



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



**November 8, 2024**

Meeting of the  
Kentucky Agricultural  
Finance Corporation Board

**November 15, 2024**

Meeting of the  
Kentucky Agricultural Development  
Board



## Kentucky Agricultural Finance Corporation 2024/2025 12-Month Board Meeting Schedule

Updated November 2024

Note: Locations are subject to change

Month	KAFAC Board Meeting	Location	Application Deadline
November	Friday, November 15, 2024	Franklin County Extension Office- Frankfort, KY	Friday, October 18, 2024
December	Friday, December 13, 2024	Franklin County Extension Office- Frankfort, KY	Friday, November 15, 2024
January	Friday, January 10, 2025	Franklin County Extension Office- Frankfort, KY	Friday, December 13, 2024
February	Friday, February 14, 2025	Franklin County Extension Office- Frankfort, KY	Friday, January 24, 2025
March	Friday, March 14, 2025	Franklin County Extension Office- Frankfort, KY	Friday, February 21, 2025
April	Friday, April 11, 2025	Franklin County Extension Office-Frankfort, KY	Friday, March 21, 2025
May	Friday, May 16, 2025	Franklin County Extension Office- Frankfort, KY	Friday, April 18, 2025
<b>June</b>	<b>Joint Meeting-Friday, June 20, 2025</b>	<b>Franklin County Extension Office- Frankfort, KY</b>	<b>Friday, May 23, 2025</b>
July	Friday, July 11, 2025	Franklin County Extension Office- Frankfort, KY	Friday, June 20, 2025
August	Friday, August 8, 2025	Franklin County Extension Office- Frankfort, KY	Friday, July 18, 2025
September	Friday, September 12, 2025	Franklin County Extension Office- Frankfort, KY	Friday, August 22, 2025
October	Friday, October 10, 2025	Franklin County Extension Office- Frankfort, KY	Friday, September 19, 2025
November	Friday, November 14, 2025	Franklin County Extension Office- Frankfort, KY	Friday, October 17, 2025



## November Approved Loans

Program	County	Enterprise	Amount Approved	Total Project Cost	Lender
Ag Infrastructure	Logan	Poultry	\$250,000.00	\$2,042,039.00	Magnolia Bank
Ag Infrastructure	Monroe	Poultry	\$250,000.00	\$2,700,000.00	Farm Credit Mid-America
Ag Infrastructure	Trigg	Dairy	\$250,000.00	\$1,200,000.00	Farmers Bank
Beginning Farmer	Grayson	Forage	\$155,000.00	\$310,000.00	Magnolia Bank
Beginning Farmer	Graves	Poultry	\$250,000.00	\$2,561,000.00	FNB Bank Inc
Beginning Farmer	Adair	Beef	\$117,500.00	\$235,000.00	Bank of Columbia
Beginning Farmer	Trigg	Tobacco	\$250,000.00	\$625,000.00	Farmers Bank
Beginning Farmer	Russell	Poultry	\$250,000.00	\$2,759,700.00	Farm Credit Mid-America
Beginning Farmer	Metcalfe	Beef	\$218,875.00	\$515,000.00	Farm Credit Mid-America
Beginning Farmer	Breckinridge	Grain	\$250,000.00	\$528,000.00	Farm Credit Mid-America
Beginning Farmer	Logan	Poultry	\$240,000.00	\$480,000.00	Magnolia Bank
Beginning Farmer	Wayne	Poultry	\$82,000.00	\$755,000.00	Farm Credit Mid-America
Beginning Farmer	Taylor	Grain	\$191,250.00	\$450,000.00	Farm Credit Mid-America
Beginning Farmer	Grayson	Forage	\$115,750.00	\$291,500.00	Magnolia Bank
Beginning Farmer	Madison	Beef	\$144,000.00	\$297,000.00	Central KY Ag Credit
Beginning Farmer	Christian	Lamb/Goat	\$142,800.00	\$420,000.00	Farmers Bank
Beginning Farmer	Grayson	Beef	\$250,000.00	\$695,000.00	Magnolia Bank
<b>Total</b>			<b>\$3,407,175.00</b>	<b>\$16,864,239.00</b>	

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## **Kentucky Agricultural Finance Corp. approves more than \$3.4 million in loans**

*Financing bolsters beef, forage, poultry, and grain farmers across the Commonwealth*

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**FRANKFORT (Nov. 8, 2024)** – The Kentucky Agricultural Finance Corp. (KAFC) approved 17 agricultural loans totaling \$3,407,175 for projects across the Commonwealth today at its monthly board meeting.

### **Agricultural Infrastructure Loan Program (AILP)**

Three Agricultural Infrastructure Loans totaling up to \$750,000 were approved. Loan recipients were in, Logan (\$250,000), Monroe (\$250,000), and Trigg (\$250,000) counties.

