

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

## February 19, 2021

Meeting of the Kentucky Agricultural Development Board

## **KADF Programs**

### Approved at the February 2020 KADB Meeting

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<u>County</u> Rowan	Program Administrator Rowan County Conservation District	<b>Date Submitted</b> 01/15/2021		<b>Funds Approved</b> \$ 86,166.00
Crittenden	Crittenden County Conservation District	01/15/2021		\$ 17,808.00
Crittenden	Crittenden County Conservation District	01/15/2021	State	\$ 24,354.00
Kenton	Kenton County Farm Bureau, Inc.	01/22/2021		\$ 65,000.00
Bath	Bath County Conservation District	01/26/2021		\$ 220,094.00
Campbell	Campbell County Conservation District	01/26/2021		\$ 27,590.00
Gallatin	Gallatin County Farm Bureau of Gallatin County, Kentucky	01/28/2021		\$ 150,000.00
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<b>County</b>	Program Administrator	<b>Date Submitted</b>	<b>Funds Approved</b>
Bath	Bath County Conservation District	01/26/2021	\$ 5,000.00
1			\$ 5,000.00

#### Youth Ag Incentives Program (Youth)

**County** 

**Program Administrator** 

Bath	Bath County Cattleman Association, Inc.	01/26/2021	\$ 27,500.00
1			\$ 27,500.00

Total County\* KADF Approved for Programs: \$623,512.00

**Funds Approved** 

**Date Submitted** 

## Requested Program Amendments

App # A2020-0169

Applicant Name Green River Area Beef Improvement Group

Original Amount Approved \$36,480 Execution Date 09/10/2020

Requested Change The applicant requests an <u>additional</u> \$20,000 McLean County funds for

the CAIP Program. The request received a high priority from the

County Council.

This is the second request for an amendment to this application number. The term of the program shall remain 12-months from the

execution of the original agreement.

Approval of this request would bring the program total to \$71,480.

**Recommend Approval** 

#### Patterson's Butcher Shop A2020-0221

Application County: Monroe Date Submitted: 08/28/2020

Total Funds Awarded: \$256,000

#### **FUNDING REQUEST**

Patterson's Butcher Shop is requesting \$250,000 in State funds to build a USDA processing facility.

#### APPLICATION SUMMARY

The applicant would like to build a new USDA processing facility in Tompkinsville Kentucky, to process local beef, hogs and lambs. The applicant has indicated they will be providing local restaurants and grocery and plans to sale her fresh meat products at the farmers markets in Monroe County and Nashville.

The total cost of this phase of the project is estimated at \$811,997 with the following funding sources: \$250,000 State funds \$476,997 Loan Farm Credit Mid-America (Secure) \$85,000 Owner Investment

#### PROJECTED PRODUCER IMPACT

The applicant indicates 12 counties will benefit from this project.

#### **Board Decision:**

Patterson's Butcher Shop was approved for \$250,000 in state funds and \$500 in Allen County funds to build a new USDA processing facility in Monroe County. Patterson's Butcher Shop will process local beef, hogs and lambs to sell to local restaurants and at the farmers markets in Monroe County and Nashville.

William M. Kuegel, Jr. A2020-0265

Application County: Daviess Date Submitted: 10/13/2020

Total Funds Awarded: \$252,500

#### FUNDING REQUEST

William Kuegel is requesting \$250,000 in State funds to renovate Beef & Bacon Custom Processing L.L.C. a USDA processing facility.

#### APPLICATION SUMMARY

The applicant has purchased the Beef & Bacon Custom Processing L.L.C. facility to be leased and operated by Kuegel Cattle Company. The applicant plans to renovate the plant, make improvements to the kill floor and knock box, install new processing and packaging equipment, add a reception area and retail storefront, and pave the parking lot. Beef & Bacon Custom Processing L.L.C., operated by Kuegel Cattle Company, will be a USDA meat processing business that plans to open by the spring of 2021.

The total cost of this phase of the project is estimated at \$674,079 with the following funding sources: \$250,000 State funds (Unsecure) \$424,079 Personal Funds (Secured)

#### PROJECTED PRODUCER IMPACT

The applicant indicates five counties will benefit from this project.

