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Newsome's Old Mill Store:

A tradition in quality and country ham since 1863

By Scott Waggoner
KPI Writer

With a history dating back more than 160 years, Newsome's Old Mill Store in Princeton, Kentucky, has built a reputation for producing some of the finest country hams in the South. The store moved to Caldwell County in 1863 and continues its tradition today under the ownership of Nancy Newsome Mahaffey, affectionately known to many as the "Ham Lady of the South."

Store manager Skip Baird has worked alongside Nancy for seven years. Together with their staff, they continue the time-honored tradition of producing country hams and their specialty, Preacher Ham, which is barbecue-style ham. Skip says the business has exceeded his expectations since joining Nancy at the store.

What makes Newsome's hams special is the time, care and hands-on attention that go into every product. Each ham is hand-rubbed with salt, washed with brown sugar and hung to undergo a slow hickory-smoking process for at least a year. Every ham is handled at least 18 times throughout the process. Newsome's takes pride in never using nitrates, relying instead on traditional methods that have made its products famous.

The store's reputation has reached far beyond Kentucky. In May 2009, Newsome's was honored when its ham was placed in the Jamón Museum in Aracena, Spain, during the Fifth World Congress of Dry-Cured Hams.

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THANK A FARMER this Thanksgiving

The hands behind every holiday meal

As families across Western Kentucky gather around their Thanksgiving tables this year, there will be plenty of reasons to give thanks. Family, friends, good health and the blessings of another year are often at the top of the list. But there is another group deserving recognition: America's farmers.

From the turkey and dressing to the mashed potatoes, green beans, corn, rolls and pumpkin pie, farmers play an important role in bringing Thanksgiving dinner to the table. Behind nearly every item on the holiday menu is the hard work of someone who spends their days raising crops, caring for livestock and producing the food that feeds our communities.

For farmers, the work doesn't stop when the seasons change or the holidays approach. Agriculture is a year-round commitment that requires long hours, unpredictable weather, rising costs and countless decisions. While many families are preparing to enjoy time together, farmers are still tending livestock, maintaining equipment, planning for the next growing season and keeping their operations running.

Here in Western Kentucky, agriculture remains a cornerstone of our economy and way of life. Generations of farm families have helped shape our communities, providing jobs, supporting local businesses and supplying food and products that reach far beyond our region.

This Thanksgiving, take a moment to recognize the men and women who make it possible for families to enjoy a meal together. Thank a farmer, support local agriculture and remember that the food on our tables didn't simply appear at the grocery store.

It started with someone willing to work the land, care for animals and dedicate their life to feeding others.

This Thanksgiving, we are thankful for our farmers.





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Nancy personally accompanied the ham on its journey to Spain.

Newsome's has also been featured in numerous national publications and media outlets, including Garden & Gun, Saveur, Fine Cooking, Southern Living, Esquire and the Food Network.

Located at 208 East Main Street in Princeton, Newsome's Store continues to welcome customers looking for quality products and friendly service. Nancy, Skip or one of their staff members will be glad to assist visitors.

Store hours are Monday through Friday from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Saturday from 10 a.m. until 2 p.m. The store is closed on Sundays.

There is something special about a business that has stood the test of time. Newsome's Store is a reminder that quality, tradition and a commitment to doing things the right way never go out of style. Just what you would expect from a store with a history stretching back more than 160 years.

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2019 RAM 5500 HD, nice truck, well maintained, summit, 11 ft. body rolling drawer tool boxes, lots of storage. air compressor/ fenerator combo. 228,108 miles.
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Before you give thanks at the table, remember the farmer

When families sit down for Thanksgiving dinner, the table is usually filled with familiar favorites. Turkey, ham, vegetables, potatoes, bread and desserts bring people together for one of America's most cherished traditions.

But before the first bite is taken, it's worth remembering the people who helped make that meal possible.

Farmers.

The American farmer is often the unsung hero of the holiday season. While consumers see full grocery shelves and beautifully prepared meals, farmers see months of planning, early mornings, long days and hard work that often goes unnoticed.

Producing food is not an easy job. Farmers face unpredictable weather, changing market prices, rising fuel and fertilizer costs, equipment expenses and the constant responsibility of caring for their land and livestock. Their work requires patience, determination and a commitment that doesn't follow a traditional nine-to-five schedule.

In Western Kentucky, farming is more than an occupation. It is a tradition passed from one generation to the next. Family farms have helped build rural communities, sustain local economies and preserve a way of life that remains important throughout the region.

Whether growing corn, soybeans, wheat and other crops or raising cattle, poultry, hogs and other livestock, local farmers contribute to the food supply that families depend on every day.

As we enter the Thanksgiving and Christmas seasons, let's make an effort to recognize their contributions. Buy locally when possible, support area farmers and agricultural businesses, and teach younger generations where their food comes from.

Most importantly, say thank you.

The next time you gather around the holiday table, remember that somewhere behind that meal is a farmer whose dedication helped put food on your plate.

Farmers feed America, and that's something worth being thankful for.





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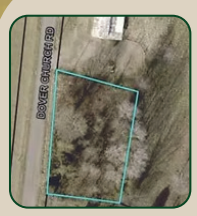
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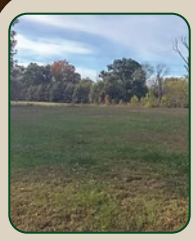




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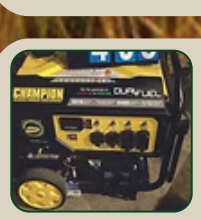


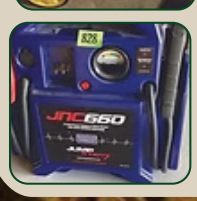
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AG NEWS



By Kentucky Agriculture Commissioner Jonathan Shell

Ag Commissioner announces nine county fair grand awards

Grants bring total awarded under Commissioner Shell to $2.2 million

FRANKFORT, Ky. – The Kentucky Department of Agriculture recently awarded $721,141.45 in grants to nine county fairs to support new construction and revocation projects. Since 2024, more than $2.2 million has been awarded for county fair improvements under the leadership of Agriculture Commissioner Jonathan Shell.

"County Fairs are the heart of many agricultural activities and communities across the state," Commissioner Shell said. "As an agriculture enthusiast, I understand the importance and symbolism of our county fairs. I am thrilled that, since becoming Commissioner, I have had the privilege of awarding millions for improvements to these stalwarts for our agriculture community. These grants will allow county fair boards to enrich the fair experience for their communities and their agricultural partners."



The amount and the recipient of each grant include:

Allen County – $100,000 for site work, installation of a gravel pad, electrical work, and the demolition of bleachers.

Carroll County – $33,937.39 for fairgrounds lighting and installation.

Garrard County – $75,000 for concession cooler, bleachers, and a pageant building addition which includes concrete, plumbing for restrooms, and a sidewalk.

Lincoln County – $89,488.75 for a Floral Hall addition and improvements, a concession addition and improvements, a new youth building, and improvements for the pageant, office and commercial building.

Madison County – $100,000 for gravel lot and roadway paving.

Muhlenberg County – $95,000 for track bleachers, concrete and gravel, site work, fencing and installation.

Nelson County – $40,381.20 for replacement of the pavilion building.

Taylor County – $100,000 for a 40-foot by 72-foot hoop barn, electric, and the purchase of approximately 36 acres for the fairgrounds.

Todd County – $87,334.11 for a 50-foot by 96-foot building, electric and water, dirt work, a bleacher, and a perimeter fence.

Any incorporated fair board in Kentucky may apply with the State Aid to Local Agricultural Fairs Program for grants in the amount of $10,000-$100,000. Each grant will fund 75 percent of the total cost of the project, with the local fair board matching the other 25 percent. Each project must be started within 90 days of the date the project was awarded and must be completed within nine months.

Grants may be used for infrastructure or facility improvements, capital construction, or purchase of non-permanent tangible items such as bleachers or restaurant equipment.

Applications must be submitted to the KDA's Shows and Fairs Branch and postmarked no later than Oct. 1 of each year. The Kentucky County Fair Council reviews the applications and selects the winning proposals.

For more information about the State Aid to Local Agricultural Fairs Program, go to kyagr.com/marketing/county-fair-program.html







Remember to THANK A FARMER this Thanksgiving

A season of gratitude, Thank You Farmers, for feeding America

Thanksgiving is a season built around gratitude. It is a time to reflect on our blessings, appreciate the people who make a difference in our lives and recognize the many things we sometimes take for granted.

One of those blessings is the food we enjoy every day.

As we celebrate Thanksgiving and prepare for the Christmas holiday season, we should remember the farmers who work tirelessly to provide food for families across America. Their contributions are easy to overlook, but their importance cannot be overstated.

