

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

May 21, 2021

Meeting of the Kentucky Agricultural Development Board

KADF Programs

Approved at the May 2020 KADB Meeting

CAIP

<u>County</u> Muhlenberg	<u>Program Administrator</u> Muhlenberg County Cattlemen's Association, Inc	Date Submitted 02/04/2021	<u>Funds Approved</u> \$ 48,232.00
Jessamine	Jessamine County FFA Alumni Association, Inc.	02/17/2021	\$ 100,000.00
Montgomery	Montgomery County Conservation District	03/26/2021	\$ 200,000.00
Trimble	Trimble County Cattleman's Association, Inc.	03/26/2021	\$ 160,000.00
Henry	Henry County Cattlemen's Association, Inc.	03/26/2021	\$ 217,000.00
Oldham	Oldham County Farm Bureau of Oldham County, Kentucky	03/26/2021	\$ 25,000.00
Daviess	Green River Area Beef Improvement Group, Inc.	03/26/2021	\$ 50,000.00
McCracken	McCracken County Soil Conservation District	04/01/2021	\$ 84,000.00
Mercer	Mercer County Conservation District	04/07/2021	\$ 179,406.00
Clark	Clark County Conservation District	04/08/2021	\$ 150,000.00
Butler	Butler County Conservation District	04/12/2021	\$ 99,274.00
Floyd	Pike County Conservation District	04/14/2021	\$ 3,383.00
Floyd	Pike County Conservation District	04/14/2021 Sta	ate \$ 29,617.00
Boyd	Boyd County Conservation District	04/23/2021 Sta	ate \$ 27,786.00
Boyd	Boyd County Conservation District	04/23/2021	\$ 12,614.00
Carroll	Carroll County Conservation District	04/19/2021	\$ 158,084.00
Meade	Meade County Cattlemen's Association, Inc.	04/22/2021	\$ 68,881.00
Clinton	Twin Lakes Cattle Association, Corporation	04/23/2021	\$ 155,688.00
Adair	Adair County Cattlemen's Association, Inc.	04/27/2021	\$ 172,675.00
Johnson	Johnson County Agricultural Advancement Council, Inc.	04/27/2021	\$ 43,000.00
Webster	Green River Area Beef Improvement Group, Inc.	04/29/2021	\$ 15,541.00
Morgan	Morgan County Fiscal Court	04/29/2021	\$ 210,919.00
Harrison	Harrison County Beef Cattle Association, Inc.	04/29/2021	\$ 349,723.00
Marion	Marion County Conservation District	04/29/2021	\$ 150,000.00
Breathitt	Breathitt County Farm Bureau of Breathitt County, Kentuc	04/30/2021	\$ 100,000.00

KADF Programs

Powell	Powell County Livestock Producers Association, Inc.	04/30/2021	\$ 53,337.00
24			\$ 2,864,160.00
Deceased Farm A	animal Removal (DAR)		
<u>County</u> Oldham	<u>Program Administrator</u> Oldham County Fiscal Court	Date Submitted 04/09/2021	Funds Approved \$ 6,000.00
Montgomery	Montgomery County Fiscal Court	04/23/2021	\$ 7,000.00
Scott	Scott County Soil Conservation District	04/19/2021	\$ 15,000.00
Harrison	Harrison County Fiscal Court	04/29/2021	\$ 7,500.00
Marion	Marion County Fiscal Court	04/29/2021	\$ 12,500.00
5			\$ 48,000.00
Next Generation	Farmer (NextGen)		
<u>County</u> Henry	Program Administrator Henry County Cattlemen's Association, Inc.	Date Submitted 03/26/2021	Funds Approved \$ 45,000.00
1			\$ 45,000.00
Shared-Use Equi	pment Program		
<u>County</u> Boyd	Program Administrator Boyd County Conservation District	Date Submitted 04/23/2021	Funds Approved \$ 12,400.00
Hart	Hart County Cattlemen's Association, Inc.	04/21/2021	\$ 26,625.00
Boone	Northern Kentucky Cattle Association, Inc.	04/21/2021	\$ 9,400.00
3			\$ 48,425.00
Youth Ag Incenti	ves Program (Youth)		
<u>County</u> Trimble	<u>Program Administrator</u> Trimble County Cattleman's Association, Inc.	Date Submitted 03/26/2021	Funds Approved \$ 20,000.00

Total County* KADF Approved for Programs:

04/01/2021

04/07/2021

04/27/2021

04/29/2021

\$3,089,085.00

\$ 10,500.00

\$ 15,000.00

\$ 30,000.00

\$ 3,000.00

\$ 83,500.00

McCracken

Mercer

Adair

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Webster

McCracken County Soil Conservation District

Mercer County 4-H Council, Incorporated

Adair County Cattlemen's Association, Inc.

