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## Kentucky farmers face growing challenges amid economic and environmental pressures

By Wilbur Jackson  
KPI Writer

Kentucky's farmers are facing an increasingly difficult landscape as a combination of economic, environmental, and biological threats impact the agricultural industry across the state. From rising input costs and unpredictable weather to the spread of invasive pests and livestock health concerns, producers are being forced to adapt

rapidly to protect their livelihoods.

### Economic Pressures and Rising Costs

One of the most pressing issues for Kentucky farmers is the rising cost of doing business. Fertilizer, fuel, feed, and equipment prices have soared over the past two years, in part due to global supply chain disruptions and inflation. According to data from the University of Kentucky College of Agriculture,

fertilizer costs alone have increased by more than 60% since 2022, putting a major strain on both small and large operations.

Many farmers are also grappling with fluctuating commodity prices. While corn and soybean prices saw highs in recent years, volatility in global markets and shifting demand have made it difficult for producers to plan or budget long term. For livestock farmers, the cost of feed and veterinary care continues to

climb, eating into already thin profit margins.

### Weather Extremes and Climate Concerns

Kentucky's changing climate is another major concern. Unpredictable rainfall, extreme heat, and sudden cold snaps have disrupted planting and harvest schedules, damaged crops, and stressed livestock. In 2023,

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## UK Extension launches strike teams

*A new response and recovery initiative to weather disasters*

By Christopher Carney

LEXINGTON, Ky.—Kentuckians have experienced several recent weather-related disasters, causing significant damage to infrastructure and communities across the Commonwealth. “Kentucky has experienced an increase in ‘billion dollar’ weather disasters — a total of 92 impacting the area since 1980, with seven of those devastating

events occurring in 2024 alone,” said University of Kentucky senior meteorologist Matt Dixon.

Kayla Watts, who was previously an extension agent in Breathitt County, remembers watching the North Fork Kentucky River in Jackson, Kentucky, in 2022 continue to rise as the flooding began to make its way into town.

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UK Cooperative Extension Agent Dora Centers delivers a bucket of cleaning supplies to residents in Eastern Kentucky affected by flooding.

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# GSI launches SELECT IS 3i:

## A smarter, stronger enclosed belt conveyor

By Laurna Todd  
FQ Writer

GSI is excited to introduce the newly redesigned Select IS 3i Enclosed Belt Conveyor, the latest advancement in its commercial material handling portfolio. Engineered for high performance and durability, the Select IS 3i boasts higher capacity, reduced maintenance, and an extended service life, all within a more compact footprint.

### Smarter by Design

Jason Workman from Workman Bins in Mayfield, KY, states, "The Select IS 3i is more than just an upgrade; it is a game-changer in bulk material transport. With capacities of up to 95,000 bushels per hour, it outperforms traditional spool conveyors while occupying less space. Its self-contained, independent idler system reduces both belt and idler wear, minimizing maintenance and maximizing uptime. Additionally, this design requires smaller structural support, which lowers installation costs and facilitates easier integration into existing operations."

### Engineered for Tough Jobs

"Enclosed belt conveyors are ideal for efficiently and gently moving dry bulk materials," says Joe Amaro, Product Manager at GSI. "The 3i's independent idler design not only enhances capacity but also extends the life of key components. It is built to move more material with less wear."

### Part of a Complete Grain Handling System

With the launch of the Select IS 3i, GSI stands out as one of the few companies offering both spool and independent idler systems. This variety provides producers with the flexibility to choose the right solution for their operations. The 3i

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Workman adds, "One of the many things I appreciate about GSI is their dedication to protecting your grain investment through

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several counties experienced both drought conditions and flash flooding within the same season,

demonstrating the new level of unpredictability in farming.

These climate challenges also increase the risk of crop diseases and

reduce soil health. More farmers are turning to cover cropping, no-till methods, and advanced irrigation systems to combat these issues, but such solutions often

require significant investment.

**Pests, Disease, and Livestock Health**

In 2024 and into 2025, Kentucky farmers saw a resurgence of pest and disease problems. Most notably, the spread of flesh-eating maggots (myiasis) in livestock has caused alarm across rural communities. These infestations, caused by parasitic fly larvae, can lead to severe infections or even death in animals. The government has responded with large-scale sterile fly releases to combat the problem, but the situation remains a top concern for cattle and sheep producers.

Crop farmers, too, have been hit by

increased pressure from invasive species like the fall armyworm, stink bugs, and herbicide-resistant weeds, which require more aggressive and costly control measures.

**Labor Shortages and Mental Health Struggles**

Adding to these issues is the persistent shortage of agricultural labor. Many Kentucky farms, especially those involved in produce or tobacco production, rely on seasonal workers. However, tighter immigration policies and rural population decline have made labor harder to find and more expensive to secure.

These pressures take a toll on the well-being of farmers themselves.

Mental health support in rural areas remains limited, despite rising rates of stress, anxiety, and burnout among farm families.

**Looking Ahead**

While Kentucky farmers continue to demonstrate resilience and adaptability, the challenges they face are real and mounting. Addressing these issues will require strong support from state agencies, improved access to resources, and investment in sustainable farming technologies. The future of Kentucky agriculture depends not only on weathering today's storms, but on building long-term solutions for a changing world.



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# GrainVue:

## Your ultimate partner in grain storage management

By **Laurna Todd**  
FQ Writer

Workman Bins, Inc. in Mayfield, KY, is thrilled to bring farmers GrainVue, a cutting-edge grain monitoring and aeration management system designed to empower farmers like you by safeguarding stored grain and enhancing efficiency. In a world where weather patterns can be unpredictable, GrainVue equips you with the advanced technology necessary to uphold grain quality, prevent spoilage, and curb energy costs.

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- Smart Storage: This energy-efficient mode autonomously adjusts fan usage to warm or cool grain according to

external temperature changes, giving you peace of mind all year round.

With GrainVue, Workman Bins, Inc. is dedicated to helping farmers not only protect their investments but also streamline grain storage management processes, allowing you to focus on what you do best.

Jason Workman, Workman Bins founder, takes pride in collaborating with GSI to offer GrainVue Moisture

and Temperature Monitoring Cables. He understands the significant investments farmers make throughout the seasons to bring crops to harvest. By utilizing this monitoring system, farmers gain a clearer view of the conditions inside their bins, allowing them to avoid costly mistakes like over-drying or under-drying crops. This would take out a lot of the guesswork of grain management, which gives you more peace of mind.

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So why wait? Join us on this exciting journey towards efficient grain storage and management with GrainVue, and enjoy a seamless farming experience!

## UK hosts international study abroad experience

By **Christopher Carney**

LEXINGTON, Ky.—The University of Kentucky Martin-Gatton College of Agriculture, Food and Environment, with leadership from UK Ag Equine Programs and the Department of Animal and Food Sciences, recently partnered with France's UniLaSalle — inviting a group of their students pursuing an Executive Master's degree in Equine Science and Business (MESB) for a unique study abroad experience.

For 15 days, students engaged with more than 30 groups — ranging from industry groups and nonprofits to horse farms and academic and research units across UK's campus, along with the broader equine community in Central Kentucky.

The goal was to showcase Kentucky's horse industry and UK's land-grant mission, providing the international students valuable lectures, site visits and hands-on learning experiences while visiting the Commonwealth for the first time. Some of the site visits included the Defender Kentucky Three-Day Event, Keeneland and the Kentucky Derby.

“The master's students



from UniLaSalle brought great enthusiasm and curiosity, while the Kentucky horse community warmly welcomed them and excelled in creating insightful, engaging educational experiences,” said Meghan Wulster-Radcliffe, director of strategy for equine initiatives at Martin-Gatton CAFE and lead program organizer.

This year's initiative marked this program's return, which was originally developed and led by Laurie Lawrence, professor in the UK Ag Equine Programs and Department of Animal and Food Sciences at Martin-Gatton CAFE, prior to being placed on hold during the COVID-19 pandemic.

Under the leadership of Wulster-Radcliffe and

Eslan, relaunching this year's program welcomed seven master's students, two professors and an innovation development engineer from UniLaSalle. Organizers are planning to expand participation in 2026 and are exploring adding UK student participation starting in 2027.

**Partners, organizations and farms**

Additional participants included Alltech, James B. Beam Institute for Kentucky Spirits, Bennie Sargent Quarter Horses, Blue Diamond Stud at Stonereath Farm, Defender Kentucky Three Day Event, Fayette Alliance, Godolphin at Jonabell Farm, Gluck Equine Research Center, Grey Ridge Farm, Hagyard Equine Medical Institute, Hallway Feeds, Jacobi Insurance,

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“It looked like a wall of water — it was scary because we didn’t know how high it would get, and parts of town were evacuated due to the rising river water,” said Watts, now a UK area extension director. “Many folks said that they didn’t have time to get their possessions. Everything was just gone. We just weren’t prepared for something like this.”

Along with ongoing damage caused by recent storms this year in Kentucky, this sparked Watts and other extension leaders to begin assessing local and statewide needs to determine what communities and individuals needed to be better prepare, respond and recover.

**Kentucky Extension Strike Team is formed**

The UK Cooperative Extension Service at the Martin-Gatton College of Agriculture, Food and Environment, in collaboration with Kentucky State University, has launched a new initiative to help advance the state’s disaster preparedness and recovery capabilities — developing strike teams to better respond and reduce the impact of disasters through research-based education.

Made possible through a partnership and grant from the Extension Disaster Education Network (EDEN), this

initiative is helping address the pressing need for a more coordinated and effective disaster response in Kentucky and beyond.

“This initiative will allow Extension leaders to learn from established strike team models and, crucially, implement a pilot strike team program within Kentucky Cooperative Extension,” said Jeff Young, Kentucky Extension strike team project leader and director of urban extension at Martin-Gatton CAFE. “Furthermore, the development of a national toolkit provides a roadmap for other states to build their own resilient disaster response networks.”

These specialized strike teams, composed of trained county agents and staff in Kentucky, will provide crucial on-the-ground support to communities impacted by disasters. Watts, who worked with Young in writing the EDEN grant proposal and is one of the approximately 40 strike team members in Kentucky, believes that organization is key.

“Many people want to help, but it must be streamlined,” Watts said. “These strike teams are a ready-made, trained group who are ready to help and provide relief. As a strike team member, you are working in coordination with your county’s emergency plan. In our trainings, we are now stressing the importance of preparedness, support and recovery.”



Training with members of the Nelson County Emergency Management.

Photo provided by Danielle Hagler

Kentucky strike team member Danielle Hagler, Nelson County Cooperative Extension Agent for Family and Consumer Sciences, adds that collaboration and working with community leaders is essential.

“Our extension agents that are strike team members all have different passions, skills and talents. Based on everyone’s area of expertise, we can all help each other in areas where we need support,” Hagler said. “Working with our city officials, first responders and emergency management is also crucial to be better prepared and organized. We all must work together.”

Kentucky EDEN is a collaborative multi-

state effort supported by the U.S. Department of Agriculture National Institute of Food and Agriculture and Cooperative Extension Services across the country to reduce the impact of disasters through research-based education. The Kentucky Emergency Management and the Kentucky Department of Public Health are also collaborative partners with the Kentucky EDEN project team.

Visit <https://anr.ca.uky.edu/extensionhelps> to learn more about the Kentucky EDEN initiative, along with education resources in disaster recovery and preparedness.

To learn more about the UK Cooperative Extension Service programs,

visit <https://extension.ca.uky.edu> or contact your local County Extension Office.

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**About EDEN**

EDEN is a collaborative network of Cooperative Extension educators across the United States and territories who work to improve the delivery of education and information and the availability of resources related to disaster preparedness, response, and recovery.

Historically, this grassroots network has been aligned with the Extension Committee on Organization and Policy (ECOP) and supported by USDA NIFA through the Food and Agricultural Defense Initiative (FADI) grant.

EDEN continues to grow programming and service to populations served by 1890 land-grant

institutions, Native American tribal councils and populations served by 1994 land-grant institutions, and Hispanic Serving Institutions.

The Extension Foundation, in partnership with Washington State University and the Cooperative Extension System, supports the administration of the FADI-EDEN project. Learn more about EDEN at <https://extensiondisaster.net>.

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Recent storms with heavy rains have caused extensive flooding and damage in Kentucky.

