



Report for the
**Tobacco Settlement Agreement Fund
Oversight Committee**

September 18, 2020

Meeting of the
Kentucky Agricultural Development Board

KADF Programs

Approved at the September 2020 KADB Meeting

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<u>County</u>	<u>Program Administrator</u>	<u>Date Submitted</u>		<u>Funds Approved</u>
Scott	Scott County Soil Conservation District	07/31/2020		\$ 250,000.00
Wayne	Wayne County Agriculture Development Council, Inc.	08/06/2020		\$ 125,600.00
Webster	Green River Area Beef Improvement Group, Inc.	08/17/2020	State	\$ 6,755.00
Webster	Green River Area Beef Improvement Group, Inc.	08/17/2020		\$ 19,782.00
Jackson	Jackson County Cattlemen's Association Incorporated	08/24/2020		\$ 160,464.00
Fayette	Fayette County Conservation District	08/24/2020		\$ 225,000.00
Hancock	Hancock County Conservation District	08/25/2020		\$ 99,287.00
Franklin	Franklin County Cattlemen's Association, Inc.	08/26/2020		\$ 131,134.00
Woodford	Woodford County Agriculture Advancement Council, Inc.	08/28/2020		\$ 275,000.00
Pendleton	Pendleton County Agricultural Diversification Association,	08/28/2020		\$ 184,408.00
9				\$ 1,477,430.00

Deceased Farm Animal Removal (DAR)

<u>County</u>	<u>Program Administrator</u>	<u>Date Submitted</u>		<u>Funds Approved</u>
Franklin	Franklin County Conservation District	08/26/2020		\$ 8,750.00
Fleming	Fleming County Fiscal Court	08/28/2020		\$ 5,000.00
2				\$ 13,750.00

Meat Processing: Level 2 Expansion

<u>County</u>	<u>Program Administrator</u>	<u>Date Submitted</u>		<u>Funds Approved</u>
Marion	Loretto Butcher Shop	06/23/2020	State	\$ 37,500.00
Whitley	Moonlight Meat Processing, Inc	07/31/2020	State	\$ 37,500.00
2				\$ 75,000.00

Next Generation Farmer (NextGen)

<u>County</u>	<u>Program Administrator</u>	<u>Date Submitted</u>		<u>Funds Approved</u>
Scott	Scott County Soil Conservation District	08/04/2020		\$ 30,000.00
1				\$ 30,000.00

KADF Programs

Shared-Use Equipment Program

<u>County</u>	<u>Program Administrator</u>	<u>Date Submitted</u>	<u>Funds Approved</u>
Franklin	Franklin County Conservation District	08/26/2020	\$ 5,750.00
1			<hr/> \$ 5,750.00

Youth Ag Incentives Program (Youth)

<u>County</u>	<u>Program Administrator</u>	<u>Date Submitted</u>	<u>Funds Approved</u>
Webster	Green River Area Beef Improvement Group, Inc.	08/19/2020	State \$ 2,625.00
1			<hr/> \$ 2,625.00

Total County* KADF Approved for Programs:	\$1,604,555.00
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On-Farm Water SSG Projects Approved

APP #	APPLICANT	COUNTY	FUNDS REQUESTED
A2020-0181	Andrew Ellison D/B/A Southern Sweet Berry Farm	Graves	\$1,912.00
A2020-0185	ASAPFish, LLC	Woodford	\$10,000.00
Total State Funds Recommended for Approval:			\$11,912.00
# Awards: 2		# Counties: 2	

**The On-Farm Water Management Program provides funding to promote water resilience on farms.
The Small Scale Grant (SSG) is for a private farm that wishes to implement bestmanagement practices for water management on the farm.*

Approved Project

Triple J Farm**A2020-0146***Application County: Scott**Date Submitted: 06/26/2020**Total Funds Awarded: \$180,000***FUNDING REQUEST**

Triple J Farm is requesting \$115,000 in State funds and \$65,000 in Multiple County funds to build a farm market.