Green River Area Beef Improvement Group, Inc.

Approved Program Amendments

App #	A2021-0041
Applicant Name	Owen Co. Farm Bureau
Original Amount Approved	\$5,000
Execution Date	4/16/2021
Requested Change	The applicant requests an <u>additional</u> \$300,000 in Owen County funds for the <i>CAIP Program</i> . The request received a <u>high</u> priority from the County Council.
	The term of the program shall remain 12-months from the execution date of the original agreement. Approval of this request would bring the program total to \$305,000. Recommend Approval
App#	A2020-0112
Applicant Name	Caldwell/Lyon County Cattlemen's Association
Original Amount Approved	\$86,719
Execution Date	12/03/2020
Requested Change	The applicant requests an <u>additional</u> \$7,071 in Caldwell County funds for the <i>CAIP Program</i> . The request received a <u>high</u> priority from the County Council.
	The term of the program shall remain 12-months from the execution date of the original agreement.
	Approval of this request would bring the program total to \$93,790.
	Recommend Approval
App #	A2020-0236
Applicant Name	Taylor County Cattlemen's Association
Original Amount Approved	\$8,000
Execution Date	11/17/2020
Requested Change	The applicant requests an <u>additional</u> \$8,400 in Taylor County funds for the <i>YAIP Program</i> . The request received a <u>high</u> priority from the County Council.
	This is the first request for an amendment to this application number. The term of the program shall remain 12-months from the execution date of the original agreement. Approval of this request would bring the program total to \$16,400. Recommend Approval

Approved Program Amendments

App#	A2020-0176		
Applicant Name	Greenup County Conservation District		
Original Amount Approved	\$142,164		
Execution Date	09/10/2020		
Requested Change	The applicant requests an <u>additional</u> \$83,940 in Greenup County funds for the <i>CAIP Program</i> . The request received a <u>high</u> priority from the County Council.		
	This is the first request for an amendment to this application number. The term of the program shall remain 12-months from the execution date of the original agreement.		
	Approval of this request would bring the program total to \$226,104		
	Recommend Approval		
App#	A2020-0120		
Applicant Name	Whitley County Cattlemen's Association, Inc.		
Original Amount Approved	\$31,000		
Execution Date	07/09/2020		
Requested Change	The applicant requests an <u>additional</u> \$5,679 in Whitley County funds for the <i>CAIP Program</i> . The request received a <u>high</u> priority from the County Council.		
	This is the first request for an amendment to this application number. The term of the program shall remain 12-months from the execution date of the original agreement.		
	Approval of this request would bring the program total to \$36,679		
	Recommend Approval		
App#	A2020-0229		
Applicant Name	Fleming Co. Conservation District		
Original Amount Approved	\$208,613		
Execution Date	11/04/2020		
Requested Change	The applicant requests an <u>additional</u> \$20,000 in Fleming County funds for the <i>CAIP Program</i> . The request received a <u>high</u> priority from the County Council.		
	This is the first request for an amendment to this application number. The term of the program shall remain 12-months from the execution date of the original agreement.		
	Approval of this request would bring the program total to \$228,613		
	Recommend Approval		

Approved Program Amendments

App#	A2020-0153
Applicant Name	Shelby County Farm Bureau, Inc.
Original Amount Approved	\$275,000
Execution Date	08/18/2020
Requested Change	The applicant requests an <u>additional</u> \$30,000 in Shelby County funds for the <i>CAIP Program</i> . The request received a <u>high</u> priority from the County Council.
	This is the first request for an amendment to this application number. The term of the program shall remain 12-months from the execution date of the original agreement.
	Approval of this request would bring the program total to \$305,000
	Recommend Approval
App#	A2021-0012
Applicant Name	Campbell County Conservation District
Original Amount Approved	\$27,590
Execution Date	03/03/2021
Requested Change	The applicant requests an <u>additional</u> \$33,008 in Campbell County funds for the <i>CAIP Program</i> . The request received a <u>high</u> priority from the County Council.
	This is the first request for an amendment to this application number. The term of the program shall remain 12-months from the execution date of the original agreement.
	Approval of this request would bring the program total to \$60,598.