Photo by Martn-Gatton CAFE



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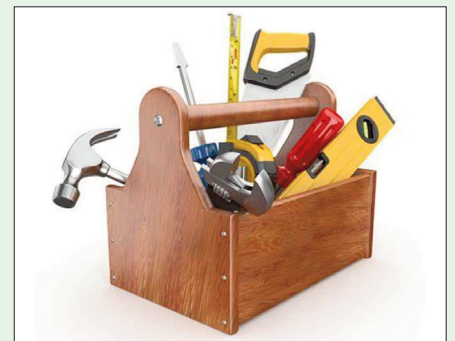
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# Former 4-H state and extension program leader Joe Kurth recently passed away, leaving a legacy of many accomplishments and contributions to youth development in Kentucky and beyond

By Christopher Carney

LEXINGTON, Ky.—  
“I envision a program in which staff, volunteers, agency partners, funding partners and communities work together for the

ultimate good of each Kentucky child,” Joe Kurth said when he was named the new assistant extension director for 4-H Youth Development at the University of Kentucky Martin-Gatton College of

Agriculture, Food and Environment back in 2003.  
Until Kurth’s recent passing, he dedicated his life to making this vision become a reality — impacting countless people, while being an advocate for Kentucky

4-H youth and programming, spanning 50 years.  
Bob O’Brien, Kurth’s administrative assistant for seven years, was “immediately impressed.”  
“We could tell right away that Joe would be a strong advocate for 4-H,” O’Brien said. “He empowered us, and the agents really liked Joe. He knew our worth and value. He encouraged his people and wasn’t afraid to advocate for us and our ideas.”

Kurth’s endless supply of enthusiasm, genuine spirit and compassion for youth, volunteers and extension professionals were just some of his characteristics that helped him build and sustain meaningful relationships. His servant leadership approach helped Kurth and the 4-H team build and grow 4-H’s international capacity and membership.

“Dr. Kurth brought a sense of stability and vision to the Kentucky 4-H program,” said Chuck Stamper, UK extension special projects coordinator of 4-H Youth Development at Martin-Gatton CAFE. “He always wanted to move the program forward.”

For those that knew Kurth best, his character, charisma, integrity and leadership style are what set him apart along with an unforgettable motto. Get on the KY 4-H

bus. Don’t get left behind!  
According to Stamper, this motto embodied Kurth.  
Joyce Belcher, who originally hired and worked with Kurth for approximately 11 years, recalls one of his first team meetings which included the memorable analogy.

“I’ll never forget that meeting,” Belcher said. “Joe asked us to think of a school bus where he was the driver, and we were the passengers. He asked that we step on the bus with him and that it was his job to know the skills of each person to help the bus move in the right direction. This could involve moving people on the bus around or even letting them off at the next stop. This philosophy really helped people get on board or they could be left behind. We accomplished things that other people said were impossible, believing that everyone has valuable skills to offer.”

Kurth’s belief in people has extended even further for Belcher, who originally thought she wasn’t qualified for a leadership opportunity at a popular destination resort in Kentucky. After seeking Kurth’s guidance, Belcher applied for and secured the job, using Kurth’s bus school analogy to help motivate her team along the way.  
“He was able to reach

down into you and make you believe in what you can do,” Belcher said. “I got that job because of Joe. Joe was there to help, and you could always call on Joe anytime. He was a wonderful man, and he believed in people.”  
Remembering Joe Kurth

Growing up in Savanna, Illinois, Kurth was a member of the Tip Top Troopers 4-H Club for 10 years.

Kurth served as Area 4-H Youth Specialist for the Missouri Cooperative Extension for five years and then became state 4-H curriculum specialist at the University of Missouri – Columbia from 1981-86. During that time, he created and coordinated the National 4-H Curriculum Network.

Kurth then served as Idaho’s 4-H director from 1986-87, which doubled in size during his tenure. He chaired the writing committee and was the principal author for the 4-H International publication “And My World.”

He became State 4-H director in Washington State from 1987-93. He chaired the Development Committee for the National 4-H Curriculum Handbook, the precursor of the National 4-H Curriculum System. The statewide 4-H enrollment doubled

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to 75,000 with only 13 full-time 4-H agents serving 40 counties.

Kurth served as the director of 4-H Programs for Iowa from 1993-2003, where participation grew from 73,000 to 130,000. He also served on the National 4-H Name and Emblem Committee for three years and served two years on the National 4-H Council Board of Directors.

In 2003, his family moved to Lexington where Kurth accepted the position of assistant director of UK Cooperative Extension for 4-H

Youth Development Programs. During this time, he served as National Chair of State 4-H Directors and as National Chair of the States' 4-H International Exchange Programs Board of Directors.

Additional accomplishments included developing the Kentucky 4-H core curriculum, securing American Camping Association accreditation for all four state 4-H camping centers, introducing Science, Engineering and Technology (SET) programs, launching the Livestock Volunteer certification/re-

certification and the Horse Volunteer certification, introducing the "4-H: A Capitol Experience" and 4-H Summit and celebrating Kentucky's 4-H Centennial.

In 2008, Kurth also led 4-H'ers in donating their state fair projects to feed the hungry. In 2010, Kurth retired from UK, concluding a career spanning approximately five decades.

He received the Kentucky 4-H Distinguished Leadership Award at the Kentucky Volunteer Forum in 2012 and was inducted into the National 4-H

Hall of Fame in 2015.

Rachel Guidugli, a 4-H member during Kurth's leadership and current assistant extension director for 4-H Youth Development shares, "Kentucky 4-H stands on the shoulders of giants, and Dr. Kurth is one of those giants. The positive impact of his contribution will be felt by young people in their clubs, communities, country and world for generations to come."

To learn more about the Kentucky 4-H Youth Development, part of the UK Cooperative Extension Service at Martin-Gatton CAFE, visit <https://4-h.ca.uky.edu>.



Joe Kurth speaking at the 4-H: A Capitol Experience in Frankfort, Kentucky (2010).

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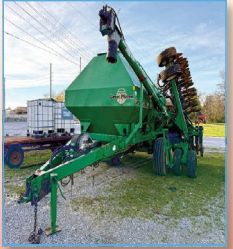
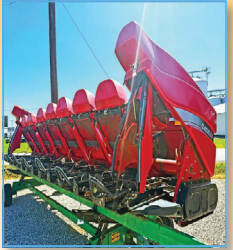


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JD 9750 Combine, 3,000 Sep. Hrs. Estimated, S/N H09750s685912  
JD 635F Platform, S/N 1H00635FHA0737381  
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2015 JD 5085E Tractor, MFWD, 1,802 Hrs., C/H/A,  
12.4-24 Front Tires, 18.4-30 Rear Tires, JD H240 Loader w/Bucket, 2 SCV, 12 Speed, LHR, S/N 1LV5085ELFY441789

2001 JD 5105 Tractor, 2-WD, Canopy, Hrs Unknown,  
JD 522 Loader w/Bucket, 9.5-15 Front Tires, 16.9-28 Rear Tires, 1 SCV, 540 PTO, 12 Speed, S/N LV5105C211559  
1982 JD 2940 Tractor, 5,672 Hrs., 2-WD, Canopy,  
10.00-16 Front Tires, 18.4-34 Rear Tires, 2 SCV, 540/1000 PTO, 8 Speed, S/N 411864  
2015 JD 6125M Tractor, MFWD, C/H/A, 4,103 Hrs.,  
14.9-24 Front Tires, 18.4-34 Rear Tires, JD H260 Loader w/Bucket, 3 SCV, 540/1000 PTO, 24 Speed  
PowrQuad, LHR, S/N 1L06125MCEG815340  
Kubota L6060 HSTC Tractor, MFWD, C/H/A, 207 Hrs., 9.5-16 Front Tires, 14.9-26 Rear Tires, Kubota LA1055 Loader w/ Bucket, 1 SCV, 540 PTO,  
S/N KBUL5FHCLM8850714  
1990 JD 4555 Tractor, 7,531 Hrs., 14L-16.1 Front Tires,  
460/42 Duals, 3 SCV, 1000 PTO, 16 Speed Quad  
Range, Quick Hitch, S/N RW4555H004096  
2017 JD 6105E Tractor, 2,489 Hrs., 340/24 Front Tires,  
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# University of Kentucky 2025 Signature Industries Career Fair set for Sept. 25



More than 400 participants from 75 UK majors and academic programs, as well as six other universities, participated in last year's career fair.

Photo by Matt Barton

By Holly Wiemers

LEXINGTON, Ky.— The annual University of Kentucky Martin-Gatton College of Agriculture, Food and Environment 2025 Kentucky Signature Industries Career Fair returns Sept. 25.

This event, which takes place from 1-4 p.m. ET at the Gatton Student Center on campus, will feature three Kentucky leading industries: agribusiness, distillation and equine. Registration is now open to employers, who are

encouraged to sign up by the Aug. 25 early bird deadline.

“This event will bring together employers from across three very connected industries, and I am excited to see how that opens doors of opportunities for our students,” said Savannah Robin, lecturer of career and professional development at Martin-Gatton CAFE and event co-organizer. “Participating in an event like this isn’t just about these businesses, companies or farms recruiting for

open positions—it’s about building awareness and establishing long-lasting relationships with our students that can lead to employment in the future.”

More than 400 participants from 75 UK majors and academic programs, as well as six other universities, participated in last year’s fair.

“While we are committed year-round to connecting our students with employers, our Signature Industries Career Fair is the best way to create that bridge between them and employers,” said Seth DeBolt, director of UK’s James B. Beam Institute for Kentucky Spirits.

UK Ag Equine Programs began a standalone career fair in 2009. In 2022, the college’s equine and distillation programs joined forces to provide enhanced career opportunities to Kentucky and regional college students for two of the state’s most recognized industries. This year, an agribusiness emphasis joins the career fair for job seekers and prospective employers to meet.

“We’re excited to continue creating opportunities where our students can connect directly with industry leaders, explore diverse career paths in agribusiness and agricultural economics and gain real-world insight,” said Aslihan Spaulding, chair and professor within UK’s Department of Agricultural Economics. “The fair also strengthens our alumni network, as former students return to inspire and guide the next generation—building a resilient, collaborative community rooted in agricultural advancement and innovation.”

UK alum Anthony

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Koch with Hallway Feeds shaking hands with a student at last year's career fair. Photo by Matt Barton.

Anthony Koch, Hallway Feeds director of sales and marketing, shared how attending a previous career fair as an employer was beneficial for his businesses and professional network.

"Our representatives were pleasantly surprised at the networking opportunities to meet other industry professionals and pleased with the quality and quantity of young people in attendance," Koch said. "The students were all prepared to

have professional conversations about our company and available positions."

UK students from all majors, as well as alums and the broader community, are invited to attend. Student registration will open Aug. 1. Employer registration is now open. Rates are discounted for

government and nonprofit organizations. Early bird pricing for employers ends Aug. 25.

For more information on registering, both as an attendee or employer, visit <https://students.ca.uky.edu/kentucky-signature-industries-career-fair>.



Anthony Koch with Hallway Feeds shaking hands with a UK student.

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The Kentucky Department of Agriculture welcomed 12 college interns this summer to work alongside KDA employees gaining insight into the agriculture field. Pictured are, from left, is Davis Miller, Emily Tabor, Taylor Bishop, Shelby Butler, Leslie Monhollen, Dylan Foster, Agriculture Commissioner Jonathan Shell, Mary Brooke Stith, Rachel Cowheard, Abigail Barrett, Callie Hudson, Emily Chunglo, and Sayde Lowe.

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# KY Dept. of Agriculture welcomes summer interns

FRANKFORT, Ky. — Twelve college students are interning this summer at the Kentucky Department of Agriculture (KDA) assisting KDA employees and Kentucky Commissioner of Agriculture Jonathan Shell help residents across the state with agricultural needs.

“KDA’s internship program offers college students an opportunity to work side-by-side with our employees and agriculture community for a unique experience,” Commissioner Shell said. “This mentorship program can help launch careers in ag-related fields by providing a great advantage to those who want to continue in agriculture.”

The Kentucky Department of Agriculture’s summer internship program has provided opportunities for students to gain first-hand experience, knowledge, and understanding of the governmental process through pre-professional work in various occupational fields. KDA offers students studying majors both directly and indirectly relating to agriculture. Career paths of current and former interns include, but are not limited to, agriculture, education, computer science, marketing, public relations, and pre-law.

KDA interns work with KDA employees learning the various programs of the departments that make up KDA, allowing them to gain insight into considering a future career within the ag industry and with KDA.