#### **Board Decision:**

William Kuegel was approved for \$250,000 in state funds and \$2,500 in Daviess County funds to renovate Beef & Bacon Custom Processing a USDA processing facility, operated by Kuegel Cattle Company LLC in McLean County. The renovation will make improvements to the kill floor and knock box, install new processing and packaging equipment, add a reception area and retail storefront.

#### JSW Farm Chop Shop, Inc.

A2020-0268

Application County: Wolfe Date Submitted: 10/19/2020

Total Funds Awarded: \$250,000

#### **FUNDING REQUEST**

JSW Chop Shop, Inc. is requesting \$250,000 in State funds to purchase a new integrated x-ray analyzer.

#### APPLICATION SUMMARY

The applicant plans to purchase an integrated x-ray analyzer, because a failure to detect foreign objects in the meat could result in the rejection of an entire order. The installation of this equipment will streamline the production of processing, resulting in more Kentucky meat processed.

(A2011-0085) JSW Chop Shop has received \$350,000 in State funds to develop a USDA-inspected processing facility and retail distributorship that could employ 30-35 people in Wolfe County.

(A2019-0238) JSW Chop Shop has received \$173,000 in State funds as a forgivable loan to purchase a carcass washing system.

The total cost of the project is estimated at \$470,000 with funding from the following sources:

\$250,000 State funds

\$220,000 Personal funds (Secured)

#### PRODUCER IMPACT

The applicant estimates that more than 130 producers have the potential to benefit from this project.

#### **Board Decision:**

JSW Farm Chop Shop Inc. received \$250,000 in state funds to purchase a new integrated X-ray analyzer for their processing facility in Wolfe County through the Meat Processing Investment Program - Level 3. The integrated X-ray analyzer will allow JSW Farm Chop Shop to efficiently detect foreign objects in the meat and streamline the production of processing, resulting in more Kentucky meat processed.

James K. Aud, Jr. A2020-0320

Application County: Daviess Date Submitted: 12/07/2020

Total Funds Awarded: \$5,000

#### FUNDING REQUEST

James K. Aud Jr. is requesting \$25,050 in Daviess County funds for the purchase and installation of an energy efficient rotary composting system. Daviess County Agricultural Development Council only committed \$5,000 in Daviess County Agricultural Funds towards this project.

#### APPLICATION SUMMARY

The applicant is purchasing and installing an energy efficient rotary composting system to replace the current pile, cover and wait composting system for his poultry operation. The system will reduce labor and costs by no longer leaving large chunk depositions during distribution and the need for turning compost piles. The system will also reduce the negative impacts on water quality as it will generate its own heat ranging from 120-150 degrees Fahrenheit killing pathogens.

The cost of the total project is anticipated to be \$50,100 with funding from the following sources:

\$ 5,000 County funds (Secured)

\$ 25,050 Cash (Secured)

\$20,050 Cash (Unsecured)

#### PROJECTED PRODUCER IMPACT:

The applicant states that James K. Aud, Jr. will be the only producer impacted directly.

#### **Board Decision:**

James K. Aud Jr. was approved for \$5,000 in Daviess County funds for the purchase and installation of an energy efficient rotary composting system for the family farm poultry operation.

#### Cecil Farms' Produce, LLC A2020-0321

Application County: Daviess Date Submitted: 12/07/2020

Total Funds Awarded: \$16,071

#### **FUNDING REQUEST**

Cecil Farms' Produce, LLC has requested \$22,965 in Daviess County funds for the purchase and installation of a temperature controlled environment and walk-in cooler for their fresh cut flowers the Daviess County Agricultural Development Council only committed \$16,071 in Davies County Agricultural Development Funds towards this project.

#### APPLICATION SUMMARY

The applicant is purchasing and installing a walk-in cooler systems and temperature controlled area with an existing shed-like structure. The additions will allow for an extended shelf life for fresh cut flowers that are sold on the farm, at farmers markets and used for events. The LLC hosts over 50 events annually. By supplying the events with their own flowers, clients are supplied with the best value and adds an additional educational component to their farming operations.

The cost of the total project is anticipated to be \$45,000 with funding from the following sources: \$16,071 County funds (Secured) \$28,929 Cash (Secured)

#### PROJECTED PRODUCER IMPACT:

The applicant states that Cecil Farms' Produce, LLC will be the only producers impacted directly.

#### **Board Decision:**

Cecil Farms' Produce LLC was approved for \$16,071 in Daviess County funds for the purchase and installation of a temperature controlled environment and walk-in cooler for the family farm's fresh cut flower operation.

