inch graham cracker pie shell
	1 teaspoon vanilla extract	

- 1. To prepare squash:** Wash and remove rind from the squash. **Cut** flesh into 1 inch squares.

Steam squash cubes until tender. Drain and mash.
- 2. Preheat** oven to 400° F. In a large bowl, mix together the cushaw, butter, and sugars. **Add** eggs, lemon extract, vanilla extract, nutmeg and cinnamon. **Mix** until smooth.
- 3. Pour** mixture into pie shell.

4. Bake 15 minutes at 400° F.

5. Reduce oven temperature to 350° F and bake pie for an additional 45 minutes or until filling sets.
- Yield:** 8 slices

Nutritional Analysis: 250 calories, 13 g fat, 5 g saturated fat, 2.5 g trans fat, 70 mg cholesterol, 140 mg sodium, 33g carbohydrate, 1 g fiber, 3 g protein.

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Knowing What to Say

Someone I care very much about started talking about something she learned in church. She is not a Christian, and she questioned something that she was told in a class.

I was excited that she had agreed to go to church with her family and was taking interest in what she heard. I did not want to say anything that would discourage her, and I said a silent prayer that I would respond to her questions in the correct way.

To be truthful, I did not agree with what she was taught either. But I certainly didn't think I should go into a theological debate on the subject.

Instead, I told her that I disagreed with it, and I said that Christians disagree on a lot of things. I told her that God gave us his word to read it and study it. When we do, he reveals things to us. I assured her there are probably things I believe now that I will realize later are incorrect.

As Christians, I think we mess up when we act like we have all the answers. I know people who will argue theology and never stop long enough to listen and learn.

I love to talk about the Lord with my Christian friends, and I am okay with it when we disagree. I try to answer questions as I can for non-believers, but mostly I am reminded that Jesus and the disciples shared "the good news." While the Pharisees continuously tried to get Jesus to slip up on topics of religion, his message was clear: "...love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your mind, and with all your strength;" and to "love your neighbor as yourself." (Mark 12:30-31)

As Christians, we should have serious thoughts and discussions about God's word and his messages to us. When we talk to unbelievers, however, I think it is important to share the message of redemption and love. "Being a Christian" means we walk with God and we learn more about him as we grow closer to him. I want everyone to have the experience of knowing God's presence - the peace he gives and the love that is beyond all understanding.

It's easy to get wrapped up in the cares of this world and to forget that people are watching to see if we show the joy of the Lord in our lives. I pray that we all keep our eyes on the kingdom so that we can share his glory with others.

s/Sharon

Nutty Sweet Potato Biscuits

1 cup all-purpose flour	¼ teaspoon ground cinnamon	potatoes
⅓ cup whole wheat flour	¼ teaspoon ground nutmeg	6 tablespoons sugar
1½ teaspoons baking powder	⅓ cup chopped walnuts	¼ cup butter, melted
½ teaspoon salt	1 cup mashed sweet	½ teaspoon vanilla
		1 tablespoon milk

- 1.** In a large mixing bowl, **combine** flours, baking powder, salt, cinnamon, nutmeg and walnuts. **Set** aside.

2. Combine sweet potatoes, sugar, butter, vanilla and milk; **add** to flour mixture and mix well.
- 3. Turn out** onto a floured surface; gently **knead** 3 or 4 times. **Roll** dough into ½ inch thickness. **Cut** with a 2 inch biscuit cutter and **place** on a lightly greased baking sheet.

4. Bake at 450°F for 12 minutes or until
- golden brown.

Yield: 18 biscuits

Nutritional Analysis: 4 g fat, 2 g saturated fat, 5 mg cholesterol, 210 mg sodium, 14 g carbohydrate, 1 g fiber, 4 g sugar, 2 g protein.



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SPOTTED LANTERNFLY – Critical invasive species now spotted in Kentucky

A pest that can disrupt the state's natural environment and inflict havoc on multiple industries has entered Kentucky. The first spotted lanternfly was discovered in Gallatin County, the University of Kentucky announced on Oct. 25. This invasive species could have severe repercussions for the state's economy and quality of life if not controlled.

Scientifically referred to as *Lycorma delicatula*, the spotted lanternfly is a rapacious feeder that attacks more than 70 distinct host plants.

Honeydew is a byproduct of the spotted lanternfly. The insect secretes the syrupy substance during feeding, resulting in the development of black sooty mildew. In addition to harming vegetation, this sugary fecal material may entice stinging insects. Although the immediate impacts on woodland regions might not be as conspicuous as those in agricultural environments, the additional lanternfly strain imposed on the resources of trees may deteriorate their health.

