

# Marion County Ag Extension Newsletter

## March 2024

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### A Word From Your County Agent:

March is a great time for soil sampling. Here are some things to remember:

Soil samples are \$7.42 each at our office. Keep in mind soil needs to be dry and you should bring samples that are representative of the area you are testing. When collecting a sample, be sure to dig 6-8 inches in the ground. We have soil probes available to check out from our office as well. Lastly, please properly label all samples.

Reminder: Soil tests must be paid via cash or check only.



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# Upcoming Events

## March 4

Master Cattlemen Class #4  
6:00pm-9:00pm

Marion County Extension Office

## March 7

Pesticide Certification Class for  
PRIVATE Applicators

9:00am  
OR  
6:00pm

\*Choose the time that works for you\*  
Call 270-692-2421 to RSVP

## March 12

Sheep & Goat Meeting

Guest Speaker: Kelley Yates

6:30pm

## March 18

Master Cattlemen Class #5  
6:00pm-9:00pm

Washington County Extension Office

## March 21

Marion County Cattlemen Meeting  
6:30pm

Marion County Extension Office

**AND**

Marion County JUNIOR Cattlemen Meeting  
6:30pm

Call 270-692-2421 to RSVP



**SAVE THE DATES:**

**April 6, 2024**

Good Ideas Field Day

**September 10, 2024**

Marion County Extension  
Council Presents: Family  
Farm Field Day

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# Monthly Tips- Record Keeping

Fall Calving Herd: be sure to collect weaning data. Record tag numbers, date applied and calving group to which they are applied.

**(Tip from March 2024 UK Beef IRM Calendar. Calendars can be picked up for free at our office.)**

Record keeping is a critical management skill needed to stay organized and up to date on your herd.

Farm Record Books can be purchased at our office. The cost is \$5 per book.

**SAVE THE DATE  
SATURDAY, APRIL 6TH**



**LORETTO MOTHERHOUSE FARM**  
**Good Ideas Field Day**

**Registration is FREE but required!**  
Scan QR code or contact Angela Rakes by email  
arakes@lorettomotherhouse.org or text/call  
270-692-8906



**Locally sourced lunch provided!**  
\*please bring reusable water bottle

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This project is funded in part by a grant from the U.S. EPA under cooperative agreement MX – 00D87719 and 8710(h) of the Clean Water Act

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## Getting Ready for Spring

By Derrick Snyder - National Weather Service Paducah, KY



March is when the traditional springtime thunderstorm season begins to ramp up in the Commonwealth. As we all know, some of these storms can be real doozies, and it's important we're prepared to weather them. Here's a few tips to help keep you and your loved ones safe:

1. **Stay informed:** Make sure you've got a weather radio or follow a trusted news station to stay on top of what's brewing. Your local National Weather Service offices offer free storm spotter training classes during this time of year, and these courses are excellent ways to learn about how severe thunderstorms form and how to stay safe around them. Call your local office to find out more information about a spotter training near you.
2. **Have a plan:** Make sure you and your family have a designated place to take shelter and a plan for how to stay in touch with one another during a storm. Write it down and keep it handy, just in case. Don't forget to practice your plan too!
3. **Stock up:** Keep a well-stocked pantry with enough non-perishable food and water to last a few days, in case of power outages or other emergencies. Other items to keep on hand in case of an emergency include extra clothes, medications, cash, and a first aid kit. See the list below for additional supplies.
4. **Secure your property:** Make sure any loose items around your property are secured to prevent them from becoming dangerous projectiles during high winds. Consider moving livestock to a safe place and securing any loose roof shingles to prevent damage to your home, farm buildings, or workshops.

Don't forget, there's plenty of resources out there to help you get prepared for severe weather. The National Weather Service, Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA), and your local emergency management office can all provide you with valuable information on what to do before, during, and after a thunderstorm. Learn more about making an emergency plan at [www.ready.gov/plan](http://www.ready.gov/plan).

So, don't wait until it's too late! Take a little time now to get ready for springtime thunderstorms in the Bluegrass State, and you'll be ready to weather whatever comes your way.



# ANNOUNCING THE CHAROLAIS INFLUENCED FEEDER CALF ALLIANCE

SALE DATES: MAY 16 • DECEMBER 12  
BLUEGRASS SOUTH • STANFORD, KENTUCKY

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DAVID HOLT 502.680.0797

MICHAEL NOE 859.339.7921



**Weekly Kentucky Cattle and Grain Summary**

**USDA Livestock, Poultry and Grain Market News**

**Frankfort, KY**

Monday, February 26, 2024

For Week Ending:

Saturday, February 24, 2024

Receipts: 20,865

Last Week: 17,795

Last Year: 18,599

Compared to last week, feeder steers and heifers below 550 lbs sold 7.00 to 9.00 higher with instances sharply higher. Calves above 550 lbs were mostly 4.00 to 7.00 higher. Yearling steers and heifers sold 3.00 to 4.00 higher. Demand was good to very good for all feeder and yearling classes. Slaughter cows sold mostly 3.00 to 5.00 higher and slaughter bulls steady to 3.00 higher with good demand.

