

# Fayette County Agriculture & Natural Resources Newsletter

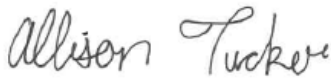
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Hello all,

Happy official spring! This month starts the busy time for me where I will be out on farm visits and gone to numerous programs. If you have any questions, please feel free to always reach out via email as I can usually answer those quickly. However, if you call or stop by the office, please know I will get back with you as soon as possible! I hope everyone is doing well and has had a great start to the spring season!



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## UPCOMING EVENTS

**April 10, 2025 ~ Soil Properties Workshop;**  
Eastern Kentucky University Meadowbrook Farm,  
Richmond, KY; 8:30am-3pm. Please see the flyer  
in this newsletter for more information.

**April 29, 2025 ~ Beef Quality Care and  
Assurance Training;** Fayette County Extension  
Office; 5:30pm; See notice in this newsletter.

**April 29-30, 2025 ~ 2025 Kentucky Beginning  
Grazing School;** Logan County Extension Office,  
255 John Paul Road, Russellville, KY; Deadline  
to register is April 21<sup>st</sup>; For more information or to  
register, please go online to <https://forages.ca.uky.edu/events/2025-kentucky-beginner-grazing-school>

**May 7 or 16, 2025 ~ Mobile Processing Unit  
Training;** Harold R. Benson Research and  
Demonstration Farm, Frankfort; 9am-5pm; Please  
see the flyer in this newsletter for more  
information.

**May 13, 2025 ~ Beef Pasture Workshop;**  
Golden Age Farm, Lexington, KY; 5:30pm;  
Please see the flyer in this newsletter for more  
information and how to RSVP to register;  
RSVP by May 2<sup>nd</sup>.

**May 29, 2025 ~ Living with Alpha-gal  
Syndrome;** ONLINE class or watch party at  
Fayette County Extension Office, Lexington, KY;  
7-8:30pm; Please see the flyer in this newsletter  
for information on the class, how to register to  
attend the class ONLINE, or how to RSVP to  
attend the watch party; Seating is limited for the  
watch party.



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## Country Ham and Broccoli Grits

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

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

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

3. **Remove** from heat, stir in

ham, broccoli mixture, cheese, egg, salt and pepper. **Mix** until well blended. **Pour** into prepared baking dish.

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

**Yield:** 16, ½ cup servings.

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

Buying Kentucky Proud is easy. Look for the label at your grocery store, farmers' market, or roadside stand.



For Plate It Up! recipes, visit:  
<http://fcs-hes.ca.uky.edu/content/plate-it-kentucky-proud>



For Cook Wild Kentucky recipes, visit:  
<https://www.planeatmore.com/recipes>



## UK AGRICULTURAL ECONOMICS

### Special Announcement

Late last year, Congress passed the American Relief Act of 2025 which (among other items) authorized \$10 billion of economic assistance to U.S. farmers due to depressed crop prices and slumping farm income. USDA has already opened applications for the **Emergency Commodity Assistance Program (ECAP)** which will run through August 15, 2025. Payments are made for 22 different crops with rates being \$42.91/acre for corn, \$30.69/acre for wheat and \$29.76/acre for soybeans. Double crop producers eligible for dual payments.

ECAP payments will be based upon 2024 eligible/reported planted (not base) acres times the 85 percent of the payment rate to ensure total national program payments do not exceed available funding. If additional funds remain after the initial payments, FSA may eventually issue a second payment to fulfill the \$10 billion funding. Pre-filled ECAP applications will be mailed to all eligible producers. After verifying and completing Form FSA-63 ECAP producers should submit their application to their local FSA county office either in-person, electronically, via fax, or online. Based on 2024 planted acres, Kentucky farmers will be eligible for around \$135 million based upon 100% of our planted acres and full payment rates. Full program details from USDA can be found by going online to <https://www.fsa.usda.gov/resources/programs/emergency-commodity-assistance-program>, with an excellent summary available from Farmdoc (University of Illinois) by going online to <https://farmdocdaily.illinois.edu/2025/03/the-2025-emergency-commodity-assistance-program.html>

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Editors: Will Snell & Nicole Atherton





This training is required to use the KSU Mobile Processing Unit. The MPU can be used to process chickens, rabbits, some aquaculture species and other non-amenable species. *Space is limited to 20 people for each training, but another training will be scheduled if needed.*