"Eggs are being laid right now in infested areas," Larson said. "It's possi-

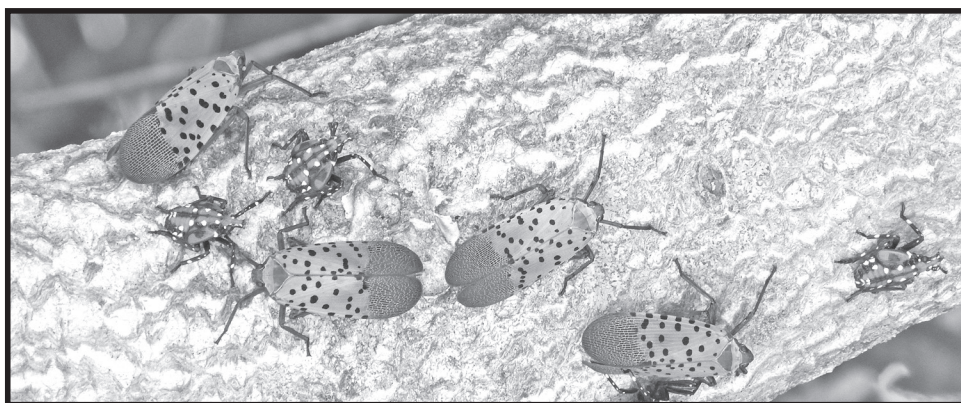


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Scientifically referred to as *Lycorma delicatula*, the spotted lanternfly could have severe repercussions for the state's economy and quality of life if not controlled. Contact UK if you see a spotted lanternfly.

ble that adults could lay their eggs on cars, trucks, trains and other modes of transportation that come to Kentucky. Their egg patches look like smears of mud and won't hatch until next spring."

Correctly identifying these insects is important because they resemble numerous important native species.

Adult lanternflies are distinguished by stripes and spots on their front wings and a vivid red hue on their rear wings, contrasting their bodies, predominantly

colored in white, black and khaki.

Insecticide treatment of potential host trees and eradication of preferable hosts, such as the invasive Tree-of-Heaven, can be employed by professionals to mitigate the transmission of these organisms.

The rapid-growing Tree-of-Heaven can establish itself in both woodland and urban environments, outcompeting native species. Although it is frequently encountered in polluted urban zones,

roadside areas and railroad tracks, it can also infiltrate natural habitats, particularly in wooded regions following harvests. The Tree-of-Heaven can rapidly colonize and establish dense stands due to the wind-borne spores it carries, providing a growing environment for the spotted lanternfly.

"Tree-of-Heaven and the spotted lanternfly have range overlap in the areas they are native to," Larson explained. "Further, the types of areas where Tree-of-Heavens pop up can overlap with areas where the spotted lanternfly may be introduced. They prefer to feed on Tree-of-Heaven as older nymphs and as adults."

Infested regions may be subject to quarantines and permits, in addition to restrictions on the movement of products like lumber.

If residents see a suspected spotted lanternfly, send a picture to reportapest@uky.edu and include the county.

"With citizens' cooperation and help, it will help us to track this pest's invasion into the state and maybe even slow it down," Larson said.

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High interest rates are hurting farmers, small businesses

Painful interest rates are not going away anytime soon, and when borrowing money costs more, business sectors, agriculture and consumers all take a hit.

"Home buyers, entrepreneurs and public officials are confronting a new reality: If they want to hold off on big purchases or investments until borrowing is less expensive, it's probably going to be a long wait," reports Lydia DePillis of The New York Times.

The sting of rate hikes may be nearing an end, but "market-based measures of long-term borrowing costs have continued rising . . . Governments are paying more to borrow money for new schools and parks. . . . Companies, forced to refinance debts at sharply higher interest rates, are more likely to lay off employees — especially if they were already operating with little or no profits."

Because borrowing money costs more, smaller banks have chosen to limit the amount of money they borrow from the Federal Reserve and lend more selectively.

DePillis writes, "Small banks are at the epicenter of America's credit crunch for small businesses." Mary Kay Bates, the chief executive of Bank Midwest in Spirit Lake, Iowa, told DePillis, "It's a trickle-down effect for everyone. . . . We're not looking at rates coming

down any time soon. I really see us taking a close watch and an internal focus, not so much on innovating and getting into new markets but taking care of the bank we have."

For smaller businesses, the increasing costs of credit may mean downsizing. For entrepreneurs, survival becomes the focus. Even farmers are facing some of the fallout.

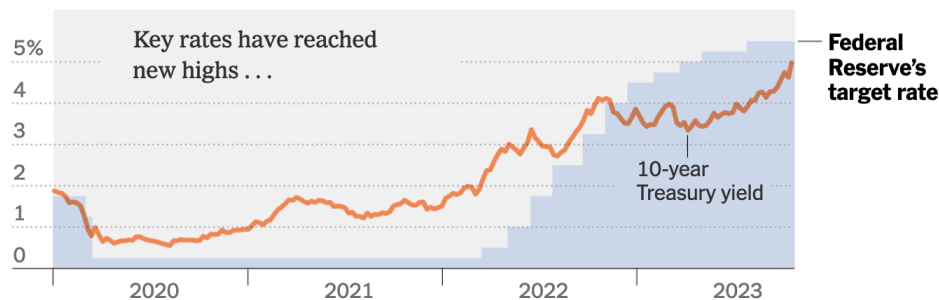
DePillis reports, "Commodity prices have been dropping, helping to bring down overall inflation, but that has depressed farm income. At the same time, high interest rates have made buying new equipment more expensive."

The problem could eventually spread to affordable housing developments and auto manufacturers.

"The real problem may arrive in a couple of years, when a new generation of renters begins searching for properties that never got built because of high borrowing costs," DePillis adds. "Car dealers may feel that shift soon. In recent years, dealers made up for low inventory by raising prices. Carmakers have been offering promotional interest deals, but the average interest rate on new four-year auto loans has climbed to 8.3 percent, the highest level since the early 2000s."