APPLICATION SUMMARY

The applicant plans to build a new farm market, located on the new portion of the bypass in Scott County. There current building cannot be expanded due to its location. The new market will consist of: commercial kitchen, large freezer, large cooler and a separate packaging area. The applicant plans to partner with at least 15 different growers/producers within the state.

The total project cost is anticipated to be \$360,632 with funding from the following sources:

\$115,000 State Funds (unsecured)

\$65,000 Multiple County funds (unsecured)

\$180,000 Farm Credit Mid-America (pending)

\$25,000 Partnership Money (secured)

PROJECTED PRODUCER IMPACT

The applicant states that 15 farm families will directly benefit from this project.

Board Decision:

Triple J Farm, located in Scott County, was approved for up to \$180,000 in multiple county and state funds to build a new farm market.

Approved Project

Hinton's Orchard & Farm Market, LLC**A2020-0173***Application County: LaRue**Date Submitted: 07/01/2020**Total Funds Awarded: \$7,500***FUNDING REQUEST**

Hinton's Orchard & Farm Market, LLC is requesting \$10,000 in multiple counties funds to expand its commercial kitchen.

APPLICATION SUMMARY

The applicant plans to expand the commercial kitchen at the on farm-market to added value to their products. The kitchen expansion will include an additional food prep area with a hood. This will also allow more baked items and increase capacity for concessions during the fall season.

The total project cost is anticipated to be \$46,842 with funding from the following sources:

\$5,000 LaRue County funds (secured)

\$5,000 Hardin County funds (unsecured)

\$35,000 Lincoln National Bank (secured)

\$1,842 Personal Investment (secured)

PROJECTED PRODUCER IMPACT

The applicant states that six counties of farm families will directly benefit from this project.

Board Decision:

Hinton's Orchard & Farm Market LLC, located in LaRue County, was approved for up to \$10,000 in multiple county funds to expand its commercial kitchen, which will include an additional food prep area and increased concessions capacity for the fall season.

Approved Project

Owen County Farm Bureau, Inc.**A2020-0178***Application County: Owen**Date Submitted: 07/13/2020**Total Funds Awarded: \$4,000***FUNDING REQUEST**

Owen County Farm Bureau Inc., is requesting \$4,000 in Owen County funds to improve accessibility at the farmer's market facility.

APPLICATION SUMMARY

The applicant plans to expand the driveway to allow more traffic in and out of the farmers market . Currently, the driveway only allows one vehicle in and out at a time. Also, the applicant plans to add additional parking. Owen County Farm Bureau was awarded \$90,000 in Owen County funds in 2010 for a farmers market project.

The total project cost is anticipated to be \$8,000 with funding from the following sources:

\$ 4,000 Owen County funds (secured)

\$ 4,000 Owen County Farm Bureau (secured)

PROJECTED PRODUCER IMPACT

Currently there are 22 farm families that sell at the farmers market.

Board Decision:

Owen County Farm Bureau Inc. was approved for up to \$4,000 in Owen County funds to improve accessibility at the farmers market facility.

Approved Project

Greenup County Extension District Board**A2020-0179***Application County: Greenup**Date Submitted: 07/08/2020**Total Funds Awarded: \$10,000***FUNDING REQUEST**

Greenup County Extension District Board is requesting \$10,000 in Greenup County funds to purchase mobile livestock pens.

APPLICATION SUMMARY

The applicant plans to purchase mobile livestock pens for the Greenup County Fair. The pens will be used for the Greenup County Fair and other agricultural events.

The total cost of the project is estimated at \$62,527 with funding from the following sources:

\$10,000 Greenup County funds (secured)

\$52,527 Greenup County Extension District Board (secured)

PROJECTED PRODUCER IMPACT

The applicant states that it will directly benefit 200 families involved with the Greenup County fair livestock shows.