This year’s interns have attended livestock shows, proclamations, conferences, and attended interviews with department employees. In addition, interns have worked closely with employees to develop social media promotions, help teach the public about farm safety, and work with the senior’s market and the junior chef programs.

This year’s interns are:

- Abigail Barrett, Lexington, attending University of Kentucky
- Taylor Bishop, Springfield and Greensburg, attending Morehead State University
- Shelby Butler, Mount Washington, attending University of Kentucky
- Emily Chunglo, Harrodsburg, attending Western Kentucky University
- Rachel Cowherd, Campbellsville, attending University of Kentucky
- Callie Hudson, Versailles, attending University of Tennessee
- Dylan Foster, Florence, attending Morehead State University
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# Celebrating 100 years of beef research and extension at the University of Kentucky Research and Education Center

Princeton, Ky. — In the mid-1920s, a determined group of Caldwell County residents took a bold leap to reshape agriculture in Western Kentucky. Pooling their resources, they purchased 400 acres of farmland near Princeton and invited the University of Kentucky to establish a forward-thinking experiment “sub-station” dedicated to crop and livestock research.

Although tobacco and soil fertility captured headlines at first, the community had something else squarely in its sight: beef cattle. From the very beginning, the promise of bigger, healthier herds fueled a pioneering spirit that would go on to transform the region’s farming landscape.

When the West Kentucky Sub-Experiment Station opened in 1925, the very first facilities included a dairy barn and modest paddocks. While dairying dominated the early livestock projects, extension agents and local producers began pushing for more research on beef cattle management, health and feeding strategies.

In 1928, the station launched its first beef-centered trial by introducing small groups of yearling steers onto improved pastures. Researchers tracked weight gains and profitability, using fields that were carefully limed and reseeded with clover. The results were dramatic: Cattle on these improved plots gained far more than those on unimproved, weedy pastures. Those findings demonstrated how better grazing practices could bolster beef production in an era when local pastures were often nutrient-poor.

By the early 1930s and 1940s, Princeton had expanded its beef work to include many studies such as feedlot-style “fattening” trials and more partnerships with surrounding producers. Fattening improvements involved better pastures.

Samual Lowry, the facility’s first superintendent, stated that “It is my belief that our brightest ray of hope for any marked increase in the agricultural wealth of Kentucky will be found



The UK Research and Education Center at Princeton has risen to the state’s premier cattle research station. Photo by Matt Barton

in further development of our livestock industry, following the development of better pastures, and that the average farmer will of necessity be led to produce better pastures.”

In 1961, the station started a purebred Hereford breeding herd, a popular beef breed at the time. Establishing a purebred herd signaled that UKREC would be a source of improved beef genetics and breeding insight for Kentucky producers. The herd allowed researchers to conduct breeding trials, evaluate cow-calf management under Western Kentucky conditions, and raise bulls for testing.

In 1962, almost immediately after the Hereford herd was formed, the facility hosted Kentucky’s first performance-tested bull sale. This annual “Princeton Bull Sale” became a celebrated event for the next two decades, where bulls from the station’s herd (and later from cooperating breeders) were sold to farmers based on measured performance.

The 1970s and 1980s ushered in a new era of comprehensive beef research. In those years, faculty and staff recognized that a robust, uniform and well-managed herd was

essential for meaningful science.

“Our cattle herd back then was all over the place – different ages, breeds, you name it,” said Roy Burris, emeritus faculty in the Beef Center of Excellence.

The turnaround really gained steam in the early 1980s under new leadership and vision. Researchers and farm managers worked to develop a more uniform, well-managed herd (Herefords were being replaced by Black Angus) that would serve as a reliable platform for experiments.

“We essentially rebuilt the herd from the ground up,” Burris said. “They shortened the calving season so that calves were born in a tight window, and they introduced performance-based culling to remove poor producers. Over time, the Princeton herd became known for its uniformity and health and surprised a lot of people.”

*Expanding research: Preconditioning and nutrition*

With a solid herd in place, UKREC expanded into new areas of beef research in the late 20th century. One major focus became “preconditioning” – the process of preparing weaned calves for the next stage of production

through vaccinations, weaning, and nutrition protocols. Kentucky was an early adopter of preconditioning programs (like the state’s renowned CPH-45 feeder calf sales) and UKREC provided the science to back them up.

Station experts studied how preconditioning affects calf weight gain and health, demonstrating that calves managed under these protocols brought producers higher returns at market and reduced sickness.

“We proved what our producers suspected – investing in herd health before sales pay off,” Burris said.

Nutrition research also took off. UKREC researchers investigated optimal feed programs for cow-calf operations, from improved pasture forages to supplemental feeding strategies during winter.

In the 1990s, partnerships with UK’s Lexington campus allowed the facility to analyze cattle feed efficiency and growth at a deeper level. Nutritionists in Lexington ran lab tests on forage quality, while UKREC staff conducted feeding trials on-site. This tag-team approach led to advances in using by-product feeds (like distillers’ grains from the bourbon industry)

and refining mineral supplementation to prevent deficiencies in Kentucky herds.

*Future growth, lasting commitment*

In recent years, UKREC has embraced cutting-edge technology, including “smart” ear tags to measure animal behavior and alert herd managers and researchers to animal health concerns and reproductive performance. The herd has also undergone genomic testing to learn more about the genetics of individual animals within the herd.

The unit has also utilized technology to measure individual animal feed and mineral intake, which is a powerful tool in nutrition studies. Animals within the herd have been managed under two different mineral supplementation strategies for over 15 years to study the impact of selenium source on animal performance and reproduction.

Results from this work have been incorporated into industry recommendations to help producers combat selenium deficiency, which is a common challenge in the Commonwealth and region.

“One of the reasons this work has been so

impactful is that the amount of selenium that can be fed to livestock is regulated, so producers cannot simply feed more selenium to combat deficiencies, but they can feed a better type of selenium,” said Katherine VanValin, assistant professor in the Department of Animal and Food Sciences at UKREC.

While technology assists researchers with collecting cutting-edge data from cattle out on pasture, these technologies also represent future opportunities for Kentucky’s beef producers, with a secondary goal of determining how these technologies can be adopted and utilized by producers to improve efficiency on their own operations.

The unit is also the future home of the Beef Extension Education Farm, which will provide a location for producers to see demonstrations of best management practices in a practical environment and participate in hands-on experiential learning opportunities and programs. Efforts are underway to construct facilities to support these efforts and welcome producers back to the farm.

*A cornerstone for Kentucky’s beef industry*

After a century of progress, the UK Research and Education Center at Princeton stands as a cornerstone of Kentucky’s \$1 billion beef cattle industry. Generations of farmers have attended UKREC field days and carried new ideas home to their pastures. The facility’s influence now extends beyond state lines – other land-grant universities often look to UKREC’s beef program as a model for integrating research, extension and producer partnerships.

With its blend of heritage, research and deep ties to the community over the past 100 years, UKREC station is not only celebrating a century of beef cattle research – it’s actively building the future of beef, for Kentucky and beyond.

To see the latest UKREC beef research and how the facility is advancing the industry, visit <https://ukrec.ca.uky.edu/>.



# Soybean farmers promote efficiency and savings at the most local level

Rural bridges are a major component of the initial link in the agricultural supply chain. Farmers utilize rural bridges to transport soybeans and grain from the farm to the local delivery location. The subsequent links in the agricultural supply chain will involve highways and interstates, freight railroads, inland waterways, and ports. All those links are essential to farmer profitability, but if farmers do not have access to well-maintained rural bridges, the other links in the supply chain fade in importance. If soybeans cannot take the first step in their marketing journey, the following steps will not occur.

Unfortunately, when it comes to rural bridges, the needs are significant, but the resources are limited. A rural bridge can easily cost \$250,000 to \$1 million while the total amount of annual funding to the county from federal, state, and local sources is often around \$500,000 to \$1.5 million. Given how a single rural county can often have 200-400 bridges, the need to address the challenge of maintaining and enhancing rural bridges must be addressed from the cost side of the equation and not just the revenue side. The Soy Transportation Coalition (STC) recently partnered

with a rural county to highlight an innovative concept that will provide significant cost savings while maintaining safety.

In 2024, the STC partnered with Buchanan County, Iowa, in the construction of one of the longest railroad flat car bridges in the country. Measuring 135 ft. in length by 28 feet in width, the bridge utilized six retired railroad flat cars in its construction. The final cost to construct the bridge was \$300,000. If the county employed more traditional construction methods for the bridge, the cost would have been approximately \$900,000. The county therefore saved approximately \$600,000 by utilizing the railroad flat car method. Construction of the bridge commenced on May 14 of last year and concluded on August 27 – a significantly shorter “road closed” time than what might have been with a more traditional approach to bridge replacement. Brian Keierleber, Buchanan County Engineer and the entire team at the Buchanan County Secondary Roads Department have been national leaders in utilizing innovative concepts for bridge and road construction – saving area taxpayers millions of dollars while maintaining safety



and access to the public.

“My first priority as a county engineer is maintaining and improving public safety,” Keierleber said. “Other important priorities for our team are to maintain access to the infrastructure network while being a good steward of taxpayer dollars. Unfortunately, the economic reality is that rural counties have a large quantity of rural bridges to maintain and improve while having access to stagnant and, often, declining resources to accomplish this task. The math simply does not add up. It is therefore critical that county engineers and other rural stakeholders explore and promote more cost-effective approaches to repair and replace rural bridges without compromising safety. Necessity is the mother of all invention.”

Buchanan County assumed the cost of the bridge construction. The STC provided \$15,000 to help offset the costs of pre-engineering and design. The STC also assumed the cost of positioning a video camera to capture the entire process of constructing the bridge. The two-minute time lapse video of the bridge construction can be

accessed by using the Bridge Time Lapse QR code.

“Some areas of rural America depend more on rail transportation. Other areas depend more on river transportation. However, all areas of rural America depend on a well-maintained system of roads and bridges,” says Mike Koehne, a soybean farmer from Greensburg, Indiana, and chairman of the Soy Transportation Coalition. “The Soy Transportation Coalition is very supportive of these innovative approaches to repairing and replacing rural bridges, but the reality is that many areas of the country are not familiar with them or are hesitant to try anything new. The aim of supporting this project in Buchanan County is to promote awareness of these approaches and to encourage their use in rural areas in the future.

The use of railroad flat cars to replace rural bridges has been analyzed and validated by reputable universities and research institutions. Buchanan County alone has replaced 34 bridges over the past twenty years utilizing the railroad flat car method. Earlier this year, the North Carolina Department of Transportation

announced it had replaced 40 bridges via the railroad flat car method in response to the infrastructure damage from Hurricane Helene. The North Carolina Department of Transportation announced the replaced bridges cost one-third of the normal cost of replacement.

The STC’s support of this project is a continuation of the organization’s earlier 2021 report, “Top 20 Innovations for Rural Bridge Replacement and Repair.” Railroad flat car bridges were one of the concepts prominently featured in the report. The Top 20 report, which may be accessed at [www.soytransportation.org](http://www.soytransportation.org), includes numerous other bridge replacement and repair concepts that have been implemented in areas throughout rural America and have demonstrated significant cost savings.

“There has clearly been a renewed focus this year on government efficiency and the need to practice good stewardship of taxpayer dollars,” explains Mike Steenhoek, executive director of the Soy Transportation Coalition. “The condition of our nation’s rural bridges is a problem we

simply cannot spend our way out of. We need to promote ways to make the taxpayer dollar stretch further without compromising safety. The use of railroad flat cars and other innovative approaches is an opportunity to immediately achieve efficiency and cost-savings. Soybean farmers look forward to continuing to work with rural stakeholders in making this a reality.”

Established in 2007, the Soy Transportation Coalition is composed of fourteen state soybean boards, the American Soybean Association, and the United Soybean Board. The goal of the organization is to position the soybean industry to benefit from a transportation system that delivers cost effective, reliable, and competitive service.

The Kentucky Soybean Promotion Board is a voting member of this innovative – and necessary – coalition. Kentucky farmers were represented until mid-June by Allen Pace of Ballard County and Dan Pirtle of Graves County. These volunteer farmer-leaders were succeeded by Matt Moss of Fulton County and Mako Nesler of Graves County.





# Soybean interns attend US Soybean Export Council Retreat

Kentucky Soybean Board summer interns Braeden Coomer (left) and Libby Alexander joined interns from several other Qualified State Soybean Boards for a program designed to introduce them to elements of the soybean business beyond their respective state lines.

