

Fayette County Agriculture & Natural Resources Newsletter

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Happy New Year!

This newsletter is full of upcoming programs and events.

As always feel free to reach out with any questions!



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Upcoming Events

|| **January 27, 2025 ~ 2025 Central Kentucky Grain Producer Seminar**; Scott County Extension Office, Georgetown, KY; 9:00am-12:00pm; RSVP to (502) 863-0984; Please see the flyer in this newsletter for more information.

|| **January 29, 2025 ~ Equines and Endophytes Workshop**; Fayette County Extension Office, Lexington, KY; 10:00am-2:00pm; Please see the flyer in this newsletter for more information. Cost: \$40; Advanced registration is required: <https://eew25.evetnbrite.com>

|| **February 1 & 15, 2025 ~ 2025 Kentucky Maple Days**; For more information, please go online to <https://ky-maplesyrup.ca.uky.edu/ky-maple-day>

|| **February 25, 2025 ~ 2025 KY Alfalfa and Stored Forage Conference**; Fayette County Extension Office, 1140 Harry Sykes Way, Lexington; Registration is required; For more information, cost to register, or to register, please go online to <https://forages.ca.uky.edu/events/2025-ky-alfalfa-and-stored-forage-conference> or see the flyer in this newsletter; If you have questions, please contact Krista Lea at krista.lea1@uky.edu

|| **February 27, 2025 ~ Pastures Please!!**; Fayette County Extension Office, 1140 Harry Sykes Way, Lexington; 5:30pm; Please see the flyer in this newsletter for more information; To RSVP, please call (859) 257-5582 or email fayette.ext@uky.edu.



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Cabbage Jambalaya

1 pound lean ground beef	1 (13 ounces) package turkey smoked sausage, sliced	1 (14.5 ounces) can diced tomatoes
1 ½ cups chopped celery	1 medium head cabbage, chopped (about 10 cups)	2 cups water
1 ½ cups chopped onion		1 cup brown rice
2 cloves garlic, minced		1 teaspoon garlic powder
		1 tablespoon Cajun seasoning

Heat a large stockpot over medium high. **Add** ground beef, and **cook** until it starts to brown, about 6 minutes. **Add** the celery, and **cook** for 2 minutes. **Add** onion and garlic, and **cook** 4 minutes while stirring. **Add** smoked sausage, and **cook** an additional 2 to 3 minutes. **Stir in** cabbage, and **cook** until it wilts, about 3 minutes. **Add** tomatoes, water, rice, garlic powder, and Cajun seasoning.

Bring to a **boil**, and **reduce** heat to medium. **Cover**, and **simmer** for 40 minutes. Serve hot.

Yield: 10, 1-cup servings

Nutritional Analysis:
250 calories, 8 g fat, 3 g saturated fat, 60 mg cholesterol, 400 mg sodium, 26 g carbohydrate, 4 g fiber, 6 g sugars, 0 g added sugars, 18 g protein

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.planeatmove.com/recipes>



2025 WINTER WHEAT MEETING

February 4, 2025

Bruce Convention Center
Hopkinsville, KY 42240

9am-3pm central

Registration 8:30 ct

CCA and Pesticide Credits pending.

What are We Learning From YEN in KY? - Phil Needham

Herbicide Residual Application Timing for Ryegrass Control - Dr. Travis Legleiter

On-farm Grain Fumigation Options - Josh Wilhelm

Dealing with DON: Management of Fusarium Head Blight and DON in Wheat - Dr. Carl Bradley

How Nitrogen and Sulfur Fertility Influences Wheat Grain Yield and Protein Content - Dr. Edwin Ritchey

Current Wheat Crop Update - Dr. Chad Lee

Wheat Varieties Tolerance to Metribuzin and Opportunities to Improve Italian Ryegrass Management - Dr. Samuel Revolinski

