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Kentucky Beef Cow Inventory Lowest Since 1967; Hay Supplies Tight

By Aimee Nielson
 Published on Feb. 17, 2023

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Kentucky beef cow numbers dipped lower than they've been since 1967. This follows a national trend as the U.S. Department of Agriculture released cattle inventory estimates in January revealing a 3.5% reduction in beef cows—the lowest since 1962.

“We knew the cowherd had gotten smaller; it was really just a question of how much smaller,” said Kenny Burdine, agricultural economist for the University of Kentucky College of Agriculture, Food and Environment. “A combination of dry weather, high input costs and strong cull-cow prices caused numbers in Kentucky to shrink.”

A large portion of the United States experienced drought during 2022, which impacted hay production. Kentucky producers were also dealing with extreme weather events such as tornadoes in late 2021 and extreme flooding in summer 2022. Drought was yet another weather hurdle.

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“I guess you could say it was a perfect storm. Farmers had to start feeding hay a lot earlier than usual, leading to tighter hay supplies and higher winter-feeding costs for cow-calf producers,” Burdine explained. “Winter feed is the largest expense for most cow-calf operations. Most years, producers can buy hay for \$60-\$80 per ton. But based on recent hay auctions in Kentucky, the same quality hay is selling for \$100 per ton, or more.”

Burdine said those higher costs result in a significant increase in daily feeding costs. With expenses that high, some producers chose to reduce their numbers. With expenses that high, some producers chose to reduce their numbers. Cattle markets have been mixed but have trended stronger over the last few weeks.

“Going into spring, I think this stronger market trend will continue for calf and feeder markets,” Burdine said. “Also, with feedlots preferring to place heavier feeder cattle, that increases the value of pounds added to Kentucky cattle and creates opportunities for cow-calf and backgrounding/stocker operations to profit by taking cattle to higher sale weights.”

With Kentucky’s typically strong forage base, Burdine said producers can use grazing to add pounds to cattle at an even lower cost.

“We are fortunate to have the ability to use multiple feeds stuffs in Kentucky and are typically blessed with excellent forage” he said. “That creates opportunities for feed-based and grazing-based programs. While weather will certainly play a factor going forward, both cow numbers and heifer retention estimates suggest that calf crops are going to keep getting smaller in the near term, which should provide some much-needed support for prices.”



Recipe



Kickin’ Greens

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| 2 tablespoons olive oil | 2 pounds fresh greens (collards, turnip or mustard) | ½ teaspoon black pepper |
| 8 slices turkey bacon, cut into bite-sized pieces | 3 cups low sodium chicken broth | ¼ teaspoon red pepper flakes, or to taste |
| 1 large onion, chopped | | |
| 6 cloves garlic, minced | | |

Heat olive oil in a large stockpot over medium high heat. **Cook** turkey bacon in hot oil until crisp. **Add** onion and garlic. **Cook** until onion is tender, **stirring** occasionally. **Add** greens and **stir** until greens start to wilt. **Add** chicken broth, black pepper and red pepper flakes. **Cover**, reduce heat to

low and **simmer** 25-30 minutes, or until greens are tender.

Yield: 8, 1 cup servings

Nutritional Analysis: 110 calories, 6 g fat, 1 g saturated fat, 0 g trans fat, 10 mg cholesterol, 9 g carbohydrate, 5 g fiber, 2 g sugars, 7 g protein.

Critical time to Begin Sampling for Alfalfa Weevil

By Ric Bessin, Entomology Extension Specialist

The University of Kentucky Ag Weather Center’s degree day model for alfalfa weevil indicates that many counties in Kentucky are likely to exceed the 190 Degree Days (DD) used as a starting point to begin scouting by early to mid-March. Once temperature accumulations reach 190 DD, growers are advised to look at their alfalfa fields and begin their alfalfa weevil larval counts. So far, degree day accumulations for this year are trending close to average for the last 10 years.

Fall-laid alfalfa weevil eggs are the first to hatch in the spring. These eggs hatch earlier than those laid in the spring, and 190 DD approximates when first leaf feeding damage becomes noticeable. Temperature extremes during the winter help to limit the survival of alfalfa weevil eggs that were laid in stems in the fall. Damage by the young larvae will first appear as tiny pin holes in the leaves.