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Unlocking the mysteries of a hay test



These Missouri producers are taking a first look at a new hay test report. At first glance, hay reports can be intimidating, leading most producer to ask, “Is it any good?” Interpreting a forage test is best done by evaluating the fiber components, ADF and NDF. These two values are key to estimating the energy and intake (or consumability) of forages.

One of the first major programs I led as a new Extension specialist at the University of Missouri was centered around a mobile near infrared spectroscopy (NIR) hay testing van. This was very advanced technology at the time, which was almost 40 years ago, or ‘in the 1900s as I like to tell my students. I was the equivalent of the Little Red Hen of children’s books, as I would drive up in the van, plug it in, process samples, test the samples, hand out the sample results and then present the educational meeting.

I was surprised at the nearly universal reaction of farmers when I handed them their results. Nearly every time, they would hand the report back to me and ask me, “is it any good?” As a new specialist my lack of depth and working knowledge of forages was shocking - I assumed that everyone knew more about forage reports than I did. Surely the report itself was sufficient, that it would speak for itself.

Wrong.
I need to acknowledge up front that the absolute best and most proven way to evaluate forage quality is the performance of the animal to be fed. While true, it is certainly an “after the fact” kind of revelation. Kind of like predicting the score of a football game the day after it was played. One hundred percent accurate but not very helpful.
To get a good forage analysis, start with a good , which is composed of cores from 15 to 20 bales of hay that are representative of the lot. Submit the whole sample to a certified forage laboratory. Most of the forage tests today are done using NIR, which provides more information at lower cost than traditional wet chemistry methods.
Once you get the report, you are at a similar place as my Missouri farmers – wondering if the hay is any good? To answer that, at least partially, I will

start with the hardest aspect of forage quality to understand – fiber. Fiber in the diet of ruminants and equine is inversely proportional to energy. Energy is the holy grail of forage quality because energy is the most limiting component of forages.
First, to say two things are inversely proportional, it means when one increases, the other decreases. With livestock, as forage fiber goes up, energy goes down. Think of the contrast in calories between shredded wheat (high fiber) and Breyers ice cream. To meet your daily energy needs, you would have to eat a lot of shredded wheat but only a little Breyers ice cream!
The same thing is true with forages. Livestock have to consume much more of a high fiber forage to meet energy needs than with low fiber forages. And just as your stomach will max out after a couple of bowls of shredded wheat, livestock have a finite capacity to consume and digest high fiber feeds.
To find the fiber information on the forage test, look for ‘ADF’ (acid detergent fiber) and ‘NDF’ (neutral detergent fiber) values, and always look at the dry matter column. These terms are named from their respective lab techniques (and certainly not because they are very descriptive). Lower values

The Forage Doctor



By Jimmy Henning

any other parameter because it is a key determinant of our main energy term for ruminants, TDN (total digestible nutrients).
NDF is the total fiber in a forage sample and is made up of cellulose, hemicellulose, lignin, and ash. NDF is used to estimate intake, and low NDF numbers are desired. Low NDF values indicate livestock can consume more forage.
So if you know ADF and NDF, how do you know if hay is any good? I created Table 1 to help with that. Find your value of ADF and/or NDF in the table and you will get my evaluation of the relative quality of the hay, high, medium or low. This table is based on experience and other reports may vary.
So now you how to tell a little more about your hay, including whether it can be considered high, medium or low in quality. My analysis here is a gross simplification of a very complex subject that I will write more about in coming columns. For now, it is sufficient to know that low fiber (ADF and NDF)

Table 1. Definition of high, medium and low quality forages based on percent (%) ADF or NDF.			
	High	Medium	Low
ADF – All forages	25-35	36-50	>50
NDF - Legumes	35-45	46-60	>60
NDF - Grass/Small Grains/Summer Annuals	45-55	56-70	>70

are better and are associated with less mature, less stemmy forages.
ADF is the relatively indigestible fiber in a forage sample, containing cellulose, lignin and silica. Low ADF values indicate high energy forages. I will make the bold statement that ADF tells more about your forage than almost

values are desirable because that means a forage is higher in energy and can be consumed in larger quantities.
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Vietnamese Delegation Gets First-Hand Look at Kentucky Bioethanol Production

Following the U.S. Grains Council's (USGC's) Global Ethanol Summit (GES), held Oct. 16-18, 11 groups of attendees dispersed to ethanol-producing states around the country where they spent the next few days viewing the biofuel value chain firsthand before heading back to their home countries.

Kentucky Corn welcomed 15 influential industry stakeholders and policymakers from Vietnam as they sought to learn more about the environmental and economic benefits of bioethanol blending. Specifically, the Vietnam delegation was comprised of government officials, ethanol producers, ethanol and fuel associations, fuel traders, blenders, and retail fuel companies.

The group departed for Nashville, TN, on Oct. 18 and stopped at a Thorntons retail gas station to chat with company management about how consumers have multiple fuel choices at the pump and how E10 accounts for more than 95 percent of the fuel consumed in the U.S.

Oct. 19 was a jam-packed day that kicked off with a meeting with local farming leaders and a tour of an equipment repair bay at H&R Agri-Power. Multi-generation farming families were on hand to answer questions about how U.S. producers have increased output while staying environmentally friendly, a major point of interest for many overseas consumers.

Next up was an in-depth look at bioethanol production facilities at Commonwealth Agri-Energy, including raw material deliveries, an on-site lab for quality control and co-product storage and handling.