Every meal begins somewhere. For many of the foods we enjoy, that beginning is on a farm.

Farmers plant and harvest the crops, raise the livestock and manage the land that supplies grocery stores, restaurants, food processors and communities throughout the country. Their work provides much more than a paycheck or a business operation. It provides something every family needs: food.

In Western Kentucky, agriculture is deeply woven into the fabric of our communities. From the family farm that has operated for generations to the young farmer building an operation of their own, these men and women represent hard work, perseverance and dedication.



Farming comes with challenges that many people never see. Weather can change an entire season's outlook. Markets fluctuate, operating expenses increase and equipment requires constant attention. Yet farmers continue doing what they do because they understand the importance of their work.

This holiday season, let's make sure they know their efforts are appreciated.

Whether it's thanking a neighbor who farms, purchasing products from a local producer or simply recognizing agriculture's role in our daily lives, small gestures can make a difference.

As you gather with family and friends this Thanksgiving, take a moment before dinner to remember the farmers.

They may not be sitting at every holiday table, but their hard work helped put the food on it.

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THURSDAY - DECEMBER 3rd. 2026 - 10:30 A.M.

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2253 ARCANUM ITHACA RD, ARCANUM, OH 45304, USA

DECEMBER 1st. 1 pm - 5 pm &
PREVIEW DATES: DECEMBER 2nd. 8am - 5 pm

TRACTORS: 2009 Case IH Magnum 335 MFWD, 5,081 hrs., powershift, RTK, luxury cab, front & rear duals; 2011 Case IH Magnum 260 MFWD, 4,080 hrs., 19-speed powershift, RTK, luxury cab, rear duals; 1999 Case IH Magnum 8950 MFWD, 5,748 hrs., 18-speed powershift, rear duals, front & rear weights. **COMBINE & HEADS:** 2020 Case IH 7250 Axial-Flow, 1,912 engine/1,347 separator hrs., 468 max HP, RTK, Harvest Command, Kuchar concaves, luxury cab, folding unload auger, front duals; 2023 MacDon FD240 40 ft. FlexDraper, 1 owner; 2021 Geringhoff NS830 corn head, 8-row, 30 in., end augers, stalk stompers, Headsight. **PLANTERS:** 2019 John Deere 1795, 16/32-row, 30/15 in., approx. 6,300 acres, 1 owner, CCS, MaxEmerge 5, variable-rate drive, pneumatic downforce, no-till; 2006 John Deere 1770NT, 16-row, 2,340 Acres, Precision Planting vSet/vDrive, DeltaForce, Reveal row cleaners, vApply HD liquid fertilizer, 20/20 Gen 3, Retrofitted with all Precision Planting in late 2022 by Peak Agronomy Solutions; **GRAIN HANDLING:** 2014 J&M 910 grain cart, 1,000 bu., scales, tarp, extended-reach auger; Unverferth G13 & 325 hopper wagons, 400 bu. each; 2010 Unverferth SeedRunner 3750, triple axle, scales, tarp, Honda engine, belt conveyor; 2000 Hutchison Mayrath 10x62 Grain Auger, Swing away; **HEADER CARTS:** 2024 J&M AWS15, 40 ft., all-wheel steer; 2014 J&M HT974, front steer. **TILLAGE:** Case IH 200 field cultivator, 33 ft., folding, 5-bar spike drag, rear hitch & hydraulics; 2015 Landoll 7431-29 & 2012 7431-26 VT Plus, 29 ft. & 26 ft., folding, rolling baskets, rear hitches; 2002 John Deere 2700 disc ripper, 15 ft., rear spike drag; 2022 J&M TF212 double rolling baskets, hydraulic folding; 2011 Yetter 3530 rotary hoe, 30 ft. Light Use, Only 100 Acres, folding; John Deere 400 rotary hoe, 15 ft. **APPLICATION EQUIPMENT:** 2023 J&M 5016 Nitro-Gro 28% applicator, 17-knife, 1,600 gal., coulters; Ag Spray P287-1610 tandem-axle tender, 2,000 gal., Honda engine, inductor; MS R60HV 60 ft. 3-point sprayer boom, hydraulic lift & fold; Killbros tender wagon, 10-ton gear, 1-1,550 gal., Honda pump & inductor; pair Helicopter 300 gal. saddle tanks for Magnum 260; pair Demco 260 gal. saddle tanks; Tru-Kleen 45 gal. inductor with pump; Briggs & Stratton transfer pump; PTO pump; planter band sprayers; anhydrous knives & shanks; 2007 Blue Jet Anhydrous Applicator ToolBar- 17 Shank, 3 point mount, closing blades, w/Dickie John's Land Manager II controls and regulator; **TRUCKS:** 2003 Chevrolet Silverado 2500HD 4x4, 144,540 miles, V8 gas, automatic, 4-door, 8 ft. bed, 1 owner; 2006 International 8600 daycab, 450,118 miles showing, Cummins ISM 370, UltraShift 10-speed; 2013 International ProStar sleeper, 500,067 miles showing, MaxxForce, 10-speed manual, wet kit; 2000 International 9600 sleeper, 476,470 miles showing, Cummins, 10-speed. **TANKS:** 4,000 & 1,000 gal. double-wall fuel tanks with Fill-Rite pumps; 100 gal. transfer tank with GPI pump; Dura DEF tote with pump; 1,550 & 2,100 gal. poly tanks; upright chemical tank. **MOWER, PARTS & SHOP:** John Deere 115 PTO flail mower; new Clarke MT1140 parts washer with solvent; Clarke 20 gal. sandblaster with media; pneumatic grease pump; 40 ft. aluminum extension ladder; JD 1770 drive system, (16) spring assemblies, (16) fertilizer openers, (16) seed boxes, (14) gauge wheels & (16) rear row-unit frames; Magnum stone box & 8950 wheel spacers. **TIRES & RIMS:** (2) Firestone 480/80R50 tires, approx. 30% tread; (4) Firestone 420/85R34 tires; assorted tires & wheels; (13) semi rims, 8-1/4in.x22 in.








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TUESDAY DEC. 8TH AT 10AM

LIVE ONSITE AUCTION

LOCATION: 11857 Diamond Mill Rd. Englewood, OH 45322

AUCTIONEERS: Grant & Orrin Bussey

TRACTORS

2023 John Deere 8R 280 Row Crop Tractor
730 hours; ILS front axle; 84 GPM dual hydraulic pump; 6 premium rear hydraulic remotes; 1000 PTO; 20,000 lb. 3-point hitch; Category 4 drawbar; 9.0L Final Tier 4 engine; E23 40K PowerShift transmission; 480/80R50 rear duals; 420/85R34 front tires; Ultimate Comfort; ActiveSeat II; Ultimate Visibility; Built-in JD 4600 CommandCenter V2 w/permanent AutoTrac, Section Control, RowSense & Automation 4.0 activations, SN#PCGUPSB960260; 12 front weights; inside rear wheel weights. One owner purchased new from a local dealer. SN:1RW8280DEPB227086;

2012 Case IH Steiger 400 HD 4WD Articulated Tractor
1,856 hours; Case IH FPT diesel engine; PowerShift transmission; AFS Ready; Pro 700 display w/auto steer activation & WAAS guidance; included with tractor;
rear PTO; 4 rear hydraulic remotes; drawbar; front and rear duals; 480/80R50 tires; Deluxe Cab; leather air-ride seat; buddy seat; heat/AC; Case IH AFS Pro display; work lights; beacon. Purchased w/ fewer than 200 hours. SN:ZCF1311127;

2010 Case IH Steiger 335- 4WD Articulated Tractor
4,008 hours currently listed. Approximately 4,200 hours expected after the 2026 harvest. Rear 1000 PTO; 4 rear hydraulic remotes; front and rear duals; Firestone 480/80R46 tires; 18-forward/4-reverse PowerShift transmission; left-hand reverser; Trimble 750 display w/WAAS guidance, Case IH unlock & auto steer activation; included with tractor; pre-emissions; heat/AC; radio. Second-owner tractor—purchased with fewer than 200 hours. SN:Z9F117410.

2009 John Deere 8330 Tractor 3,807 hours; PowerShift transmission; MFWD; rear duals; 4 rear hydraulic remotes; 3-point quick hitch; 1000 PTO; 16 front weights; rear wheel weights; buddy seat; cab; heat/AC; AM/FM radio; exterior work lights; Firestone 480/80R50 rear tires; Firestone 420/85R34 front tires. On one farm its entire life. SN: RW8330P042673.