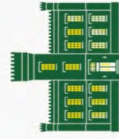
May 7th or May 16th

**9 a.m. - 5 p.m.**

**Harold R. Benson Research  
and Demonstration Farm**

1525 Mills Lane Frankfort, KY  
40601

**Cost: \$75**



**KENTUCKY STATE  
UNIVERSITY**  
Land Grant Program

**TO REGISTER CONTACT: MEGAN GOINS  
(MEGAN.GOINS@KYSU.EDU 502-597.6528)**

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# SOIL PROPERTIES WORKSHOP

**APRIL 10, 2025**  
**8-30 AM-3 PM EST**

We will examine  
three soil pits

with distinctly different  
profile properties to discuss  
how they will influence water  
and nutrient retention and delivery

Key topics include:

- Plant available water
- Soil texture
- Nutrient profile



For questions contact Lori Rogers  
rogers@uky.edu 270-365-7541 ext 21317

CCA Credits: 5.5 CEUs

Pre-registration is required at  
KATSSoilPropertiesRichmond2025.eventbrite.com

Cost \$105  
Lunch provided



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*Identical programs of kinesthetic, cognitive, affective, and psychomotor development are available for all students in the field of Food, Fiber, and/or Energy. Students receive equal opportunity to learn, to work, to play, and to grow. All students are encouraged to become self-reliant, self-motivated, and self-responsible. All students are encouraged to become self-reliant, self-motivated, and self-responsible. All students are encouraged to become self-reliant, self-motivated, and self-responsible.*

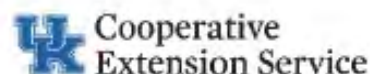
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**Admission:** Students with high school diplomas or GEDs are encouraged to apply. Students with high school diplomas or GEDs are encouraged to apply. Students with high school diplomas or GEDs are encouraged to apply.

**Location:** 10000 N. 100th St., Edmonds, WA 98026





# GROW YOUR OWN FOOD!

## MARKSBURY FAMILY BRANCH LIBRARY

2197 Versailles Rd

Lexington, KY 40504

Saturday, May 3th

10:00 am - 1:00 pm



Attend 15-minute mini lessons to receive a bundle of FREE vegetable plants and seeds!

- Container Gardening
- Soil Prep & Planting
- Planting
- Watering & Nutrients



Kid's activities provided by Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority Beta Gamma Omega Chapter. All materials available while supplies last.



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## Beef Quality Care and Assurance Training - Fayette County

We are holding a Beef Quality Care and Assurance (BQCA) Training on  
**Tuesday, April 29, 2025**, at 5:30pm,  
at the Fayette County Extension Office, 1140 Harry Sykes Way, Lexington, KY.

The certification is good for 3 years and is required for CAIP projects relating to cattle production.

Please RSVP to Allison Tucker by email at [allison.tucker@uky.edu](mailto:allison.tucker@uky.edu) or by phone at (859) 257-5582. Seating is limited.

## UK Beef Management Webinars

If you are interested and would like to register, email [dbullock@uky.edu](mailto:dbullock@uky.edu) with Beef Webinar Series in the Subject and your name and county in the message. You will receive an invitation and password the morning of the presentation. Each session will be recorded and posted for later viewing. All meeting times are 8:00pm ET / 7:00pm CT.

### **April 8, 2025 ~ Health Update and Internal Parasite Field Study Results**

Dr. Michelle Arnold, Extension Veterinarian, and Dr. Jeff Lehmkuhler, Extension Professor, University of Kentucky

## Small and Back Yard Poultry Webinars

Welcome to the world of poultry! As part of the online United States Cooperative Extension System, known as eXtension, the following webinars will be held in 2025. All webinars begin at 3:00pm Eastern Time. Pre-registration is required. To see a full list of webinars, past and future, and to register, please go online to <https://poultry.extension.org/webinars>.

**May 6, 2025 ~ Alternative grains for poultry diets** - Dr. Jacquie Jacob, University of Kentucky

**June 3, 2025 ~ Alternative protein sources for poultry diets** - Dr. Jacquie Jacob, University of Kentucky

**September 3, 2025 ~ Poultry Poopology 101** - Dr. Jennifer Timmons, University of Maryland, Eastern Shore

## Publication Spotlight:

### Broadleaf Weeds of Kentucky Pastures (AGR-207)

One of the most comprehensive yet concise weed publications in the country is Dr. J.D. Green's 2 page publication "Broadleaf Weeds of KY Pastures." Dr. Green made sure to update this pub before retiring last summer. One side has photos of the major weeds and the other side lists the weeds with the products that are most effective controlling them. He also indicates the time of the year that's best to spray. Dr. Green even included a rating of how effective mowing is to control certain weeds. Go to this pub on the Forage Website or the direct link is <https://publications.ca.uky.edu/sites/publications.ca.uky.edu/files/AGR207.pdf>

If you would like a hard copy of AGR-207 mailed to you, please email [allison.tucker@uky.edu](mailto:allison.tucker@uky.edu).