APP #	APPLICANT	COUNTY	FUNDS APPROVED
A2020-0314	Ray's Custom Processing, Inc. Meat Processing Investment Program - Level 2	Grayson	\$6,650.00
A2021-0018	Lisa Freeman - Freeman's Catering & Meat Proces MPIP Level 2 - Processing Equipment, Drain Upgrade, Ho	Union	\$13,674.00
A2021-0021	Ronald P. Halsey MPIP Level 2 - Processing Equipment, Holding Pen	Wolfe	\$25,492.00
A2021-0053	Moonlight Meat Processing, Inc MPIP Level 2 - Processing Equipment	Whitley	\$21,042.00
Total State Funds Recommended for Approval:		\$66,858.00	

Meat Processing: Level 2 Expansion Approved

Awards: 4 # Counties: 4

*The Meat Processing Investment Program provides funding to incentivies economical expansion of Kentucky meat processors to process Kentucky livestock and poultry.

Level 1 Incentives are for a USDA-inspected processing facilities or USDA-exempt poultry processing facilities needing assistance in operating costs related to increasing the number of head of Kentuky animals. Incentives are paid on a per head basis above the applicant's established baseline up to \$20,000.

Level 2 Simplified Processor Capacity Expansion is for processors interested in making small or modest facility improvements. Awards are 75% cost-reimbursement up to \$37,500.

Date Submitted: 12/15/2020

Approved Project

Lorenz & Hammond Limited Liability Company

A2020-0329

Application County: Anderson

Total Funds Awarded: \$280,000

FUNDING REQUEST

Lorenz and Hammond, LLC. is requesting \$250,000 in State funds to build a USDA processing facility in Anderson County, Kentucky.

APPLICATION SUMMARY

The applicant plans to build a new USDA processing facility in central Kentucky. They will offer custom kill and processing as well as custom cuts to their customers, and the option of patty and/or sausage if desired. The applicant plans on processing beef, pork, lamb and deer.

The total cost of this phase of the project is estimated at \$1,320,000 with the following funding sources:

- \$ 250,000 State funds (Unsecured)
- \$ 100,000 Personal Funds (Secured)

\$1,000,800 Central Kentucky Ag Credit (Secured)

PROJECTED PRODUCER IMPACT

The applicant indicates seven counties will benefit from this project.

Board Decision:

Lorenz and Hammond, LLC. was approved for up to \$250,000 in State funds, as a forgivable loan, and \$30,000 in multiple county funds, as a cost-reimbursement grant, to build a USDA processing facility in Anderson County, Kentucky. This is a Meat Processing Investment Program Level 4 project.

Date Submitted: 12/30/2020

Approved Project

Farmstead Butcher Block LLC

A2020-0355

Application County: Muhlenberg

Total Funds Awarded: \$270,000

FUNDING REQUEST

Farmstead Butcher Block LLC is requesting \$250,000 in State funds and \$20,000 in multiple county funds to build a newly constructed USDA processing facility for beef, pork ,lamb, poultry, and deer.

APPLICATION SUMMARY

The applicant plans to build a retail butcher shop and meat processing facility for beef, pork, lamb, poultry, and deer. Their goal is to process 30 cattle and 30 hogs within the first year of operation.

The total cost of the project is estimated at \$1,151,170 with funding from the following sources: \$250,000 State funds \$250,000 Owner Purchased the Property (Secured) \$850,000 Frist Kentucky Bank (Secured) \$250,000 Owner Equity (Secured)

PRODUCER IMPACT

The applicant estimates that more than 60 producers have the potential to benefit from this project.

Board Decision:

Farmstead Butcher Block LLC was approved for up to \$250,000 in State funds, as a forgivable loan, and \$20,000 in multiple county funds, as a cost-reimbursement grant, to build a USDA processing facility for beef, pork, lamb, poultry, and deer. This is a Meat Processing Investment Program Level 4 project.

Approved Project

Hayz Meatz, LLC

Application County: Warren Total Funds Awarded: \$161,319 Date Submitted: 01/27/2021

A2021-0014

FUNDING REQUEST

Hayz Meatz, LLC. is requesting \$149,350 in State funds to build a USDA processing facility in Warren County, Kentucky.