The retreat was sponsored by the U.S. Soybean Export Council (USSEC) at its Chesterfield, Missouri headquarters, and included a trip to the nearby Bayer Innovation Experience, located inside the Bayer Crop Science Research Center. The interns were

fascinated by the numerous growth chambers inside the Bayer facility, each set to simulate climates in different parts of the world. Plants in various growth stages and with a wide variety of traits are grown in these specially designed chambers, all to see how they respond to different

environments and stressors. Other simulators have been designed to show side-by-side trials of plants purposely infested with diseases or pests, and it's easy for visitors to see what treatments or traits help the plant to resist damage and which ones are ineffective.

The group also toured an Archer Daniels Midland (ADM) riverport facility and were interested to see up close how barges lock through to head downriver to their destination – the Port of New Orleans. This facility accepts both whole beans and soybean meal and can receive cargo from

trucks and railcars. “They can load two barges at once, where most facilities can only do one at a time,” said intern Braeden Coomer. In addition to the tours, the interns enjoyed presentations from USSEC that show where the

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Coomer attends Murray State University's Hutson School of Agriculture and is majoring in Ag Business, while Alexander is an Ag Communication major at Tarleton State University in Stephenville, Texas.



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# Johnstone to lead Coop. Extension's efforts in building health partnerships

By Christopher Carney

LEXINGTON, Ky.—The University of Kentucky Cooperative Extension Service has hired Chlodys Johnstone as the new assistant dean for extension health partnerships at the Martin-Gatton College of Agriculture, Food and Environment, effective July 1.

“Chlodys Johnstone brings a unique blend of clinical expertise, educational leadership and extensive experience serving Kentuckians to this new role,” said Laura Stephenson, vice president for land-grant engagement and Martin-Gatton CAFE dean. “Her experience building cross-sector partnerships and advancing community health will be instrumental as we strengthen Extension’s ability to serve Kentuckians through

innovative health initiatives.”

In this role, Johnstone will champion building and sustaining partnerships with on-campus departments and units, external institutions, government entities and private, public-sector organizations to engage Extension’s resources, optimizing health solutions for people, animals and ecosystems in Kentucky.

“As an educator and clinician dedicated to serving Kentuckians, I can imagine no better place to promote health and prevent disease than the Cooperative Extension Service at the University of Kentucky, which is deeply rooted in communities across our Commonwealth,” Johnstone said. “This role commitment aligns perfectly with the land-grant mission to

improve the lives of residents across Kentucky.”

Beginning in 2022, Johnstone served as the associate director of education and quality services at UK HealthCare Barnstable Brown Diabetes Center. She helped manage and promote nationally certified Diabetes Self-Management Education and Support Services and the Diabetes Prevention Program, maintained diabetes technology training contract services and expanded community outreach efforts. These efforts included innovative programming in collaboration with Extension, Martin-Gatton CAFE and the UK College of Education to enhance community outreach efforts and improve chronic disease management.

Previously, Johnstone provided direct patient care as a physician assistant and served as the adult endocrine advanced practice provider at UK HealthCare, leading teams and designing processes and procedures to improve patient outcomes.

Johnstone also has prior experience as a physician assistant at UK HealthCare Division of Hospital Medicine and East Side Family Medicine and as a middle school science teacher at Jefferson County Public Schools.

Johnstone has two degrees from the University of Kentucky: a master’s degree in physician assistant studies and a bachelor’s degree in plant and social science. She also has a Master of Arts in teaching from the University of Louisville.

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University of Kentucky alum and former trustee Carol Martin “Bill” Gatton bestowed a transformational \$100 million gift to the UK College of Agriculture, Food and Environment through The Bill Gatton Foundation. It is the largest gift to the university in its history.

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# Join me at the Kentucky State Fair this year

By Kentucky Agriculture Commissioner Jonathan Shell

The 121st Kentucky State Fair is just a couple of weeks away! I want you to join me Aug. 14-24 and experience the sights, sounds, and smells that make the State Fair one of the best times of the year. It's the perfect showcase of Kentucky's agricultural spirit and everything Kentucky has to offer.

Farming is a way of life for many in Kentucky, but its impact is vital for every resident. It's why I'm dedicated to ensuring a bright future for Kentucky agriculture. That future is showcased during the

fair as hundreds of thousands of people make their way out each year.

As a member of the State Fair Board, I can assure you lots of behind-the-scenes actions take place to make the fair a showcase for our state. Planned renovations, being furnished by a \$200 million appropriation for the State Fair by our General Assembly, will create an even better experience for fairgoers in the coming years.

Changes on a smaller scale were also a part of last year's AgLand, which brings together more than an acre of agriculture exhibits in the South Wing highlighting Kentucky's farm and

field heritage, including the future of farming and agribusiness. Those changes, which included more interactive and immersive exhibits, will return this year after earning a first-place award from the International Association of Fairs and Exposition.

AgLand is also where you'll find Kentucky 4-H, Kentucky FFA, and other ag exhibits reaching a broad and diverse audience.

At the State Fair, you will see why we're Kentucky Proud of our agriculture industry. Kentucky's leading youth livestock exhibitors compete for the highest honors of the show season. Kentucky's commodity

groups serve delicious meals at the Great Kentucky Cookout Tent. The agricultural displays highlight the best our Kentucky farmers have to offer.

Creating an inclusive experience for all our residents will, once again, be highlighted this year as we offer the Sunshine Class on Aug. 20. Now in its fourth year, the event creates an opportunity for people with special needs to get hands-on experience with the agriculture industry by showing livestock in a show ring. We are hoping for an even larger



class of participants this year as we pair the Sunshine Class experience with Sensory Awareness Day at the State Fair. The day offers minimal music and lights for fairgoers with sensory process needs.

As always, your Kentucky Department of Agriculture will be on the job at the fair. Our employees meet the public and talk about the ways agriculture affects everyday lives. We help manage the livestock shows and agricultural exhibits. We also help livestock producers and exhibitors protect their investments in their animals.

We want you to leave the fair with fond memories that

will last a lifetime. We encourage everyone to come out and experience the Kentucky State Fair! It's a celebration of our agriculture, heritage, and community. There's something for everyone to enjoy. Don't miss this annual tradition!

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# Flesh-Eating maggots threaten livestock in Kentucky

## A Growing Concern for Farmers

By Wilbur Jackson  
KPI Writer

In recent months, livestock farmers across Kentucky have been battling a troubling outbreak of flesh-eating maggots, a condition medically known as myiasis. This parasitic infestation, caused by fly larvae, is affecting cattle, sheep, goats, and other farm animals, raising alarm among agricultural communities and veterinarians alike. The situation is particularly dire during the warm and humid summer months, which provide ideal breeding conditions for the flies responsible for the maggots.

Myiasis occurs when certain species of flies—most notably screwworms and blowflies—lay their eggs in open wounds or moist areas on an animal’s body. Once the eggs hatch, the larvae burrow into the flesh, feeding on living tissue and causing severe pain, infection, and in some cases, death. Although Kentucky has not historically been a hotspot for these aggressive parasitic flies, recent changes in weather patterns and increased livestock movement may be contributing to the spread.

Local veterinarians are reporting a sharp increase in



cases this summer, with some counties seeing double the normal rate of infections. Dr. Karen Mills, a veterinarian in central Kentucky, explained, “We’re seeing animals come in with rapidly progressing infestations. If not treated quickly, these maggots can do extensive damage in a matter of hours.”

The presence of flesh-eating maggots poses not only an animal welfare issue but also an economic threat to Kentucky’s agriculture sector. Livestock producers may face

costly treatments, reduced meat and dairy output, and even the loss of animals. A single infected cow can cost a farmer hundreds, if not thousands, of dollars in veterinary bills, labor, and decreased productivity.

Prevention is currently the best defense. Farmers are being urged to inspect their animals daily, especially for open wounds or signs of distress such as excessive licking, agitation, or a foul odor. Prompt cleaning and treatment of any cuts or

abrasions can help prevent fly attraction. Additionally, fly control measures—such as insecticidal sprays, fly traps, and proper sanitation of barns and pastures—can reduce the fly population and limit the risk of infestation.

State agricultural officials have also stepped in, offering workshops and guidance on myiasis prevention and treatment. There is growing concern that if the infestation continues to spread unchecked, it could jeopardize livestock health across the region. Some experts are calling for increased surveillance and even potential quarantine measures in the most affected counties.

“This is a wake-up call,” said Dr. Mills. “Farmers must stay vigilant. These maggots don’t wait—they spread fast and silently.”

As Kentucky navigates this livestock health crisis, coordination between farmers, veterinarians, and state officials will be crucial. While flesh-eating maggots may seem like something out of a horror story, they are a very real threat—and without prompt and proactive measures, the damage could become widespread and long-lasting.

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# Farming in Western Kentucky: *Strength, Tradition, and Innovation*

By Wilbur Jackson  
KPI Writer

Western Kentucky has long been a cornerstone of the state’s agricultural economy, known for its fertile soil, diverse crop production, and strong farming heritage. From the gently rolling fields of corn and soybeans to the expansive pastures dotted with cattle, the region blends tradition with modern practices to sustain one of the most productive agricultural zones in the southeastern United States. Row crop farming dominates much

of the region, with corn, soybeans, and wheat being the primary commodities. Western Kentucky’s rich loam soil and favorable rainfall make it ideal for high-yield crop production. Many family farms have been passed down through generations, with younger farmers incorporating GPS-guided machinery, drone surveillance, and conservation tillage to increase efficiency and sustainability. Livestock farming, particularly beef cattle and poultry, also plays a key role. Cattle graze across large pastures in counties like Graves, Christian,

and Calloway, while large poultry operations contribute significantly to the state’s overall meat and egg production. The region is also home to a growing number of niche and specialty farms producing hemp, sweet potatoes, and artisanal goods like honey, cheese, and organic produce. These smaller operations are helping diversify the economy and meet the rising demand for locally grown products. Despite its strengths, farmers in western Kentucky face challenges,

including fluctuating market prices, unpredictable weather, and more recently, pest threats such as flesh-eating maggots. However, with strong community support, university-led agricultural research, and increasing access to technology, the region is well-positioned to adapt and thrive. Farming in western Kentucky is more than an occupation—it’s a way of life built on hard work, family values, and a deep connection to the land. As the industry evolves, western Kentucky farmers continue to lead with resilience and innovation.

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# Government deploys billions of sterile flies in Kentucky to combat maggot issue

By Wilbur Jackson  
KPI Writer

In an unprecedented move to combat the rising threat of flesh-eating maggots ravaging Kentucky livestock, federal and state agricultural agencies have launched a large-scale aerial release of sterile flies across the most heavily affected regions. The bold strategy, backed by emergency funding and scientific research, aims to break the reproductive cycle of screwworms and blowflies—parasitic flies responsible for myiasis, the flesh-eating condition plaguing farm animals.

The program, overseen by the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) in partnership with the Kentucky Department of Agriculture, involves the weekly release of billions of sterile male flies over rural areas using specially outfitted aircraft. The sterile flies

are bred in government labs, irradiated to prevent reproduction, and then released to mate with wild female flies. Since no viable offspring result from these pairings, the overall fly population is expected to decline rapidly.

“This technique has worked before in places like the southern United States and Central America,” said Dr. Linda Cartwright, an entomologist with the USDA. “We’re applying decades of research in insect population control to this urgent outbreak in Kentucky.”

The operation began last month after an alarming surge in livestock myiasis cases in at least 32 counties. Farmers reported severe infestations in cattle, sheep, and goats, with some animals dying from infections caused by maggot-infested wounds. The infestation prompted emergency meetings and

intense lobbying from agricultural groups, urging swift and decisive government action.

By introducing sterile males into the environment in massive numbers, the government hopes to outcompete fertile males, thereby collapsing the population from within. The effort has been dubbed “Operation Flyshield” and is being hailed as one of the most ambitious sterile insect technique (SIT) deployments ever undertaken in the continental U.S.

Still, the plan is not without controversy. Some farmers and residents have expressed concern about the idea of releasing billions of insects into the environment, even if they are sterile.

Experts insist the method is both safe and environmentally friendly. Unlike chemical insecticides, which can harm beneficial insects

and contaminate water supplies, SIT is species-specific and poses no risk to humans, wildlife, or crops.