KAFC participates with lenders to provide financing to producers making capital expenditures for agricultural projects through the AILP. Eligible projects include permanent farm structures with attached equipment that improves the profitability of farming operations. Producers may be eligible for up to \$250,000 not to exceed 50 percent of the project.

### **Beginning Farmer Loan Program (BFLP)**

Fourteen Beginning Farmer Loans totaling up to \$2,657,175 were approved. Loan recipients were in Adair (\$117,500), Breckenridge (\$250,000), Christian (\$142,800), Graves (\$250,000), Grayson (\$115,750, \$155,000, \$250,000), Logan (\$240,000), Madison (\$144,000), Metcalfe (\$218,875), Russel (\$250,000), Taylor (\$191,250), Trigg (\$250,000), and Wayne (\$82,000) counties.

The BFLP is designed to assist individuals with some farming experience who desire to develop, expand, or buy into a farming operation. Beginning farmers may qualify for financing to purchase livestock, equipment, or agriculture facilities; to secure permanent working capital; for the purchase of farm real estate; or to invest in a partnership or LLC.

For more information on the programs offered by the KAFC, contact Bill McCloskey at Kentucky Office of Agricultural Policy at (502) 382-6093 or email [kafc@ky.gov](mailto:kafc@ky.gov).

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*The Kentucky Office of Agricultural Policy (KOAP), a division within the Kentucky Department of Agriculture, provides staff support to the Kentucky Agricultural Finance Corporation (KAFC) and the Kentucky Agricultural Development Fund (KADF). The KADF is administered by the Kentucky Agricultural Development Board. KOAP ensures Kentucky is being good stewards of dollars from the 1998 Tobacco Settlement Agreement by overseeing the boards' investments into diversifying and supporting Kentucky agriculture.*



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January	Friday, January 17, 2025	Franklin County Extension Office-Frankfort, KY	Friday, December 27, 2024
February	Friday, February 21, 2025	Franklin County Extension Office-Frankfort, KY	Friday, January 31, 2025
March	Friday, March 21, 2025	Franklin County Extension Office-Frankfort, KY	Friday, February 28, 2025
April	Friday, April 18, 2025	Franklin County Extension Office-Frankfort, KY	Friday, March 28, 2025
May	Friday, May 16, 2025	Franklin County Extension Office-Frankfort, KY	Friday, April 25, 2025
<b>June</b>	<b>Joint Meeting- Friday, June 20, 2025</b>	<b>Franklin County Extension Office-Frankfort, KY</b>	<b>Friday, May 30, 2025</b>
June	Friday, June 20, 2025	Franklin County Extension Office-Frankfort, KY	Friday, May 30, 2025
July	Friday, July 18, 2025	Franklin County Extension Office-Frankfort, KY	Friday, June 27, 2025
August	Friday, August 15, 2025	Franklin County Extension Office-Frankfort, KY	Friday, July 25, 2025
September	Friday, September 19, 2025	Franklin County Extension Office-Frankfort, KY	Friday, August 29, 2025
October	Friday, October 10, 2025	Franklin County Extension Office-Frankfort, KY	Friday, September 19, 2025
November	Friday, November 21, 2025	Franklin County Extension Office-Frankfort, KY	Friday, October 24, 2025

## Programs Recommended for Approval

### CAIP

<u>Application</u>	<u>Program Administrator</u>	<u>County</u>	<u>Funds Requested</u>
A2024-0244	Pendleton County Agricultural Diversification Association, Inc.	Pendleton	\$190,440.00
A2024-0245	Mason County Conservation District	Mason	\$230,000.00
A2024-0250	Fleming County Conservation District	Fleming	\$230,275.00
A2024-0253	Woodford County Agriculture Advancement Council, Inc.	Woodford	\$194,000.00
A2024-0255	Northern Kentucky Cattle Association, Inc.	Boone	\$99,164.00
A2024-0257	LaRue County Beef Cattle Association, Inc.	LaRue	\$125,000.00
A2024-0259	Menifee County Beef Producers, Inc.	Menifee	\$90,215.00
A2024-0260	Todd County Conservation District	Todd	\$209,872.00
			<b>\$1,368,966.00</b>

### Deceased Farm Animal Removal (DAR)

<u>Application</u>	<u>Program Administrator</u>	<u>County</u>	<u>Funds Requested</u>
A2024-0241	Lincoln County Fiscal Court	Lincoln	\$15,000.00
A2024-0256	LaRue County Conservation District	LaRue	\$1,660.00
			<b>\$16,660.00</b>

