

# Marion County Ag Extension Newsletter

## August 2025

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### A Word from your County Agent:

Fall is quickly approaching with cooler temperatures after weeks in a heat wave! Due to the dry weather we have had, I want to remind those with livestock to be aware of prussic acid poisoning in livestock. See the article in this newsletter for more details on what to look for.

CAIP (Cost- Share) educational requirement deadline is December 5<sup>th</sup>. Please make arrangements to get this done as soon as possible. If you are completing a large animal investment area, please make sure you have a BQCA certification. Call our office to register for the upcoming September training or check the status of your certification.

As always, if you have questions please call or stop by our office. We are glad to help!



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# Upcoming Events

**September 8**

Rinse & Return

10am- 12pm

see following page for more info.

**September 9**

Sheep and Goat Meeting

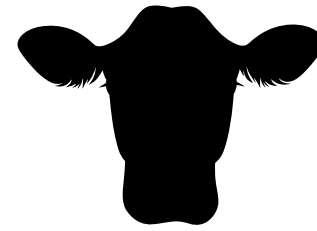
7:00pm

Guest speaker: Dr. Jesse Lay  
Topic: Fecal Egg Counts

 \*CAIP Education Approved\*

**September 17**

BQCA Training



9am- 11am

OR

5pm- 7pm

-pick the time that works best for you-

\*Required for the large animal CAIP  
investment area\*

**September 18**

Cattlemen Meeting

Guest speaker: Daniel Menge,  
Datamars Livestock

7:00pm

Call 270 692 2421 to RSVP

 \*CAIP Education Approved\*

**October 5-9<sup>th</sup>**

Marion County Cattlemen Annual Trip



Marion County Cooperative Extension



Tune in Wednesday mornings at 8:30am  
on 100.9 WLSK Radio Station to hear live  
updates and. tips from our office!

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# Marion County Rinse & Return



**September 8th**



**10am - 12pm**



**Marion County Extension Office**

Bring your triple rinsed empty  
pesticide jugs for proper disposal.  
Make sure booklets are torn off and  
tops are removed.

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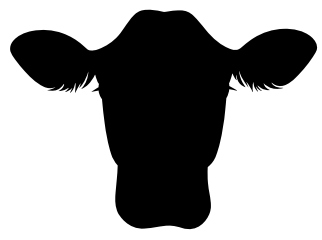
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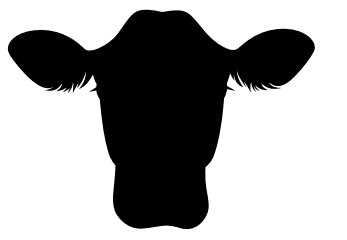


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# Marion County Cattlemen Association

## Dead Animal Removal Program



One of the benefits of being a paid member of Marion County Cattlemen Association for 2024 was that the Association paid for the removal of 3 dead cattle to Marion County Fiscal Court if you signed up for the program. This program will continue for 2025 calendar year. If you are a paid member and signed up for the program in 2024, you will automatically be eligible as of 1/1/25 and will not have to do any paperwork for the program. (Must be a **paid** cattlemen member)

If you are not signed up for the program and are interested, you can stop by the Marion County Extension office and sign up for the program. If you would like to become a Marion County Cattlemen Association member, dues can be paid at Marion County Extension Office.

**\*\*Harry Young is in charge of this program\*\***  
**(270) - 402 - 3015**

For questions related to the Dead Animal Removal program, please contact Harry Young.

**For more information, see the following page of this newsletter.**



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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 2025

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 20,2024 will be eligible on January 1, 2025

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 1,2025 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 31,2025, 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.

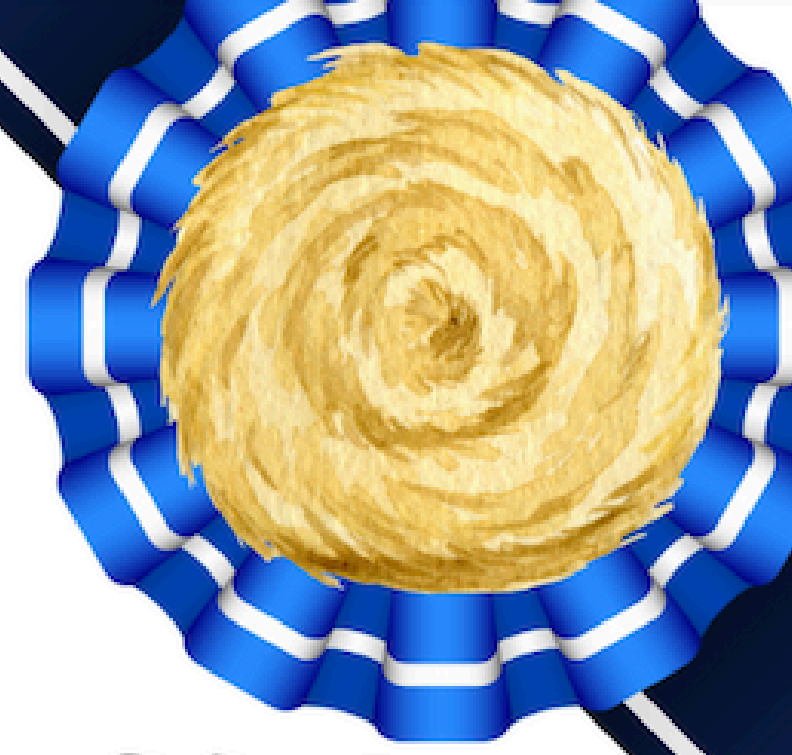
The coordinator of this program will be Harry Young (270-402-3015). If applicant has an issue or gets a bill from MCFC on cattle that qualify for program, they should contact Harry Young first. If there is a dispute or misunderstanding in the program, applicant can appeal to MCCA Board of Directors and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