The cost of the operation is estimated at over \$45 million, a price tag that federal officials argue is small compared to the potential economic fallout of an uncontrolled maggot outbreak. Livestock losses from myiasis in Kentucky have already reached an estimated \$120 million this year alone.

Dr. Cartwright remains optimistic. “We’ve already seen early signs of success in pilot areas. Fly populations are dropping. If we stay the course, we can beat this.”

As Operation Flyshield continues over the coming weeks, Kentucky farmers—and the nation’s agricultural community—will be watching closely to see whether this swarm of sterile flies can stop a microscopic enemy with devastating consequences.

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• BALLARD •

**Robert Scott Sr.**, age 87, passed away at his residence on Tuesday, July 8, 2025, in O’Fallon, Missouri. He was born in Ballard County. Graveside services were held on Saturday, July 12, 2025, at Pleasant Hill Cemetery beginning with Brother Glen Dunn officiating.

**Gladys Lopez Fraser**, age 88, of Wickliffe, KY, walked into her heavenly home and in the presence of her Lord and Savior became healthy again, on July 14, 2025. A funeral mass was held Thursday, July 17, 2025 at St. Mary’s Catholic Church in LaCenter with Fr. Jude Okeoma officiating. Burial in St. Mary’s Cemetery.

• CALLOWAY •

**Steven Alan Reinke**, 69, of Murray, Kentucky, formerly of Detroit, Michigan, passed away on Thursday, July 10, 2025 at Ray and Kay Eckstein Hospice Care Center in Paducah, Kentucky. No services are planned at this time.

**William Bryant Hornbuckle**, 74, of Murray, passed away peacefully at his home on Sunday, July 6, 2025. A private family graveside service with military honors will be held at Kentucky Veterans Cemetery West in Hopkinsville.

**Willard Glenn Brake Sr.**, age 95, of Murray, Kentucky, passed away on Thursday, July 10, 2025, at his home. A funeral service was held Monday, July 14, 2025, at the J.H. Churchill Funeral Home & Cremation Services. Pastor Robert Mann officiating, and burial in the Murray City Cemetery.

**Taylor Brianne Brooks**, a beloved mother, wife, daughter, sister, and friend, passed away on Monday, July 7, 2025, at the age of 31. A funeral service was held Monday, July 14, 2025, at 3:00 p.m. at Gum Springs Baptist Church in Lawrenceburg, Tennessee. Bro. Chad Clanton officiating, and burial in the Gum Springs Baptist Church Cemetery.

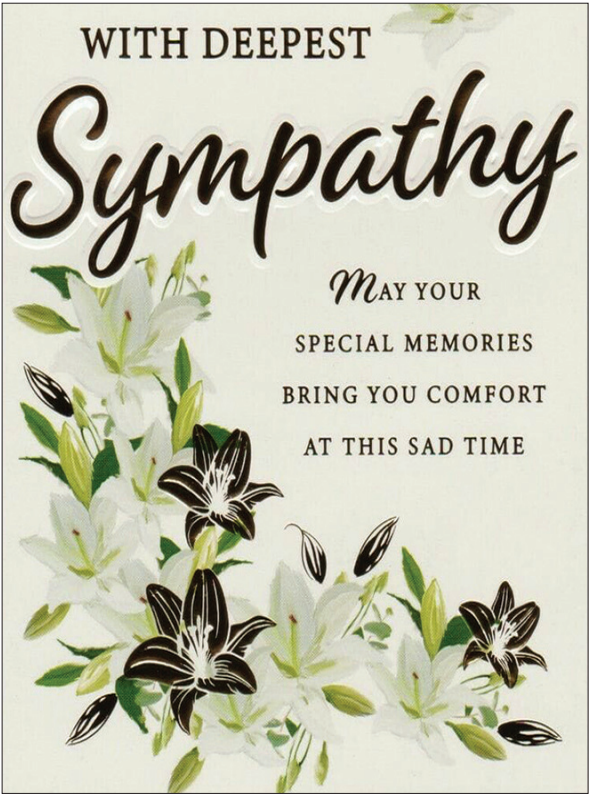
**Ted Franklin Billington** of Lexington, Kentucky, formerly of Murray, Kentucky, passed away peacefully on July 10, 2025, at the age of 86. Visitation will be held on Friday, July 18, 2025, at 11:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. at the J.H. Churchill Funeral Home and Cremation Services followed by a graveside service at 12:30 p.m. at the Murray City Cemetery.

**Thomas W. Allen**, 67 of Murray, KY passed away Monday, July 14, 2025 at his home. Arrangements are incomplete at this time at the Blalock-Coleman Funeral Home & Cremation Services, Murray, KY.

• CARDWELL •

**Lester Theodore Thomas, Sr.**, 89, of Princeton, KY, passed away Sunday, July 6, 2025, at Princeton Nursing and Rehabilitation Center. Graveside funeral services will be Saturday, July 19, 11 AM, at Cedar Grove Cemetery, with burial to follow. Friends may visit with the family on Saturday, July 19th, from 9:00 until 10:30 AM in the chapel of Boyd Funeral Directors and Cremation Services.

**Joan Adelle Moore**, of Fredonia passed away at Rivercrest Place in Paducah, Kentucky, on July 10, 2025, just a day after she celebrated her 88th birthday. Friends and family are invited to gather in remembrance of Joan at Fredonia



Cumberland Presbyterian Church, 303 Cassidy Ave., Fredonia, KY 42411. A Celebration of Life will be held on July 19, 2025, at 2:00 PM, followed by a reception in the activities building for family and friends to share life memories.

**Jeannie Kay Varble**, passed away in Princeton, KY. Born in Evansville, IN. A memorial visitation will be held from 10:00 am until 12:00 pm Saturday, July 19, 2025 at River of Life Church in Henderson, KY. A memorial service will be held at 12:00 pm Saturday, July 19, 2025 at River of Life Church, 725 Washington Street, Henderson, KY 42420.

**Wanda Ruth Rowland Cooke**, 79, of the Flat Rock community near Fredonia, Kentucky, passed away peacefully on July 9, 2025 in Murray, Kentucky. Funeral services were held on Tuesday, July 15, 2025 at 11:00 AM at Morgan’s Funeral Home with Bro. Jeff Boone officiating. Burial in Asher Cemetery.

**Jacqueline “Jacqui” Prowell Morris**, age 64, of Hopkinsville and formerly of Marion, KY, passed away at Tri Star Skyline Hospital in Nashville, TN, at 4:00 pm Tuesday July 8, 2025. Funeral services were Sunday, July 13, 2025, at 2:00 PM at Morgan’s Funeral Home with Bro. Dean Ray and Bro. Mark Faughn officiating. Burial in Rowland Cemetery in Caldwell County.

• CARLISLE •

**David “Rocky” Duane Dubrock**, age 91, of Arlington, Kentucky, went home to his savior on Monday, July 7, 2025. Funeral services will be held at 1:00 pm on Friday, July 11, 2025 at Milner & Orr Funeral Home of Arlington. Burial will follow at Arlington Cemetery.

• CHRISTIAN •

**David Bryan Moss**, age 70, of Pembroke, passed away on Thursday, July 10, 2025, at Centennial Medical Center in Nashville. Funeral Services were Tuesday, July 15, 2025, at Maddux Fuqua Hinton Funeral Home with Bro. Robert Webb officiating and burial in Rosedale Cemetery.

**Troy Hayden Guier**, age 90, of Hopkinsville, passed away Monday, July 7, 2025, at Jennie Stuart Medical Center. Funeral Services were Monday, July 14, 2025, at Maddux-Fuqua-Hinton Funeral Home and burial in Green Hill Memorial Gardens.

**Lawrence Browder Frederick**, age 97, of Trenton, Ky. died at Spring Meadows Health and Rehabilitation on Sunday, July 6, 2025. A celebration of life service will be held on Friday, July 18, at 1 p.m. at Trenton Presbyterian Church. He will be laid to rest in Edgewood Cemetery in Trenton. Maddux-Fuqua-Hinton Funeral Home of Hopkinsville has been entrusted the cremation and burial.

**Jeannine B. “Nanny” Allen**, 87, of Hopkinsville, Kentucky died at 11:15 a.m., Friday, July 11, 2025 at her residence in Hopkinsville, Kentucky. Funeral services were Wednesday, July 16, 2025 at Hughart, Beard & Giles Funeral Home with Chaplain Reed Shepherd officiating. Burial will follow in Pennington Cemetery.

**Bentley Ray Cornelius**, 62, of Hopkinsville, KY died at 7:45 a.m. Tuesday, July 8, 2025 at his residence. Memorial services will be 6:00 p.m. Monday, July 21, 2025 at Hughart, Beard & Giles Funeral Home. Burial will follow in Riverside Cemetery. Visitation will be Monday from 4:00 p.m. until the funeral hour. Hughart, Beard & Giles Funeral Home is in charge of the arrangements.

**Rev. David Wayne Parks**, 84, Kenwood Drive, Hopkinsville, KY, passed away on Saturday, July 12, 2025, at Bradford Heights Nursing and Rehabilitation. Funeral services were held Wednesday, July 16, 2025 at Lamb Funeral Home with Rev. Leon Parker officiating. Burial in McKnight Cemetery.

**Robert Denvil Eli**, 84, of Henderson, KY died at 4:30 p.m. Tuesday, July 8, 2025 in Henderson, KY. Funeral Services were Friday, July 11, 2025 at Dogwood Funerals & Cremations of Crofton with Bro. Butch McKnight officiating. Burial in Macedonia Cemetery.

**Bessie Mae Radford Ladd**, 86, Hopkinsville, passed away on Friday, July 11, 2025, in Hopkinsville, KY. Funeral Service will be Friday, July 18, 2025 Gamble Funeral Home Hopkinsville, KY 42240.

**Martha Louis Brewer** passed away June 8, 2025. She was 72 years and 10 days old at the time of her passing. Funeral Service at Durrett Avenue Baptist Church will be Saturday, June 14, 2025 at 12:00 PM at 1918 Church Street Hopkinsville, KY 42240. Visitation at 11 am. Burial at Cave Springs Cemetery.

• CRITTENDEN •

**Brad Lee Jones**, 59, of Marion, KY passed away July 8, 2025 at Baptist Health Madisonville. Services were Sunday July 13, 2025 at Gilbert Funeral Home in Marion, KY.

• GRAVES •

**David Schreiner**, 70, of Mayfield, Kentucky, passed away peacefully on July 12, 2025, surrounded by the love of his family. No Services will be held but his memory is always with us.

**Vivian Fisher**, age 95 and a resident of Mayfield, passed away at 9:40 A.M. Monday, July 14, 2025 at the Green Acres Healthcare Facility in Mayfield. A private graveside service will be held at the Highland Park Cemetery at a later date. The Brown Funeral Home in Mayfield is in charge of arrangements.



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**Coreta Joyce Reed**, age 88 of Mayfield, KY passed away on Sunday, July 13, 2025 at 5:21 PM at her residence. Graveside Services will be held on Tuesday, July 15, 2025 at 2:00 PM at the Highland Park Cemetery with Rev. David Lee officiating.

**Anne LaDean (Bell) Bruce**, age 86, of Mayfield, KY passed away at 7:57 AM Sunday, July 13, 2025 at Mercy Health - Lourdes in Paducah. Graveside services were Wednesday, July 16, 2025 at the Highland Park Cemetery in Mayfield.

**Dianna L. Crittendon**, age 72, a resident of Wingo, passed away at 9:50 P.M. Wednesday, July 9, 2025 at the Lourdes Hospital in Paducah. Memorial services will be held at 11:00 A.M. Saturday, July 12, 2025 at the Brown Funeral Home in Mayfield with Rev. David Doran officiating.

**James E. Byrd**, age 73, of Mayfield passed away on Sunday, July 13, 2025 at Baptist Health in Paducah, KY. Funeral services were Thursday, July 17, 2025 at Byrn Funeral Home in Mayfield, KY. Rev. Ronnie Stinson, Jr. officiating. Interment at Trinity Cemetery.

**Don “Doodle” Hendley**, age 85, of Mayfield passed away on Tuesday, July 8, 2025 at Murray-Calloway County Hospital in Murray, KY. Funeral serviceswere Saturday, July 12, 2025 at Byrn Funeral Home in Mayfield, KY. Rev. Brad Morris officiating. Interment at Highland Park Cemetery.