#### Kentucky State University A2020-0327

Application County: Franklin Date Submitted: 12/14/2020

Total Funds Awarded: \$39,719

#### FUNDING REQUEST

Kentucky State University is requesting \$39,719 in State funds to construct a permanent processing facility in conjunction with its mobile processing unit.

#### APPLICATION SUMMARY

Kentucky State University (KSU) currently provides the resources and facility for fourteen school groups, three 4-H groups and forty farmers and private individuals to process poultry, rabbits, and other small birds. Due to COVID-19 pandemic, the KSU mobile processing unit (MPU) has been forced to shut down, due to not being able to safely social distance inside of the MPU. The facility will be retrofitted to the already existing "docking station" where the MPU is housed. KSU currently has the ability to process on average 1,000 birds per week. With the permanent addition, there is potential to double the number of head processed per week. Both the MPU and the permanent processing facility will be available at the same time, therefore increasing overall processing capacity. KADF funds will be utilized to construct the permanent processing facility and equipment necessary to process.

The total cost of the project is estimated at \$52,959 with funding from the following sources:

\$39,719 State funds

\$13,240 Kentucky State University (secured)

#### PROJECTED PRODUCER IMPACT

The applicant states that the facility has the potential to affect 50 farm families with more potential when considering school groups, 4-H clubs and farmers willing to travel to the permanent unit in Frankfort.

#### **Board Decision:**

Kentucky State University (KSU) was approved for \$39,719 in state funds to construct a permanent processing facility in conjunction with its mobile processing unit (MPU).

#### Pulaski County 4-H Council

A2020-0337

Application County: Pulaski Date Submitted: 12/18/2020

Total Funds Awarded: \$2,868

#### **FUNDING REQUEST**

Pulaski County 4-H Council is requesting \$3,515 in Pulaski County funds to purchase a 12' x 24' building to serve as a ham house.

#### APPLICATION SUMMARY

The applicant plans to purchase a ham house for Pulaski County 4-H members. In 2020, Pulaski County had 17 youth participate in the country ham project for the first time. Currently, Pulaski County 4-H utilize Adair County Ham House. Because some items were purchased before submitting the application, therefore are not eligible, a revised budget was provided to request \$2,868 in Pulaski County Agricultural Development Funds.

The total cost of the project is estimated at \$14,015 with the following funding sources:

\$3,515 Pulaski County funds (Secured)

\$5,000 Pulaski County Cooperative Extension (Secured)

\$5,000 Pulaski County Farm Bureau Federation (Secured)

\$ 500 Pulaski County 4-H Council (Secured)

#### PROJECTED PRODUCER IMPACT

The applicant states that approximately 25 farm families will benefit from this project.

#### **Board Decision:**

Pulaski County 4-H Council was approved for \$2,868 in Pulaski County funds to purchase a 12-foot-by-24-foot building to serve as a ham house for 4-H students in Pulaski County.

#### University of Kentucky Research Foundation

A2021-0005

Application County: Fayette Date Submitted: 12/28/2020

Total Funds Awarded: \$75,000

#### FUNDING REQUEST

University of Kentucky (UK) Research Foundation is requesting \$75,000 in State funds for a feasibility study focusing on controlled growing environments in Kentucky.

#### APPLICATION SUMMARY

The applicant is conducting a feasibility analysis of controlled environments in AgTech ecosystems in Kentucky . The analysis will provide guidelines for how existing farmers at any scale could expand their production by adopting technologies and identifying potential risks and opportunities. The UK staff and University of Pikeville (UPike) staff will work together to conduct the study. The UK staff will focus primarily on the horticulture portion of the study and the UPike staff will focus primarily on the economic components of the project. With the joint effort, the goal is to bring a new understanding for the AgTech ecosystem in Kentucky and how controlled environments may be utilized across the state .

The cost of the total project is anticipated to be \$150,000 with funding from the following sources:

\$ 75,000 State funds

\$ 75,000 Cash (Secured)

#### PROJECTED PRODUCER IMPACT:

The applicant states that at the conclusion of the study producer impact will be determined.

#### **Board Decision:**

The University of Kentucky (UK) Research Foundation was approved for \$75,000 in state funds for a feasibility study focusing on controlled growing environments in Kentucky. The UK staff and University of Pikeville staff will work together to conduct the study. The goal is to bring a new understanding for the agritech ecosystem in Kentucky and how controlled environments may be used across the state.