APPLICATION SUMMARY

The applicant plans to build a new USDA processing facility in Warren County, Kentucky. The applicant has over 30 years of experience in meat processing. The processing facility will be approximately 1,800 square feet. The applicant plans to offer local farmers USDA certification and custom processing services for beef and pork. Hayz Meatz, LLC will also offer some value added processing services such as meat patties and sausages. In the future, the applicant would like to offer smoked meat including jerky, sausage, bologna, and meat sticks.

The total cost of this phase of the project is estimated at \$298,700 with the following funding sources: \$149,350 State funds (Unsecured) \$149,350 Personal Funds (Secured)

PROJECTED PRODUCER IMPACT

The applicant indicates five counties will benefit from this project.

Board Decision:

Hayz Meatz, LLC. was approved for up to \$149,350 in State funds, as a forgivable loan, and \$11,969 in multiple county funds, as a cost-reimbursement grant, to build a USDA processing facility in Warren County, Kentucky. This is a Meat Processing Investment Program Level 4 project.

Approved Project

Western Kentucky University Research Foundation, Inc.

Application County: Warren Total Funds Awarded: \$227,896 A2021-0040

Date Submitted: 02/26/2021

FUNDING REQUEST

The Western Kentucky University Research Foundation, Inc is requesting \$227,896 in State funds to establish a SmartHolstein Lab.

APPLICATION SUMMARY

The WKU SmartHolstein Lab is a strategic, synergistic partnership between Western Kentucky University and the Holstein Association USA to create a research, development and demonstration center for the dairy industry. The development of this lab will provide students with a unique learning opportunity and advancements within the dairy industry. The lab will allow for a major emphasis on the practical use of data for on-farm decision making and record keeping through the data collection with the technology and equipment being utilized.

The total cost of the project is estimated at \$597,436 with the following funding sources: \$227,896 State funds \$369,540 Donations (Secured)

PROJECTED PRODUCER IMPACT

The applicant states numerous farm families across the Commonwealth will be impacted, specifically those within the dairy industry.

Board Decision:

The Western Kentucky University Research Foundation, Inc was approved for up to \$227,896 in State funds to establish a SmartHolstein Lab - a research, development and demonstration center for the dairy industry.

AW Farms, LLC

A2021-0054

Application County: Greenup

Total Funds Awarded: \$252,000

Date Submitted: 03/24/2021

FUNDING REQUEST

AW Farms, LLC is requesting \$250,000 in State funds to purchase processing equipment and build a USDA processing facility for beef, pork, and deer.

Approved Project

APPLICATION SUMMARY

The applicant plans to build a USDA meat processing facility in Greenup County and process beef, pork, and deer. Their goal is to process 25 cattle and hogs per week.

In 2019 the applicant offered grass fed/grain finished beef on a Facebook advertisement by posting pictures to demonstrate the quality. He offered a "Love it or buy it back" guarantee and the 11 steers where spoken for within a week. COVID-19 gave the owners the opportunity to introduce home grown beef to many local customers. Seeing the increase in demanded for beef the applicant purchased an 11 acre tract that adjoins his current farm to build a processing facility.

The total cost of the project is estimated at \$1,011,563 with funding from the following sources: \$250,000 State funds \$680,000 Peoples Bank of Kentucky (Secured) \$81,563 Owner Investment

PRODUCER IMPACT

The applicant estimates that 19 producers will potentially benefit from this project.

Board Decision:

AW Farms, LLC was approved for up to \$250,000 in State funds, as a forgivable loan, and \$2,000 in Boyd County funds, as a cost-reimbursement grant, to purchase processing equipment and build a USDA processing facility for beef, pork, and deer in Greenup County, Kentucky. This is a Meat Processing Investment Program Level 4 project.

Approved Project

Corbin Tourism and Convention Commission

Application County: Whitley Total Funds Awarded: \$100,000

A2021-0056

Date Submitted: 03/26/2021

FUNDING REQUEST

Corbin Tourism and Convention Commission is requesting \$100,000 in State funds to build a Farmers Market Pavilion.

APPLICATION SUMMARY

The applicant plans to build a new permanent Farmers Market Pavilion in downtown Corbin to serve the farmers market in the regional area, primarily the Whitley County Farmers Market.