**D.J. Paul**, age 55, of Mayfield passed away on Monday, July 7, 2025 at his residence. Graveside services were Thursday, July 10, 2025 at Highland Park Cemetery. Al Chandler officiating.

• HENDERSON •

**Dorothy Irene Murch**, 89, of Henderson, passed away Sunday, July 13, 2025 at Redbanks Nursing Home. Funeral services were Thursday, July 17 at Tomblinson Funeral Home in Henderson with Pastor David Petrie officiating. Burial at Cedar Grove Cemetery in Tilden.

**Susan Annette (Ligon) Spainhoward**, 70, left this world on July 11, 2025, at 1:17 a.m., at St. Anthony’s Hospice in Henderson, Ky. Services were Tuesday, July 15, 2025, from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. at Tomblinson Funeral Home in Hendersone officiated by Brothers Paul Davis and Hal Branson. Burial will follow at Roselawn Memorial Gardens.

**Larry Donn (LD) Frasier**, 68 of Eddyville, KY and formerly of Sebree passed away Friday July 11, 2025 at his home under the care of Pennyroyal Hospice. Services were Thursday July 17, 2025 at Tomblinson Funeral Home Sebree Chapel. Brother Johnny McCurry officiating

**Delora Martine (Sweeney) Gates**, 89 of Hanson, KY passed away Thursday July 10, 2025 at Baptist Health Deaconess Madisonville. Services will be Private. Burial will be in Hanson Cemetery.

**Givens Bradford Dixon** was taken by his Lord and Savior to his father’s house on July 9, 2025. Memorial services will be held on Saturday, July 19, 2025, at St. Paul’s Episcopal Church at 2:00 PM.

• HICKMAN •

**Annie Helen Morris Turner**, age 98 of Clinton passed away 2:27am Monday, July 14, 2025 at her residence. Funeral Services was held Wednesday, July 16, 2025 at Brown Funeral Home in Clinton with Rev. Bob Risner officiating. Burial in the Clinton Cemetery.

**Angela Denise Brown Steichen**, affectionately known as “Uma” by her grandchildren, age 67 of the Fulgham community, passed away Friday, July 11, 2025 at her residence. A memorial service will be held at a later date at the Mt. Pleasant Methodist Church and will be announced from the Brown Funeral Home in Clinton.

• HOPKINS •

**Thula Mae Brooks**, 97, of Madisonville, KY passed away on July 10, 2025 at Ridgewood Terrace Nursing Home. Graveside services were held on Thursday, July 17, 2025 at 12:00PM at Oakwood Cemetery in Earlington, KY with Kenneth Blevins officiating.

**Sandra Lou Gipson**, 60 of Madisonville passed away Sunday July 13, 2025 at home surrounded by her family. Services will be held Friday July 18 at 1pm at Bandy Funeral Home in Nortonville with Bro. Wally Cobb officiating. Visitation will be held from 11-1 pm. Burial will be in New Salem Cemetery, Nortonville.

**Patricia Sue Duncan Blake**, 81, of Graham, KY, passed away on Friday, July 11, 2025, at Madisonville Health and Rehab in Madisonville, KY. A graveside service was held at 11 a.m. on Tuesday, July 15, 2025, at Odd Fellows Cemetery with Bro. Danny Lutz officiating. Harris Funeral Home is in charge of the arrangements.

**Jackie J. Murphy**, 56, of Dawson Springs, KY, passed away on Thursday, July 10, 2025, at her home. A memorial service will be held at a later date. Harris Funeral Home was entrusted with care..

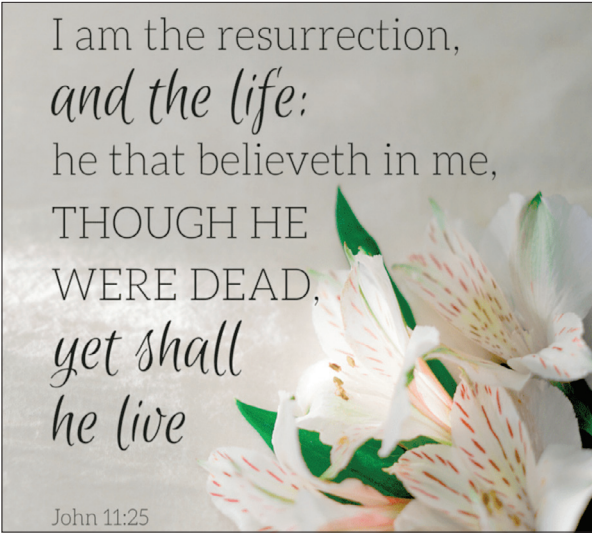
**Michael “Mike” Lee Morgan**, 67, of Nebo, KY, passed away on Wednesday, July 9, 2025, at his home from complications with his multiple sclerosis. A memorial service was held at 6 p.m. on Monday, July 14, 2025, in the chapel of Harris Funeral Home with Bro. Billy Parrish officiating. Burial will be held at a later date in Union Cemetery in Nebo.

**James Thomas “Tommy” Oldham**, 76, of Madisonville, KY, passed away on Tuesday, July 8, 2025, at Ridgewood Terrace Health and Rehab in Madisonville, KY. A funeral service was held at 2 p.m. on Saturday, July 12, 2025, in the chapel of Harris Funeral Home in Madisonville with Pastor Gene Rickard officiating. Burial at Slaughters Cemetery in Slaughters, KY.

• LIVINGSTON •

**William Gerald Butler** of Salem, Kentucky, passed away peacefully at the age of 84, surrounded by his loving family. Funeral services was held at Boyd Funeral Directors in Salem, KY. Monday, July 14, 2025.

**Lester Theodore Thomas, Sr.**, 89, of Princeton, KY, passed away Sunday, July 6, 2025, at Princeton Nursing and Rehabilitation Center. Graveside funeral services will be Saturday, July 19, 11 AM, at Cedar Grove Cemetery, with burial to follow.



**Barbara Fay Connor**, age 90 of Grand Rivers Ky, passed away on Tuesday, July 8, 2025 at Baptist Health in Paducah. Funeral service was held Friday July 11, 2025 with Rev. Mike Wimberley officiating and Rev. Richard Martin assisting and the burial in Dycusburg Cemetery.

• LYON •

**Thomas William Joyce Sr.**, age 75 of Eddyville Ky, passed away on Thursday, July 10, 2025 at his home in Eddyville. The family has chosen to have a memorial service at a later time.

• MCCRACKEN •

**Debra “Debbie” Pryor**, age 72, passed away peacefully into her Saviors loving arms on Saturday, July 12, 2025. surrounded by her family. Funeral Service was held Wednesday, July 16, 2025, at Spring Bayou Baptist Church with Rev. Ryan Baker and Rev. Elic Whited officiating. Interment will follow at Spring Bayou Baptist Church Cemetery.

**Nancy Jo Wetherington Shetler** met face to face with her Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, at 4:50 pm on Saturday, July 12, 2025 with her loving family surrounding her. A private family celebration of life will be held at a later date.

**Terry Hill**, 76, of Paducah, Kentucky passed away at 5:50 p.m. Thursday, July 10, 2025 at Providence Pointe of Paducah. Memorial visitation was held on Wednesday, July 16, 2025 from 5:00 p.m. until 7:00 p.m. at Milner & Orr Funeral Home of Paducah.

**Aubrey Wayne Richards** passed away peacefully at his residence on Wednesday, July 9, 2025, at the age of 78 in Paducah, Kentucky. A Memorial Mass was held Monday, July 14, 2025, at St. Francis de Sales Catholic Church with Rev. Gary Clark officiating. Burial at Mt. Carmel Cemetery.

**David Randall Hall**, 58, of Paducah, passed away on July 8, 2025, at Baptist Health Hospital in Paducah. There will be no services. Milner & Orr Funeral Home and Cremation Services of Paducah is in charge of all arrangements.

**Anna Katherine “Kathy” Kaufman**, a resident of Paducah, Kentucky, and a cherished member of the community, passed away peacefully on July 8, 2025, at the age of 60. Memorial services were Saturday, July 12, 2025 at Milner & Orr Funeral Home of Paducah with Rev. Rob Ison officiating.



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**Kimberly Ann Cole**, 61, passed away on Monday, July 7, 2025, at Norton’s Womens and Children Hospital in Louisville, Kentucky. Final resting place Brook Hill Paducah LLC Paducah, KY 42001.

**Martha Louise Speed Shelton** passed away on July 7, 2025 at her home in Lone Oak, Kentucky. She was 93 years old. A memorial service was held Wednesday, July 9, 2025 at the Lone Oak Chapel of Milner & Orr Funeral Home, with Rev. Mike Rothwell officiating. A private graveside service will be held at a later date.

**Bettye Tichenor Swoope**, 82, of Paducah, Kentucky, passed away on Sunday, July 6, 2025, at Baptist Health Hospital, Paducah. Graveside Services were held Saturday, July 12, 2025 at Maplelawn Park Cemetery.

**Marjorie E. (Wesner) Cox**, 97, died peacefully on Friday, July 12, 2025 at Western Baptist Hospital in Paducah, Kentucky. There will be no funeral as the family prefers to remember their loved ones alive.

**Mary R. Nichols**, age 67, of Paducah, Kentucky, passed away at 9:03 p.m. on Friday, July 11, 2025, at the Ray & Kay Eckstein Hospice Care Center in Paducah. In accordance with Mary’s wishes, cremation will take place, and no services are scheduled at this time.

**Dorothy J. Reeves**, 95, of Paducah went home to be with the Lord on Thursday, July 10, 2025, at her residence. Graveside services will be at 11:30am on Saturday, July 26, 2025, at Woodlawn Memorial Gardens with the Rev. Dennis Lawrence officiating.

**Marilyn Marie Helton**, 70, of Paducah, KY passed away Sunday, July 06, 2025, at her home. Marilyn Marie Helton wishes were to be cremated with services at a later date.

**Keith Anthony Ramos**, 71, of Reidland, passed away at 7:50 PM on Sunday, July 6, 2025 at his residence. Memorial services were Tuesday, July 15, 2025 at Oaklawn Baptist Church in Paducah.

**Jaylon Ryan Brewer** of Paducah, passed away on Thursday, July 10, 2025, at Norton Children’s Hospital in Louisville, KY. Jaylon was born on May 14, 2025, the son of Braydon and Megan Brewer. A funeral

service was held Tuesday, July 15, 2025, at 12:00 PM at Keeling & Goodman Funeral Home.

**Juanita G. Richardson**, 100 years, of Greenville, Kentucky, was called home to meet her Savior on Friday, July 11, 2025, at Owensboro Health Regional Hospital in Owensboro, Kentucky. Born in Paducah, Kentucky, Funeral services were Tuesday, July 15, 2025 at the Life Celebration Center of Filbeck-Cann, Benton, Kentucky 42025 with Bro. Ray Gilliland officiating. Burial in Bethel Church Cemetery.

• MARSHALL •

**Mildred “Millie” Hendrickson**, 84, of Benton, Kentucky, passed away on Tuesday, July 8, 2025, at the Ray and Kay Eckstein Hospice Care Center in Paducah. A memorial service was held Saturday, July 12, 2025, at the Life Celebration Center of Filbeck Cann with Rev. Samantha Hall officiating.

**Jody Kleet Lee**, 72, of Benton, Kentucky, passed away on Sunday, July 6, 2025, at Baptist Health of Paducah. Milner & Orr Funeral Home and Cremation Services of Paducah is in charge of arrangements.

• TRIGG •

**Charles “Charlie” Hooks**, age 75, of Cadiz, Kentucky, a Between the Rivers native, passed away on Friday, July 11, 2025, at Jennie Stuart Medical Center in Hopkinsville, Kentucky. A graveside memorial service will be held at a later date at Cumberland Cemetery in Land Between the Lakes.

• UNION •

**Roger Dale Coffman**, 69, of Morganfield, Ky., died in his sleep Thursday, July 10, at the home he shared with his dear friend Teresa Jenkins (TJ) in Dixon, Ky. A graveside service will precede burial in Mt. Washington Cemetery in Mt. Washington, Ky., at 2 p.m. Thursday. Whitsell Funeral Home in charge of arrangements.

**Brenda Stone Albizzati** passed away at her home on July 13, 2025 from complications from a long battle with Parkinson’s disease. Funeral service were Wednesday, July 16, 2025 at Northside Baptist Church in Morganfield, KY. Rev. Scott Wright officiating.