# BEEF PASTURE *Workshop*



*Join us for a hands-on field day  
with new research and  
information about NovaGraz  
and DuraCor*



**Tuesday, May 13th**  
5:30p.m.



**Golden Age Farm**  
2335 Old Lemons Mill Rd.  
Lexington, KY 40511



**RSVP by May 2nd**  
Call: 859-257-5582  
Email: [allison.tucker@uky.edu](mailto:allison.tucker@uky.edu)



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## Agricultural Emergencies

### Natural:

- *Tornados*
- *Hurricane*
- *Wildfires*
- *Floods*
- *Severe winter storms*
- *Lightning strikes*
- *Earthquakes*

### Man-made:

- *Explosions or fires*
- *Animal handling incident*
- *Power failures*
- *Chemical releases or spills*
- *Vehicle incidents (turnovers, rollovers)*

## Make a Plan

- Know what to do at the first sign of trouble.
- Plan for transportation & temporary housing.
- Make photocopies or save electronic files of important documents.
- Prepare your emergency contact list.
- Prepare information for an animal caretaker.
- Build a disaster preparedness kit.
- Know what to do after disaster.

## Stay Informed

- Be familiar with the Wireless Emergency Alerts & Emergency Alert Systems in your area.
- Identify local animal welfare organizations.

Scan the QR codes for additional information:



KDA Emergency Management



AVMA Small Farm Preparedness



FEMA 5 Tips for Protecting Livestock During a Disaster



USDA Disaster Resource Center



Division of Emergency Preparedness & Response

For more information, contact our office. ☎ (502) 573 - 0282 ✉ [statevet@ky.gov](mailto:statevet@ky.gov) 🌐 [www.kyagr.com](http://www.kyagr.com)

## Kentucky Christmas Tree Association's 19th Annual Plant Auction

Spring is here! It is the perfect time to plant. The Kentucky Christmas Tree Association's 19th Annual Plant Auction will be held 10:00 a.m. until 12 noon, Saturday, April 12, 2025, at the Fayette County Extension Office, 1140 Harry Sykes Way, Lexington, Kentucky 40504. Bid and take home some quality Kentucky grown nursery stock. A variety of annuals, perennials, balled and burlapped trees and shrubs will be for sale. A portion of the proceeds will be used to provide one or more scholarships for students majoring in Forestry or related sciences in the Martin-Gatton College of Agriculture, Food and Environment at the University of Kentucky. For further information please call 859 223-1140.





# LIVING WITH ALPHA-GAL SYNDROME

Learn more about Alpha-gal Syndrome (red meat allergy) and how to reduce your risk with University of Kentucky Cooperative Extension during this free online class.

## TOPICS COVERED

ALPHA-GAL SYNDROME BASICS  
TICK BITE PREVENTION  
DIET & LIFESTYLE MANAGEMENT  
Q/A SESSION



Scan the QR Code to register for the online class. A watch party will be available at the Fayette County Extension Office for those unable to attend online.

**MAY 29, 2025**  
**7 - 8:30 PM**

Please contact the Fayette County Extension Office to RSVP for the webinar watch party or if you have any questions!

**LIMIT 30 PEOPLE FOR IN PERSON VIEWING**

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**Weekly Kentucky Livestock and Grain Summary****USDA Livestock, Poultry and Grain Market News**

Frankfort, KY

Monday, March 31, 2025

For Week Ending:

Saturday, March 29, 2025

Receipts: 19,750

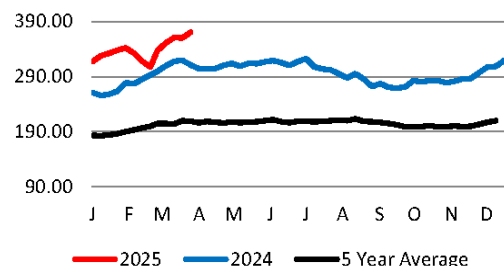
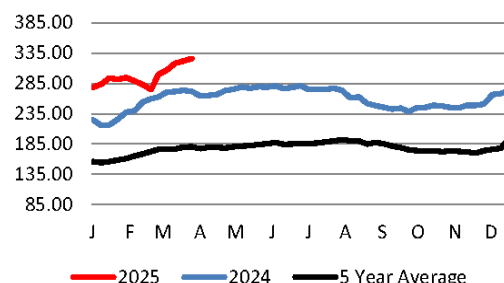
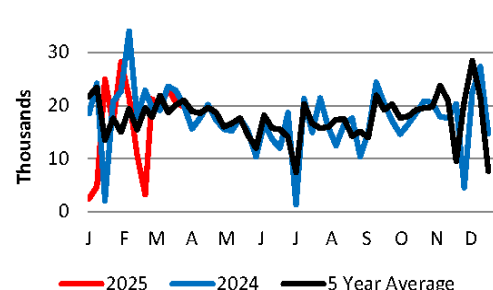
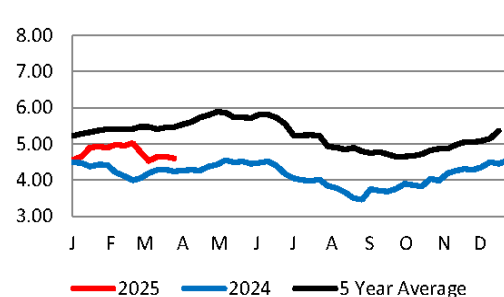
Last Week: 20,578