Scouting & Thresholds

To scout for alfalfa weevil, use the stem sampling method. While walking in a “U” or “Z” pattern through a field, collect 30 alfalfa stems; carefully cup the top of each stem in one hand and break off the crown with your other hand, then place it bud-end downward in a plastic bucket. Be sure your samples are at least 20 feet from the edge of a field so that they are representative of the entire interior of a field.

If the field is close to harvest, harvest can be an alternative to spraying, but producers need to watch for damage to the regrowth. There are similar scouting tables for regrowth after the first cutting.

Alfalfa Weevil Larvae Thresholds for Spraying 190 to 225 Degree Days

Average stem height (inches)	Number of alfalfa weevil larvae on 30 stems
2	27
4	67
6	100
8	130

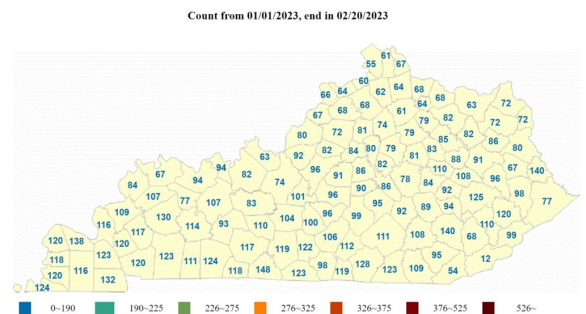
Alfalfa Weevil Larvae Thresholds for Spraying 226 to 275 Degree Days

Average stem height (inches)	Number of alfalfa weevil larvae on 30 stems
2	15
4	19
6	20

Avoid Pesticide Resistance

If you need to treat for alfalfa weevil larvae, keep in mind that insecticide resistance has been an issue in some areas. The best strategy to manage resistance is to use an insecticide only when necessary and to rotate modes of action each year. For many other pests I would recommend rotating more often, but alfalfa weevil has only one generation per year. To rotate modes of action, select insecticides that have a different IRAC group number on the label.

Figure 1. When degree day totals reach 190 Degree Days, it is time to begin scouting for alfalfa weevil larvae. Scouting continues at least on a weekly schedule until regrowth after the first cutting. Treat the DD totals for the counties as estimates.





THIRD THURSDAY THING

Every third Thursday of the month,
January through November, at 10 a.m. ET

January 19: USDA Farm and Home Loans | Natural Resource Management

February 16: Organic Agriculture

March 16: Small Ruminants

April 20: Pest Control | NRCS Programs

May 18: Aquaculture

June 15: Farmers Markets | Juneteenth Celebration

July 20: Fencing | Pastured Poultry

August 17: Sustainable and Organic Agriculture

September 21: Pawpaw

October 19: Small Ruminants

November 16: Small Farms Conference

Join us in person at the Harold R. Benson
Research and Demonstration Farm or online
at [YouTube.com/kysuag/live](https://www.youtube.com/kysuag/live)



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2023

BIG TREE CONTEST

HACKBERRY

RULES

1. Must be Hackberry.
2. Measure circumference of tree at 4 ½ feet from the ground on the high side.
3. Tree must be 75% live and be located in Franklin County.
4. Tree measurement and date **must** be verified by landowner.
5. Same tree eligible for only one category.
6. **All entries must be submitted to the Franklin County Conservation District located at 103 Lakeview Court no later than March 17, 2022.**

The Winner in each Category will be presented a \$50 cash award

K-5 grade	18 to 55 Years of Age
6-8 grade	Senior Citizen (56 & Over)
9-12 grade	FFA Chapter
Organizations	Over All Winner

Prizes will be awarded in conjunction with Reforest Frankfort/Arbor Day activities.

For any questions, contact the Franklin County Conservation District at 502/352-2701.

ENTRY FORM

Participant Name: _____ Age: _____

Address: _____ Grade: _____

Phone: _____ Date: _____

Measurement at 4 ½ feet from ground: _____

Address of Property (tree location): _____

Directions/Map to Tree: _____

Landowner Verification: On the back, draw a map showing location of tree from nearest designated state highway in Franklin County (Give point to point distance).