Board Decision:

Greenup County Extension District Board was approved for up to \$10,000 in Greenup County funds to purchase mobile livestock pens, which will be used for the Greenup County Fair and other agricultural events.

Approved Project

Keith Nash d/b/a Nash Farms**A2020-0180***Application County: Washington**Date Submitted: 07/13/2020**Total Funds Awarded: \$45,679***FUNDING REQUEST**

Nash Farms is requesting \$45,679 in State and multiple County funds to develop a produce facility to conform to food safety standards.

APPLICATION SUMMARY

Nash Farms plans to develop a facility designated for receiving, washing, packaging and storing fresh produce to increase production and meet current customer demand. Current customer base includes Springfield Farmers Market shoppers, Parkview IGA and Mordecai's Restaurant. The applicant states that increased production would help to ensure food security within the community and the community's access to fresh, quality produce. The facility will also be used for local farmers to become contract growers and all surplus to be donated to the local community action center. KADF funds will be utilized to purchase and install a wash line, cooler and construct the building.

The total cost of the project is estimated at \$91,357 with funding from the following sources:

\$34,729 State funds

\$10,950 Washington County funds (secured)

\$44,000 Local Lender (secured)

\$ 1,679 Personal funds (secured)

PROJECTED PRODUCER IMPACT

The applicant states that the project will immediately benefit their personal operation; however, the facility will be used to create an opportunity for local farmers to become contract growers. Once that is established, more local farmers will be impacted.

Board Decision:

Nash Farms, located in Washington County, was approved for up to \$45,679 in multiple county and state funds to develop a produce facility that will be designated for receiving, washing, packaging and storing fresh produce.

Approved Project

Kentucky Agriculture and Environment in the Classroom, Inc.**A2020-0187***Application County: _ALL**Date Submitted: 07/28/2020**Total Funds Awarded: \$120,000***FUNDING REQUEST**

Kentucky Agriculture and Environment in the Classroom, Inc. (KAEC) has requested \$120,000 in State funds for educational materials and program services.

APPLICATION SUMMARY

KAEC and its funding partners provide agriculture-based educational programs and resources to teachers, schools and volunteer farm educators to grow agricultural literacy, develop future consumers and encourage students to consider agriculture-based professions. In utilizing previous grants, KAEC has been able to reach 500,000 students across Kentucky.

The total cost of the project is estimated at \$240,000 with funding from the following sources:

\$120,000 State funds

- \$ 2,500 Farm Credit Mid-America (pending)
- \$ 20,000 Kentucky Soybean Board (secured)
- \$ 15,000 Kentucky Department of Agriculture (secured)
- \$ 10,000 Kentucky Beef Council (pending)
- \$ 1,500 Kentucky Horse Council (secured)
- \$ 2,500 Kentucky Poultry Federation (secured)
- \$ 25,000 Kentucky Pork Producers bi-annual payments (partially secured)
- \$ 17,500 Kentucky Livestock Coalition (secured)
- \$ 10,000 Kentucky Farm Bureau (secured)
- \$ 5,000 Kentucky Corn Growers (secured)
- \$ 2,800 The Dairy Alliance (secured)
- \$ 1,000 Kentucky Small Grain Growers (secured)
- \$ 2,500 Agribusiness Association of Kentucky (pending)
- \$ 10,000 Local Farm Bureau and Conservation District Boards (pending)

*If all match is secured, project is over matched by \$5,300

PROJECTED PRODUCER IMPACT

The goal of this project is to educate future Kentucky consumers and encourage more students to consider agricultural careers and has the potential to benefit all Kentucky farm families and the Kentucky agricultural industry.

Board Decision:

Kentucky Agriculture and Environment in the Classroom Inc. was approved for up to \$120,000 in state funds for educational materials and program services to grow agricultural literacy, develop future consumers and encourage students to consider agriculture-based professions.