Brandon Hunt explained production and conservation efforts on his family's Christian County Farm as they were in the midst of sowing cover crops. Trade mission delegates also visited Commonwealth Agri-Energy, H&R Agri-Power, Casey Jones Distillery, and Thorntons fuel retail and distribution locations.

The afternoon included a visit to Brandon Hunt's fifth-generation, family-run farming operation that predominantly grows corn, wheat and soybeans. He was in the midst of harvesting soybeans and planting cover crops for the winter, just one of several sustainable farming methods used by U.S. producers year-round.

The final day of the trip began with another opportunity to observe a typical U.S. fuel station and witness drivers filling their vehicles with E10-blended gasoline. Participants were also enthralled by a particular customer's vintage truck and its owner was kind enough to chat with the group about its maintenance and fueling needs.

Next, attendees received a tour of the Buckeye Fuel Terminal in Nashville to learn about bioethanol blending and storage before it heads to retail stations. The group was lucky to have a truck arrive to fill up with bioethanol during the visit, and the driver was able to discuss his daily routine and safety protocols that ensure U.S. vehicles can stay on the move every day.

Programming concluded with a meeting at Eco-Energy, with presentations about the company's marketing and business strategies. The agenda impressed and reassured participants as they learned about the diligent product testing and secure transport methods throughout the bioethanol supply chain.

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Thursday, January 18, 2024
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This meeting attracts more than 350 growers, agribusiness and extension professionals, and agriculture stakeholders from across the commonwealth. The Kentucky Commodity Conference is a great place to network, catch up with old friends, learn from the leading marketing and production experts, and celebrate each others accomplishments.

Registration information will be provided soon.

Overall, it was clear to see how active and curious the attendees were in learning about U.S. bioethanol production as Vietnam is considering multiple avenues to decrease its climate footprint, including wider adoption of biofuels. Engagement activities like this and the rest of GES's programming represent small steps toward a greener tomorrow.

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Scan the QR code to RSVP electronically:



Please **RSVP** at least **one week** prior to your meeting.

For more information contact Denise at 270.970.4792

DISTRICT AREAS		MEETING DATE, TIME & LOCATION	PLEASE RSVP TO YOUR DISTRICT CHAIRMAN
1	Christian, Todd	Wednesday, November 22 - 9:30 a.m. CST Fairview Produce Auction *NEW LOCATION 10292 US Hwy 68, Fairview, KY 42266	Jesse Ramer 270.889.1160 344 Boley Road, Sharon Grove, KY 42280
2	Ballard, Caldwell, Calloway, Carlisle, Crittenden, Fulton, Graves, Henderson, Hickman, Hopkins, Livingston, Lyon, Marshall, McCracken, Muhlenberg, Trigg, Union, Webster	Wednesday, November 22 - 9:30 a.m. CST Fairview Produce Auction *NEW LOCATION 10292 US Hwy 68, Fairview, KY 42266	Annie Cooper 270.853.6809 1859 South Kirkman Road, La Center, KY 42056
3	Allen, Barren, Butler, Logan, Simpson, Warren	Thursday, November 16 - 7:00 p.m. CST Cave City Convention Center 502 Mammoth Cave Street, Cave City, KY	Tonya Cherry 270.590.4312 1242 South Combs Lane, Fountain Run, KY 42133
4	Breckenridge, Bullitt, Daviess, Edmonson, Grayson, Hancock, Hardin, Hart, Jefferson, LaRue, McLean, Meade, Ohio	Thursday, November 16 - 7:00 p.m. CST Cave City Convention Center 502 Mammoth Cave Street, Cave City, KY	Hope Reynolds 270.528.6188 1018 Bales Road, Magnolia, KY 42757
5	Casey, Green, Taylor	Thursday, November 9 - 7:00 p.m. EST Taylor County Extension Office 1143 South Columbia Avenue, Campbellsville, KY	Caden Cowherd 270.402.0285 214 Cowherd Road, Campbellsville, KY 42718
6	Boyle, Fayette, Garrard, Jessamine, Madison, Marion, Mercer, Nelson, Spencer, Washington, Woodford	Monday, November 6 - 7:00 p.m. EST Marion County Extension Office 415 Fairgrounds Rd, Lebanon, KY	Kim Jones 270.402.1383 3310 Highway 52, Loretto, KY 40037
7	Cumberland, Metcalfe, Monroe	Thursday, November 16 - 7:00 p.m. CST Cave City Convention Center 502 Mammoth Cave Street, Cave City, KY	Diana Bowles 270.819.0126 1330 Cedar Hill Road, Mt Hermon, KY 42157
8	Adair, Russell	Monday, November 27 - 7:00 p.m. CST Trinity Fellowship Hall *NEW LOCATION 2252 Campbellsville Road, Columbia, KY 42728	Billy Rowe 270.634.0334 499 Norman Grant Road, Columbia, KY 42728
9	Bell, Breathitt, Clay, Clinton, Estill, Floyd, Harlan, Jackson, Knott, Knox, Laurel, Lee, Leslie, Letcher, Lincoln, Magoffin, McCreary, Owsley, Perry, Pike, Powell, Pulaski, Rockcastle, Wayne, Whitley, Wolfe	Tuesday, November 14 - 6:30 p.m. EST Marcella's Farm to Fork 216 Cedar Rapids Road, Mount Vernon, KY	Patrick Patterson 606.871.7318 1961 Coffey Road, Nancy, KY 42544
10	Anderson, Bath, Boone, Bourbon, Boyd, Bracken, Campbell, Carroll, Carter, Clark, Elliott, Fleming, Franklin, Gallatin, Grant, Greenup, Harrison, Henry, Johnson, Kenton, Lawrence, Lewis, Martin, Mason, Menifee, Montgomery, Morgan, Nicholas, Oldham, Owen, Pendleton, Robertson, Rowan, Scott, Shelby, Trimble	Wednesday, November 1 - 7:00 p.m. EST Shelby County Extension Office 1117 Frankfort Rd, Shelbyville, KY	Terry Rowlett 502.532.7982 8222 Carrollton Road, Campbellsburg, KY 40011
11 - IN	Clark, Crawford, Daviess, Dubois, Floyd, Gibson, Green, Harrison, Jackson, Jefferson, Knox, Lawrence, Martin, Orange, Perry, Pike, Posey, Scott, Spencer, Sullivan, Vanderburgh, Vermillion, Vigo, Warren, Warrick, Washington	Wednesday, November 8 - 6:00 p.m. CST RZ's Cafe 104 North Main Street, Ft. Branch, IN	Kelly Obert 812.779.8531 7826 S 550 E, Fort Branch, IN 47648