The Whitley County Farmers Market expressed a need for a permanent facility which will act as a home for the market. The Commission has worked directly with the Whitley County Farmers Market Board of Directors to assess the needs of the farmers as it relates to a permanent structure. Currently, the Farmers Market sets up in a park in downtown Corbin with their tents and tables. When it rains the Farmers Market is either canceled or the venders have to deal with the mud and wet grass. Currently, there is no permanent restroom; seasonally there is a portable restroom in the park.

The total cost of the project is estimated at \$450,000 with funding from the following sources: \$100,000 State funds \$250,000 Corporate Sponsorship (Hometown Bank) (Secured) \$100,000 USDA RGDB Grant (Pending)

PRODUCER IMPACT

The applicant estimates that the farmers market would potentially benefit the following counties: Whitely, Knox, Laurel, Rockcastle, and Jackson.

Board Decision:

The Corbin Tourism and Convention Commission was approved for up to \$100,000 in State funds and \$1,500 in Whitley County funds to build a pavilion for the Whitley County Farmers Market in downtown Corbin, Ky.

Date Submitted: 03/26/2021

Approved Project

City of Whitesburg

A2021-0057

Application County: Letcher

Total Funds Awarded: \$250,084

FUNDING REQUEST

The City of Whitesburg is requesting \$250,000 in State funds to build a Farmers Market Pavilion and a commercial kitchen.

APPLICATION SUMMARY

The applicant plans to build a new permanent Farmers Market Pavilion with a restroom and a commercial kitchen in downtown Whitesburg. The permanent structure will allow the famers market to extend their season. Currently the vendors use tents and other temporary structures. The commercial kitchen will give the local farmers the opportunities to serve restaurants, institutional customers, and buyers like CANE Kitchen.

The total cost of the project is estimated at \$750,000 with funding from the following sources: \$250,000 State funds \$250,000 Abandoned Mines Lands community Development Pilot (Pending) \$100,000 USDA ARC RCAP Grant (Pending)

PRODUCER IMPACT

The applicant states that 28 farm families will be impacted by this project.

Board Decision:

The City of Whitesburg was approved for up to \$250,000 in State and \$84 in Letcher County funds, as a cost-reimbursement grant, to build a farmers market pavilion with a commercial kitchen.

Date Submitted: 03/26/2021

Approved Project

Daviess County Conservation District

A2021-0070

Application County: Daviess

Total Funds Awarded: \$20,000

FUNDING REQUEST

Daviess County Conservation District is requesting \$20,000 in Daviess County funds for a Daviess County Youth Agriculture Production Cost-Share Program.

APPLICATION SUMMARY

The applicant plans to implement a cost-share program on a reimbursement basis for agricultural projects for Daviess County youth. Youth will submit their applications along with a farm business plan describing how items and supplies they will purchase will be utilized in their projects. Youth applicants are also asked to submit a marketing plan.

The total cost of the project is estimated at \$40,000 with funding from the following sources: \$20,000 Daviess County funds (secure) \$20,000 Youth Applicants Contribution (secure)

PRODUCER IMPACT Sixteen Daviess County youth will directly benefit from this project.

Board Decision:

Daviess County Conservation District was approved for up to \$20,000 in Daviess County funds, as a grant, for the Daviess County Youth Agriculture Production Cost-Share Program.

Approved Project

Logan Premium Meats and Processing LLC

Application County: Logan Total Funds Awarded: \$250,000

A2021-0071

Date Submitted: 03/26/2021

FUNDING REQUEST

Logan Premium Meats and Processing is requesting \$250,000 in State funds to purchase processing equipment and build a USDA processing facility for beef, pork, goat, turkey, ducks, and poultry.

APPLICATION SUMMARY

The applicant plans to build a USDA meat processing facility in Logan County to process beef, pork, and deer. Their goal is to process 60-80 cattle per week and 60-80 pork, sheep, and lamb per week. They will also have the capability to process up to 1,500 birds a week.

The applicant will construct a new 13,500 square foot facility. The facility will have a curing room and smoke houses as well as a small store front. Their goal is to have GFSI certification in two years for the plant.

The total cost of the project is estimated at \$2,709,252 with funding from the following sources: \$250,000 State funds \$2,459,252 Private Investors (Secured)

PRODUCER IMPACT

The applicant estimates that 13 counties will potentially benefit from this project.