The Winner in each Category will be presented a \$50 cash award



Reminder! Please help us better serve farmers, ranchers and forest managers by sharing this important nationwide survey in your network! Your partnership efforts are already working; we've received over 4,800 responses to the survey. Thank you for your continued efforts in sharing the survey! The survey is anonymous, takes about 10 minutes to complete, is open until March 31, 2023, and can be found at www.farmers.gov/survey.

Act Now. Your partnership is important, and we really need your help! Your network has an opportunity to give direct feedback to positively impact our programs and services. [Linked here](#) is a stakeholder's toolkit with a draft email message, newsletter article, social media posts, and a poster to help you easily share the survey! Please use the toolkit to share the survey with farmers, ranchers and forest managers in your network until March 31, 2023.

Background. The USDA's Farm Production and Conservation (FPAC) mission area, which includes the program agencies of Farm Service Agency, Natural Resources Conservation Service and Risk Management Agency, works to support agriculture by helping farmers, ranchers and forest managers leverage natural resources and mitigate the significant risks of farming through crop insurance, conservation programs, farm safety net programs, lending and disaster programs. From helping farmers recover after natural disasters and market fluctuations, to providing financial and technical assistance to improve operations through voluntary conservation, FPAC agencies work together in partnership with private landowners and partners to protect and enhance natural resources.

We Can't Do This Without You. This survey is unique; we hope to not only reach existing FPAC customers, but also reach prospective customers: specifically, those who don't know about us or have yet to work with us, and those who were unable to participate in the past. To reach this unique audience, we are connecting with key USDA agricultural partners for help! Your vital agricultural partnership enables meaningful connections with the people that grow our food, fiber and fuel—the network connections you have stretch beyond our existing FPAC customers.

Feedback Benefits. FPAC's Customer Experience Division works to improve services, making government agricultural programs more accessible, equitable and easier to use. Feedback will assist us in learning about ways to enhance support and improve programs and services, increase access and advance equity for new and existing customers.

Thank You. By sharing this survey in your network, your vital contribution is aiding government in helping secure the future of agriculture in the United States. For more information about the survey or to access the survey in multiple languages online, visit www.farmers.gov/survey.

Sincerely,

Robert Bonnie
Under Secretary for Farm Production and Conservation
United States Department of Agriculture

There's Still Time to Respond to the 2022 Census of Agriculture



USDA's National Agricultural Statistics Service (NASS) has extended data collection for the [2022 Census of Agriculture](#) through the spring to ensure all farmers and ranchers take advantage of the opportunity to be represented in the widely used data. Response is required by law and the census can be completed online at agcounts.usda.gov or by mail.

Census data inform decisions about policy, farm and conservation programs, infrastructure, rural development, and more. Let everyone who received the 2022 Census of Agriculture and has not yet responded know it is not too late to be counted. Our [Partner Tools web page](#) has materials to help your outreach, including social media tools, ads, brochures and more.

The ag census includes every operation – large or small – from which \$1,000 or more of agricultural products were produced and sold, or would normally have been produced and sold, in the ag census year. The ag census allows farmers and ranchers to tell the current story of American agriculture and shape its future.

Visit nass.usda.gov/AgCensus for the latest information, including updated Frequently Asked Questions.

Survey on High Fertilizer Prices 2021-2022

UK College of Ag would like to get your help as cattle farmers to respond to an electronic survey. This is a short (<10 minute) survey that will give us insights into the impact that high fertilizer prices in 2021-2022 had on forage/livestock management decisions.

Farmer responses will be completely confidential.

The link to the survey is below.

https://uky.az1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_eWImOPS2vY39ob4



**FREE
TREE SEEDLINGS**
One Day Only - March 16, 2023

Tree Seedlings will be given away at the Franklin County Conservation District office, on a first come basis, on Thursday, March 16, 2023, from 8:00 am until supply is gone. The office is located at 103 Lakeview Court.