1975 John Deere 4230 Row Crop Tractor w/John Deere 740 Loader- 954 hours showing; previous tachometer replaced at 7,243 hours. 100 PTO HP; PowerShift 8-forward/4-reverse transmission; 2WD; wide adjustable front axle; 18.4x34 rear tires; 11.00x15 front tires; 2 rear hydraulic remotes; 540/1000 PTO; Category II 3-point hitch; rear wheel weights; open station; John Deere 740 self-leveling loader w/73in. material bucket SN:024026R. **Frontier Pallet Fork Attachment Pallet fork attachment** for/John Deere 740 loader listed above. Sells separately;

SPRAYERS & APPLICATOR

2023 John Deere 410R Self-Propelled Sprayer 664hrs. 120 ft. steel boom; 15 in. nozzle spacing; 1,000 gal. stainless steel tank; high-flow solution system; AutoBoom 5-sensor leveling; automatic solution control; boom air purge; stainless steel eductor; fence-row nozzle; front fill; belly shields; 9.0L Final Tier 4 engine; VF 380/90R46 tires; Ultimate Visibility; Ultimate Comfort & Convenience; ActiveSeat II; Category 4 cab filtration, JD StarFire 7000 receiver w/SF1 activation, SN#PCG17FB110849; JD 4600 CommandCenter V2 w/AutoTrac, Section Control, RowSense & Automation 4.0, SN#PCGUPSB912948. Field Ready. Second owner—warranty until June 2027. SN:1N0410RXEN0232263.

Terra Gator 8103 Three-Wheeled Sprayer
4,775 hours; 85 ft. booms; 1,800 gal. stainless steel tank; stainless steel wet booms; foam marker; stainless steel foam-marker tank; left-side 3 in. fill; poly top rinse tank; ground-level pump controls; 4x3 pump; Ag Leader display & sprayer control w/ section control; heat/AC; radio, SN: 83100102. **2023 J&M 5016 Fertilizer Applicator** 1,600 gal. capacity; 17 knives with 30 in. spacing; Raven ISO control; flow monitor; para-linkage coulters; 3 in. fill; safety chain; light enhancer. One owner—purchased new from a local dealer. SN:2350003.

COMBINE

2024 John Deere S770 Combine 715 eng. hrs. 521 sep. hrs. currently listed. Approximately 950 engine hours and 725 separator hours expected after the 2026 harvest. ProDrive transmission with Harvest Smart Feedrate Control; 2-speed 4WD powered rear axle; Premium Cab; Ultimate Technology; ActiveYield Plus; Premium Visibility; TriStream rotor; extended-wear round bar concaves; Dyna-Flo Plus cleaning shoe; power-folding grain tank covers; 26 ft. unloading auger; Deluxe Residue fine-cut chopper with PowerCast tailboard; IF 1250/50R32 front tires; VF 750/65R26 rear tires; tracks-ready axle; Final Tier 4 engine; Built-in JD G5 CommandCenter w/permanent AutoTrac, Section Control & RowSense activations, SN#PCG5CSB135420. MS150E bin extension; 3-camera kit. One owner—purchased new from a local dealer. SN:1H0S770SAPT830133.

ONLINE BIDDING AVAILABLE

COMBINE HEADS & CARTS

2022 John Deere RD40F Draper Head
40 ft. width; hydraulic fore-and-aft adjustment; hydraulic reel raise/lower; PTO drive; single-point hydraulic hookup; poly skid plates; dual knife drive; standard poly-tine reel; coarse-tooth short-long knife with high-wear guards; flip-over reel; standard center belt; center crop flow divider. One owner—purchased new from a local dealer. SN:1H0RD40FPN0821058.

2024 John Deere C8R Corn Head
8 rows with 30 in. spacing; poly snouts; Contour-Master; height sensing; automatic header height; AutoTrac RowSense; folding snouts; 2 stalk stompers; intermeshing standard knife rolls; single-point hydraulic hookup; PTO drive hookup; LED marker lights; LED work lights. One owner—purchased new from a local dealer. SN:1H00C8RXER0830181.

2014 J&M 4WS15 All-Wheel-Steer Header Cart
40 ft. length; adjustable main beam; adjustable rests; trailer lights; extendable tongue. SN:1407371

Pequea 606 Header Cart
Fits John Deere C8R corn head; adjustable beam height; adjustable feet; rear hitch; extendable tongue. SN:2928; **Unused Hawkins 8R30 Corn Reel**
Model 427836; 8 rows with 30 in. spacing; hydraulic drive; adjustable reel arms; steel frame construction; hydraulic hoses and couplers; corn head mounting brackets. Unused.

TILLAGE EQUIPMENT

2020 Kuhn Krause 8010-30 Excelerator
30 ft. working width; Guardian hitch; 1–8 degree hydraulic gang-angle adjustment; rear spider wheels; rear rolling basket; 20 in. discs. One owner—purchased new from a local dealer. SN#1049E50A00057.

2012 Kuhn Krause 8000-30 Excelerator
30 ft. width; 3-section folding; rear rolling basket; rear spider wheels; hydraulic adjustment; 8 in. blade spacing. One owner—purchased new from a local dealer, All manufact. updates thru 2026, SN#8000-30-1591.

2015 Case IH Ecolo-Till 2500 Inline Ripper
7-shank folding inline ripper; spring-reset shank mounts; no-till shanks with holders; 8 in. no-till points; 22 in. coulters; all manufacturer updates through 2026. One owner—purchased new. SN#YAD080579. (3-point implement caddy sells separately)

2016 Unverferth 3-Pt. Implement Caddy-12.5Lx15 dual tires, electrical extension for implement lights & hydraulic extension kit;

Case IH Tiger-Mate 200 Field Cultivator 46.5ft. 5-Section folding, rear rolling basket, 2-bar spike drag, 12 in. cultivator spacing;

M&W Earthmaster 1475 Disc Ripper
7 shanks with 24 in. spacing; pull-type; hydraulic lift; front disc gangs. Purchased new.

Krause 1587 Tandem Disc
16 ft. width; hydraulic center fold; adjustable disc gangs; pull-type. Purchased new. SN:3016.

Krause 4118 Field Cultivator
23 ft. width; pull-type; hydraulic fold; hydraulic lift; spring-shank assemblies; rear spike-tooth harrow. Purchased new. SN:2877.

Brillion Cultipacker
25 ft. width; hydraulic fold; pull-type; hydraulic lift. Purchased new.

John Deere 825 Cultivator -6-row. Purchased new.

John Deere 400 Rotary Hoe-15ft. wide Purchased new.

Oliver 588 Plow-5-bottom. SN:78484.

White 598 Plow-6-bottom; variable width, 14–22 in.

SEED TENDERS & TENDER TRAILER

2020 J&M LC390 Seed Tender Trailer-mounted; tri-axle; roll tarp; hydraulic gates; hydraulic conveyor; Honda gas engine; 36 in. flex hose; InterComp scales; talc applicator. One owner—purchased new from a local dealer. SN: 1J9BB2337LF297276.

2016 Haul Ass LB25-T1 Fixed-Neck Lowboy Tender Trailer with J&M Speed Tender LC290
Trailer is set up as a tender trailer. 50,000 lb. capacity in 16 ft.; 70,000 lb. GVWR; 43 ft. overall length; 31 ft. deck; 8 ft. 5 in. width; 33 in. loaded deck height; Apitong deck; motor grader ramps; spring-assisted loading ramps; tandem 22,500 lb. axles; Hutch heavy-duty spring suspension; 235/75R17.5 tires; front toolbox; black. One owner—purchased new from a local dealer. VIN: 5JYLB252XGP161973.

Tender setup includes:

- **J&M Speed Tender LC290:** 36 in. flex hose; Avery Weigh-Tronix Model 640XL scales; talc applicator; hydraulic-powered conveyor; hydraulic-powered gates; Honda GX340 gas engine. Speed Tender SN: 1700859.
- **Enduraplas 2,500 gal. sump tank: Steel frame; plumbed to a Paccer pump powered by a Vanguard gas engine.**

Rinse/wash tank: Mounted on the top deck.

PLANTERS & GRAIN DRILL

2025 John Deere 1775NT Planter
16 rows with 30 in. spacing; MaxEmerge 5e; Central Commodity System; liquid fertilizer with frame-mounted single-disc openers; 2-point hitch; electric drive with PTO power generation; Electric Drive MaxEmerge 5e meter; Tru-Vee openers with single walking standard gauge wheels; mini seed hopper; hydraulic downforce; Yetter Twister poly-spike closing wheels; SeedStar 5 monitor; AccuCount sensors; unit-mounted coulter with 0.63 in. 25-fluted blade; pneumatic row cleaners; markers with 16 in. notched discs; frame weight distribution with in-cab adjustment; 600 gal. liquid fertilizer tank; Premium Lighting; ProMax 40 flat discs; Keeton firmers. One owner—purchased new from a local dealer. SN:1A01775KHRM810139.