Weekly Kentucky Cattle and Grain Summary

Frankfort, KY

For Week Ending:

Receipts: 23,535

Monday, October 2, 2023

Saturday, September 30, 2023

Last Week: 23,132

Last Year: 20,981

USDA Livestock, Poultry and Grain Market News

Compared to last week, feeder steers and heifers sold mostly 2.00 to 5.00 lower with moderate to good demand. Yearling steers and heifers were mostly steady with good demand. Weaned preconditioned packages of calves were still bringing a premium with fleshy new crop calves facing discounts. Slaughter cows were mostly 2.00 to 4.00 lower and slaughter bulls steady to 2.00 lower with moderate to good demand.

[View Full Summary](#)

STATE AVERAGES			
Steers (M&L 1-2)	This Week	Prior Week	Last Year
350-400 lbs	253.32	263.89	187.70
400-450 lbs	250.75	252.08	177.78
450-500 lbs	247.84	254.34	177.81
500-550 lbs	245.65	251.36	173.83
550-600 lbs	241.41	246.49	170.96
600-650 lbs	235.20	237.87	161.77
650-700 lbs	234.11	236.10	161.35
700-750 lbs	227.75	234.83	156.31
750-800 lbs	225.11	233.31	154.94
800-850 lbs	234.70	234.38	160.27
850-900 lbs	229.52	233.03	153.04
Heifers (M&L 1-2)			
300-350 lbs	222.78	228.64	154.27
350-400 lbs	228.11	232.35	153.51
400-450 lbs	226.23	231.07	153.47
450-500 lbs	226.92	231.48	151.39
500-550 lbs	219.60	225.85	149.81
550-600 lbs	220.12	224.58	147.22
600-650 lbs	215.28	223.03	144.34
650-700 lbs	215.98	219.55	143.22
700-750 lbs	205.60	211.07	136.95
750-800 lbs	204.88	211.39	136.16

WEEKLY COW SUMMARY				
Slaughter Cows		Average	High	Low
Breakers		80.00-108.50	91.50-119.00	75.00-99.50
Boners		75.00-104.50	90.00-119.00	60.00-95.00
Lean		57.00-99.00	77.00-127.50	40.00-89.00
Slaughter Bulls		Average	High	Low
Yield Grade 1&2		107.00-129.50	118.00-144.00	82.00-119.00