Limit of 3 of each species per person

Persimmon, Pecan, Northern Red Oak, Cypress, Chinese Chestnut, Pawpaw and White Pine

Organized and Sponsored by the Kentucky Forage and Grassland Council, UK Cooperative Extension Service, and the Master Grazer Program

This program is designed for producers and agricultural professionals to learn the newest fencing methods and sound fencing construction through a combination of classroom and hands-on learning

WHEN: April 11-Scottsville, KY
April 13-Richmond, KY
WHERE: Allen County Extension Office
200 E Main St
Scottsville, KY 42164
SMK Agricultural Venue
401 Brookstown Rd
Richmond, KY 40475



2023 Kentucky Fencing Schools

COST: \$35/participant -- includes notebook, refreshments, safety glasses, hearing protection, and catered lunch

Registration DEADLINE: 2 weeks prior to workshop

ONLINE Registration with Credit Card:

Scottsville, KY https://2023_Scottsville_KY_Fencing_School.eventbrite.com

Richmond, KY https://2023_Richmond_KY_Fencing_School.eventbrite.com



Registration by U.S. Mail: Christi Forsythe
348 University Drive
Princeton, KY 42445



Name: _____

Street: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip code: _____

Email: _____ Cell Phone: _____

Number of participants _____ x \$35 per participant = _____ Total Cost

Make CHECKS payable to: KFGC



For more information contact Krista Lea at 270-625-0712 or Christi.Forsythe@uky.edu

2023 Kentucky Fencing School Agenda

- 7:30 Registration and Refreshments**
- 8:15 Welcome and Overview of the Day – Chris Teutsch, UK**
- 8:30 Fencing Types and Costs - Morgan Hayes, UK**
- 9:00 Fence Construction Basics – Eric Miller and Payton Rushing, Stay-Tuff**
- Perimeter fences vs. cross fences
 - Fencing options on rented farms
 - Proper brace construction
 - Line posts and fence construction
- 9:45 Break – visit with sponsors and presenters**
- 10:15 Electric Fencing Basics - Jeremy McGill, Gallagher**
- Proper energizer selection and grounding
 - Proper high tensile fence construction and wire insulation
 - Electric offset wires for non-electric fences
 - Underground wires and jumper wires
- 11:00 Innovations in Fencing Technologies - Josh Jackson, UK**
- Wireless fences, fence monitoring, fence mapping
- 11:30 Overview of Kentucky Fence Law - Clint Quarles, KDA**
- 12:15 Catered Lunch - visit with sponsors and presenters**
- 1:00 Hands-on Fence Building**
- Safety, fence layout, and post driving demo - Jody Watson and Tucker LaForce, ACI
 - H-brace construction - Jeremy McGill, Gallagher & Eric Miller and Payton Rushing, Stay-Tuff
 - Knot tying, splices, and insulator installation - Jeremy McGill, Gallagher & Eric Miller and Payton Rushing, Stay-Tuff
 - Installation of Stay-Tuff Fixed Knot Fence - Eric Miller and Payton Rushing, Stay-Tuff
 - Installation of High Tensile Fencing - Jeremy McGill, Gallagher
- 4:30 Questions, Survey and Wrap-up**



FRANKLIN COUNTY COOPERATIVE EXTENSION

2023 WINTER SCHOOLS**FREE CLASSES!**

These schools qualify for the KADF CAIP Educational Credit

6:00 P.M.

**CLASSES WILL BE HELD AT THE FRANKLIN COUNTY COOPERATIVE EXTENSION OFFICE
101 LAKEVIEW COURT**

**FEBRUARY 23 -
BALE GRAZING**

Will it work for you? If you attended Farm City Field Day last year you heard Dr. Greg Halich, UK Livestock Management Specialist, discuss Bale Grazing. Dr. Halich will explain the process in detail, plus how and when it works.

**MARCH 2ND -
OFF-GRID SOLAR**

Need to light a barn, charge a fence, run a pump? Dr. Morgan Hays, UK Biosystems and Ag Engineering, will explain options for where power is difficult and/or expensive to run for farm applications..

MARCH 9TH - FRANKLIN COUNTY CATTLEMEN'S EDUCATIONAL MEETING

Enjoy a meal with fellow Cattlemen and learn From Dr. Les Anderson, UK Beef Specialist about the "X10D" app as an information hub for cattle producers to manage, connect and learn about things that matter to their enterprises.

RSVP to: Crystal Harrod @ (502) 330-5084

RSVP required for the meal, non-members are welcomed too!

**MARCH 16TH -
BQCA CERTIFICATION***

Beef Quality and Care Assurance enables beef and dairy producers to enhance their product, maximize marketability and strengthen consumer confidence. This is a requirement for KADF CAIP Large Animal Program participation but a good idea for anyone raising livestock.