[View Full Summary](#)

**STATE AVERAGES**

Steers (M&L 1-2)	This Week	Prior Week	Last Year
350-400 lbs	318.24	300.06	214.24
400-450 lbs	304.38	296.35	212.22
450-500 lbs	296.07	289.21	207.03
500-550 lbs	280.96	272.50	201.39
550-600 lbs	273.37	264.23	195.26
600-650 lbs	253.07	246.58	182.18
650-700 lbs	247.94	240.00	181.04
700-750 lbs	237.07	227.24	172.39
750-800 lbs	225.96	220.15	169.48
800-850 lbs	223.50	211.92	167.30
850-900 lbs	215.93	208.28	159.85
Heifers (M&L 1-2)			
300-350 lbs	269.81	261.45	182.38
350-400 lbs	276.51	257.21	182.01
400-450 lbs	271.83	261.01	179.72
450-500 lbs	263.99	257.08	178.65
500-550 lbs	248.35	240.67	174.07
550-600 lbs	238.00	229.84	168.59
600-650 lbs	224.88	217.82	162.16
650-700 lbs	220.45	212.84	160.00
700-750 lbs	208.91	204.51	153.68
750-800 lbs	206.88	197.82	145.59

**WEEKLY COW SUMMARY**

Slaughter Cows	Average	High	Low
Breakers	84.00-119.50	100.00-139.00	84.00-108.00
Boners	82.00-119.00	100.00-136.00	69.00-106.00
Lean	65.00-111.00	87.00-132.00	70.00-99.00
Slaughter Bulls	Average	High	Low
Yield Grade 1&2	105.00-136.00	125.00-151.00	94.00-126.00

**February 8, 2024**

**Bowling Green, KY**

**SLAUGHTER GOATS: 160**

**Kids Selection 1** 49 lbs 327.60; 60 lbs 320.00 74-76 lbs 277.50. **Selection 1-2** 95 lbs 205.00; 158 lbs 205.00. **Selection 2** 53 lbs 317.50; 74 lbs 257.50. **Selection 2-3** 105 lbs 112.50.

**SLAUGHTER SHEEP: 438**

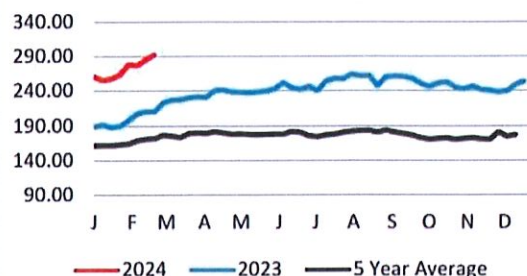
**Hair Breeds-Choice & Prime 1-2** 55-58 lbs 292.50-325.00; 67-69 lbs 300.00-317.50; 85 lbs 280.00. **Choice 2** 55 lbs 295.00; 74 lbs 270.00; 88 lbs 232.50; 110 lbs 232.50.

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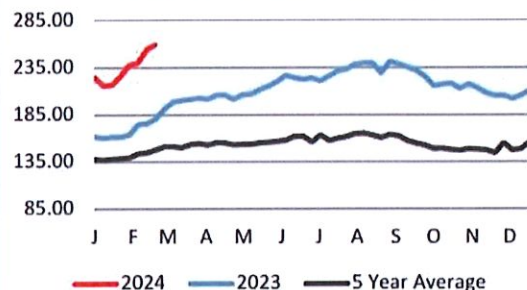
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GRAINS	This Week	Prior Week	Last Year
Corn	3.53-4.31	3.70-4.38	6.35-7.06
Soybeans	10.58-11.98	10.87-12.13	14.79-15.86
Red Winter Wheat	4.77-5.75	4.77-5.95	6.48-7.59