Approved Project

Kentucky Department of Agriculture**A2020-0197***Application County: _ALL**Date Submitted: 07/31/2020**Total Funds Awarded: \$259,000***FUNDING REQUEST**

The Kentucky Department of Agriculture is requesting \$259,000 in State funds over a two year period to continue to support the Kentucky Grape and Wine Council (KGWC).

APPLICATION SUMMARY

The applicant indicates that these funds will help the Kentucky Grape and Wine Council with branding and advertising and a label cost-share grant. The branding and advertising portion of the project will help with digital promotion in addition to advertising on the Drink Ky App. Since 98% of Kentucky wineries are small wineries, a large cost of production is labels. The label cost-share grant will be similar to the Kentucky Pound POP. grants, only the grants will be for labels. As of 2020, there are 70 wineries and more than 125 grape growers in Kentucky. The funds will be used for vineyard expansion, branding and advertising, and wholesaler reimbursement.

The total cost of this project is estimated at \$518,000 with funding from the following sources:

\$259,000 State funds (unsecured)

\$209,000 Branding and Advertising (pending)

\$50,000 Kentucky wine label cost-share grant (50% Cost Share) (pending)

PROJECTED PRODUCER IMPACT

The applicant states that more than 200 farm families will benefit from this project in at least 40 counties.

Board Decision:

The Kentucky Department of Agriculture was approved for up to \$259,000 in state funds over two years to continue to support the Kentucky Grape and Wine Council initiatives, including vineyard expansion, branding, advertising, wholesaler reimbursement and a label cost-share program.

Denied Project

Wilburn R. Sisco**A2020-0177***Application County: Hardin**Date Submitted: 07/08/2020**Total Funds Awarded: \$0***FUNDING REQUEST**

Wilburn R. Sisco is requesting \$10,000 in State funds to build a pond for his cattle operation. This will be a Small Scale Grant project in Hardin County.

APPLICATION SUMMARY

Wilburn R. Sisco has been in the beef cattle industry for over 20 years. They plan to construct a pond to supply daily water requirement for the cattle and to decrease dependency on municipal water source.

The total cost of the project is estimated at \$22,780 with the following funding sources:

\$10,000 State funds

\$12,780 Personal Funds (secured)

Committee Recommendation:

The On-Farm Water Management Committee recommends denying the request as it did not meet eligibility criteria.

Board Decision:

This application was denied, based on the Committee's recommendation.

Denied Project

Anne Severn Williamson d/b/a Ghost Horse Highland Farm & Gifts**A2020-0186***Application County: Jackson**Date Submitted: 07/28/2020**Total Funds Awarded: \$0***FUNDING REQUEST**

Anne Severn is requesting \$1,500 in State funds to develop a spring to harvest water for livestock. This will be a Small Scale Grant project in Jackson County.

APPLICATION SUMMARY

Anne Severn manages Ghost Horse Highland Farm that began as a Mountain Pleasure Saddler horse farm and is expanding to wool sheep, edible mushrooms and produce business. They plan to develop a spring to harvest water in both a cistern and pond to supply daily water requirements for livestock.

The total cost of the project is estimated at \$3,000 with the following funding sources:

\$1,500 State funds

\$1,500 Personal Funds (secured)

Committee Recommendation:

The On-Farm Water Management Committee recommends denying the request as it did not meet eligibility criteria.

Board Decision:

This application was denied, based on the Committee's recommendation.

Denied Project

Honey Tree Farm, LLC**A2020-0192***Application County: Scott**Date Submitted: 07/31/2020**Total Funds Awarded: \$0***FUNDING REQUEST**

Honey Tree Farm, LLC is requesting \$6,160 in State funds to install a water line and waterers for livestock. This will be a Small Scale Grant project in Scott County.

APPLICATION SUMMARY

Honey Tree Farm, LLC was purchased in 2016 and is being renovated into a diversified farming operation including bees, poultry, swine, fruit and nut trees and dairy cattle. They plan to install water lines to supply daily water requirements for livestock.