2023 John Deere 1795 Planter
32 rows with 15 in. spacing; MaxEmerge 5 Package Configuration; 130 bu. Central Commodity System; 2-point hitch; variable drive with 2 hydraulic motors and half-width disconnect; Pro-Shaft drive; Tru-Vee openers with single walking standard gauge wheels; pneumatic downforce; cast-iron closing wheels; SeedStar monitor system; regular seed tubes with AccuCount sensors; unit-mounted coulters with 25-fluted blades; tri-fold markers; soybean seed discs; 32 Keeton seed firmers. New, never-used corn discs sell with the planter. 4,495 acres worked showing on the monitor. One owner—purchased new from a local dealer. SN: 1A01795CVNA800187.

John Deere 14x7B Grain Drill
14 openers with 7 in. spacing; approximately 8 ft. working width; galvanized seed box; grass seed box; single-disc openers; spring-loaded down pressure; hydraulic lift; ground drive; mechanical seed-rate adjustment; rear walkboard; rubber tires; One owner. SN:003417H

GRAIN CART, AUGER & GRAVITY WAGONS

2013 J&M 1050-20 Grain Cart Single axle; RT1050 roll tarp; folding auger; adjustable spout; 1000 PTO; running lights; 5-point scale system; GT460 monitor. One owner—purchased new from a local dealer. SN:1306005

Mayrath 13x72 Auger-Shurco power swing-away; 540 PTO. Purchased new.

J&M 350-20 Gravity Wagon 350 bu. capacity; roll tarp; extendable tongue; side discharge; front ladder; rear hitch. SN:15812.

Parker Hopper Wagon—200 Bushel capacity with tarp.

Parker Hopper Wagon—250 Bushel capacity with tarp.

FORKLIFT

2022 Yale GLP050MX Forklift-128 hours; 5,000 lb. capacity; PSI 2.4L LPG engine; 3-stage full-free-lift mast; 189 in. maximum lift height; 84 in. lowered height; 42 in. Class II integral sideshift carriage; 48 in. load backrest; 42 in. forks; 3-function hydraulics; pneumatic tires; overhead guard; amber strobe; reverse alarm; front and rear work lights. One owner—purchased new from a local dealer. SN:A390V16923W.

TECH EQUIPMENT

2018 JD 4640 Universal Display – Permanent AutoTrac activation; removed from John Deere 8330 tractor, SN#PCGU6UB515800.

2024 JD G5Plus Universal Display – Permanent AutoTrac & Section Control activations; removed from John Deere 8R 280 tractor, SN#PCG5PUB165233. **2024 JD G5Plus Extended Monitor –** Includes wiring harness; removed from John Deere S770 combine, SN#PCG512B530967. **2024 JD G5Plus Extended Monitor –** Includes mounting bracket & wiring harness/cord; removed from John Deere 8R 280 tractor, SN#PCG512C615225. **2021 JD Gen 4 Extended Monitor –**SN#PCG410A154680 **JD GreenStar 1800 Display –** SN#PCGU18B203439. **2017 JD StarFire 6000 Receiver** – SF1, SF3 & RTK activations,SN#PCS161B898826. **2021 JD StarFire 6000 Receiver** – SF1 activation, SN#PCS161B417512. **2016 JD StarFire 6000 Receiver** – SF1 activation, SN#PCS161B871962. **2023 JD StarFire 7000 Receiver** – SF1 activation, SN#PCS17UB186068. **2023 JD StarFire 7000 Receiver** – SF1 activation, SN#PCS17UB228786. **2018 JD 450 MHz RTK Radio** – Includes antenna, SN#PCSR54C603269. **2023 JD JDLink M 4G Modem** –SN#PCMA4MA111718. **JD StarFire Receiver Mounting Bracket; 2024 JD Universal Ethernet Planter Wiring Harness** – Used to communicate with a 2024 or newer John Deere SeedStar 5 planter w/electric drive, SN#1PCCOE4ATLM156420.

HARNESS & CABLE PACKAGES — TWO SEPARATE LOTS - JD GreenStar / AutoTrac Harness Package – Includes GreenStar ISO harness for connecting compatible non-John Deere tractors to John Deere implements; John Deere 1990 Air Seeder rate, power control & clutch harness; and John Deere AutoTrac Universal / mapping harness. All three selling together as one lot; **Ag Express / Planter Harness Package** – Includes Ag Express AE3073 John Deere display ISO harness, planter power harness & radar power harness.



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AUCTIONEERS NOTE: After decades of successful farming, brothers Tim and George Stebbins have decided it's time to retire. They've built a strong, well-respected operation over the years, and are offering a great lineup of late-model, well-kept equipment. This is a genuine retirement auction—everything sells as they wrap up a lifetime in farming. DON'T MISS IT! Join us onsite! - Food Trailer Onsite

Inspection Dates: Nov. 28th Noon-3pm. & Dec. 5th 9am -1pm & DEC 7th 9am-5pm

Terms & Conditions: Online bidder fees apply. All items sell "as is- where is". Payment can be made w/ cash, approved check, or credit card w/ 4% fee. NO SALESTAX-NO BUYERS FEE ONSITE! Loadout: Day of auction after equipment is finished. All items must be removed by DEC.18th. 2026. This auction will be both LIVE in person & LIVE online bidding as well.

Remember to THANK A FARMER this Thanksgiving

Notable Thanksgiving traditions



Thanksgiving is a family-centric holiday that revolves around the dinner table and encourages celebrants to acknowledge all that they have to be thankful for. Thanksgiving is celebrated in October in Canada and in November in the United States.

Many Thanksgiving traditions focus on community events and sumptuous feasts, but they don't stop there. Here are some of the more notable traditions people can embrace on this day of giving thanks.

Roasting turkey: Many foods will grace the Thanksgiving dinner table, but turkey is the star of the show. Roasting remains the most popular way to cook a turkey, but deep-fried and even rotisserie turkey have become more popular in recent years.

Watching the parade: Millions of people tune into the broadcast of Macy's Thanksgiving Day Parade, and many more line the streets of New York City to watch it in person. The Macy's parade was first held on November 27, 1924, and was only suspended for three years during World War II. The parade features musical events, special guests and pop culture balloons that navigate streets lined with skyscrapers.

Turkey trotting: Believe it or not, wild turkeys can run at speeds up to 25 miles per hour in short bursts, according to Lake Erie Nature & Science Center. Perhaps inspired by these speedy birds, turkey trots are popular on Thanksgiving Day. People of all ages start the holiday by running or walking in these charity events.

Watching football: Watching professional football on television is a popular Thanksgiving custom. The Detroit Lions and the Dallas Cowboys always host an afternoon game on Thanksgiving. Each year, the National Football League also schedules a third matchup in primetime featuring other teams. In 2026, the lineup features: Chicago Bears at Detroit Lions (1:00 p.m. ET), Philadelphia Eagles at Dallas Cowboys (4:00 p.m. ET) and Kansas City Chiefs at Buffalo Bills (8:20 p.m. ET).

Early holiday decorating: Many households will decorate for Christmas immediately following the clearing of the Thanksgiving turkey from the table. Some may even decorate before guests arrive on Thanksgiving.

Tuning into "A Charlie Brown Thanksgiving": Some families watch this beloved Charlie Brown television special the night before Thanksgiving, enjoying the movie's snack menu of jelly beans, popcorn and toast.

Celebrate "Friendsgiving": People who may not have relatives close by often gather with close friends to commemorate friendships and express their gratitude for one another.

Thanksgiving marks the first holiday during the whirlwind celebratory season. It's filled with many traditions that people across the United States and Canada enjoy.





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Host a memorable Thanksgiving

Thanksgiving is a cherished holiday across much of North America. Canadians enjoy this day of gratitude, gathering and savory feasts in early October, while Americans celebrate Thanksgiving near the end of November.

According to Pew Research, 74 percent of survey respondents plan to attend Thanksgiving dinners with others, while 34 percent will host from their own homes. For those preparing to welcome guests this year, blending planning with heartwarming traditions can create a truly memorable Thanksgiving experience.



Start planning early

Menu and guest list planning can take more than two weeks, followed by a few days allotted to do some meal prep. The New York Post reports many people spend five hours actively cooking on Thanksgiving Day. AllRecipes.com indicates most Thanksgiving hosts spend around seven hours in the kitchen overall. By drafting a clear timeline for shopping, prep, cooking, and cleanup and delegating various tasks to others, Thanksgiving hosts can enjoy the holiday more.