### Next Generation Farmer (NextGen)

<u>Application</u>	<u>Program Administrator</u>	<u>County</u>	<u>Funds Requested</u>
A2024-0251	Fleming County Conservation District	Fleming	\$40,000.00
			<b>\$40,000.00</b>

### Shared-Use Equipment Program

<u>Application</u>	<u>Program Administrator</u>	<u>County</u>	<u>Funds Requested</u>
A2024-0243	Lee County Conservation District	Lee	\$7,200.00
A2024-0249	Lee County Conservation District	Lee	\$900.00
			<b>\$8,100.00</b>

## Programs Recommended for Approval

### Youth Ag Incentives Program (Youth)

<u>Application</u>	<u>Program Administrator</u>	<u>County</u>	<u>Funds Requested</u>
A2024-0242	Barren County Conservation District	Barren	\$10,000.00
A2024-0246	Mason County Conservation District	Mason	\$25,000.00
A2024-0252	Fleming County Conservation District	Fleming	\$25,000.00
			<b>\$60,000.00</b>

Total County Funds Recommended for Approval in Programs: **\$1,493,726.00**



App#	A2022-0172
Applicant Name	Paris Independent Schools
Amount Approved	\$25,000 Bourbon County funds
Execution Date	11/15/2022
Requested Change	The applicant is requesting a 6-month time extension to complete their greenhouse project due to delays in the bidding process.  \$0 in Bourbon County funds have been disbursed this far. The new deadline will be May 15, 2025.  Staff Recommends Approval

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**Approved Project**

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**Dr. Prather's Farm Animal Veterinary Services LLC****A2024-0219***Application County: Fayette**Date Submitted: 08/26/2024**Total Funds Awarded: \$2,250***FUNDING REQUEST**

Dr. Prather's Farm Animal Veterinary Services LLC is requesting \$375 in county funds and \$1,875 in state funds to purchase equine dental equipment as part of the Large & Food Animal Veterinary Incentives Program.

**APPLICATION SUMMARY**

The applicant plans to purchase power float equipment and a speculum to be used for equine dentistry needs in their veterinary practice.

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

\$1,875 KADB State Funds (Requested)

\$375 Campbell -County funds (Requested)

\$750 Personal Savings (Secured)

**PROJECTED PRODUCER IMPACT**

The applicant states that approximately 100 producers in 7 counties will benefit from the project.

***Board Decision:***

11/15/2024: Dr Prather's Farm Animal Veterinary Services LLC was approved up to \$1,875 in state funds and \$375 in county funds to purchase equine dental equipment as part of the Large & Food Animal Veterinary Incentives Program.

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**Approved Project**

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**Kentucky Horticulture Council****A2024-0220***Application County: \_ALL**Date Submitted: 08/26/2024**Total Funds Awarded: \$2,061,362***FUNDING REQUEST**

Kentucky Horticulture Council, Inc. (KHC) is requesting \$2,061,362 in state funds across two years to expand technical assistance, education, research, market analysis and market access for Kentucky's growing horticulture industry.

**APPLICATION SUMMARY**

The applicant supports the horticulture industry statewide, focusing on thousands of farmers who produce and market horticulture crops as well as agribusiness that provides horticulture services and promote use of Kentucky grown products. This project will strengthen value chains in a growing industry. Activities include: direct technical assistance; educational resource development and educational resource development and knowledge transfer; innovative, science-based production research; market research and analysis; and market development strategies. KHC has received a total of \$19,932,558 in KADF to date.

**MATCHING FUNDS**

The total amount of matching funds is estimated at \$1,748,386

\$561,583 External Grants Primary (Secured)

\$1,082,348 External Grants Primary (Pending)

\$46,717 Project Partner Grants (Secured)

\$81,288 Project Partner Grants (Pending)

The total cost of the project is estimated at \$3,833,298

**PROJECTED PRODUCER IMPACT**

The applicant states that more than 4,000 producer-growers will benefit from this project.

**Board Decision:**

11/15/2024: Kentucky Horticulture Council was approved up to \$2,061,362 in state funds over a two-year period to expand technical assistance, education, research, market analysis and market access for Kentucky's growing horticulture industry.

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**Approved Project**

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**Keeneland Sustainability, LLC****A2024-0226***Application County: Fayette**Date Submitted: 08/30/2024**Total Funds Awarded: \$1,000,000***FUNDING REQUEST**

Keeneland Sustainability LLC is requesting \$2,300,000 in state funds to build a gasification system to process muck into biochar.

**APPLICATION SUMMARY**

Keeneland has been exploring solutions for the horse industry's muck problem for years – prior research included composting, biodigesters, and incinerators, before landing on gasification as the best solution. The proposed gasifier has been in production in the thermal treatment and remediation industries for decades and was recently adapted by the applicant's equipment partner, Stircor, to process biosolids in wastewater facilities. The Stircor team's 100+ years of collective experience has yielded a proven system that generates a sustainable by-product with the potential to benefit farmers across the state.