The total cost of the project is estimated at \$12,320 with the following funding sources:

\$6,160 State funds

\$6,160 Personal Funds (secured)

Committee Recommendation:

The On-Farm Water Management Committee recommends denying the request as it did not meet eligibility criteria.

Board Decision:

This application was denied, based on the Committee's recommendation.

Ag Development funds help Ky. processors expand

From The Farmer's Pride

Issue: October 1, 2020

Although the global health pandemic has caused economic hardships on a grand scale, there's one effect Kentucky farmers hope sticks around – people buying more local food, especially from beef producers and processors.

The Kentucky Agricultural Development Board also wants to see that continue. Along with help from the Kentucky Agricultural Finance Corporation and Dr. Gregg Rentfrow with the University of Kentucky, a new program was created by the board to help the state's beef processors keep up with increased demands.

KADB committed \$1 million back in May as part of the Meat Processing Investment Program, set up to help processors expand operations. Then, in August, the board earmarked another \$500,000 for the program.

So far, it has approved nine different awards to processors in nine counties. Separated into three levels of funding, the program has recommended state funds be awarded to the tune of almost \$693,000, with more pending.

Those funds, depending on which level they were awarded at, will help businesses with operating costs related to increased processing needs for both large- and small-scale expansions, from equipment upgrades to overall facility improvements.

A fourth level has also been recently added in order to help those who purchased a facility, or those who are looking to start one.

Ryan Quarles, Kentucky's ag commissioner, says the limits on processing capacities have been an issue, but were even more impacted due to the coronavirus.

"But that's been one of the silver-linings of COVID; it's put a great emphasis on local food and Kentucky Proud products," he says. "Sales are way up, and with the meat shortages back in April, more Kentuckians than ever looked for locally-sourced meat products, which put even more stress on our 20+ USDA (inspected) processors."

Quarles says he, the former GOAP Executive Director Warren Beeler and KADB worked to create the program.

"When farmers have to wait six months to a year to get processed, we know the demand is high and we need to increase that availability," he said.

Quarles says he is particularly proud that the program "helps both small, medium and large processors, all at once." Now, with the recommended funds to be awarded, "you're seeing the fruits of labor, seeing the mom-and-pop shops are benefiting, and we're hoping that consumers will benefit from having more local food options."

He says they will continue to work to increase not only the state's meat production capacity, but also other Kentucky Proud programs "as the pandemic has created this silver lining for Kentucky farmers to benefit from, during these uncertain times."

Anne Bays runs Moonlight Meat Processing Inc. in Whitley County, which she purchased three years ago. She heard about the program when her USDA meat grader made a visit, and immediately set out to investigate.

She was first approved for a \$20,000 level 1 award, “which pays producers who are doing a whole lot more USDA business now than they have been; it pays you a premium per animal.”

Recently, she was notified that she also received a level 2 award, for smaller expansions and equipment upgrades, totaling \$37,500 — the maximum allowed in that level. Since the plant she bought had been in operation for over 30 years, “a lot of the equipment is really old and outdated,” which was fine, as long as they weren’t doing as much production.

Bays plans to apply for the level 3 funds, as well. She opened an additional meat shop in downtown Williamsburg, then the pandemic hit.

“Right now, I have 17 employees. Before COVID, I had six.” Moonlight went from averaging 16 animals a week to now 30-35.

Purchases she will be partly reimbursed for include a primary freezer replacement, a cooling unit for the processing room, and two new saws, one for carcass-splitting on the kill floor and a smaller one for the processing area.

Dennis Ray Wise, owner of Wise Custom Meat Packing in Taylor County, was also approved for a level 2 award. He will be reimbursed for up to \$28,425 for the purchase of a patty attachment.

“It just makes hamburger patties – does it way more quickly,” Wise says, which will help him tremendously. His business is booked up for processing “all the way out to the end of next year.” Wise says some customers have asked to start booking for 2022, but he feels that’s too far out, even though he’s heard of one guy in Tennessee who’s booking out to 2024.