Create a smart and masterful menu

Americans consume about 46 million turkeys on Thanksgiving, according to Electro IQ. Naturally, turkey remains a focal point of Thanksgiving dinners. Many other side dishes can round out the meal, but hosts are urged to stick to familiar recipes or test new ones in advance to reduce stress. Simple, elegant offerings that are tried and true will be well received.

Set the tone with decorating

Outfitting a home in beautiful fall decor can help create the mood for Thanksgiving. Hosts can incorporate rich, autumnal hues in browns, golds and reds. A floral centerpiece or cornucopia in fall-toned flowers is fitting. Small pumpkins or gourds outfitted with tags can be used for name cards to help seat people at the table accordingly, separating anyone who may clash.

Foster inclusivity

Thanksgiving is about food, but it also is about warmth and connection with others. Having guests share things they are thankful for or offering a pre-meal prayer helps set a thankful tone. Pew Research Center indicates that 65 percent of Thanksgiving dinners include a prayer or a blessing.

Set aside extras

Thanksgiving may be a holiday of excess, with many holiday hosts cooking up more than everyone can possibly consume. Inviting extra people to dinner who may no longer have extended families may ensure that food will be finished; otherwise, having plenty of to-go containers at the ready enables guests to take home leftovers so they don't go to waste.

Hosting a memorable Thanksgiving holiday is about the joy of sharing moments with friends and family and enjoying delicious food.

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USDA announces grants to expand meat processing, bolster supply chain in Kentucky

LEXINGTON, Ky. — U.S. Department of Agriculture Rural Development Kentucky State Director Travis T. Burton and Kentucky Agriculture Commissioner Jonathan Shell today announced four Meat and Poultry Processing Expansion Program grants.

The grants total almost $800,000 and will expand capacity while helping to improve the food supply chain.

"The recent announcement providing investments in Kentucky meat processors builds on President Trump's Executive Order 'Promoting Fair Competition in Livestock Markets and Expanding Market Access for American Meat Producers'," said Burton. "Thanks to the leadership of President Trump and Secretary Rollins, USDA is working tirelessly to increase local food options and lower costs for Kentucky families while helping farmers and agricultural producers have a better chance to compete."

Expanding access to meat processing is important to Kentucky's cattle producers; Kentucky has the largest beef cow herd east of the Mississippi River.

"Kentucky farmers raise some of the finest livestock in America, and we want to make sure they have every opportunity to get those products to market," said Shell. "Expanding local processing capacity means more competition, more options for our producers, and a stronger food supply chain. I appreciate President Trump and Secretary Rollins for making these investments in our farm families."

The impact of agriculture on Kentucky's economy cannot be understated.

"Kentucky agriculture is vital to our economy, and our farmers deserve every opportunity to succeed," said Congressman Andy Barr (KY-06). "These investments will help local businesses grow, expand markets for Kentucky livestock producers, and strengthen our rural communities."



USDA Rural Development announces nearly $800,000 in grants to help four Kentucky meat processors expand their operations and strengthen America's meat supply chain. Pictured are, from left, Travis Burton, USDA Rural Development Kentucky state director; Jennifer Hardin, executive director of the Kentucky Association of Meat Processors; Kentucky Agriculture Commissioner Jonathan Shell; and David Wayne, USDA Farm Service Agency state executive director.

Central KY Custom Meats, Inc. will use $59,537 in grant funds to strengthen and expand its USDA-inspected beef processing operation by purchasing a new automatic feed mixer/grinder with Unger system, a patty-forming machine, and a commercial utensil and parts washer. The project will improve grinding efficiency, value-added production, sanitation, and labor productivity while reducing the risk of equipment failures and processing bottlenecks. These investments will increase beef-processing capacity from approximately 18 cattle per week to 23 cattle per week in Year 1 and 26 cattle per week by Year 3, reducing customer wait times and expanding access to USDA-inspected processing services.

Marksbury Farm Foods, LLC will use $250,000 in grant funds to acquire and install a FOSS MeatMaster Flex in-line X-ray process analyzer to improve quality control, food safety verification, and production efficiency in its grinding and further-processing operations. The equipment will provide continuous in-line analysis of product composition and weight while detecting certain foreign materials, reducing reliance on manual sampling, minimizing rework and lean giveaway, and improving process consistency. The project is expected to increase annual further-processing volume by approximately 19.7 percent, strengthen product quality controls, and expand processing capacity for livestock producers and toll-processing customers served by the facility.

Riverview Meat Company LLC will use $237,953 in grant funds to purchase equipment including a vacuum stuffer, double clipper, food processing oven, mixer/grinder, band saw, splitting saw, digital scale, vacuum tumbler, and tenderizer/cuber. This equipment will enable production of bratwursts, linked sausage, hot dogs, bacon, hams, and marinated products, while increasing harvest and processing capacity, reducing downtime, improving product quality, and allowing the company to serve more farmers and consumers throughout Central Kentucky.

Kentucky Meatsmith LLC will use $249,569 in grant funds to strengthen and expand its USDA-inspected meat processing operation by purchasing processing, packaging, sanitation, material-handling, and production management equipment. Grant funds will support the acquisition of processing management software, vacuum packaging equipment, grinders, mixers, tenderizers, a patty-forming machine, bacon slicer, smokehouse, heat tunnel, retail display freezers, sanitation equipment, and handling equipment. These investments will reduce bottlenecks, expand value-added processing capabilities, enhance product quality and consistency, and increase local processing capacity for livestock producers throughout Central and Southern Kentucky.

The Meat and Poultry Processing Expansion Program is managed by USDA Rural Development's Rural Business-Cooperative Services and provides grants to help eligible independent processors expand their capacity. USDA Rural Development designed the program to encourage competition and sustainable growth in the United States meat processing sector and improve supply chain resiliency.

Eligible applicants include for-profit and nonprofit entities, producer-owned cooperatives and corporations, certified benefit corporations, Tribes and Tribal entities, state or local government entities, and other business types (regardless of legal structure). Private entities must be independently owned and operated, and all entities must be domestically owned.

USDA has awarded more than $200 million to independent businesses under the MPPEP program. These projects have created thousands of jobs across the country. Learn more about USDA's investments to strengthen the meat and poultry supply chain at usda.gov/meat.

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Building blazing trails: UK Land-grant engagement project creates adaptive biking experience in Kentucky

The Blazing Trails project introduced a new adaptive mountain biking trail in Central Kentucky for people with disabilities to enjoy, many for the first time.

By Christopher Carney

VERSAILLES, Ky.— An adaptive mountain biking trail was recently designed and constructed at the Falling Springs Center, giving people with disabilities the opportunity to ride a bike in ways that match their physical abilities. In Woodford County, this popular park and recreation center offers a myriad of outdoor activities for thousands in the local community to enjoy.

According to the Bluegrass Chapter of Kentucky Mountain Bike Association (KYMBA), adaptive mountain biking programs serve amputees and adaptive riders — providing access, skills and confidence for people with disabilities who typically cannot ride a standard mountain bike and require adaptive equipment.

The Blazing Trails project, funded by the University of Kentucky Office of Land-grant Engagement, is designed to give people with disabilities increased access to nature in the Commonwealth through adaptive mountain biking by reducing some common barriers.

John C. Hill, Ph.D., adjunct faculty member at the UK College of Education, survey project coordinator at the UK Human Development Institute (HDI) and one of the Blazing Trails project leads, said that access to nature can be challenging for people with disabilities.

"For people with disabilities, affording and accessing adaptive mountain biking experiences is extremely difficult," Hill said. "Adaptive mountain bikes are expensive, costing around $14,000 on average. With Blazing Trails, we wanted to introduce a trail that they could access, ride safely and with confidence, and get the same enjoyment as anyone else."

An avid mountain biker in Central Kentucky for many years, Hill noticed biking trails in the Commonwealth are inaccessible.

"I realized there's no way in Kentucky for people with a disability to ride a mountain bike on some of these trails," Hill said. "They don't have the equipment, or the trails might not be accessible, appropriate or enjoyable for people with disabilities."

Hill turned to HDI colleagues Laura Butler and Darrell Mattingly to begin collaborating on a solution.

Butler and Hill were able to secure initial funding, provided by HDI's Fund for Excellence (FFE), to get the adaptive mountain biking project rolling.

In 2025, Hill and Butler secured additional funding from the UK Office of Land-grant

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Morgan Turner was one of the adaptive riders at the Blazing Trails event. Photo provided by UK Human Development Institute.

Morgan Turner (pictured) was one of the adaptive riders at the Blazing Trails event. Photo provided by UK Human Development Institute.

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University of Kentucky launches Coffee, Science and Culture Certificate

This 12-credit hour certificate opens the world of coffee to students from all majors

By Grace Sowards



LEXINGTON, Ky.— A cup of coffee has many lives before it ends up in the mug. At the University of Kentucky Martin-Gatton College of Agriculture, Food and Environment, a new undergraduate certificate examines the science, production, trade, history and cultural significance of coffee.