## **KADF On-Farm Energy Incentives**

## Approved at the February 2020 KADB Meeting

On-Farm Energy I		Data Culomittad	Funds Approved
<u>County</u> Allen	<u>Program Administrator</u> Mark E Cherry dba Cherry Farms On-Farm Energy Dairy	<u>Date Submitted</u> 12/18/2020	\$8,373
Bourbon	Lan Mark Farm, LLC On-Farm Energy Wool	12/14/2020	\$10,150
Breckinridge	Philip M Flood  On-Farm Energy Poultry	11/30/2020	\$10,150
Christian	Coal Creek Orchard, LLC On-Farm Energy Horticulture	12/18/2020	\$3,333
Henry	Shannon Douglas On-Farm Energy Organic Hay and Catt	12/18/2020	\$10,150
Hickman	Wilson Workman Farm On-Farm Energy Poultry	12/17/2020	\$10,150
McLean	Brandon C. Shocklee On-Farm Energy Poultry	12/07/2020	\$10,150
Meade	ALR Farms, LLC On-Farm Energy Grain	12/17/2020	\$2,308
Meade	Edelen Farms LLC On-Farm Energy Grain	12/18/2020	\$10,150
Russell	Brenda Smith dba Triple S Dairy  On-Farm Energy Dairy	12/11/2020	\$10,119
Todd	William D Gillum On-Farm Energy Grain	12/22/2020	\$10,150
Wayne	Wade R Gilbert dba Gilbert Farms On-Farm Energy Poultry	12/10/2020	\$10,150
12			\$105,333

#### **Denied Project**

#### Summit Holdings LLC d.b.a. Summit Meat Processing

A2020-0310

Application County: Pulaski Date Submitted: 11/25/2020

Total Funds Awarded: \$20,000

Level 1 Summary:

Applicant is requesting funding for Meat Processing Investment Program Level 1 Program. Level 1 Program is for USDA-inspected processing facilities

needing assistance in operating costs related to increasing the number of head of Kentucky animals processed.

#### Committee Recommendation:

Meat Processing Expansion Committee recommends not funding this project, since this application was received after the 2020 guidelines had sunset.

#### **Board Decision:**

The Board denied this request, based on the Committee's recommentation.

#### **Denied Project**

Ken Maur Farm, LLC A2020-0331

Application County: Daviess Date Submitted: 12/16/2020

Total Funds Awarded: \$0

Grain Request \$10,150 Total Budget \$54,071 Project Install Dryer Components

#### Committee Recommendation:

The On-Farm Energy Committee recommends that the project not be funded due to the payback being greater than 25 years.

## **Board Decision:**

The Board denied this request, based on the Committee's recommendation.

#### **Denied Project**

#### **Woodford County Conservation District**

A2020-0346

Application County: Woodford Date Submitted: 12/21/2020

Total Funds Awarded: \$60,000

#### FUNDING REQUEST

The Woodford County Conservation District is requesting \$60,000 in Woodford County funds for a District Technician Position.

#### APPLICATION SUMMARY

The applicant states the ability to hire a District Technician would increase their technical assistance capacity, enhance their ability to provide conservation planning and technical assistance in Woodford County and surrounding counties. The position would be a full time position for a 5 year commitment and funding would cover the salary and benefits for the employee chosen for all 5 years. The major duties of the position include; application and ranking process for the Farm Bill Programs, planning and contracting processing, installation of conservation practices and reporting, primary contact for the state cost share program, and other duties as assigned.

The cost of the total project is anticipated to be \$204,800 with funding from the following sources: \$60,000 Woodford County funds (Unsecured) \$144.800 Multiple Donors (Secured)

#### PROJECTED PRODUCER IMPACT

The applicant states that any farm family within Woodford county and/or surrounding counties would be impacted by the funding of this position.

#### Committee Recommendation:

The Red Committee recommends denying the request due to the costs of a reoccurring salary.

#### **Board Decision:**

The Board denied this request, based on the Committee's recommendation.