Overview of Kentucky Wheat Yield Contest 2015-2024 - Dr. Mohammad Shamim



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3RD ANNUAL EQUINES AND ENDOPHYTES WORKSHOP



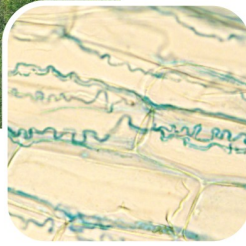
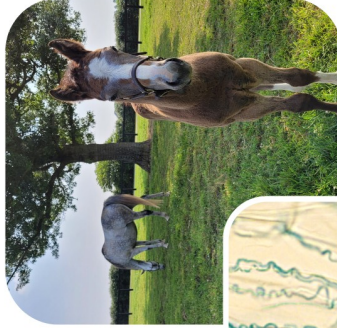
January 29, 2025
10 am - 2 pm; lunch provided

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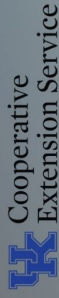
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\$40 | Advanced Registration
required | Includes lunch and
educational materials



<https://eew25.eventbrite.com>

New Program and Speakers!



2025 CENTRAL KENTUCKY GRAIN PRODUCER SEMINAR

Monday January 27th, 2025 from 9:00 am - 12:00 pm

Location: **Scott County Extension Office**
1130 Cincinnati Rd. Georgetown, KY

Please RSVP: (502) 863-0984

LUNCH WILL BE SERVED

Dr. Chad Lee
Grain Crops Specialist

Dr. Grant Gardner
Agriculture Economist

Dr. Carl Bradley
Plant Disease Specialist

For more information and to RSVP contact
the Scott County Extension Office at
502-863-0984 or email
brittany.brewer@uky.edu.

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Kentucky Alfalfa and Stored Forage Conference

Schedule of Events

- 8:00 Registration, sponsors, and silent auction
- 8:45 **Welcome and program highlights**
Dr. Ray Smith, University of Kentucky
- 9:00 **Everything I Ever Needed to Know about Armyworms**
Dr. Raul Villanueva, University of Kentucky
- 9:45 **Armyworm Control Methods: What to spray and when**
Brett Reese, Southern States, Paris
- 10:15 Break, visit with sponsors, and silent auction
- 10:45 **What's New in Alfalfa Varieties**
Dr. Don Miller, Mt. View Seeds, Commercial alfalfa breeder for over 45 years.
- 11:30 **What do Horse Owners Want and Why**
Dr. Bob Coleman, University of Kentucky Horse Specialist
- 12:00 Lunch, Alfalfa Awards, KCA Hay Quality awards, and silent auction winners
- 12:45 **Kentucky Forage and Grassland Council update**
Cody Rakes, KFGC President
- 1:00 **What We Can Learn from the Results of the KY Hay Contests**
Dr. Chris Teutsch, University of Kentucky
- 1:30 **Emerging Markets for Unique Forage Species**
Dr. Ray Smith, University of Kentucky
- 2:00 **Producer Panel: How I Produce Quality Grass Hay**
Panelists – Brad Hines, Hart Co.-Timothy; Kevin Priddy, Grayson Co. – Orchardgrass; Allen Arthur, Nicholas Co. - Teff hay; and Central KY producer – fescue and mixed grass hay.
Each producer will take 10-12 minutes to explain the basics of how they produce quality grass hay including establishment, fertilizing, harvesting and marketing. And then open the floor to questions.
- 3:00 **Take-Home Lessons from Today's Meeting**
Dr. Ray Smith, University of Kentucky
- 3:15 Survey, pick up silent auction items
- 3:30 Adjourn

2025 Kentucky Alfalfa and Stored Forage Conference

Alfalfa Updates and Producing Grass Hay for Premium Markets

When: Tuesday, February 25, 2025, 8:00 am - 3:30 pm (EST)

Where: Fayette County Extension Office
1140 Harry Sykes Way; Lexington, KY 40504

Registration: <https://KYAlfalfa2025.eventbrite.com>

General Admission: \$45.00

General Admission + KFGC Renewal: \$60.00

Student Admission: \$15.00

Register online or mail a check payable to "KFGC" to:

Krista Lea
N222 Agriculture North
University of Kentucky
Lexington, KY 40546-0091

Sponsorship

Sponsor: \$250.00

Premium Sponsor: \$500.00

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2025 Horses & Horsemen:

Join us for the 18th annual

PASTURES PLEASE!!