David Gonthier, associate professor in the UK Department of Entomology, one of The Bill Gatton Foundation Distinguished Professors and director of the UK Coffee Lab, has led the development and launch of the Coffee Science and Culture Certificate. Through coursework, students will develop practical skills in coffee like roasting, brewing and sensory evaluation, while exploring the international value chain that connects the entire workforce. Further, courses will explore issues that face the industry, like the environmental and social impacts of coffee production and trade.

"Coffee is something that many of us drink every day, but behind every cup is an extraordinary story of far-off places, cultures, trades and human livelihoods," Gonthier said. "We want students to leave with an ability to think critically and communicate across disciplines, cultures and industries to ultimately contribute to a more sustainable and prosperous global coffee community, from production to consumption."

The certificate is 12 credit hours, with two required courses and two open electives. COF 301, Not Just Coffee, is a required course taught by Gonthier, focuses on the history, culture and general global impact of the beverage. The other required course is Coffee Sensory Science, designed to appreciate the characters that add value to coffee and the science behind how to evaluate them.

"The certificate program will have something for everyone," Gonthier said. "Learning how to taste and appreciate foods and beverages totally improves the quality of life — you'll start to think more about not only coffee, but everything you're eating and drinking and where it comes from."

Undergraduate students can register for the Coffee Science and Culture Certificate and courses that begin in Spring 2027. The certificate is also available for nontraditional students and community members, as there are several asynchronous class options.

"This certificate gives students from any major an opportunity to connect their interests with agriculture, science and global trade," said Carmen Agouridis, senior associate dean of the Martin-Gatton CAFE. "Students will gain practical skills while learning how the decisions made throughout coffee production affect people, communities and the environment."

Coffee is also available to purchase on campus. UK students, faculty and staff can purchase bags of UK coffee online for pickup on campus. UK coffee is also available at Bluegrass Beans, the café inside of the Martin-Gatton Agricultural Sciences Building.

This winter, the UK Coffee Lab is creating a coffee advent calendar. It will include 24 whole-bean coffee samples from all over the world to celebrate the diversity of coffee. Each sample will be enough for roughly one pot of coffee.

"The Coffee Lab advent calendar will be a global adventure through the world of coffee and highlight the unique flavor profiles of different origins, varieties and processing techniques," Gonthier said. "In addition, there will be coffees with impact on producer prosperity, conservation and other sustainability objectives. Roast level will generally be between light and medium for all coffees, to best express the unique attributes of each coffee."

Preorders are available on the Coffee Lab website now.

For more information about the certificate, visit the program site or reach out to CoffeeLab@uky.edu.

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University of Kentucky alum and former trustee Carol Martin "Bill" Gatton bestowed a transformational $100 million gift to the college through The Bill Gatton Foundation. It is the largest gift to the university in its history.

Four Pillars of The Bill Gatton Foundation's gift are (1) Scholarships and other initiatives for Student Success, (2) Companion Animal Program, (3) 21st Century Capital Projects and New Initiatives Fund and (4) Faculty Research and Innovation/Research Challenge Trust Fund Program.

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Engagement, which supports proposals for innovative projects that increase university engagement with communities.

"Access to the outdoors here in Kentucky is not there for everyone," Butler said. "Your community isn't complete unless everyone has access to it. This is why the Blazing Trails project was so important to us."

Hill and Butler began working with Jeb Gorham, Ph.D., Versailles resident, avid cyclist, KYMBA board member and associate dean and sports management Botkin Professor at Midway University. According to Hill, Gorham and his research team were vital in helping to fund and construct the 1.5-mile trail at the Falling Springs Center, with permission from the Woodford County Parks and Recreation.

"KYMBA wanted to bring an adaptive element to this trail in Woodford County," Gorham said. "John and Laura partnered with us to support the funding for the trail's expansion. It takes a lot to build an adaptive mountain biking trail, so we were extremely excited and grateful for this partnership with UK."

The Blazing Trails team, which included faculty and students from both UK's Community Innovation Lab (CIL) and Midway University, spent more than 100 hours building and creating the trail at Falling Springs Center.

The team designed the trail to meet adaptive mountain biking guidelines developed by the Kootenay Adaptive Sports Association and the International Mountain Bicycling Association, which specify the appropriate width, surface, grade and cornering requirements.

Bryan Hains, Ph.D., CIL co-director at the Martin-Gatton College of Agriculture, Food and Environment and resident of Woodford County, said his lab being part of the planning process of Blazing Trails was "incredibly special" and will do great things for the local community.

"Blazing Trails happening in my home county made this a 'passion project' for me," Hains said. "We wanted to do our part of making adaptive mountain biking more accessible and enjoyable, right here in our backyard."

Blazing Trails ribbon cutting

In Spring 2026, Blazing Trails hosted a ribbon cutting and adaptive mountain biking workshop for people with disabilities at the Falling Springs Center. The community was invited to enjoy the new adaptive mountain biking trail and go riding on the adaptive bikes provided by Catalyst Sports.

Approximately a dozen adaptive riders with a variety of disabilities came to the workshop.

One of the adaptive riders was Lexington native Morgan Turner, who has been competing in Special Olympics Kentucky since he was in elementary school.

For Turner, highlights of the experience were riding an adaptive bike for the first time and meeting new people who were also new to adaptive mountain biking.

Morgan Tuner riding an adaptive mountain bike. Photo provided by UK Human Development Institute.

"I wanted to try something new, and I really loved that I stepped out of my comfort zone," Turner said. "It was fun to see all of the adaptive bikes. You could use your hands and arms to pedal, and I really liked that I could use my upper body strength. There was also a button on the bike that could help me out when going up a hill. I got to meet so many people like me, which sparked conversations, new relationships and friendships. I enjoyed seeing other people with disabilities overcoming their fears and conquering the trail with me."



An adaptive mountain biker participant gripping the handles and smiling.
Photo provided by UK Human Development Institute.

Turner believes that these types of experiences bring communities together and raise more awareness for people with disabilities who also want to enjoy the outdoors.

"People with disabilities are just people with different abilities," Turner said. "Bringing more people together and getting everyone outside to have fun with each other would be huge for communities."

Blazing Trails is just the beginning for Hill and Butler.

"Going forward, we hope to see even more civic participation to help people with disabilities access adaptive trails in Kentucky," Butler said.

Butler said the team also hopes that new policies, funding and structural changes will encourage the inclusion of adaptive design when initially constructing trails.

"We are proud of the Blazing Trails project," Hill said. "We are looking forward to more collaborative opportunities that create access to outdoor recreation for people here in Kentucky."

The Blazing Trails project included the following partners, sponsors and collaborators: Bluegrass Berms Composite Team; Broomwagon Bikes; Catalyst Sports; the Commonwealth Council on Developmental Disabilities; Community Innovation Lab; Kentucky Mountain Bike Association; Martin-Gatton CAFE; Midway University; UK College of Education; and UK HealthCare – Healthy Kentucky Initiative.

Learn more about UK Land-grant Engagement resources, projects and initiatives at engagement.uky.edu.