# ***SOUTH-CENTRAL KY***

## *Hay Contest*



The South-Central KY Area Hay Contest is offered to all individuals raising hay in Adair, Casey, Clinton, Cumberland, Green, Marion, McCreary, Pulaski, Rockcastle, Russell, Taylor, Washington, and Wayne counties. This program aims to provide producers with free hay analysis results to aid in educating producers on raising higher quality forages and meeting livestock needs.

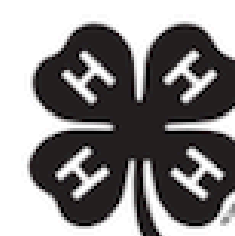
Producers may submit multiple samples in each contest area to their county agriculture agent. Samples must be submitted no later than September 30th, 2025. Results will include crude protein, DM, TDN, RFV, ADF, and NDF. After completion of the program, an area-wide event will be held to provide an educational overview of the program and present awards to contest winners. There will be one winner selected for the entire area for each hay class. Please reach out to your county agriculture agent for further information.

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# Beef and Broccoli Stuffed Potatoes

Servings:4 Serving Size:1 stuffed potato Recipe Cost:\$6.54 Cost per Serving:\$1.64



## Ingredients:

4 large potatoes, baked  
8 ounces lean ground beef  
1 teaspoon onion powder  
1 teaspoon garlic powder  
1 10-ounce package frozen chopped broccoli  
1 cup low-fat shredded cheddar cheese

## Directions:

In a skillet, cook ground beef over medium heat, breaking up beef until coarsely chopped; cook until no pink remains.

Drain fat off browned beef.

Return ground beef to skillet; add onion powder, garlic and frozen broccoli.

Cover and cook beef and broccoli mixture 8-10 minutes over medium heat.

Sprinkle cheese over mixture; cover pan until cheese melts.

To serve, place one baked potato on each plate; cut potatoes widely open.

Top each potato with one-fourth of the beef broccoli mixture.

## Make it a Meal

Pair this hearty baked potato with a side salad, whole grain roll, and milk!

Source: Brooke Jenkins-Howard, Nutrition Education Program Extension Specialist University of Kentucky Cooperative Extension Service

520 Calories; 13g total fat; 6g saturated fat; 0g trans fat; 65mg cholesterol; 280mg sodium; 71g total carbohydrate; 7g fiber; 3g sugar; 0g added sugar; 34g protein; 0% Daily Value vitamin d; 25% Daily Value calcium; 35% Daily Value iron; 40% Daily Value potassium.

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## Wildfires in Kentucky



By Simone Lewis - National Weather Service Charleston, WV

When most people think of wildfires, images of raging fires in the western United States often come to mind. But did you know that wildfires also occur in Kentucky? In fact, the state of Kentucky averages over 1,400 wildfires a year. Most of these are caused by humans, with arson the leading cause. However, many are also accidental, the result of sparks from outdoor equipment, or embers escaping from burning debris. In this article, we will examine Kentucky's fire seasons and the weather conditions that lead to an enhanced risk of wildfires, and get acquainted with some of the products that the National Weather Service issues to alert the public and land managers of adverse fire weather conditions.

The state of Kentucky has two wildfire seasons: one in the spring (February 15th to April 30th), and another in the fall (October 1st to December 15th). During these two seasons, the combination of dead or dying vegetation (often referred to as "fuels"), combined with often dry (low relative humidity) and windy weather, create a perfect storm for the spread of wildfires. In addition, the lack of a significant leaf canopy allows the sunlight to penetrate the forest floor easier, leading to increased drying of the already dead or dying vegetation (especially fuels that are susceptible to drying quickly such as leaves and grasses). Both seasons often see a lack of significant rainfall (particularly the fall), which can lead to an increase in the susceptibility of vegetation to burn, particularly if drought conditions were already in place.