Does not qualify for the educational credit & a \$5 fee will be charged, make checks out to "KBN" .

PLEASE RSVP TO 502 695-9035 TO REGISTER AND FOR NOTIFICATION IF A CLASS IS CANCELED!



Introduction TO HOMESTEADING AND SUBSISTENCE AGRICULTURE

March 31 - April 1

Harold R. Benson Research
and Demonstration Farm
1525 Mills Lane
Frankfort, KY 40601

These workshops will cover a wide variety of subsistence agriculture topics with the goal of introducing participants to the concept of becoming self-sufficient by utilizing their resources to grow food for themselves and their families.

This institution is an equal opportunity provider. Reasonable accommodations for individuals with disabilities will be provided free of charge upon request. Language access services for limited English proficient individuals, will be provided free of charge upon request. Please contact David Peery at david.peery@kysu.edu
All requests should be made by 3/1/2023

Topics Include:

- Introduction to Home-Based Processing
- Introduction to Growing Perennial Fruits and Nuts
- Lunch and Networking with Vendors
- Annual Fruit and Vegetable Production
- Introduction to Beekeeping
- NRCS Technical Assistance and Cost-Share Opportunities
- Introduction to Caring for Cattle
- Introduction to Caring for Sheep and Goats
- Lunch and Networking with Vendors
- Introduction to Caring for Pigs
- Introduction to Caring for Poultry
- Meat Processing



Register Now:

<http://bit.ly/3HSzWmt>



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Doors open at 8:00AM
for registration,
donuts, and coffee.

2023 BLUEGRASS BEEKEEPING SCHOOL

March 11th 2023

@ Kentucky State University

9AM-4PM EST

\$35
LUNCH INCLUDED

7 HOURS OF
EDUCATION &
NETWORKING

Speakers & Classes Include

Cameron Jack
Entomologist, University of Florida

- Beginner Classes
- Intermediate Classes
- Advanced Classes

- VENDOR DISPLAYS
- DOOR PRIZES

Hosted by:
Bluegrass Beekeepers Association
Capital City Beekeepers &
Kentucky State University



<https://beeschool.eventsmart.com/events/bluegrass-beekeeping-school-2023/>

Marketing for All 2.0

Adaptable Marketing Training for Small Farms

New Modules

Personal Selling Skills

If you're in direct marketing, you're in the business of selling. Get some tips on making the sale.

Customer Retention & Engagement

Once you have a customer, you want to keep them! Learn why keeping your regulars is a top priority and how to do it.

Digital Marketing Basics

Learn about some particular strategies and approaches to market your products in the digital landscape.

Photography & Digital Ad Tips & Tricks

Digital marketing is visually-driven. Make sure you're catching eyes and boosting your brand.

Original Modules

Marketing Basics

Product, Price, Place, and Promotion--start your marketing on the right foot.

Social Media Basics

How small businesses can use social media to generate more sales.

Basics of Web Design

We touch on principles and tools to get you going.

Hands-On Visual Merchandizing

We take a show-don't-tell approach to learning about display design. Participants can brainstorm and discuss the merits of different designs in a hands-on workshop.

Market Signs That Work

From getting people to your market or business to trying to communicate with them once they've arrived, this workshop can help.

Identifying and Exploring New Markets

Learn how to find and compare opportunities to grow your business.

Understanding and Using Analytics

Big companies collect BIG data. Learn how you can leverage their technology for your business.

Record Keeping for Specialty Crops

We focus on basics and making small changes for big results.

Using Price Data to Make More Money

Once you've figured your costs, how do you set your price? We show how to use CCD price data to make sure the price is right.

Value-Added Product Development

Get your bearings when developing a value added product.

Accepting More Than Just Cash

Customers don't always carry cash any more. We take a look at how and why you may want to think about taking plastic.



Funded through a Specialty
Crop Block Grant



Each training lasts ~ 1 hour.

Mix & match topics to meet your group's needs.

To schedule: email brett.wolff@uky.edu or call 859-218-4384

Sustainable Ag Webinar

with Jackson Rolett from



THURSDAY
MARCH 23
2023
6:30pm ET/
5:30pm CT

Join us to learn about implicating appropriate or no-tillage, cover cropping, & mulching in small-scale market gardens.