## Commonwealth of Kentucky Governor Andy Beshear's Office of Agricultural Policy

#### FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE



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Gov. Beshear and Kentucky Agricultural Development Board Approve More Than \$1.6 Million for Projects Across the Commonwealth Projects and programs approved span the diverse array of Kentucky agriculture

**FRANKFORT, Ky. (Feb. 19, 2021)** – The Kentucky Agricultural Development Board approved \$1,632,503 for agricultural diversification and rural development projects across the commonwealth at its monthly board meeting.

"Kentucky's agricultural sector has help the state through this year of pandemic response, and today's investments further strengthen our farmers and diverse economic activities," said Gov. Beshear, chair of the Kentucky Agricultural Development Board. "These projects will expand access to fresh local meat across the commonwealth, improve energy efficiency, fund a study focused of agritech and the use of controlled environments, and boost our next generation of agribusiness leaders with youth programs. This is another important step in building a strong and vibrant future for all Kentuckians as we move beyond COVID-19."

#### **State Investments:**

Kentucky State University (KSU) was approved for \$39,719 in state funds to construct a permanent processing facility in conjunction with its mobile processing unit (MPU). KSU currently provides the resources and facility for 14 school groups, three 4-H groups and 40 farmers and private individuals to process poultry, rabbits and other small birds. Both the MPU and the permanent processing facility will be available at the same time, increasing overall processing capacity for area farmers. For more information, contact Steven Skelton at 502-597-6103.

The University of Kentucky (UK) Research Foundation was approved for \$75,000 in state funds for a feasibility study focusing on controlled growing environments in Kentucky. The UK staff and University of Pikeville staff will work together to conduct the study. The goal is to bring a new understanding for the agritech ecosystem in Kentucky and how controlled environments may be used across the state. For more information, contact Mark Williams at 859-257-1758.

#### Meat Processing Investment Program - Level 3

JSW Farm Chop Shop Inc. was approved for \$250,000 in state funds to purchase a new integrated X-ray analyzer for their processing facility in Wolfe County. The integrated X-ray analyzer will allow JSW Farm Chop Shop to efficiently detect foreign objects in the meat and streamline the production of processing, resulting in more Kentucky meat processed. For more information, contact Jonathan Whitt at 606-356-8808.

#### Meat Processing Investment Program - Level 4

William Kuegel was approved for \$250,000 in state funds to renovate Beef & Bacon Custom Processing a USDA processing facility, operated by Kuegel Cattle Company LLC in McLean County. The renovation will make improvements to the kill floor and knock box, install new processing and packaging equipment, add a reception area and retail storefront. The facility plans to be open in the spring of 2021. For more information, contact Rod Kuegel at 270-929-0280.

Patterson's Butcher Shop was approved for \$250,000 in state funds to build a new USDA processing facility in Monroe County. Patterson's Butcher Shop will process local beef, hogs and lambs to sell to local restaurants and at the farmers markets in Monroe County and Nashville. For more information, contact Jorden Emmert at 270-550-3448.

#### **On-Farm Energy Program:**

Philip M. Flood, located in Breckinridge County, was approved for \$10,150 in state funds to upgrade heaters in three poultry houses.

Brandon C. Shocklee, located in McLean County, was approved for \$10,150 in state funds to install a solar photovoltaic system for poultry houses.

Wade Gilbert dba Gilbert Farms, located in Wayne County, was approved for \$10,150 in state funds to replace heaters and brooder curtains in poultry houses.

Brenda Smith dba Triple S Dairy, located in Russell County, was approved for \$10,119 in state funds to upgrade the vacuum on-demand pump and replace lights in the dairy.

Lan Mark Farm, LLC, located in Bourbon County, was approved for \$10,150 in state funds to install a solar photovoltaic system.

Wilson Workman Farm, located in Hickman County, was approved for \$10,150 in state funds to upgrade heaters in three poultry houses.

ALR Farms LLC, located in Meade County, was approved for \$2,308 in state funds to purchase a grain conveyor.

Edelen Farms LLC, located in Meade County, was approved for \$10,150 in state funds to install a new grain dryer.

Coal Creek Orchard LLC, located in Christian County, was approved for \$3,333 in state funds to install solar photovoltaic system.

Mark Cherry dba Cherry Farms, located in Allen County, was approved for \$8,373 in state funds to replace storage tank and milk cooling system.

Shannon Douglas, located in Henry County, was approved for \$10,150 in state funds to install a solar photovoltaic system on the farm.