The NWS issues a variety of products to assist with wildfire management, including routine fire weather forecasts that highlight the development of adverse fire weather conditions, fire weather watches and warnings, site specific "spot" forecasts that can be used for prescribed burns and active suppression efforts, and even on-site meteorologist support in the case of larger incidents. Many NWS offices also have dedicated fire weather pages that anyone can access. Information often found on these pages includes, but is not limited to, a daily fire weather forecast and discussion, fire weather outlook maps, and links displaying the current and forecast fire danger for your area.

Understanding the products the NWS issues to highlight adverse fire weather is imperative in order to stop the ignition and spread of wildfires. When favorable fire weather conditions are forecast, the NWS will often issue fire weather watches or red flag warnings to alert land managers, and the public of the risk of wildfires. A fire weather watch is issued generally 24-72 hours in advance to alert of the potential for dangerous fire weather conditions to develop. Whereas a red flag warning means that dangerous fire weather conditions are ongoing or expected to develop shortly (generally within 24 hours of issuance). Whether you are under a fire weather watch or red flag warning, caution should be used when dealing with anything that could start a wildfire, and open burning of any type should be avoided. In addition to these products, the NWS will also often issue air quality alerts, in coordination with environmental agencies, when unhealthy levels of air pollution are expected from wildfire smoke.

Lastly, in addition to staying informed of the latest fire weather forecast and conditions in your area, there are other things that you can do to help mitigate the threat of wildfires. These include clearing dead vegetation from your property, adhering to local burn bans and laws, and avoiding burning on days when the wildfire threat is high. If you do choose to burn, do not leave a fire unattended, and have a water source nearby should your fire escape. Lastly, call 911 if you see a wildfire or a fire you are attending to gets out of control. By staying informed of the weather conditions, and practicing common sense safety measures, you can help keep Kentucky safe and beautiful, for yourself and your fellow Kentuckians.



Weekly Kentucky Livestock and Grain Summary

Frankfort, KY

For Week Ending:

Receipts: 13,432

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Monday, August 25, 2025

Saturday, August 23, 2025

Last Week: 14,388

Last Year: 17,635

Compared to last week, feeder steers and heifers sold steady to 6.00 higher with exceptions to sharply higher. Yearling steers and heifers sold 5.00 to 10.00 higher with good to very good demand for feeder and yearling classes. Slaughter cows and bulls sold steady to 2.00 lower with good to very good demand.

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Steers (M&L 1-2)	This Week	Prior Week	Last Year
350-400 lbs	477.07	450.43	293.46
400-450 lbs	448.43	423.26	296.93
450-500 lbs	429.78	408.03	286.40
500-550 lbs	395.67	393.27	281.43
550-600 lbs	380.99	375.52	270.13
600-650 lbs	371.90	360.31	257.91
650-700 lbs	354.47	351.39	249.77
700-750 lbs	338.09	335.52	237.79
750-800 lbs	335.61	342.78	234.10
800-850 lbs	338.46	325.38	234.87
850-900 lbs	319.23	317.72	229.99
Heifers (M&L 1-2)			
300-350 lbs	397.12	404.83	267.12
350-400 lbs	403.30	401.35	270.90
400-450 lbs	387.89	382.88	260.42
450-500 lbs	375.59	368.87	254.76
500-550 lbs	359.00	348.55	246.65
550-600 lbs	348.07	341.51	243.63
600-650 lbs	329.61	328.23	227.45
650-700 lbs	322.40	324.25	224.44
700-750 lbs	304.88	291.94	212.52
750-800 lbs	304.12	279.13	213.81

WEEKLY COW SUMMARY

Slaughter Cows	Average	High	Low
Breakers	150.00-182.00	160.00-205.00	142.00-171.00
Boners	140.00-178.00	160.00-197.00	110.00-169.00
Lean	127.00-169.00	150.00-184.00	100.00-152.00
Slaughter Bulls	Average	High	Low
Yield Grade 1&2	184.00-220.00	202.00-226.00	162.00-189.00

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Bowling Green, KY

SLAUGHTER GOATS: 210

Kids Selection 1 51 lbs 385.00; 65 lbs 345.00; 90 lbs 295.00. Selection 1-2 67 lbs 350.00. Selection 2 53-54 lbs 305.00-335.00; 68 lbs 275.00-340.00.

SLAUGHTER SHEEP: 670

Hair Breeds-Choice & Prime 1-2 56-58 lbs 300.00-305.00; 66-68 lbs 267.50-285.00; 72-75 lbs 265.00-275.00; 91-95 lbs 230.00-237.00. Choice 2 50-55 lbs 285.00; 65 lbs 257.50; 76 lbs 235.00; 94 lbs 225.00; 155 lbs 142.50.

Woolled-Choice & Prime 1-2 135 lbs 162.50. Choice 2 83 lbs 230.00.

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GRAINS	This Week	Prior Week	Last Year
Corn	3.73-4.13	3.66-4.10	3.31-3.66
Soybeans	9.63-10.44	9.58-10.44	8.64-9.58
Red Winter Wheat	3.96-4.93	4.00-4.96	4.13-4.52

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)

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