“The whole operation, there’s just a lot of labor involved. That’s one reason everybody’s backed up — there’s not a lot of people who want to do this type of labor. If you can get a piece of equipment, it really helps you out,” Wise said.

The process of applying for the money wasn’t too hard, Wise said.

“I mean, there’s a lot of paperwork to it, but it’s not impossible, and it was easy to understand.”

This is the first time his business has applied for funds like this.

“We didn’t know what to expect. We knew it had to be approved by — not sure who all looks at it, actually ...”

Bill McCloskey, deputy executive director of GOAP, said the meat processing expansion committee reviews applications, then makes funding recommendations to the board.

“They are reimbursed after their purchases, of course they turn in a document of expenses, including canceled checks ... We want to be good stewards of this money. We also do a site visit, as well,” McCloskey said.

McCloskey, along with GOAP's new executive director, Dorsey Ridley, say the program is growing at an incredible pace. McCloskey describes it as "state government working at warp speed."

Quarles says they knew the response would be very high, and he's "proud we're moving so quickly. This is one of the boldest moves the Ag Development Board has made since its creation years ago."

Quarles says they began working on implementation late last spring, and had the program up and running by summer.

"What you're seeing now is the completion in record-breaking time, in applications and evaluations. It usually takes some time for grants to be available, but the need is so great, we were able to get it up and running quickly," Quarles said.

Ridley said the program is still developing.

"Level 4 is most recent, for new processing plants. This is quite new," he said. This funding will be for used for those who have purchased a new facility or are looking to start one.

Marielle McElmurray, director of public affairs for GOAP, says if approved, these applicants can get help with anything from construction of the facility to registrations and food safety certifications, for example.

"We've had two applications for this, which are in pending status, until (the board) can get a meat processing consultant to come on and work with them," to help advise, she says.

Wise Custom Meat Packing has been in business for 55 years, after Dennis Ray's dad, Floyd Wise, started the business. Wise said they have three employees, who are all family.

Wise said he has never seen demand such as he has experienced in recent months. It's just crazy right now," he said.

Bays said she believes the new market trend is here to stay.

"I think the whole COVID crisis really opened people's eyes to where their food comes from, and they would rather have their food local," she said.

While she wasn't shocked to be awarded the funds, Bays said she was very pleased.

"I've said this before, and I'll say it again – Kentucky helps their ag producers a lot. That's real important. Kentucky does a really good job with this."

Processors also have access to low-interest loans through the Kentucky Agricultural Finance Corporation, as well as technical assistance through the University of Kentucky College of Agriculture and the Kentucky Center for Agriculture and Rural Development.

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The Farmer's Pride



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**Gov. Beshear and Kentucky Agricultural Development Board Approve
More Than \$2.2 Million for Projects Across Commonwealth**
Agriculture education and processing expansion among projects approved

FRANKFORT, Ky. (Sept. 18, 2020) – The Kentucky Agricultural Development Board approved \$2,245,146 for agricultural diversification and rural development projects across the commonwealth at its monthly board meeting.

“The projects that the KADB has approved will help keep our agriculture industry vibrant as we work to safeguard our economy from the destructive coronavirus pandemic and emerge as a better Kentucky,” said Gov. Andy Beshear. “This funding will support agriculture education, meat processing, farm water management and safety enhancements, among many other benefits.”

State Investments:

Kentucky Grape & Wine Council Initiatives

The Kentucky Department of Agriculture was approved for up to \$259,000 in state funds over two years to continue to support the Kentucky Grape and Wine Council. Funding will be used for vineyard expansion, branding, advertising, wholesaler reimbursement and a label cost-share grant. As of 2020, there are 70 wineries and more than 125 grape growers in the Kentucky.

Agriculture Education Program and Curriculum Development

Kentucky Agriculture and Environment in the Classroom Inc. was approved for up to \$120,000 in state funds for educational materials and program services. The project will continue to provide agriculture-based educational programs and resources to teachers, schools and volunteer farm educators to grow agricultural literacy, develop future consumers and encourage students to consider agriculture-based professions.