William D. Gillum, located in Todd County, was approved for \$10,150 in state funds to install a new grain dryer on the farm.

#### **County Investments:**

#### **Bath County**

Bath County Conservation District was approved for \$220,094 in Bath County funds to administer CAIP with a maximum producer limit of \$3,000 for the 2021 program year. Bath County Conservation District was also approved for \$5,000 in Bath County funds to administer DAR for the 2021 program year. For more information, contact Missy Ginter at bcscmissy17@yahoo.com or at 606-674-2121.

Bath County Cattleman Association Inc. was approved for \$27,500 in Bath County funds to administer a Youth program with a maximum youth limit of \$1,500 for the 2021 year. For more information contact, Randy Warner at randyw2717@gmail.com or at 859-771-5280.

#### **Campbell County**

Campbell County Conservation District was approved for \$27,590 in Campbell County funds to administer CAIP with a maximum producer limit of \$2,500 for the 2021 program year. For more information, contact Richard Simon at <a href="mailto:campbellcd@fuse.net">campbellcd@fuse.net</a> or at 859-635-9587.

#### **Crittenden County**

Crittenden County Conservation District was approved for \$17,808 in Crittenden County funds and \$27,356 in state funds to administer CAIP with a maximum producer limit of \$1,000 for the 2021 program year. For more information, contact Larry Duvall at <a href="mailto:larryduvall@gmail.com">larryduvall@gmail.com</a> or at 270-704-0653.

#### **Daviess County**

James K. Aud Jr. was approved for \$5,000 in Daviess County funds for the purchase and installation of an energy efficient rotary composting system for the family farm poultry operation. For more information, contact James Aud at 270-233-4942.

Cecil Farms' Produce LLC was approved for \$16,071 in Daviess County funds for the purchase and installation of a temperature controlled environment and walk-in cooler for the family farm's fresh cut flower operation. For more information, contact Katie Cecil at 270-302-7817.

#### **Gallatin County**

Gallatin County Farm Bureau was approved for \$150,000 in Gallatin County funds to administer CAIP with a maximum producer limit of \$5,000 for the 2021 program year. For more information, contact April Wainscott at <a href="mailto:april.wainscott@kyfb.com">april.wainscott@kyfb.com</a> or at 859-567-6331.

#### **Kenton County**

Kenton County Farm Bureau Inc. was approved for \$65,000 in Kenton County funds to administer CAIP with a maximum producer limit of \$2,500 for the 2021 program year. For more information, contact Donna Hance at <a href="mailto:donna.hance@kyfb.com">donna.hance@kyfb.com</a> or at 859-256-3155.

#### **McLean County**

Green River Area Beef Improvement Group was approved for an additional \$20,000 in McLean County funds to impact additional farmers through an existing 2020 CAIP. For more information, contact Stacy Marksberry at <a href="mailto:grabbellsouth.net">grabig@bellsouth.net</a> or at 270-929-0194.

#### **Pulaski County**

Pulaski County 4-H Council was approved for \$2,868 in Pulaski County funds to purchase a 12-foot-by-24-foot building to serve as a ham house for 4-H students in Pulaski County. For more information, contact Jennifer Cole at 606-679-6361.

#### **Rowan County**

Rowan County Conservation District was approved for \$86,166 in Rowan County funds to administer CAIP with a maximum producer limit of \$5,000 for the 2021 program year. For more information, contact Tammy Winkleman at <a href="mailto:tammy.winkleman@ky.nacdnet.net">tammy.winkleman@ky.nacdnet.net</a> or at 606-784-5375.

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

All application periods and deadlines for CAIP 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.

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Read about other key updates, actions and information from Gov. Beshear and his administration at governor.ky.gov, kycovid19.ky.gov and the Governor's official social media accounts <u>Facebook</u>, <u>Twitter</u> and <u>YouTube</u>.

Gov. Beshear and the General Assembly continue to make great strides toward lessening Kentucky's dependence on tobacco production while revitalizing the farm economy by investing a portion of Kentucky's Master Tobacco Settlement Agreement Funds into the Kentucky Agricultural Development Fund (KADF). To date, the KADF investments total more than \$630 million in an array of county, regional and state projects designed to increase net farm income and create sustainable new farm-based business enterprises. These funding approvals, made possible by the KADF, represent just a few of the more than 6,500 projects approved, since the inception of the program in January 2001.

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