September 28, 2023

Bowling Green, KY

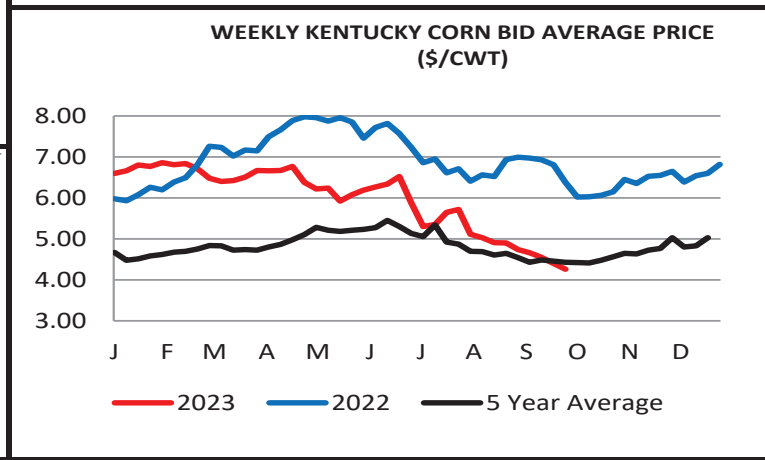
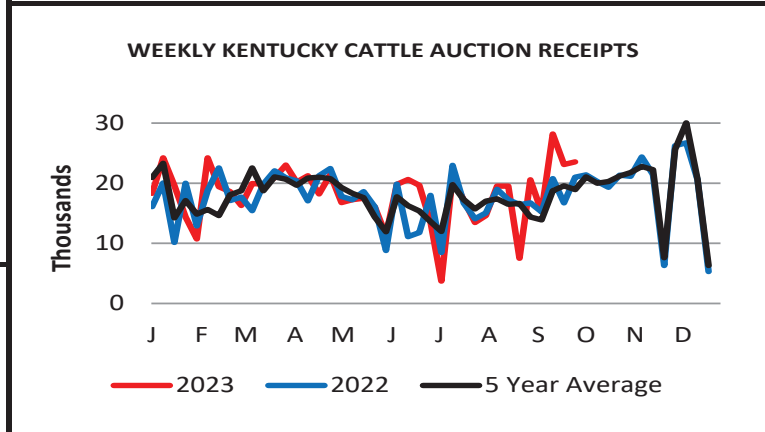
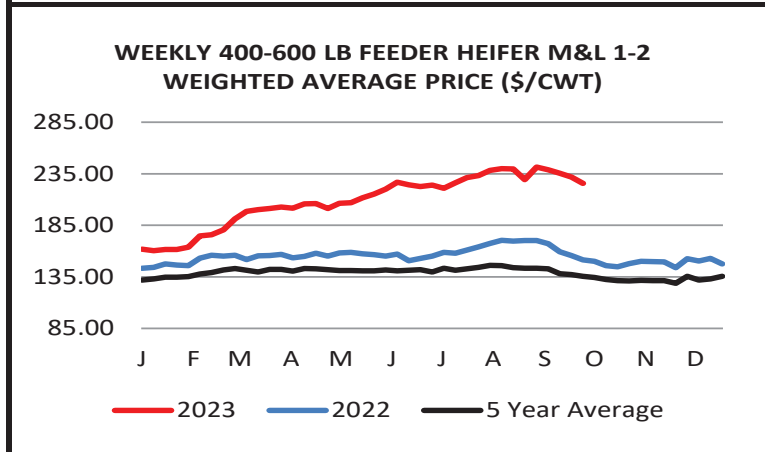
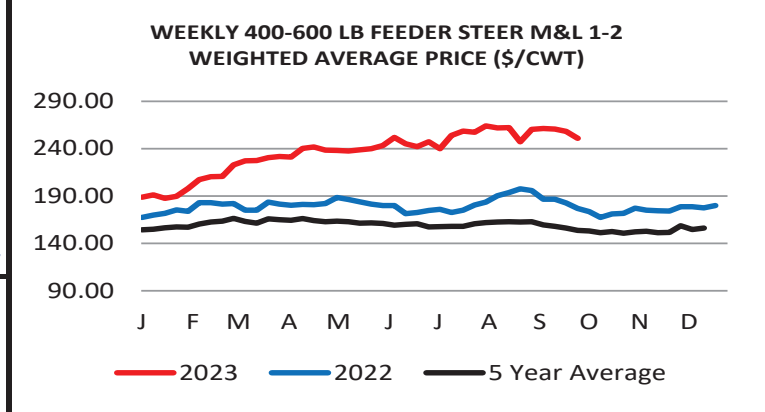
SLAUGHTER GOATS: 190

Kids Selection 1-2 59 lbs 222.50; 71 lbs 222.50. Selection 2 45 lbs 177.50; 54 lbs 215.00; 64-68 lbs 192.50-222.50; 84 lbs 210.00; 111 lbs 170.00. Selection 2-3 53 lbs 122.50-192.50; 66 lbs 200.00; 73 lbs 170.00; 110-125 lbs 122.50-150.00.

SLAUGHTER SHEEP: 408

Hair Breeds-Choice & Prime 1-2 56 lbs 272.50; 71-72 lbs 170.00-177.50; 87 lbs 157.50;92 lbs 147.50; 112-137 lbs 112.50-127.50. Choice 2 54 lbs 242.50; 70 lbs 180.00; 90 lbs 142.50. Woolled Choice & Prime 1-2 155 lbs 127.50. [View Full Report](#)

GRAINS			
	This Week	Prior Week	Last Year
Corn	3.82-4.65	4.10-4.82	5.48-6.93
Soybeans	11.31-12.73	12.16-13.35	12.30-14.51
Red Winter Wheat	5.09-6.19	5.26-6.34	8.18-8.92