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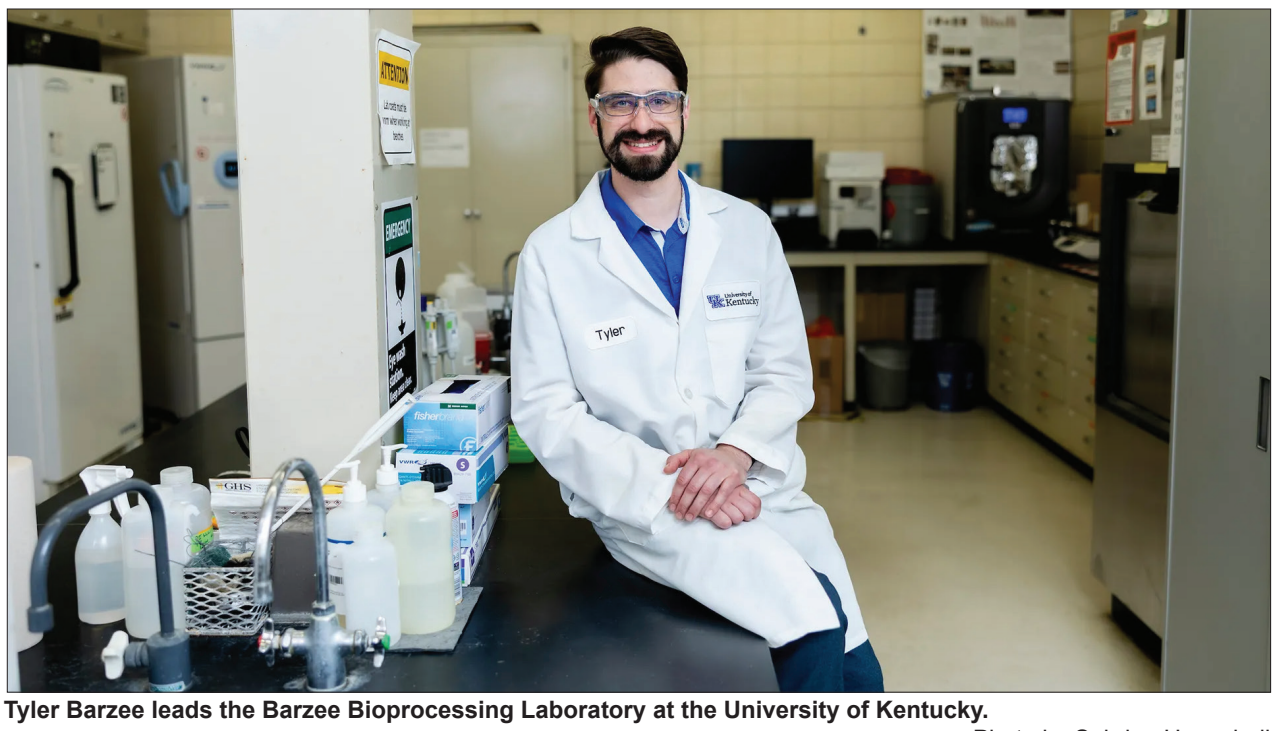
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Tyler Barzee leads the Barzee Bioprocessing Laboratory at the University of Kentucky.
Photo by Sabrina Hounshell

University of Kentucky professor, researcher receives international food science award

Tyler Barzee was honored with the Young Scientist Award for his research.

By Bailey Vandiver

LEXINGTON, Ky.— Tyler Barzee, Ph.D., received the Young Scientist Award from the International Union of Food Science and Technology (IUFoST). Barzee is an assistant professor in the Department of Biosystems and Agricultural Engineering at the University of Kentucky Martin-Gatton College of Agriculture, Food and Environment.

The award recognizes scientists early in their career who have potential to make significant contributions to food science and technology. One of eight awardees, Barzee was the only representative of North America.

"I am extremely honored and humbled to receive this award," Barzee said. "It was an amazing feeling to be nominated by my colleagues and mentors. Their support for what I am doing honestly means the world to me."

The IUFoST World Food Congress 2026 retrospective report described Barzee as a "pioneer in fungal and microbial biomanufacturing for sustainable food production." It also praised Barzee's work to translate research into industry applications and sustainable resource management.

Barzee, also one of The Bill Gatton Foundation Early-Career Professors, said he is proud of the systems approach he and his team use in the Barzee Bioprocessing Laboratory.

"It allows us to explore creative ideas from both the zoomed-in view of technology development to the zoomed-out view of economics and environmental impact," Barzee said. "We look at problems in food systems and ask how we can harness the power of microbes to solve them."

Barzee said he's often the one giving "out-there talks" at conferences, asking listeners to realize a new connection and envision a future they may not have thought about before, like the role fungi and mushrooms could play in the bourbon industry.

"I believe that energy has translated into our research program and allowed us to pursue some innovative and exciting ideas that people are interested in and that also have potential for impact in Kentucky and beyond," he said.

Each Young Scientist Awardee was invited to attend and present at the IUFoST World Food Congress, held in Hong Kong Oct. 25-29.

"I am excited by the prospect of innovating with clear value propositions and translating technologies from the university to local enterprises," Barzee said.

Learn more about the Barzee Bioprocessing Laboratory.



Tyler Barzee receives the Young Scientist Award at the IUFoST World Food Congress 2026 in Hong Kong.
Photo provided by Tyler Barzee

NCGA calls for passage of Key Corn Legislation by year's end

By Bryan Goodman

Members of Congress returned to the capitol today nearly a week after the American people voted in the midterm elections. In response to Congress' return, Michigan farmer and National Corn Growers Association (NCGA) President Matt Frostic released the following statement:

"Voters sent a clear message on Nov. 3 that they want to see members of Congress work together and deliver for the American people.

"We urge Congress to act immediately to pass pending legislation that would allow for the year-round sale of E15. Such a move would help lower gas prices, bolster the rural economy and help reduce greenhouse gas emissions.

"Corn growers also urge passage of farm bill legislation in Congress that would make USDA programs more effective, efficient and responsive through policy enhancements. The legislation passed by the Senate Ag Committee contains language allowing for year-round sale of E15.

"We hope Congress will ignore the many distractions that are so prevalent during lame duck sessions and demonstrate that they are here to make a difference for the American people. They can do that by focusing on getting policy items, like E15 and the farm bill, across the finish line and signed into law this year. Farmers cannot afford further delay."



Kentucky Agricultural Finance Corp. approves over $2.8 million in loans

Financing bolsters beef, poultry, and grain farmers across the state

FRANKFORT, Ky. – The Kentucky Agricultural Finance Corp. (KAFC) approved 15 agricultural loans totaling $2,865,303 for projects across the Commonwealth at its monthly board meeting.

Beginning Farmer Loan Program (BFLP)

Thirteen Beginning Farmer loans were approved. Loan recipients were in the following counties: Allen ($196,500), Barren ($175,000), Bourbon ($250,000), Christian ($250,000), Daviess ($250,000),

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Garrard ($205,000), Hardin ($250,000), Jessamine ($250,000), McLean ($87,500), Pulaski ($102,800), Shelby ($250,000), and Warren ($202,685.87 and $106,037.50). BFLP is designed to assist individuals with some farming 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.

Diversification through Entrepreneurship in Agribusiness Loan Program (DEALP)

One DEALP loan was approved in Graves County ($89,780). DEALP is designed to assist agri-entrepreneurs with the purchase, establishment, or expansion of a business that sells agricultural products or services to farmers or consumers.

Large/Food Animal Veterinary Loan Program (LFAVLP)

One LFAVLP loan was approved in Ballard Count ($200,000). LFVALP is designed to assist individuals licensed to practice veterinary medicine in Kentucky who desire to construct, expand, equip, or buy into a practice serving large animal producers, including goat, sheep, swine, and other smaller food animals.

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 kafc@ky.gov.

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Kentucky Master Naturalist program accepting applications for 2027 class

Dedicated to improving Kentucky's green and wildlife spaces, the Kentucky Master Naturalist program is inviting the community to apply by Nov. 30

By Jennifer Elwell

LEXINGTON, Ky.— The University of Kentucky Martin-Gatton College of Agriculture, Food and Environment hosts a program dedicated to conserving and managing natural resources in the Commonwealth: the Kentucky Master Naturalist (KYMN) program. Part of the UK Cooperative Extension Service and housed in the Department of Forestry and Natural Resources, the program is inviting all to apply for the next cohort, which will begin in January 2027. The application deadline is Nov. 30.

"We are excited to build the next Kentucky Master Naturalist class, advancing our vision of more people across Kentucky connecting with nature on a deeper level," said Ellen

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Crocker, KYMN state coordinator and forest health Extension specialist. "Through different education, outreach and research efforts, this cohort will receive the skills and knowledge they need to contribute meaningfully to conservation efforts in their own communities."

Since the program's inception, KYMN volunteers have visited community gardens, green spaces, schools, citizen science projects and state/national parks to help restore habitats, remove invasive species, develop communities and more. In 2025, the KYMN program logged more than 7,903 volunteer hours.

For Laurie Thomas, KYMN state coordinator and Extension forester, this program is all about people who want to be a "good steward" of the environment.

"We want to develop a good community of people who are informed and dedicated to improving their communities and contributing more to Kentucky," Thomas said. "Our graduates leave inspired and with a sense of renewed responsibility in supporting Kentucky's natural resources and environment."

The program requires 20 class sessions virtually (on Zoom), along with several field training opportunities, covering subjects from soil health, wildlife management and water quality to environmental education and field safety. Additionally, participants must volunteer for 40 hours. To maintain Kentucky Master Naturalist certification, participants must complete at least 40 volunteer hours and eight continuing education hours each year.

The cost is $200, and scholarships are available. The cohort is limited and typically receives more applicants than space available. Applicants are encouraged to apply early and demonstrate their interest in becoming a Kentucky Master Naturalist.

To date, the Kentucky Master Naturalist program has completed eight cohorts with more than 600 graduates. Each year, the program invites its graduates to stay connected by participating in upcoming trainings and field trips, seeking volunteer opportunities, reporting their service hours and attending the annual conference.

To learn more and apply to the Kentucky Master Naturalist program, visit naturalist.mgcafe.uky.edu.