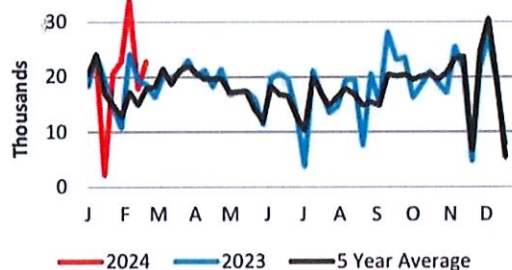
**WEEKLY 400-600 LB FEEDER STEER M&L 1-2 WEIGHTED AVERAGE PRICE (\$/CWT)**



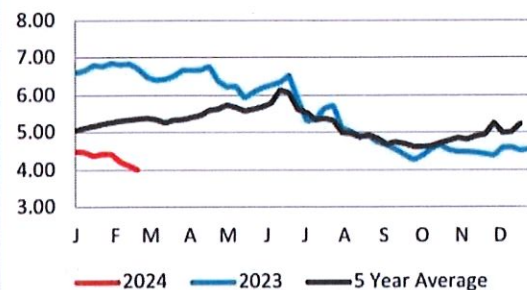
**WEEKLY 400-600 LB FEEDER HEIFER M&L 1-2 WEIGHTED AVERAGE PRICE (\$/CWT)**



**WEEKLY KENTUCKY CATTLE AUCTION RECEIPTS**



**WEEKLY KENTUCKY CORN BID AVERAGE PRICE (\$/CWT)**



**USDA-KY Livestock, Poultry & Grain Market News**

Frankfort, KY

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# Marion County Cattlemen Dead Animal Removal Program

At the annual Cattlemen meeting held on November 16, 2023 membership voted and approved to allot \$10,000 towards the Marion County Cattlemen Dead Animal Removal Program starting in January 2024. **Beginning in 2024, paid members of the Marion County Cattlemen Association are eligible for this program . Paid members can fill out an application and turn it in at the Marion County Extension Office.**

**This is not a reimbursement program.** This program will end when the cattlemen association has paid out \$10,000 OR December 31, 2024, whichever comes first. **Please note, paying for removal of dead cattle will stop once \$10,000 has been appropriated even though given member has not had 3 dead cattle removed from the operation.**

Dead Animal Removal Application is on the following page. If you are interested and a paying Marion County Cattlemen member, please complete the form and turn it in to the **Marion County Extension Office.**

The coordinator of this program is Harry Young.



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**Agreement between Marion Co. Cattlemen Association (MCCA) and**

Name of Member \_\_\_\_\_

Name of farming operation if different \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing address \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Cell phone number \_\_\_\_\_

Land line \_\_\_\_\_

This is the name that will be turned in to Marion Co. Fiscal Court (MCFC) who is responsible for dead animal removal. If a different name is used, the MCCA is not responsible for the pickup cost.

Applicant must be a paid member of MCCA for membership year 2024.

Only those members who sign up for the program will be eligible for the program. Returning this signed form to either the Marion County Extension office, the coordinator, the president or secretary of MCCA, is applying for program.

Those that have applied by December 20, 2023 will be eligible on January 1, 2024.

Those that apply by the 20<sup>th</sup> of a given month will be eligible on the first day of the following month.

MCCA will pay funds to MCFC for removal of up to 3 head of dead cattle starting January 1, 2024 for those who have applied. No reimbursement will be made to member.

MCCA will only pay for cattle that MCFC will pick up.

MCCA will only pay for 3 dead cattle per member or operation. If two or more members have one operation, the Association will only pay for 3 dead cattle. Once three dead cattle have been removed from an operation, MCCA has no responsibility to pay for removal of any more cattle.

The program will end when MCCA has paid out \$10,000 or December 31, 2024, whichever comes first. Paying for removal of dead cattle will stop once \$10,000 has been appropriated even though given member has not had 3 dead cattle removed from the operation.

The coordinator of this program will be Harry Young (270-402-3015). If applicant has an issue or gets a bill from MCFC on cattle that qualify for program, they should contact Harry Young first. If there is a dispute or misunderstanding in the program, applicant can appeal to MCCA Board of Directors and their decision is final.

By signing below, member states that dues for 2024 have been paid and this document has been read and understand the conditions of the agreement.

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Member


Date



## Sautéed Frog Legs

Servings: 4 Serving Size: 4 ounces



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### Ingredients:

- 1 pound cleaned frog legs
- Buttermilk, to cover
- ½ cup all-purpose flour
- Up to ¼ cup olive oil
- ¼ teaspoon salt
- Black pepper, to taste
- ½ teaspoon no-salt seafood seasoning
- 1 tablespoon lemon juice
- 1 tablespoon fresh parsley, if desired

### Directions:

In a covered container, soak frog legs in buttermilk for 3 hours or overnight in the refrigerator. Remove frog legs from buttermilk and dredge in flour. Sauté in oil over a low heat. As they cook, sprinkle frog legs with salt, pepper, and Old Bay seasoning. Cook frog legs about 12 to 14 minutes, browning each side, until a meat thermometer reaches 165 degrees Fahrenheit when inserted into the meatiest part of the leg. Remove frog legs to a platter, and sprinkle with lemon juice and parsley, if desired.

**Source:** Cook Wild Kentucky Project

260 calories; 14g total fat; 2g saturated fat; 0g trans fat; 55mg cholesterol; 260mg sodium; 12g carbohydrate; 0g fiber; 0g sugar; 0g added sugar; 20g protein; 0% Daily Value vitamin D; 2% Daily Value calcium; 15% Daily Value iron; 8% Daily Value potassium.

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