Last Year: 20,060

Compared to last week the feeder markets were mixed. Most markets reported feeder steers and heifers steady to 6.00 higher but a few sales scattered throughout the week traded 6.00 higher to sharply higher. Yearling steers were mostly 5.00 to 10.00 higher with exceptions steady to 3.00 higher. Yearling heifers traded mostly steady to 3.00 higher with exceptions to sharply higher. Demand was good to very good for all feeder and yearling classes. Slaughter cows and bulls were mostly steady with good supply and good demand.

[View Full Summary](#)**STATE AVERAGES**

Steers (M&L 1-2)	This Week	Prior Week	Last Year
350-400 lbs	404.59	393.54	324.72
400-450 lbs	403.98	385.34	323.63
450-500 lbs	371.86	368.73	310.73
500-550 lbs	339.89	339.76	297.95
550-600 lbs	336.33	330.16	290.54
600-650 lbs	322.64	307.44	277.13
650-700 lbs	308.93	299.21	275.99
700-750 lbs	290.41	282.55	247.95
750-800 lbs	269.33	274.04	240.54
800-850 lbs	264.37	262.49	224.03
850-900 lbs	266.69	260.58	225.16
Heifers (M&L 1-2)			
300-350 lbs	366.52	350.92	302.08
350-400 lbs	363.81	355.76	295.50
400-450 lbs	336.28	336.58	285.30
450-500 lbs	324.91	319.54	272.98
500-550 lbs	305.67	302.57	258.98
550-600 lbs	296.16	291.09	250.01
600-650 lbs	279.73	265.72	238.67
650-700 lbs	269.70	261.31	229.54
700-750 lbs	249.11	248.02	213.59
750-800 lbs	241.93	244.53	205.17

**WEEKLY 400-600 LB FEEDER STEER M&L 1-2  
WEIGHTED AVERAGE PRICE (\$/CWT)****WEEKLY 400-600 LB FEEDER HEIFER M&L 1-2  
WEIGHTED AVERAGE PRICE (\$/CWT)****WEEKLY KENTUCKY CATTLE AUCTION RECEIPTS****WEEKLY KENTUCKY CORN BID AVERAGE PRICE  
(\$/CWT)****WEEKLY COW SUMMARY**

Slaughter Cows	Average	High	Low
Breakers	124.00-151.00	135.00-163.00	103.00-136.00
Boners	120.00-149.00	130.00-169.00	85.00-136.00
Lean	99.00-139.50	115.00-157.00	95.00-128.00
Slaughter Bulls	Average	High	Low
Yield Grade 1&2	140.00-174.00	162.00-201.00	110.00-161.00

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Mar 13, 2025

Bowling Green, KY

**SLAUGHTER GOATS: 174**

Kids: Selection 1 56 lbs 407.50; 74 lbs 345.00. Selection 1-2 95 lbs 257.50.

Selection 2 48 lbs 212.50; 55 lbs 330.00; 70 lbs 254.50.

**SLAUGHTER SHEEP: 471**

Hair Breeds-Choice & Prime 1: 50 lbs 400.00. Choice & Prime 1-2 50-55 lbs 330.00-337.50; 65-67 lbs 340.00-342.50; 74-75 lbs 335.00-352.50; 100 lbs 285.00; 113 lbs 262.50. Choice 2 49 lbs 325.00; 57 lbs 327.50; 64 lbs 340.00; 75-78 lbs 310.00-340.00; 95 lbs 140.00; 100 lbs 295.00; 130 lbs 235.00.

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GRAINS	This Week	Prior Week	Last Year
Corn	4.35-4.93	4.44-4.84	3.82-4.49
Soybeans	9.21-10.51	9.28-10.43	11.07-12.21
Red Winter Wheat	4.21-5.57	4.84-5.77	4.74-5.56

USDA-KY Livestock, Poultry &amp; Grain Market News

Frankfort, KY

Levi Geyer, OIC 502-782-4138

Email: [Levi.Geyer@usda.gov](mailto:Levi.Geyer@usda.gov)[USDA Livestock, Poultry, and Grain Market News](#)



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