**Cora Lee Howard** age 96 of Morganfield, KY passed away on Saturday July 12, 2025 at the Morganfield Nursing & Rehab Center. Funeral will be Friday July 18, 2025

at Whitsell Funeral Home in Morganfield, KY. Rev. Jerry Chesser will officiate. Visitation will be 10AM- 1PM on Friday at the funeral home. Burial will be in Boxville Cemetery in Boxville, KY.

**William “Bill” Stone**, 81 of Sturgis passed away Sunday, July 13, 2025 at Deaconess Henderson Hospital in Henderson. Cremation was chosen and there will be no services at this time.

• WEBSTER •

**Mary Lou Forbes**, 87 of Slaughters passed away on Friday, July 11, 2025 at Shemwells Nursing Home in Providence. Funeral services were Tuesday, July 15, 2025 at 1:00 PM at Vanover Funeral Home in Clay with Brother Len Young officiating. Burial in Bethlehem Cemetery in Madisonville.

**Thomas A. Chandler**, 78 of Dixon passed away Wednesday, July 9, 2025 at Cypress Grove in Newburgh, IN under the care of Heart to Heart Hospice with his devoted son Tim at his side. Funeral services were Wednesday, July 16, 2025 at 1:00 PM at Vanover Funeral Home in Clay with Blake Beaver officiating. Burial in Chandler Cemetery outside of Dixon. Military Rites at the the gravesite.

**Reverend David Ray Townsend**, 84, went to be with our Lord on July 12, 2025. He was born on July 1, 1941 to the late Buford Ray Townsend and Ruby Edith Townsend. Funeral services were Thursday July 17th, 2025 at 11am at Townsend Funeral Home in Dixon, KY. Rev. Nick Duvall officiating. Burial in Slaughters Cemetery in Slaughters, KY.

**Pansy Sue Mitchell Hoover Evans**, 86, of Poole, KY went home to be with the Lord on Thursday July 10th, 2025 in her home surrounded by her family. Funeral services were Wednesday at 11am at Townsend Funeral Home in Dixon, KY. Rev. J.W. Haire officiating. Burial in Townsend Cemetery in Dixon, KY.

**Evadene Hibbs**,94, of Providence, KY passed away on Thursday July 10, 2025, at Shemwell’s Healthcare in Providence. Funeral services were held on Monday July 14, 2025, at 2:00PM in the Lucille Melton Memorial Chapel at Lewis Funeral Home LLC with Pastor Tim Rigdon and Pastor Terry Rigsby officiating with burial in the White Oak Cemetery near Clay.

*We are sorry for your loss*

*Wherever a beautiful soul has been, there is a trail of beautiful memories. You and your family are in our thoughts and prayers.*



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# VICTORIOUS *Living* ...in a troubled world

## This one thing serves you will throughout life

By Teresa LeNeave  
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Television (even cartoons) teach kids that it's funny to have an attitude. Movies teach kids it's okay to have an attitude. And, parents teach them it's okay to be disrespectful when a bad attitude is ignored. Then, we pretend we don't know why kids struggle with good attitudes.

When kids are toddlers, everything is cute. I know. I think everything my grandchildren do is cute. When they pout, I even think that is cute. I guess, kids have been pretty much the same since the beginning of time because the Bible has so much to say about honoring your mother, your father, and your elders. The Bible is very explicit, and to the point, when

talking about honor. I don't think anyone could read what the Bible says about honoring parents and not understand it.

What does it mean to honor your father and mother ... to have a good attitude?

To honor your father and mother means to revere (respect), prize and value. Do we as adult revere, prize, and value our parents? Or, do we think they are adults and we have our own lives to live? ... Never forget your children watch what you do and will probably treat you just like you treat your parents.

Honor, to me, is something that stems from an inward attitude and it always values the position of the other.

Those who honor their parents are blessed according to Jeremiah 35:18-



19. In Jeremiah, the blessing extended from generation to generation. I believe it still does today.

"Children, obey your parents in the Lord, for this is right. Honor your father and mother which is the first commandment with a promise, so that it may be well with you, and that you may live long on the earth"

(Ephesians 6:1-3).

In my opinion, we have to teach our children / grandchildren well, because this world is trying very hard to teach them wrong. When it really comes down to learning, kids learn from watching. What do they see in us? Do they hear me talk respectful? Do they see me be kind or hateful? What they

see, they learn.

Why is it important to teach honor to children? One simple statement answers that question: Because it serves them well throughout life. After a child is mature and on their own, the ability to show honor and respect will serve them well in honoring authorities who are above them such as

employer, teachers, pastors, even the President. Ask any school teacher how important honor and respect is. Ask any employer who their most valuable employees are. Honor trickles into every vein of your life and it leaks into the life of following generations.



By Gary Miller  
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Even though it's only July, the deer hunters are getting prepared for another season. While it may be several weeks until the season opens, there is much to do to be ready for opening day – especially if you hunt with bow and arrow. Right now, I'm checking trail cameras, hanging tree stands and trying to figure out where the deer are likely to be early in the season. And it is not always where one might think.

I am reminded of an Alabama hunt several years ago. I was with a friend on a piece of property that was owned by a rancher who not only raised cattle but managed for quality deer. It really was a beautiful place and just riding around caused me to get extremely excited about the possibilities. That afternoon would be our first hunt, so the rancher "carried us" (that's Alabama vernacular for drove us) to the stands we

would hunt. As we passed through the pasture he pointed to one lone cedar tree about 200 yards from a wood line and said, "Somebody needs to sit right there." My partner and I silently wondered where exactly he was talking about. And then he said, "See that blue milk crate? Sit on it and lean up against that cedar tree." Now this was not exactly the place where either of us imagined we would spend our time hunting. After

all, it didn't look like or feel like it had any possibility whatsoever of producing anything but shade for an afternoon nap. I was expecting my tree stand to be labeled Lone Wolf or something, but this one said Mayfield Dairy. After debating on which one of us would have this honor, my friend drew the short straw and jumped out of the truck (boy was I relieved!). That evening he killed a giant 11 pointer and another buck with an even wider rack that next morning. Who would've ever "thunk" it? The moral of the story: It is better to take the word of the rancher than go to with what feels good or looks good. Period! I wished we would focus more on that same truth in our

experience with God. Let me ask you something. Do you have to feel the presence of God to know He is there? Or are you satisfied with His simple word that says, "I will never leave you or forsake you?" Do you need to see some manifestation of His workings to believe He is at work? Or can you simply believe His word when He says, "I am working all things for your good?" On Sunday morning as you sit in church, do you base the quality of your experience on what you may have felt or seen? Or do you understand that true faith simply believes His word, sometimes without any emotions whatsoever? Your answers to these questions will expose the depth of your faith. Is

God's word good enough? Or does it need to be scotched up with something that appeals to the senses. I hope you are someone who will simply take God at His word and get out of the truck even when it seems He is placing you on a milk crate.

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# Heroes without capes or superpowers

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We hear a lot about heroes these days. Accomplished athletes are admired as idols for throwing around a ball, while actors in blockbuster movies portray individuals who can fly and use their incredible powers to save the universe. However, in the real world, it’s encouraging to know there are humble and hardly noticed genuine heroes all around us. Without a desire to be praised or even recognized, there are selfless good Samaritans who are willing to sacrifice their lives so that others can live, a testament to John 15:13. The following story is an example of these heavenly secret agents.

Irena Sendler was a Polish nurse and social worker who worked in the Warsaw health department during World War II. In a

short window of time between 1942 and 1943, she, along with a small band of co-workers, led a courageous effort within the Warsaw ghetto to secretly smuggle at least 2,500 Jewish babies and children away from facing the certainty of the German concentration camps. She and her small team of helpers were members of Zegota, an underground organization established in 1940 by the Polish government for the purpose of rescuing Polish Jews. The team was given permission by the Nazis to enter the ghetto to help segregate the city’s 380,000 Jews, and this was the window of opportunity that helped with the dangerous undercover plan to secretly smuggle babies and young children to safety.

The Zegota used every idea possible to rescue

the innocent, which included hiding them in toolboxes and under gurneys, sneaking them into ambulances, taking them through sewer pipes or other underground passageways, wheeling them out in suitcases, and leading them out through an old courtyard which led to the non-Jewish areas. Irena carefully recorded the names of the children on cigarette papers and sealed them in glass bottles, which she buried in a colleague’s flower garden. After the war, the jars were dug up and the lists handed over to Jewish representatives. Attempts were made to reunite the children with their families, but sadly, most of the parents had perished in the Treblinka death camp.

Irena was arrested in October 1943 and taken to Gestapo

headquarters where she was interrogated to surrender information about the leaders of Zegota. She endured severe beatings which included her legs and feet being broken. With orders to be executed, (with what many consider to be a miracle from Heaven), a secret deal was made at the last minute between Zegota and her would-be executioner, and she was released. Irena was later found unconscious along the side of the road and had to use crutches for the rest of her life as a result of her injuries.

One of the 2500 names placed in the jars was Michal Glowinski, who became a professor of literature. He said, “I fondly think about her and owe my life to her.” Elzbieta Ficowska was another name who came forward to say how eternally grateful she was for

the heroic actions of the Zegota team. In her case, she had been smuggled out of the ghetto inside a large toolbox when she was just five months old.

Unlike the German industrialist Oskar Schindler, who saved more than 1,000 Jews by employing them at his Krakow factory and is widely recognized thanks to an award-winning book and film, Mrs. Sendler’s story remained relatively unknown until a few years ago when it was discovered in America by a group of Kansas school children who wrote a play about it called “Life in a Jar.” Word spread very quickly, and now the world is aware of her and her team saving many defenseless victims of the Nazi ideology. When interviewed, Irena sternly insisted she did nothing special and is quoted as saying, “I was brought up to believe that a person must

be rescued when drowning, regardless of religion and nationality. The thought of being considered a hero irritates me greatly as I continue to have pangs within my conscience that I did so little. My emotions are overshadowed by the fact that my faithful co-workers, who also constantly risked their lives, did not live long enough to share their sorrow for those they could not save.” She spent her last years in a Warsaw nursing home and passed away in 2008. “Do nothing from selfishness or empty conceit, but with humility of mind regard one another as more important than yourselves; do not merely look out for your own personal interests, but also for the interests of others” Philippians 2:3-4.

## SOBER-MINDED

Bro. Brandon G. Bramlett  
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I couldn’t see straight. My mind was swirling like a rollercoaster. Time came to a standstill, but I couldn’t stand still at all. In a moment of youthful genius, I popped a big ol’ pinch of chewing tobacco into my lip after my friend asked, “You ever had Copenhagen?”

Refusing to look like a wimp, I cleared my throat and said, “Had it? I love this stuff.”

Plot twist: it did not love me back. Within minutes, I looked less like Clint Eastwood and more like a nauseated

youngster who swore off carnival rides forever. Nicotine surged into my bloodstream, and I couldn’t think or speak clearly. I saw stars like Bugs Bunny

and promptly plummeted off the back of my friend’s four-wheeler. That was the first time I experienced any kind of intoxication, and it taught me a valuable lesson: when your mind is fuzzy, your body follows.

The Scripture also teaches this invaluable lesson: a clouded mind leads to a careless soul. That is why the Bible repeatedly

commands believers to be “sober-minded” (Titus 2:2; 2 Tim. 4:5; 1 Peter 1:13). And this means much more than abstaining from alcohol, tobacco, or other drugs. Biblical sobriety is about keeping your mind alert, clear, and free from spiritual intoxication. When intoxicated, a person is out of touch with reality—and when we are spiritually inebriated, we become out of touch with what is holy.

One sip from the bottle of lies sold by sin, Satan, and society is all it takes to start

seeing double. A few breaths of the smoke of worldliness makes it impossible to walk a straight line on the path of righteousness. The potent pills of constant distractions can impair your conscience, making you desensitized to sin and numb to spiritual danger. For this reason, Paul warned, “Wake up from your drunken stupor, as is right, and do not go on sinning” (1 Cor. 15:34a). Soul-intoxication fogs your senses and leads to sin, and the antidote is snapping out of it through

sober-mindedness.

Spiritual drunkenness also hinders your readiness for Christ’s return. Thus, Paul exhorted: “So then let us not sleep, as others do, but let us keep awake and be sober (1 Thess. 5:6). Peter likewise warned that the devil targets Christians who are half-awake, bleary-eyed, and mind-numbed (1 Peter 5:8). He even stated that spiritual inebriation stifles our prayers: “Therefore be self-controlled and sober-minded for the sake of your prayers” (1 Peter

4:7b). Hence, being sober-minded is indispensable for conflict against Satan and communion with the Son.