Each year, the Kentucky Master Naturalist cohort dedicates time to the conservation and management of natural resources within Kentucky communities.
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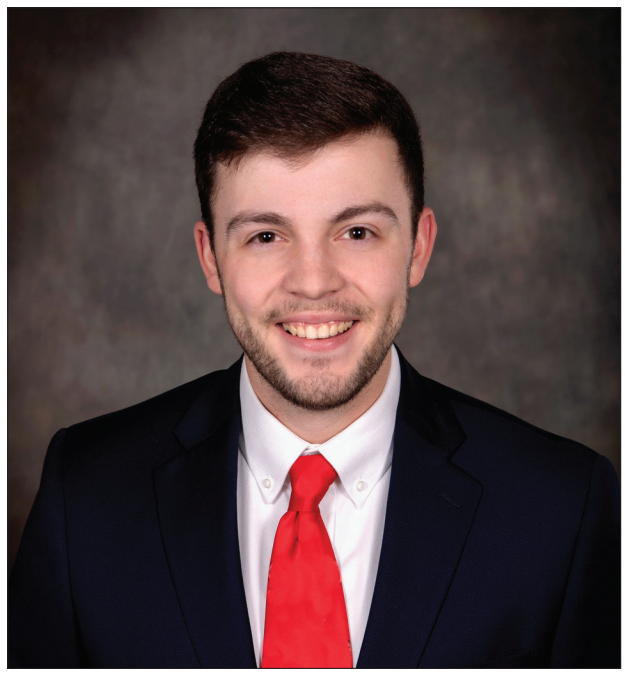
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Clinton soybean farmer Jonathan Reynolds appointed to United Soybean Board



The volunteer farmer-leaders of the Kentucky Soybean Board are pleased to announce that Jonathan Reynolds of Clinton has been appointed by U.S. Department of Agriculture Secretary Brooke Rollins to serve on the United Soybean Board (USB). Reynolds, who farms with his wife Gracie in the Springhill community in far western Kentucky, will join Barry Alexander and Brent Gatton (who is currently the organization's Chairman) as Kentucky's three voices that help determine how the national soy checkoff is invested into education, promotion, and research.

Reynolds will replace Keith Tapp on the national board. Tapp, who culminated his service to USB as USB Chairman in 2019, graciously stepped back in to fill an unexpired term. Kentucky's soybean farmers express their appreciation to Tapp for his service and for his long-term volunteerism as he continues to represent the Board in the biofuels space. Reynolds is currently serving on the Kentucky Soybean Board as secretary/treasurer and will wrap up

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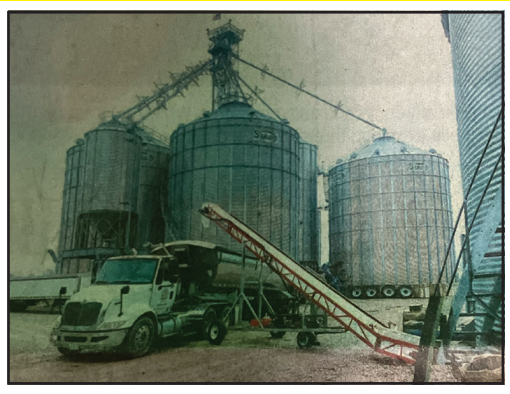
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two years of Kentucky Soybean Association presidency in January.

"I have spent a great deal of time working on policy matters while serving on the officer team for KSA," Reynolds said. "and while that is critically important for each of us at the farm gate level, the wise and practical investment of these checkoff dollars is, too. I am ready to get sworn in next month and find out which action team I'll be assigned to so that we can get to work on choosing projects that will increase soy use both domestically and abroad and provide a meaningful return on every farmer's checkoff investment."

Volunteer service to the industry at both the state and national levels can be time-consuming, and the farmer-leaders of the Kentucky Soybean Board appreciate Jonathan's willingness to take on this important role. He and his fellow appointees will serve a three-year term beginning in December.

The United Soybean Board has 77 members representing 29 states and the Eastern and Western regions. Each year, the Secretary of Agriculture appoints approximately one-third of all Board members for 3-year terms. Nominees must be nominated by a Qualified State Soybean Board.

More information about the board is available on the Agricultural Marketing Service (AMS) United Soybean Board webpage and on the United Soybean Board website, unitedsoybean.org.

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UK professor receives 2026 Master Teacher Award

A University of Kentucky faculty member in Community and Leadership Development is recognized for outstanding contributions to student success and teaching, inside and outside the classroom

By Christopher Carney

LEXINGTON, Ky.— The University of Kentucky Martin-Gatton College of Agriculture, Food and Environment (CAFE) Master Teacher Award recognizes faculty members for their significant dedication to teaching and student achievement. Nicole Breazeale, Ph.D., associate Extension professor in Community and Leadership Development (CLD), was honored with this year's award.

Award nominees are selected based on their overall commitment to enhancing teaching methodologies, including implementing effective classroom techniques, advancing student learning outcomes, contributing to student development and providing instructional programming.

For Breazeale, being

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recognized by her colleagues is an honor, and this recognition reflects a shared commitment in CLD to delivering rigorous, community-engaged learning for students.

Carmen Agouridis (left) hugging Nicole Breazeale (right) with Master Teacher Award at the 2026 Fall Faculty Meeting. Photo by Matt Barton.

Carmen Agouridis (left) hugging Nicole Breazeale (right) at the 2026 Fall Faculty Meeting. Photo by Matt Barton.

"I'm part of a world of people who are deeply connected in teaching our students to be community leaders and practitioners," Breazeale said. "In CLD, the faculty's work overlaps in many ways — across classes, the curriculum and in the community. We are all collaborating and partnering together to educate our students to be engaged, thoughtful leaders that solve pressing, real-world problems in communities."

Karen Rignall, Ph.D., associate professor in CLD, said that Breazeale's commitment to her students is inspires her own teaching.

"I have never seen an instructor who combines such care and support with such high expectations," Rignall said. "It has inspired me to see how having these greater expectations is possible when we offer the support and instruction that helps students feel empowered and capable."

Breazeale teaches across the CLD curriculum, from the introductory course to the senior capstone, as well as graduate courses in community engagement and sustainable food systems.

Breazeale's work has blended instruction, research and engagement, with a focus on strengthening community food systems and using storytelling-based methods to support community development. She has led several statewide grant-funded projects, including initiatives focused on youth education, food access and substance use recovery support.

Through storytelling, dialogue, reflection and sustained partnerships, Breazeale has helped her students think critically and apply their learning to complex community challenges. These experiences reflect Breazeale's belief that students learn to lead through working with the people most affected by community challenges and creating work that leaves communities stronger.

Caroline Groth, a CLD senior at Martin-Gatton CAFE, said Breazeale — who many students affectionately call "Dr. B" — brings a unique level of enjoyment to teaching.

"Dr. B has been an amazing professor. She truly cares about each student, both in

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and out of the classroom," Groth said. "She's always looking for ways to help students reach their academic and career goals, and no matter what kind of day she's having, she shows up to class with energy and enthusiasm. I'm thankful to have had Dr. B as a professor and mentor."

Breazeale's impact on her students and the community includes helping former UK student athlete J.J. Weaver's overcome the loss of his father, which led to developing a peer grief-support program that was piloted through UK Athletics and later adopted by the UK Counseling Center. In addition, Breazeale was part of a Land-grant Engagement project that united communities through storytelling techniques and collaborated on introducing the Food, Farming and Community curriculum.

Breazeale's students have worked alongside community partners such as CivicLex on class projects related to Lexington's urban growth master plan, Reimagining the Civic Commons and Addison Park.

For Tanya Whitehouse, Extension specialist chef and program manager at The Food Connection, working with Breazeale as a colleague and learning from her as a CLD master's student is a privilege.

"Dr. Breazeale brings her whole self into her teaching, not for any kind of accolade, but because she wants students to learn all they can in the time available for class," Whitehouse said. "Not only does Dr. B want all of her students to have an engaging learning experience, but she also wants us to contribute to our community while we are learning."

Keiko Tanaka, Ph.D., current CLD acting chair at Martin-Gatton CAFE, further emphasized Breazeale's dedication to her students.

"Both undergraduate and graduate students love her classes, which are designed to be a learning space where students feel supported to explore their own worldviews and voices through interactive and engaging class activities," Tanaka said. "She is very committed to providing students with the knowledge and skills for their professional success and to become good citizens."

To learn more about the Master Teacher Award at Martin-Gatton CAFE, visit https://www.mgcafe.uky.edu/about/faculty-staff-honors.



Carmen Agouridis (left) presenting Nicole Breazeale (right) with Master Teacher Award at the 2026 Fall Faculty Meeting.

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