REGISTER FOR **FREE** ON
EVENTBRITE



This webinar series is part of a Southern Region Sustainable Agriculture Research and Education (SARE) project.



Private Pesticide Applicator Training

Do you purchase restricted use pesticides? Then mark your calendars for one of the upcoming trainings.

Feb 28th 6pm, Scott Co. Extension 502-863-0984

March 6th 6pm, Owen Co Extension

April 7th 9:30am, Owen Co Extension

MUST RSVP call 502-484-5703



Cattleman's Association Educational Member Meeting

March 9, 2023

Meal sponsored by Franklin County Conservation District, Shelby Vet Clinic, & Blue Grass Stockyards

Guest Speaker:
Dr. Les Anderson, UK Beef Specialist Explains the new "XIOD" App

This meeting qualifies for CAIP educational credit

RSVP by March 6, 2023 to Crystal Harrod at: crystal.harrod@yahoo.com or 502 330-5084




FRANKLIN CO JUNIOR CATTLEMEN'S

THURSDAY, MARCH 23

Informational meeting for anyone between the ages of 9-21 that is interested in becoming a Franklin County Junior Cattlemen member.

Franklin Co. Extension Office
6:00 PM

Contact Crystal Harrod for questions
(502) 330-5084



NEW!

The Franklin Co. Cattlemen's Association is starting a Junior Cattlemen Association!

2020

SWINE OFFICIAL IDENTIFICATION OPTIONS



Official Identification (ID)

is a device or identification mark approved by the USDA which provides a unique identification number for the individual animal. Official ID devices must be tamper evident and bear the U.S. shield.

IT IS UNLAWFUL TO REMOVE OFFICIAL ID.

How to obtain a National Premise ID Number (NPIN) for 840 tags?

Kentucky producers should call 502-573-0282 or email statevet@ky.gov

PET PIGS? MINI PIGS?

For pet swine, microchips which meet the ISO standards may be acceptable. Contact the State Veterinarian Office for more details.

Animal Identification Number (AIN, 840) Tags



Tags begin with the official country code (840 for U.S.), followed by 12 digits. These tags can be Radio Frequency Identification (RFID) devices or be visual only. AIN tags are issued to accredited veterinarians by the State Veterinarian Office. Producers can order from an authorized tag manufacturer. A National Premises Identification Number (NPIN) is required to purchase '840' tags or devices.

NUES 8 / Silver Tags



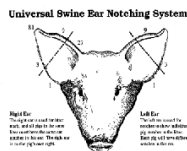
Producers, accredited veterinarians, and markets can order free silver metal National Uniform Ear tagging System (NUES) tags from State Veterinarian offices. These tags start with the state code (61 for KY), followed by two letters and four numbers. The USDA proposes to phase these tags out by 2023, and switch to RFID.

PIN Tags / Tattoo



Official Premises Identification Number (PIN) tags are used to officially identify swine to the premises they were kept immediately prior to entering harvest channels. If PIN tags contain an individual animal number, they can be used for non-slaughter animals. A PIN tattoo is also acceptable.

Universal Ear Notch System



Ear notches, using the Universal Ear Notching System, must be recorded with a breed registry association, and breed registration papers must accompany the animals. Notches are placed in the pig's right ear, to show the litter number, and the left ear — to show the individual pig number.

www.kvagr.com/statevet/animal-movement.html
for additional information

USDA Approved 840 Tag Manufacturers

- ◇ Allflex USA Inc.
800-989-8247
www.AllflexUSA.com
- ◇ National Band & Tag Company
859-261-2035
www.nationalband.com



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KENTUCKY
DEPARTMENT OF
AGRICULTURE
OFFICE OF STATE VETERINARIAN

502-573-0282
www.kyagr.com

NATIONAL PREMISES ID REQUEST FORM

Fill out completely

Name and/or Farm Name: _____

Phone Number: _____

Address: _____

State/ Zip Code: _____

County: _____

Species Raised/ Sold: Please Select All That Apply

Cattle Sheep Goats Pigs Horses Deer

Personal Contact Information for Premises / Animal Owners:

Name: _____

Address (if different than Premises Address): _____

Email: _____

Phone: _____

Name: _____

Address (if different than Premises Address): _____

Email: _____

Phone: _____

Please submit via, fax (502) 573-1020 or email to statevet@ky.gov

Rolling Out Revenue Based Disaster and Pandemic Assistance Programs



Starting Jan 23, agricultural producers can begin to apply for two new important programs for revenue losses, from 2020 and 2021 natural disasters or the COVID-19 pandemic. Both programs equitably fill gaps in earlier assistance.