Blue Grass Stockyards Lexington, KY Sept. 25 & 26, 2023 Feeder Steers: Medium & Large 1-2 29 hd. 768# 240.00 blk 52 hd. 797# 240.00 blk 109 hd. 819# 242.50 blk 27 hd. 838# 218.00 charx 124 hd. 841# 242.00 blk-bwf 66 hd. 884# 234.00 blk 61 hd. 896# 231.30 blk 65 hd. 898# 211.75 M & L 2-3 mixed 55 hd. 923# 222.00 red-rwf 56 hd. 926# 233.75 blk 54 hd. 929# 226.50 mixed 43 hd. 930# 230.25 blk-charx 61 hd. 940# 226.00 charx 43 hd. 992# 225.00 blk 62 hd. 996# 224.00 blk 53 hd.1096#215.75 blk Feeder Heifers: Medium & Large 1-2 58 hd. 706# 238.75 charx-blk 66 hd. 762# 238.00 blk-charx 20 hd. 896# 202.00 blk-charx	KY-TN Livestock Auction Guthrie, KY Sept. 28, 2023 Feeder Steers: Medium & Large 1-2 44 hd. 543# 250.00 blk-bwf 29 hd. 640# 238.00 blk-bwf Feeder Bulls: Medium & Large 1-2 20 hd. 360# 270.00 blk-bwf 28 hd. 489# 246.00 blk-bwf Feeder Heifers: Medium & Large 1-2 37 hd. 426# 241.00 blk-bwf 62 hd. 492# 235.00 blk-bwf 47 hd. 555# 233.00 blk-bwf 26 hd. 625# 215.00 blk-bwf	Blue Grass South Stanford, KY Sept. 28, 2023 Feeder Steers: Medium & Large 1-2 81 hd. 729# 266.00 blk-bwf 70 hd. 741# 259.50 blk-bwf 64 hd. 801# 247.00 blk-bwf 75 hd. 817# 253.75 blk-red 56 hd. 941# 232.90 blk-bwf	Paris Stockyards Paris, KY Sept.28, 2023 Feeder Steers: Medium & Large 1-2 27 hd. 637# 258.00 blk 72 hd. 686# 249.50 mixed 120 hd. 686# 256.00 blk 24 hd. 761# 244.50 blk 100 hd. 860# 235.25 mixed 60 hd. 877# 234.00 blk 121 hd. 881# 236.00 blk Feeder Heifers: Medium & Large 1-2 52 hd. 553# 228.50 blk 20 hd. 572# 235.50 blk 20 hd. 605# 236.00 blk 30 hd. 797# 224.00 blk 62 hd. 947# 202.00 xbred
	Washington Co. Livestock Springfield, KY Sept 25, 2023 Feeder Steers: Medium & Large 1-2 60 hd. 908# 235.10 blk-red 58 hd. 916# 237.25 blk Feeder Heifers: Medium & Large 1-2 67 hd. 762# 236.50 blk	Farmers Livestock Glasgow, KY Sept. 25, 2023 Feeder Steers: Medium & Large 1-2 21 hd. 516# 253.00 blk 69 hd. 661# 256.00 mixed Feeder Bulls: Medium & Large 1-2 26 hd. 364# 250.00 blk 33 hd. 451# 241.00 blk 33 hd. 510# 237.00 blk Feeder Heifers: Medium & Large 1-2 22 hd. 362# 226.50 blk 49 hd. 451# 228.00 blk 38 hd. 521# 225.00 blk 32 hd. 577# 218.00 blk	Blue Grass of Richmond Richmond, KY Sept.29, 2023 Feeder Steers: Medium & Large 1-2 56 hd. 645# 262.00 28 hd. 729# 214.00 164 hd. 793# 252.60 59 hd. 859# 247.50 41 hd. 859# 233.00 56 hd. 911# 229.80 55 hd. 950# 225.10 56 hd.1083#217.25 Holstein Steers: Large 3 60 hd. 944# 182.40 Feeder Heifers: Medium & Large 1-2 63 hd. 877# 215.25
Russell County Stockyards Russell Springs, KY Sept.27, 2023 Feeder Steers: Medium & Large 1-2 30 hd. 636# 248.25 blk-bwf 20 hd. 657# 250.00 blk-bwf 28 hd. 765# 240.00 blk-bwf Feeder Heifers: Medium & Large 1-2 22 hd. 596# 215.00 blk-bwf 30 hd. 701# 229.50 blk-bwf 59 hd. 777# 230.25 blk-bwf 67 hd. 786# 229.85 blk-bwf	Farmers Livestock Flemingsburg, KY Sept 26, 2023 Feeder Steers: Medium & Large 1-2 71 hd. 731# 249.85 blk-charx	Mid-KY Livestock Market Upton, KY Sept. 26, 2023 Feeder Steers: Medium & Large 1-2 20 hd. 414# 256.00 mixed Feeder Bulls: Medium & Large 1-2 21 hd. 469# 230.00 blk 24 hd. 572# 225.00 blk Feeder Heifers: Medium & Large 1-2 24 hd. 455# 235.50 blk 37 hd. 515# 236.75 blk	Blue Grass of Albany Albany, KY Sept. 27, 2023 Feeder Steers: Medium & Large 1-2 22 hd. 551# 254.00 blk 42 hd. 654# 265.00 blk 69 hd. 802# 236.50 blk 67 hd. 896# 231.00 charx-red Feeder Heifers: Medium & Large 1-2 40 hd. 560# 225.50 mixed 40 hd. 595# 235.00 blk
Kentuckiana Livestock Market Owensboro, KY Sept 25, 2023 Feeder Steers: Medium & Large 1-2 22 hd. 711# 241.00 blk-bwf Feeder Heifers: Medium & Large 1-2 25 hd. 534# 226.00 blk 25 hd. 693# 230.00 blk-bwf	Lake Cumberland Livestock Somerset, KY. Sept. 30, 2023 Feeder Steers: Medium & Large 1-2 36 hd. 468# 265.00 blk-charx 61 hd. 888# 232.00 mixed 61 hd. 909# 232.50 blk-bwf 49 hd.1116#205.00 blk-bwf 48 hd.1130#195.50 blk-red Feeder Heifers: Medium & Large 1-2 23 hd. 450# 249.00 blk-charx 35 hd. 476# 247.00 mixed	Christian Co. Livestock Auction Hopkinsville, KY Sept. 27, 2023 Feeder Heifers: Medium & Large 1-2 34 hd. 661# 230.00 blk-charx 22 hd. 773# 227.50 blk	
Blue Grass of Campbellsville Campbellsville, KY Sept. 27 & 30, 2023 Feeder Steers: Medium & Large 1-2 31 hd. 812# 239.40 blk-bwf Holstein Steers: Large 3 23 hd. 684# 185.50	United Producers Harned Harned, Ky Sept. 25, 2023 Feeder Steers: Medium & Large 1-2 31 hd. 554# 261.00 blk Feeder Heifers: Medium & Large 1-2 32 hd. 480# 243.50 blk	United Producers Owenton Owenton, KY Sept. 27, 2023 Feeder Steers: Medium & Large 1-2 61 hd. 870# 230.00 mixed Feeder Heifers: Medium & Large 1-2 39 hd. 581# 228.00 mixed 70 hd. 704# 240.35 blk 86 hd. 707# 240.25 blk	Blue Grass East Mt. Sterling, KY Sept. 27, 2023 Feeder Steers: Medium & Large 1-2 20 hd. 565# 242.00 charx-blk Feeder Heifers: Medium & Large 1-2 20 hd. 470# 223.50 charx-blk 65 hd. 712# 237.25 blk 66 hd. 828# 223.75 blk