Thursday, February 27



Schedule:

5:30—Meal

6:00—Aerial Applications: Does a Drone Fit
– Brett Reese

6:30—Weeds to Watch Out For
– Dr. Bill Witt

7:00—Cost Share Opportunities for Horse Owners
– Krista Lea

RSVP to 859-257-5582

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Forage Timely Tips: January

Source: **UK Forage News**, <https://kyforagenews.com>

- Continue strip-grazing of stockpiled tall fescue for maximum utilization.
- Remove animals from waterlogged pastures to limit pugging and soil compaction
- Feed best hay to animals with highest nutritional needs.
- Supplement poor quality hay as indicated by forage testing.
- Feed hay in poor pastures to increase soil fertility and enhance organic matter.
- Consider “bale grazing” - set out hay throughout field when the ground is dry or frozen. Then use temporary fencing to allocate bales as needed after that.
- Use variety trial results to select seed for spring renovation.
- Prepare for pasture renovation by purchasing seeds, inoculant, etc. and getting equipment ready.

UK Beef Management Webinars

If you are interested and would like to register, email 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.

February 11, 2025 ~ Marketing Opportunities for the Spring

Dr. Kenny Burdine, Professor, and Kevin Laurent, Extension Specialist, University of Kentucky

March 11, 2025 ~ Preparing for a Successful Spring Breeding Season

Dr. Les Anderson, Extension Professor, University of Kentucky

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

If you have any questions or need additional information, please email dbullock@uky.edu. If you are already registered, you will get a Zoom invitation the morning of each session with the link and password.

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>.

February 4, 2025 ~ Rat snakes and poultry flocks - Anna Wiker, Kentucky Master Naturalist Outreach Coordinator, Dept of Forestry & Natural Resources, University of Kentucky

March 3, 2025 ~ Backyard poultry production: General nutrition and mixing your own poultry feed

April 1, 2025 ~ Sprouting grains for poultry diets - Alicia Halbritter, ANR Agent, UF/IFAS, Baker County Florida

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

Weekly Kentucky Livestock and Grain Summary

USDA Livestock, Poultry and Grain Market News

Frankfort, KY

Monday, December 16, 2024

For Week Ending:

Saturday, December 14, 2024

Receipts: 27,329

Last Week: 22,491

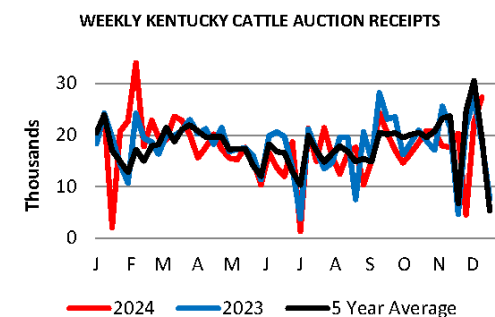
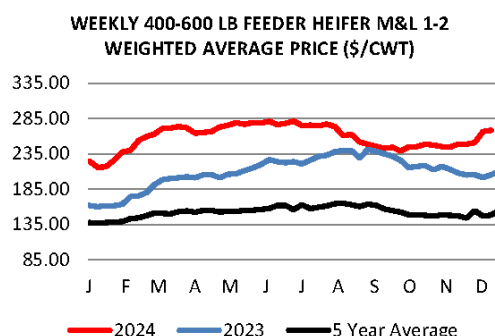
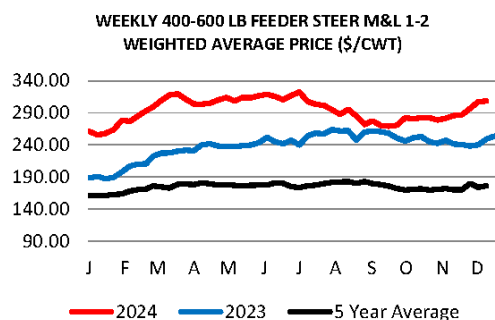
Last Year: 18,516

Compared to last week, feeder steers below 600 lbs sold 10.00 higher to sharply higher, above 600 lbs 4.00 to 8.00 higher. Heifers above 500 lbs were 4.00 to 8.00 higher with instances sharply higher, below 500 lbs steady to 5.00 higher. Yearling steers and heifers sold steady to 5.00 higher. Demand was good to very good with good buyer participation and active bidding for all feeder and yearling classes. Demand remains best for weaned and pre-conditioned packages. Slaughter cows sold mostly 2.00 to 4.00 lower and slaughter bulls steady to 3.00 lower with moderate to good demand for slaughter classes.