First, you may be eligible for assistance through the [Emergency Relief Program \(ERP\)](#) Phase Two if you experienced revenue losses from eligible natural disasters in 2020 and 2021. ERP Phase Two is for producers who didn't receive assistance from ERP Phase One.

You may also be eligible for the [Pandemic Assistance Revenue Program \(PARP\)](#) if you experienced revenue losses in calendar year 2020. PARP is addressing gaps in previous pandemic assistance, which was targeted at price loss or lack of market access, rather than overall revenue losses.

Applications for both new programs are due June 2, 2023, and you can apply for both programs during your same appointment with USDA's Farm Service Agency (FSA).

Historically, FSA programs have been designed to make direct payments to producers based on a single disaster event or for a single commodity loss. For many of you, this may be the first revenue-based program that you've applied for with FSA.

Why revenue-based programs?

ERP Phase Two and PARP take a much more holistic approach to disaster assistance, ensuring that producers not just make it through a single growing season but have the financial stability to invest in the long-term well-being of their operations and employees.

In general, ERP Phase Two payments are based on the difference in allowable gross revenue between a benchmark year, representing a typical year of revenue for the producer and the disaster year – designed to target the remaining needs of producers impacted by qualifying natural disasters and avoid duplicative payments. ERP Phase Two revenue loss is based on tax years.

For PARP, an agricultural producer must have been in the business of farming during at least part of the 2020 calendar year and had a decrease in revenue for the 2020 calendar year, as compared to a typical year. PARP revenue loss is based on calendar years.

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How to Apply

In preparation for enrollment, producers should gather supporting documentation including:

Schedule F (Form 1040); and

Profit or Loss from Farming or similar tax documents for tax years 2018, 2019, 2020, 2021 and 2022 for ERP and for calendar years 2018, 2019 and 2020 for PARP.

Producers should also have, or be prepared to have, the following forms on file for both ERP and PARP program participation:

Form AD-2047, *Customer Data Worksheet* (as applicable to the program participant);

Form CCC-902, *Farm Operating Plan* for an individual or legal entity;

Form CCC-901, *Member Information for Legal Entities* (if applicable); and

Form AD-1026 *Highly Erodible Land Conservation (HELC) and Wetland Conservation (WC) Certification*.

Form CCC-860, *Socially Disadvantaged, Limited Resource, Beginning and Veteran Farmer or Rancher Certification*, as certain existing permanent and ad-hoc disaster programs provide increased benefits or reduced fees and premiums.

Most producers, especially those who have previously participated in FSA programs, will likely have these required forms on file. However, those who are uncertain or want to confirm should contact FSA at their local [USDA Service Center](#).



KY Corn Yield Contest Winners

Congratulations to our local winners!

Division	District	Grower/Farm	County	Brand	Hybrid	Yield, bu/A
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District Winners, Till & No-till, Non-irrigated

District 5, No-Till	5	Kevin Smith	Franklin	Wyffels	W7730 nonGMO	275.87
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275 Bushel Club

No-Till	5	Kevin Smith	Franklin	Wyffels	W7730 nonGMO	275.87
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250 Bushel Club

No-Till	5	Kathy Smith	Franklin	Wyffels	W7870 nonGMO	273.73
No-Till	5	Kathy Smith	Franklin	DeKalb	DKC65-92 nonG-MO	269.06

SAVE THE DATES:

March 2	Winter School—Off-Grid Solar
March 9	Franklin Co. Cattlemen’s Educational Meeting
March 16	Winter School—BQCA Certification
March 17	Last day to Drop CAIP Cost-Share
March 23	FC Junior Cattlemen’s Association Meeting
March 25	Bradford Pear Bounty
April 15	Reforest Frankfort
April 20-22	FCCD Metal Recycle
April 22	Spring Clean/ Household Hazardous Waste
April 28	Deadline For CAIP Cost Share Receipts Packet
April 29	Master Gardener Plant Sale



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