Board Decision:

Logan Premium Meats and Processing was approved for up to \$250,000 in State funds, as a forgivable loan, to purchase processing equipment and build a USDA processing facility for beef, pork, goat, turkey, ducks, and poultry in Logan County. This is a Meat Processing Investment Program Level 4 project.

Date Submitted: 03/29/2021

Approved Project

Owensboro Catholic High School, Inc.

A2021-0072

Application County: Daviess

Total Funds Awarded: \$15,000

FUNDING REQUEST

Owensboro Catholic High School is requesting \$15,000 in multiple County funds to build a new high school greenhouse.

APPLICATION SUMMARY

The applicant plans to build an 18x36 fiber glass structure with a concrete foundation and drains for the new high school greenhouse; since the current greenhouse hoop house structure is in disrepair. The greenhouse is a staple for the high school agricultural program. The greenhouse allows student to gain knowledge and experience from their time spent in the greenhouse.

The total cost of the project is estimated at \$30,000 with funding from the following sources:

\$12,500 Daviess County funds (Secure)

\$ 2,500 Daviess County funds (Unsecure)

\$ 3,000 Owensboro Grain (Secure)

\$ 12,000 Private Donors (Secure)

PRODUCER IMPACT

Owensboro Catholic High School students will directly benefit from this project.

Board Decision:

Owensboro Catholic High School was approved for up to \$15,000 in multiple County funds to construct a new high school greenhouse.



Kentucky Agricultural Development Board approves more than \$4.9 million for projects across the commonwealth

FRANKFORT, Ky. (May 21, 2021) – The Kentucky Agricultural Development Board approved \$4,939,773 for agricultural diversification and rural development projects across the commonwealth at its monthly board meeting.

"Today's announcement shows how diverse the Kentucky Agricultural Development Board's mission truly is," said Commissioner of Agriculture Dr. Ryan Quarles. "These investments in capital projects for a farmers' market, greenhouses for our schools, meat processing facilities to reduce the backlog of cattle processing across our state, and others are positioning Kentucky farm families well as we come out of the COVID-19 pandemic."

State and County Funded Projects

City of Whitesburg Farmers Market Pavilion

The City of Whitesburg was approved for \$250,000 in state and \$84 in Letcher County funds to build a farmers' market pavilion and a commercial kitchen. For more information, contact Valerie Horn at (606) 534-9468 or valerieisonhorn@gmail.com.

Corbin Farmers Market Pavilion

Corbin Tourism and Convention Commission was approved for \$100,000 in state funds and \$1,500 in Whitley County funds to build a farmers' market pavilion in downtown Corbin. For more information, contact Maggy Kriebel at (606) 528-8860 or maggy@corbinkytourism.com.

Daviess County Youth Agriculture Production

Daviess County Conservation District was approved for \$20,000 in Daviess County funds for a Daviess County Youth Agriculture Production Cost-Share Program. For more information, contact Emily Murphy at (270) 685-1707 ext. 3 or emilymurphy98@gmail.com.

Owensboro Catholic High School Greenhouse

Owensboro Catholic High School was approved for \$12,500 in Daviess County funds to build a new high school greenhouse. For more information, contact Erica Tapp at (270) 903-0050 or erica.tapp@owensborocatholic.org.

WKU SmartHolstein Lab

Western Kentucky University (WKU) Research Foundation was approved for \$227,896 in state funds to establish a SmartHolstein Lab. The WKU Smart Holstein lab will be a strategic partnership between WKU and the Holstein Association, USA. The funds will be used to create a research, development and demonstration center for the dairy industry. For more information, contact Ranjit Koodali at (270) 745-4652 or <u>sponsored.programs@wku.edu</u>.

KADF Meat Processing Investment Program (MPIP)

The MPIP provides funding for meat processors who are currently or plan to become USDA certified to financially incentivize economical expansion of businesses to process Kentucky beef, dairy, pork, lamb, goat and poultry products.