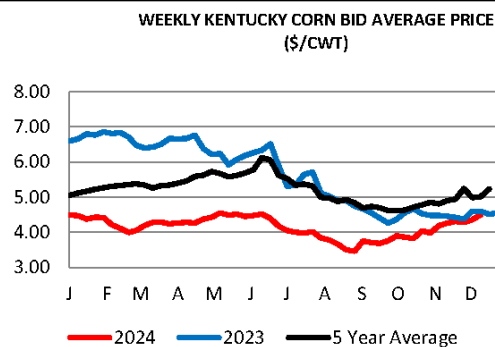
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STATE AVERAGES

	<u>This Week</u>	<u>Prior Week</u>	<u>Last Year</u>
Steers (M&L 1-2)			
350-400 lbs	341.21	339.96	256.78
400-450 lbs	337.68	323.02	257.86
450-500 lbs	320.02	316.28	249.07
500-550 lbs	308.44	300.55	238.79
550-600 lbs	287.12	295.13	231.83
600-650 lbs	270.37	263.28	222.52
650-700 lbs	259.62	270.46	213.59
700-750 lbs	247.27	246.70	204.98
750-800 lbs	247.00	259.17	202.33
800-850 lbs	241.81	243.70	194.12
850-900 lbs	240.64	231.21	180.04
Heifers (M&L 1-2)			
300-350 lbs	295.44	277.50	216.69
350-400 lbs	293.66	279.47	217.23
400-450 lbs	285.71	278.89	209.36
450-500 lbs	270.43	272.79	209.43
500-550 lbs	257.51	260.04	199.36
550-600 lbs	249.89	252.51	198.57
600-650 lbs	237.27	237.04	191.92
650-700 lbs	230.28	244.28	183.90
700-750 lbs	222.33	230.95	183.00
750-800 lbs	225.13	220.83	176.03



WEEKLY COW SUMMARY			
	<u>Average</u>	<u>High</u>	<u>Low</u>
Slaughter Cows			
Breakers	100.00-124.00	109.00-144.00	94.00-115.00
Boners	101.00-126.00	112.50-161.00	80.00-117.00
Lean	71.00-123.00	94.00-161.00	68.00-111.00
Slaughter Bulls			
Yield Grade 1&2	130.00-159.00	147.00-170.00	95.00-143.00



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Dec 12, 2024

Bowling Green, KY

SLAUGHTER GOATS: 301

Kids: Selection 1 53 lbs 315.00; 74 lbs 290.00. **Selection 1-2** 93 lbs 255.00. **Selection 2** 48 lbs 257.50; 54 lbs 280.00; 68 lbs 255.00; 125 lbs 235.00.

SLAUGHTER SHEEP: 1,225

Hair Breeds-Choice & Prime 1-2 55-58 lbs 310.00-315.00; 67-69 lbs 245.00-275.00; 72-76 lbs 230.00-250.00; 87 lbs 192.50; 91-96 lbs 202.50-207.50; 109 lbs 195.00; 118 lbs 150.00. **Choice 2** 50-58 lbs 300.00-315.00; 67 lbs 287.50; 75-77 lbs 227.50-242.50; 90 lbs 190.00.

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GRAINS	<u>This Week</u>	<u>Prior Week</u>	<u>Last Year</u>
Corn	4.27-4.71	4.15-4.58	4.14-4.80
Soybeans	9.28-10.58	9.24-10.30	12.17-13.48
Red Winter Wheat	4.47-5.38	4.72-5.62	5.39-6.34

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