Farm Retail Market

Triple J Farm, located in Scott County, was approved for up to \$180,000 in multiple county and state funds to build a new farm market. Triple J Farm plans to partner with at least 15 different growers and producers within the state.

Produce Facility

Nash Farms, located in Washington County, was approved for up to \$45,679 in multiple county and state funds to develop a produce facility. The facility will be designated for receiving, washing, packaging and storing fresh produce to increase production and meet current consumer demands. The facility will help to ensure food security within the community and the community's access to fresh, quality produce. Surplus produce in the facility will be donated to the local community action center.

"I am pleased that Nash Farms will receive this funding. It will help provide food security and access to fresh produce for this community and others," said Sen. Tom Buford (R-Nicholasville). "I want to thank the Governor's Office of Agricultural Policy for recognizing the worthiness of the investment. Most of all, I want to thank the Nash family for their hard work. Nash Farms exemplifies what it means to be Kentucky Proud. I am excited to see what the new facility will produce for the Nash family and Washington County."

Meat Processing Investment Program - Level 2

Loretto Butcher Shop, located in Marion County, was approved for up to \$37,500 in state funds to purchase and install custom processing equipment and building improvements. The facility estimates an increase in the number of animals processed by up to six beef equivalents/week and 10 hogs/week.

"I would like to thank the board for their support of this important project to install custom meat processing equipment at Loretto Butcher Shop," said Sen. Jimmy Higdon (R-Lebanon). "It is important that we support small business, but also support food security by allowing them to increase the amount of weekly processing. The future of food processing includes growing local, processing local and buying local. This is a great way to invest tobacco settlement funds in a traditionally tobacco-dependent community."

Moonlight Meat Processing Inc., located in Whitley County, was approved for up to \$37,500 in state funds to purchase and install USDA processing equipment. The facility estimates an increase in the number of animals processed by up to 15 beef equivalents/week.

Farm Water Management Program - Small Scale Grant

Andrew Ellison d/b/a Southern Sweet Berry Farm was approved for up to \$1,912 in state funds to install a water line and micro-irrigation system to use water from a pond for its blueberry operation. This is a Small Scale Grant project in Graves County.

ASAPFish LLC was approved for up to \$10,000 in state funds to install a pump, piping and cistern to capture and distribute water from a spring throughout the aquaculture farm. This is a Small Scale Grant project in Woodford County.

County Investments:

Fayette County

Fayette County Conservation District was approved for \$225,000 in Fayette County funds to administer CAIP with a maximum producer limit of \$4,000 for the 2020 program year. For more information, contact Heather Silvanik at heather@kyfccd.com or 859-233-0191 ext. 3.

Fleming County

Fleming County Fiscal Court was approved for \$5,000 in Fleming County funds to administer DAR for the 2020 program year with an \$80 per animal fee to producers. For more information, contact Kathryn Dryden at flemingtreasurer@gmail.com or 606-845-1834.

Franklin County

Franklin County Cattlemen's Association Inc. was approved for \$131,134 in Franklin County funds to administer CAIP with a maximum producer limit of \$5,000 for the 2020 program year. For more information, contact James Morse at james.morse@ky.gov or 502-330-2014.

Franklin County Conservation District was awarded \$8,750 in Franklin County funds to administer DAR for the 2020 program year at no cost to producer, unless removing over 20 head of livestock. In addition, \$5,750 in Franklin County funds was awarded to administer Shared-Use for the 2020 program year. For more information, contact Crystal Harrod at fccd103@gmail.com.

Greenup County

Greenup County Extension District Board was approved for up to \$10,000 in Greenup County funds to purchase mobile livestock pens. The pens will be used for the Greenup County Fair and other agricultural events. Two-hundred families involved with the Greenup County Fair and livestock shows will benefit from this project.