Four Level 2 Simplified Processor Capacity Expansion projects and five Level 4 New Processing Facility Expansion projects were approved this month:

- AW Farms, LLC was approved for \$250,000 in state funds as a MPIP Level 4 to purchase processing equipment and build a USDA and custom processing facility for beef, pork and deer in Greenup County. For more information, contact Tyler Wells at (606) 923-4034 or tjwells611@gmail.com.
- Farmstead Butcher Block, LLC was approved for \$250,000 in state funds and \$20,000 in multiple county funds as a MPIP Level 4 to build a retail butcher shop and USDA processing facility for beef, pork, lamb, poultry and deer in Muhlenberg County. For more information, contact Clifford Welch at (301) 616-8432 or cliffwelch@mmmbutcherblock.com.
- Hayz Meatz, LLC was approved for \$149,350 in state funds as a MPIP Level 4 to build a USDA and custom processing facility in Warren County. For more information, contact John B. Rediess III at (270) 784-6984 or johnrediess@gmail.com.
- Lisa Freeman, d/b/a Freemen's Catering & Meat Processing was approved \$13,674 in state funds as a MPIP Level 2 to purchase a cooler, grinder, upgrade kill floor drains and holding pens for the custom processing facility in Union County. For more information, contact Lisa Freeman at (270) 952-4492 or redneck_101@yahoo.com.
- Logan Premium Meats and Processing was approved for \$250,000 in state funds as a MPIP Level 4 to purchase processing equipment and build a USDA processing facility for beef, pork, goat, turkey, ducks and poultry in Logan County. For more information, contact Chris Milam at (270) 847-0634.
- Lorenz and Hammond, LLC was approved for \$250,000 in state funds as a MPIP Level 4 to build a USDA and custom processing facility for beef, pork, lamb and deer in Anderson County. For more information, contact Stacey Westfall at (859) 351-5612 or staceyhwestfall@msn.com.
- Moonlight Meat Processing was approved for \$21,042 state funds as a MPIP Level 2 to purchase a meat tenderizer, meat mixer/grinder and additional processing equipment for its processing facility in Whitley County. For more information, contact Anne Bays at (615) 478-8450 or moonlightmeatprocessing@gmail.com.
- Ray's Custom Processing was approved for \$6,650 in state funds as a MPIP Level 2 project to purchase a beef splitting saw, scales and concrete to repair the kill floor for the processing plant in Grayson County. For more information, contact Tommie Ray at (270) 879-8792.

• **Ronald P. Halsey** was approved for \$25,492 in state funds as a MPIP Level 2 to purchase a vacuum machine, vertebrae saw, air skinner, band saw, circle v-saw and holding pen for Halsey Meat Processing in Wolfe County. For more information, contact Angie Halsey at (606) 568-6378.

County Agricultural Investment Program (CAIP)

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.

Twenty-four CAIPs were approved by the board totaling \$2,864,160:

- Adair (\$172,675)
- Boyd (\$40,400)
- Breathitt (\$100,000)
- Butler (\$99,274)
- Carroll (\$158,084)
- Clark (\$150,000)
- Clinton (\$155,688)
- Daviess (\$50,000)
- Floyd (\$33,000)
- Harrison (\$349,723)
- Henry (\$217,000)
- Jessamine (\$100,000)
- Johnson (\$43,000)
- Marion (\$150,000)
- McCracken (\$84,000)
- Meade (\$68,881)
- Mercer (\$179,406)
- Montgomery (\$200,000)
- Morgan (\$210,919)
- Muhlenberg (\$48,232)
- Oldham (\$25,000)
- Powell (\$53,337)
- Trimble (\$160,000)
- Webster (\$15,541)

Deceased Farm Animal Removal Program (DAR)

DAR serves as a measure to facilitate the coordination of environmentally sound and cost-effective disposal of deceased livestock for Kentucky producers.

Five DARs were approved by the board totaling \$48,000:

- Harrison (\$7,500)
- Marion (\$12,500)
- Montgomery (\$7,000)
- Oldham (\$6,000)
- Scott (\$15,000)

Next Generation Farmer Program (NextGen)

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.

One NextGen Program was approved by the board totaling \$45,000:

• Henry (\$45,000)

Shared-Use Equipment Program

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.

Three Shared-Use programs were approved by the board totaling \$48,425:

- Boone (\$9,400)
- Boyd (\$12,400)
- Hart (\$26,625)

Youth Agricultural Incentives Program (Youth)

The Youth program encourages youth to engage in and explore agricultural opportunities.

Six Youth programs were approved by the board totaling \$83,500:

- Adair (\$30,000)
- McCracken (\$10,500)
- Mercer (\$15,000)
- Oldham (\$5,000)
- Trimble (\$20,000)
- Webster (\$3,000)

All application periods and deadlines for CAIP, NextGen and Youth programs will be advertised locally.

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