# NOVEMBER 2024 — **CASEY COUNTY AG NEWS**



## **AGENT NOTES**

We have wrapped up the South Central KY Hay Contest and I am proud to say that Casey County submitted the most hay samples of all 13 counties, way to go guys! We will have results in soon and I

will be reaching out to you with those. We would love for everyone that can to attend the Hay Contest Awards and Education night on December 10th. Even if you did not get to participate this year there will be some great material covered as well as a free meal. Also, don't forget the deadline for CAIP applications is November 8th! Kelsey Marcuim

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## **Election Day** November 5th



## North American International Livestock Exposition

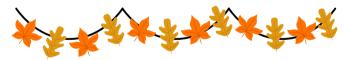
November 7th-21st







**Casey County Jr Cattlemen's Meeting** November 12th at 5:00pm Casey Co. Extension Office





**NOVEMBER 28TH** 



# BEEF MANAGEMENT WEBINAR SERIES

If you are interested and would like to be registered send an email to dbullock@uky.edu with Beef Webinar Series in the Subject and your name and county in the message to receive a Zoom link and password. You will receive an invitation and password the morning of the presentation.

## November

12	Shooting the Bull: Answering all your Beef Related Questions!
	Updates and Roundtable discussion with UK Specialists
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10	Winter Feeding Strategies to Extend Short Hay Supplies
Sec.	Dr. Lawton Stewart, Professor, University of Georgia
January 14	Important Traits for Bull Selection in Kentucky
	Dr. Matt Spangler, Professor, University of Nebraska
February 11	Marketing Opportunities for the Spring Dr. Kenny Burdine, Professor, and Kevin Laurent, Extension Specialist, University of Kentucky
March	Preparing for a Successful Spring Breeding Season
	Dr. Les Anderson, Extension Professor, University of Kentucky
April 8	Health Update and Internal Parasite Field Study Results Dr. Michelle Arnold, Extension Veterinarian, and Dr. Jeff
. 283 - 2	Lehmkuhler, Extension Professor, University of Kentucky





## Managing Newly Purchased Feeder Calves Program

TOPIC: Managing newly purchased feeder calves for improved immunity.

WHEN: THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 14, 2024

## WHERE: RUSSELL COUNTY SCHOOLS AUDITORIUM 2167 U.S 127, RUSSELL SPRINGS KY, 42642

6:00 - 6:45	Topic on delaying vaccination on high-risk feeder calves. Dr. John Richeson, West Texas A&M	
6:45 - 7:00	Sponsor Continental Refining Company, Somerset, KY	
7:00 - 7:30	Meal	
7:30 - 8:15	Methods to reduce stress throughout the feeder calf marketing process. Dr. John Richeson, West Texas A&M	
8:15 PM	Program Evaluation	1
8:30 PM	Adjourn	ľ.

## Those interested MUST call the Russell County Extension Office at 270-866-4477 to register!

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# Dairy Gauge Program

## What are the Major Benefits of the Program?

- Per cow and per hundredweight income and expense report
- Benchmark report including over 20 financial standards
- Dairy Financial Scorecard indicating operation financial health (Good, Watch, Investigate)
- Long-term ability to compare to farm averages across the region

## What Materials do I Need to Complete the Program?

- Annual income and expense statement
- Annual milk marketing summary
- Most current balance sheet. We can assist with creating this document if you do not have one.
- Average number of lactating and dry cows
- Schedule F if available

## FAQ's

#### How long will the visit take?

Usually only 1 or 2 hours, depending on the information that is readily available

#### What happens to my data?

Your identity and individual data is completely confidential. Averages from the program as a whole will be reported for benchmarking across the state and region.

#### How do I join the program?

Contact your local County Extension Agent.

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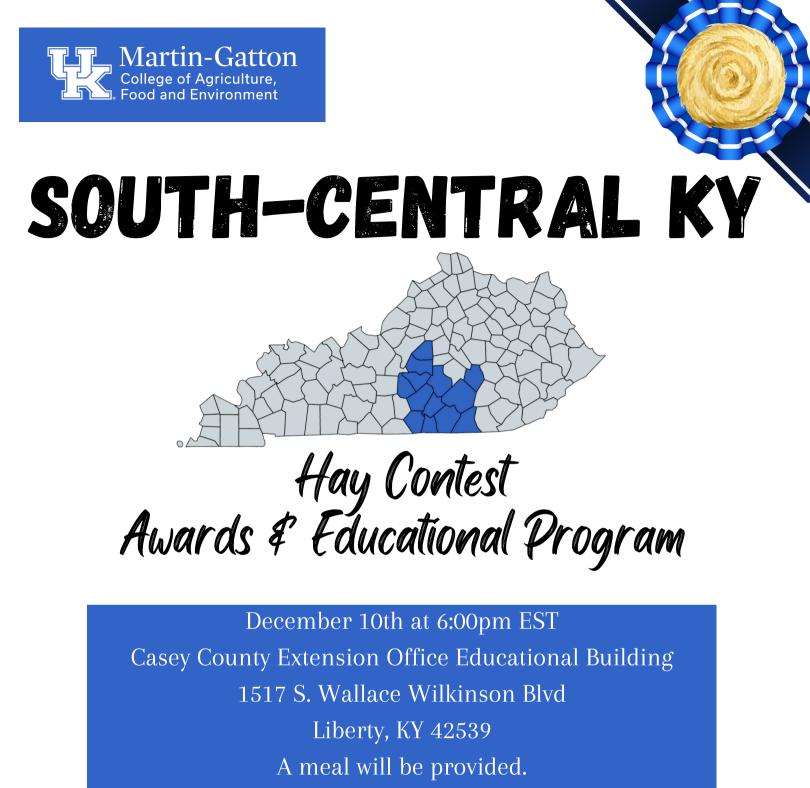
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# **Forage Timely Tips**