Hancock County

Hancock County Conservation District was approved for \$99,287 in Hancock County funds to administer CAIP with a maximum producer limit of \$2,000 for the 2020 program year. For more information, contact Gary Baker at gary.baker@hancockky.us or 270-927-9616.

Jackson County

Jackson County Cattlemen's Association Inc. was approved for \$160,464 in Jackson County funds to administer CAIP with a maximum producer limit of \$5,000 for the 2020 program year. For more information, contact Amanda Pennington at Amanda.vaughn@outlook.com or 859-779-1897.

LaRue County

Hinton's Orchard & Farm Market LLC, located in LaRue County, was approved for up to \$10,000 in multiple county funds to expand its commercial kitchen. The kitchen expansion will include an additional food prep area and will increase capacity for concessions during the fall season. Surrounding county farm families will benefit from this project.

Owen County

Owen County Farm Bureau Inc. was approved for up to \$4,000 in Owen County funds to improve accessibility at the farmers market facility. Additional parking and driveway expansion will allow for more traffic in and out of the market. Currently, 22 farm families sell products at the farmers market.

Pendleton County

Pendleton County Agricultural Diversification Association Inc. was approved for \$184,408 in Pendleton County funds to administer CAIP with a maximum producer limit of \$5,000 for the 2020 program year. For more information, contact Kenneth Nash at pccaip@gmail.com or 859-816-0340.

Scott County

Scott County Soil Conservation District was approved for up to \$250,000 in Scott County funds to administer CAIP with a maximum producer limit of \$5,000 for the 2020 program year. In addition, \$30,000 in Scott County funds was awarded to administer NextGen with a maximum producer limit of \$3,000 for the 2020 program year. For more information, contact Darcy Smith at scottcountycd@yahoo.com or 502-863-2466.

Wayne County

Wayne County Agriculture Development Council Inc. was approved for \$125,600 in Wayne County funds to administer CAIP with a maximum producer limit of \$2,000 for the 2020 program year. For more information, contact Glen Roberts at groberts@uky.edu or 606-348-8453.

Webster County

Green River Area Beef Improvement Group Inc. was approved for \$19,782 in Webster County funds and \$6,755 in state funds to administer CAIP with a maximum producer limit of \$3,000 for the 2020 program year. In addition, \$2,625 in state funds was awarded to administer Youth with a maximum student limit of \$1,000 for the 2020 program year. For more information, contact Stacy Marksberry at grabig@bellsouth.net or 270-929-0194.

Woodford County

Woodford County Agriculture Advancement Council Inc. was approved for \$275,000 in Woodford County funds to administer CAIP with a maximum producer limit of \$4,000 for the 2020 program year. For more information, contact David Dennis at dwdennis1955@gmail.com or 502-472-4085.

The County Agricultural Investment Program (CAIP) provides farmers with incentives to allow them to improve and diversify their current production practices. CAIP covers a wide variety of agricultural enterprises in its 11 investment areas, including, but not limited to, bees and honey; equine; forage; beef and dairy cattle; goats and sheep; horticulture; poultry; swine; timber and technology, as well as energy efficiency and production; farm infrastructure and water enhancement; marketing; and value-added production.

The Deceased Farm Animal Removal Program (DAR) serves as a measure to facilitate the coordination of environmentally sound and cost-effective disposal of deceased livestock for Kentucky producers.

The Next Generation Farmer Program (NextGen) addresses the growing need for a specialized program that would benefit producers ages 18 to 40 that have been engaged in an agricultural operation for a minimum of three years.

The Shared-Use Equipment Program assists broad-based community organizations with the purchase of farm equipment. The equipment purchased is made available for producer use in a specific county on a leased basis.

The Youth Agricultural Incentives Program (Youth) encourages youth to engage in and explore agricultural opportunities.

All application periods and deadlines for CAIP, NextGen and Youth programs will be advertised locally. For more information about application dates and guidelines in each county, please call or email the contact list above under the appropriate county.