Do not wait until you are spiritually slumped over to learn this lesson the hard way. Resist spiritual sedatives and let God renew your mind through His word (Rom. 12:2). Don’t allow spiritual toxins to captivate your mind—let Christ take your thoughts captive (2 Cor. 10:5). Be sober-minded because sin is seductive, Satan is stalking, and the Savior is soon to return.

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# Commissioner Shell joins 11 State Ag Leaders to express strong support for USDA's National Farm Security Action Plan

FRANKFORT, Ky. – Commissioner of Agriculture Jonathan Shell, along with 11 of his fellow agriculture leaders from across the country serving on the America First Agriculture Commissioner Council, has penned a letter of support for the U.S. Department of Agriculture's (USDA) newly announced National Farm Security Action Plan. In their joint letter, these State Departments of Agriculture voiced unified backing for this vital Plan that will protect America's farmland and strengthen national security.

Agriculture commissioners, secretaries, and directors from the following states signed the letter: Arkansas, Georgia, Kentucky, Idaho, Indiana, Iowa, Mississippi, Nebraska, Oklahoma, South Carolina, Tennessee, and Texas.

"American farmland is a strategic asset," the letter states. "It sustains our food supply, powers rural economies, and contributes directly to the health and sovereignty of our nation."

With rising concerns over increasing foreign interest in U.S. farmland — particularly near military installations and critical infrastructure — and after years of subsequent inaction

from the previous administration, the Plan takes decisive steps to safeguard agricultural land ownership and address supply chain vulnerabilities. The National Farm Security Action Plan specifically aims to tighten reporting and enforcement under the Agricultural Foreign Investment and Disclosure Act (AFIDA), enhance penalties for noncompliance, and strengthen USDA oversight to ensure America retains control over its critical food systems.

The Plan also secures various facets of American agriculture beyond protecting farmland. It evaluates all USDA programs — including rural development, research, and nutrition — to ensure they put America First. Additional measures focus on securing supply chains protecting plant and animal health from invasive species and foreign animal diseases and calling upon State partners in government to pursue similar measures.

"The USDA's leadership in developing this comprehensive Plan, and working across other federal Departments, shows a clear commitment to putting American farmers and ranchers first," Commissioner Shell said. "Protecting our

farmland and food systems from foreign influence and biosecurity threats is critical not only to our agricultural economy but to the national security of the United States. I'm proud to join colleagues from across the nation in supporting this important work."

The letter highlights the crucial role the USDA plays as a "load-bearing wall" in the nation's security, coordinating with federal, state, and local partners, as well as the intelligence community, to secure the integrity of food systems and critical agricultural infrastructure.

State agriculture leaders emphasized the importance of transparency and close collaboration with stakeholders — including farmers, ranchers, and tribal communities — to safeguard America's agricultural productivity and preserve farmland for future generations.


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A customer with an armload of berries files out of the roadside farmstand at McGlasson Farms. The farm is in its sixth generation of operation along the Ohio River in Boone County.

Sixth generation at McGlasson Farms put the ‘u’ back in fruit picking

By Chris Aldridge  
Kentucky Ag News

TAYLORSPOUT, Ky. – In the 1860s, Henry McGlasson moved west from Virginia and built a small log cabin on the south bank of the Ohio River a couple of miles downstream from Cincinnati. The original cabin still remains inside a farmhouse, which has been expanded, remodeled, and up until last year, occupied by Henry’s great grandson. The sixth generation of the McGlasson family is still farming 120 acres of rich bottomland soil in Boone County between the river and the Cincinnati/ Northern Kentucky International Airport. “We’ve lived and farmed this land for 150-plus years,” said Jack McGlasson, a landscape architect by day who co-owns and operates McGlasson Farms with his brother, who tends the farm full-time. “For the longest time, like when I was a kid, my great grandparents and my grandparents see **GENERATION**, page B13

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FRANKFORT — The Kentucky Agricultural Finance Corp. (KAFC) approved 16 agricultural loans totaling \$3,123,625 for

projects across the Commonwealth today at its monthly board meeting. Agricultural Infrastructure Loan

Program (AILP) Three Agricultural Infrastructure loans totaling up to \$650,000 were approved. Loan recipients were in

Laurel (\$250,000), Monroe (\$150,000), and Todd (\$250,000) counties.

KAFC participates with lenders to provide financing to producers making capital expenditures for agricultural projects through the AILP. Eligible projects include permanent farm structures with attached equipment that improves the profitability of farming operations. Producers may be eligible for up to \$250,000 not to exceed 50 percent of the project.

Agricultural Processing Loan Program (APLP)

One Agricultural Processing loan for \$150,000 was approved in Gallatin County.

APLP is designed to provide loan opportunities to companies and individuals in Kentucky interested in adding value to Kentucky-grown agricultural commodities through further processing. Agricultural processors may qualify for financing for acquisition of equipment, construction of new facilities, renovation/expansion of existing facilities and permanent working capital up to 50 percent of the project cost.

experience who desire to develop, expand, or buy into a farming operation. Beginning farmers may qualify for financing to purchase livestock, equipment, or agriculture facilities; to secure permanent working capital; for the purchase of farm real estate; or to invest in a partnership or LLC.

For more information on KAFC participation loans, contact your lender or Bill McCloskey at Kentucky Office of Agricultural Policy at (502) 382-6093 or email [kafe@ky.gov](mailto:kafe@ky.gov).

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The Kentucky Office of Agricultural Policy (KOAP), a division within the Kentucky Department of Agriculture, provides staff support to the Kentucky Agricultural Finance Corporation (KAFC) and the Kentucky Agricultural Development Fund (KADF). The KADF is administered by the Kentucky Agricultural Development Board. KOAP ensures Kentucky is being good stewards of dollars from the 1998 Tobacco Settlement Agreement by overseeing the boards' investments into diversifying and supporting Kentucky agriculture.

*Beginning Farmer Loan Program (BFLP)*

Twelve Beginning Farmer loans totaling up to \$2,323,625 were approved. Loan recipients were in Anderson (\$87,500 and \$174,375), Bourbon (\$250,000), Garrard (\$247,500), Hart (\$70,500), Lincoln (\$225,000), Logan (\$250,000), Marshall (\$250,000), McLean (\$250,000), Monroe (\$250,000), Nelson (\$56,250), and Rockcastle (\$212,500) counties.

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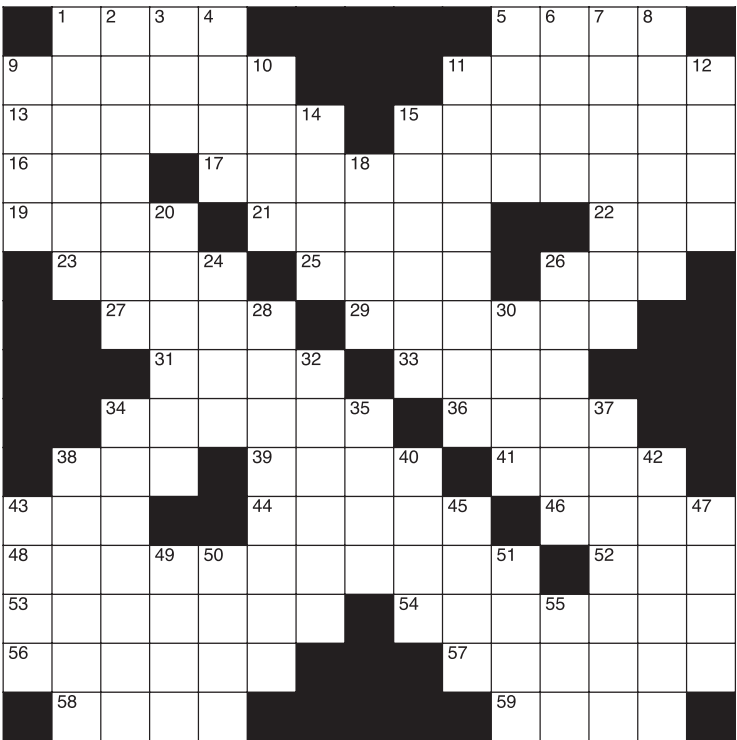
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5. One point south of southwest  
9. Musical performances  
11. Matched  
13. Four-footed animal part  
15. Express severe disapproval of  
16. Type of leaf  
17. Preparatory  
19. Walk heavily  
21. Succulent plants  
22. Rectangle of grass  
23. Lump in yarn  
25. Too  
26. Foot (Latin)  
27. Afflicts  
29. Smoothed  
31. Mind (Greek)
33. Tampa ballclub  
34. Semitic language  
36. Sheltered sides  
38. Ocean  
39. Electronic point of sale  
41. Thrust a knife into  
43. 12th month (abbr.)  
44. Ringworm  
46. Father of Aoris (Greek myth.)  
48. Fighting back  
52. Cease to exist  
53. Insects in adult stage  
54. Freestanding sculpture  
56. Caps  
57. Repents  
58. Brown and Wallace are two  
59. Moved quickly

CLUES DOWN

1. Goes bad  
2. Yard structure  
3. They \_\_  
4. Marine invertebrate  
5. European river  
6. Office supplies firm  
7. Physically abused  
8. Service stations in Australia  
9. Kills  
10. Liquid body substances  
11. Particular to a given individual  
12. Brave or noble act  
14. Sicilian city  
15. Conqueror  
18. Elected officials  
20. Type of “pig”  
24. Drop of viscous substance
26. Monetary unit of Spain  
28. Guarantees  
30. Coloring materials  
32. Reddish browns  
34. Square measure  
35. Will not  
37. Canned fish  
38. Appeared  
40. Six (Spanish)  
42. Took off  
43. Negligible amount  
45. Posts in a Greek temple  
47. Witnesses  
49. Phil \_\_, former CIA  
50. Places to park  
51. Guns  
55. Dance to pop music

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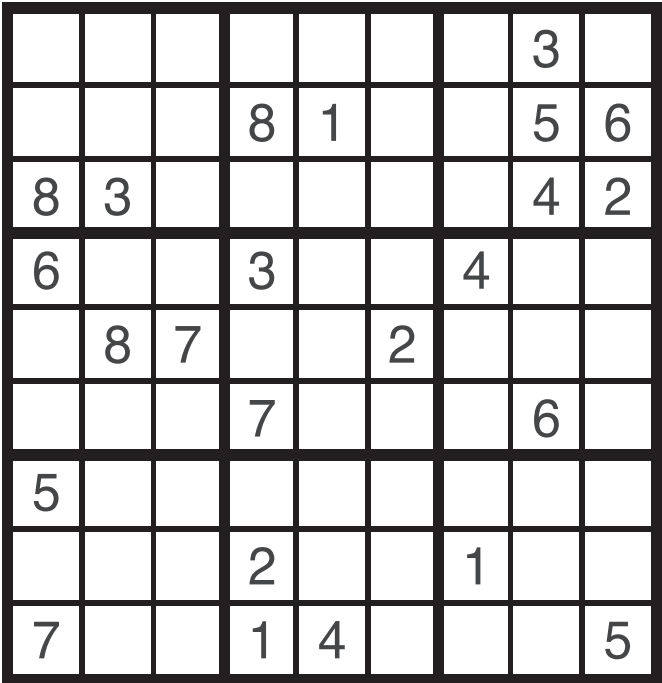
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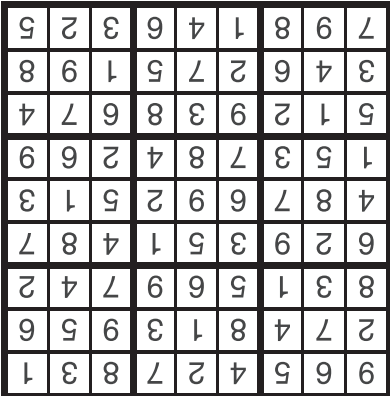
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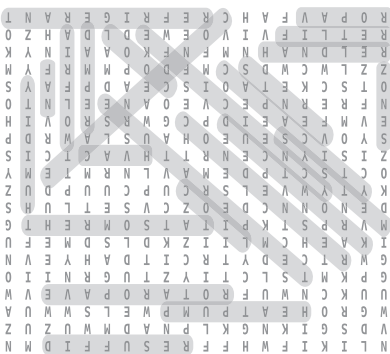
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