Apply 30-40# N/A to strengthen cool-season grass sods.

Using a plate meter or grazing stick, estimate stockpile available for winter grazing.

Adjust animal numbers or purchase additional hay to balance forage-feed supply to livestock needs.

Graze crop residues and cover crops that will not overwinter.

Graze winter annuals once they are 6- inches tall and are well anchored. Do NOT graze closer to 4 inches.

Alkaloid content of tall fescue can be high some years, but will begin decline after a hard freeze.



# Fall Nutrient Applications has its Advantages

Source: John Grove, Plant and Soil Sciences professor

Grain producers can take steps now to prepare for the next growing season. Fall is an ideal time to start by applying nutrients to the soil.

There are several benefits to autumn fertilizing. For one, it can prevent delays in planting come spring. Kentucky's fall weather is generally drier, reducing the risk of soil compaction during application. Additionally, purchasing fertilizer in these cooler months might lead to savings, as spring tends to be the busier season for fertilizer sales.

Before getting started, test your soil to ensure you only apply the nutrients your fields need. This approach saves both time and money. You can coordinate with your local extension office to submit soil samples to the University of Kentucky's regional testing labs.

Once your soil test results are in, follow UK recommendations for fertilizer application. Potash and phosphorus are particularly well-suited for fall application in Kentucky. These nutrients interact with the soil to keep them in place, preventing loss through leaching during the state's typically wet winters. If you're planting small grains this autumn, apply the recommended rates of phosphorus and potash before planting. Double-crop producers should also account for soybean nutrient needs when applying fall wheat fertilizer.

UK encourages corn and full-season soybean producers to wait until the springtime to apply nitrogen and animal manures. Both run a high risk of leaching from the soil during the winter. Additionally, nitrogen losses can occur from denitrification and immobilization during the winter. Animal manures are most effective when there is a crop already growing in the field.

If you've planted wheat this fall, apply just enough nitrogen to promote early growth and tillering, usually no more than 40 pounds per acre. Wheat-following crops like soybeans, tobacco or well-fertilized corn may not need additional nitrogen in the fall. If more nitrogen is required, remember that common phosphorus fertilizers in Kentucky, such as DAP (18-46-0) and MAP (11-52-0), also supply nitrogen that the wheat can utilize.

## MONEY FOR ON-FARM INVESTMENTS AVAILABLE...



## Casey Co. Conservation District

46 Farmers Deposit Drive Suite 200 Liberty, KY 42539 (606) 787-2017 ext. 3

Applications will require a copy of driver's license and a utility bill to show proof of residency.

## COUNTY AGRICULTURAL INVESTMENT PROGRAM (CAIP)

Applications will be available for Casey County's CAIP to assist farmers in making important on-farm investments.

## Application Period:

October 21st – November 8th, 2024 No applications will be accepted after November 8, 2024.

### Application Availability:

Casey County Conservation District Office Monday – Friday (8 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.)

### For More Information:

Contact Casey County Conservation Office at 606-787-2017, ext. 3 or email joni.miller@usda.gov.

All applications are scored, based on the scoring criteria set by the Kentucky Agricultural Development Board.



### Directions:

Combine venison, milk, oats, onion, salt, and pepper in a large bowl. Use a sturdy spoon or clean hands to mix well. Shape meat mixture into 12 1-inch balls, and place in a shallow 9-by-13-inch baking pan. \*Combine all the sauce ingredients in a bowl and stir well. Pour sauce over meatballs. Bake uncovered at 350 degrees F for 1 hour, turning over twice.

## **BBQ Venison Meatballs**

Ingredients: Meatballs 1 pound ground venison (may substitute elk or beef) ½ cup 2% milk ¾ cup rolled oats ½ cup minced fresh onion ¼ teaspoon salt ¼ teaspoon black pepper Sauce \*1 cup ketchup \*1½ cup grated onion \*2 tablespoons vinegar \*1¼ teaspoon black pepper