USDA ESTIMATED DAILY LIVESTOCK SLAUGHTER				
	CATTLE	CALVES	HOGS	SHEEP
Fri.9/29/2023 (est)	96,000	1,000	473,000	5,000
Week Ago (est)	114,000	1,000	478,000	4,000
Year Ago (act)	117,000	2,000	449,000	4,000
Week to Date (est)	601,000	5,000	2,396,000	33,000
Same Pd Lt Week (est)	612,000	5,000	2,416,000	32,000
Same Pd Lt Yr (act)	624,000	7,000	2,373,000	34,000

National Daily Direct Slaughter Cattle		
Negotiated Purchases 9/29/2023		
Live Bids FOB- weighed average weights & prices		
Steers:		
80%-up Choice:	1490.0 lbs	184.00
Heifers		
80%-up Choice:	1352.6 lbs	183.92

9/29/2023 USDA Carlot Meat Summary , Compared to Previous Day Prices in dollars per hundred weight: Boxed beef cutout prices were trending down on Choice and Select carcasses.
NATIONAL BOXED BEEF CUTOUT Estimated composite cutout value of Choice 600-900 lbs carcasses down 0.73 at 300.78; Select 600-900 lbs carcasses down 1.40 at 276.04; based on 76 loads of choice cuts, 26 loads of select cuts, 12 loads of trim-mings, and 17 loads of ground beef. Choice/Select Spread 24.74.
CARCASS PRICE EQUIVALENT INDEX VALUE NW_LS410https://www.ams.usda.gov/mnreports/nw_ls410.txt. Estimated car-cass price equivalent value of Choice 600-900 lbs carcasses down 0.75 at 283.22; Select 600-900 lbs carcasses down 1.08 at 259.77.
Current index reflects the equivalent of 112,928 head of cattle.

Farmers Regional Livestock Dairy Auction Smith Grove, KY 9/26/2023 Receipts: 636

Bred Heifers: Supreme 1500.00-1650.00. Approved 1000.00-1475.00. Medium 750.00-975.00. Common NA.

Fresh Milking Cows: Supreme 2175.00-2425.00. Approved 1175.00-1325.00. Medium 700.00-900.00. Common NA.

Bred Cows: Supreme 1500.00-1700.00. Approved 1000.00-1200.00. Medium 585.00-950.00. Common NA.

Open Heifers: Supreme 1000.00-1350.00. Approved 750.00-975.00. Medium 410.00-560.00. Common NA.

Bull Calves: (per head) Medium and Large 70.00-300.00, 100.00-520.00 beef cross, 90.00 Jersey.

Heifer Calves: (per head) Medium and Large 50.00-100.00, 120.00-430.00 beef cross.

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LOUISVILLE AREA: Louisville & Bagdad; PENNYRILE AREA: Allensville, Auburn, Franklin, Hopkinsville & Pembroke; BLUEGRASS AREA: Bardstown, Lexington & Winchester; GREEN RIVER: Caneyville & Livermore; NORTHERN KENTUCKY AREA: Silver Grove at Cincinnati; PURCHASE AREA: Clinton & Mayfield.
Opening bids at elevators and processing plants.

9/29/2023 4:00 pm est

**Bids for next day
Cash Bids**

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

Louisville

Pennyrile

Purchase

Bluegrass

Green River

Northern KY

4.09-4.29

4.27-4.47

4.12

4.12

4.32

4.24

11.31

11.85

11.90

11.80

11.85

12.21

4.32

4.57-4.67

NA

NA

NA

4.91

New Crop Delivery Contract

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

4.09-4.22

4.27-4.47

4.12

4.12

4.32

4.24

11.31

11.85-12.05

12.25

NA

11.85

12.91

5.09

5.22

NA

NA

5.27

5.94

**National Weekly Ethanol
Plant Report**
9/25/2023-9/29/2023
Indiana Ohio Illinois Iowa

Yellow Corn Spot Bid 4.89

Dried Distillers Grain (\$/ton)
10% moisture 167.00-220.00

Modified Wet Distillers (\$/ton)
55-60% moisture 80.00-105.00

**Kentucky Weekly Cattle
Receipts as reported at local
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09/11/23 16,167

09/18/23 28,713

09/25/23 23,535

10/02/23 24,443

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