This gasification system will turn the muck into biochar, which sequesters carbon and is spread on agricultural lands as a soil amendment to improve soil health and farm productivity. Additional byproducts include synthetic gas, which will power the equipment, and water. The applicant anticipates processing almost 33k tons of muck per year with roughly half of it coming from nearby farms and equine operators.

KADB funds will be used to purchase and install the gasifier system equipment.

In 2021, the applicant, Dba KY Training Center, LLC, was approved for up to \$1,000,000 in state and multi-county funds to build six new equine barns. (A2021-0055) – received \$534,000

The total cost of the project is estimated at \$9,200,000 with the following funding sources:

\$2,300,000 KADB State Funds

\$6,900,000 Keeneland Association Funds (Pending)

**PROJECTED PRODUCER IMPACT**

The applicant states that many Central Kentucky farm families will benefit from this project in various ways.

***Board Decision:***

11/15/2024: Keeneland Sustainability, LLC was approved up to \$1,000,000 in form of a KADF participation loan to build a gasification system to process muck into biochar.

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**Approved Project**

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**Benjamin B. Stivers****A2024-0230***Application County: Woodford**Date Submitted: 08/30/2024**Total Funds Awarded: \$79,572***FUNDING REQUEST**

Dr. Stivers is requesting \$66,310 in state funds and \$13,262 in multi-county funds as part of the Large & Food Animal Veterinary Incentives Program to purchase a truck, vet box, and ultrasound machine.

**APPLICATION SUMMARY**

Funding will be used to purchase a truck with a vet box and an ultrasound machine. Dr Stivers has 26 years of experience in the equine and bovine industries and is currently a partner with Hagyard Equine. Dr. Stivers also provides veterinary care for cattle, sheep, goats and swine as the need arises. In 3-4 years, Dr. Stivers plans to retire from the equine business and foresees his practice evolving into serving food animal clients.

The total cost of the project is estimated at \$106,097 with funding from the following sources:

\$66,310 KADF state funds

\$13,262 multi-county funds

\$ 26,525 Cash (Secured)

**PROJECTED PRODUCER IMPACT**

Dr. Stivers services clients in Woodford, Spencer, Anderson, Fayette, Jessamine, Scott, Washington, Shelby, Mercer, Fleming, Mason, Grant and Franklin counties.

***Board Decision:***

11/15/2024: Benjamin B. Stivers was approved up to \$66,310 in state funds and \$13,262 in multi-county funds to purchase a truck with a vet box and an ultrasound machine as part of the Large & Food Animal Veterinary Incentives Program.

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**Approved Project**

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**Animal House Veterinary Clinic****A2024-0232***Application County: Laurel**Date Submitted: 09/13/2024**Total Funds Awarded: \$120,000***FUNDING REQUEST**

Animal House Veterinary Clinic is requesting \$50,000 in state funds and \$10,000 in Laurel County funds as part of the Large & Food Animal Veterinary Incentives Program to purchase a truck.

**APPLICATION SUMMARY**

Funding will be used to purchase a truck for large animal practice. Dr. House has two vet boxes and plans to install one of them in the new truck. The truck that Dr. House has been using for many years needs extensive repairs. Dr. House plans to use this program to replace his worn-out truck and continue to service producers.

The total cost of the project is estimated at \$93,312 with funding from the following sources:

\$50,000 KADF state funds

\$10,000 Laurel Co. funds (Secured)

\$33,312 Cash/Loan

**PROJECTED PRODUCER IMPACT**

Dr. House estimates that 400-600 farm families will benefit annually from this project. Dr. House services clients in Laurel, Clay, and Jackson counties.

**Board Decision:**

11/15/2024: Animal House Veterinary Clinic was approved up to \$50,000 in state funds and \$10,000 in Laurel County funds as part of the Large and Food Animal Veterinary Incentives Program to purchase a truck .

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**Approved Project**

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**Jingleheim Ranch & Gardens, LLC****A2024-0239***Application County: Letcher**Date Submitted: 09/19/2024**Total Funds Awarded: \$98,360***Funding Request**

Jingleheim Ranch & Gardens, LLC is requesting \$89,500 in state and Letcher County Funds to purchase and update a facility to become a sourdough bakery.

**Application Summary**

Fall of 2023, this product was in demand, and bread ovens were invested in for their cottage bakery. Participates in three different farmer's markets, 3 ARH CSA programs, has an online subscription for weekly bread delivery, and takes part in vendor events, fairs, and festivals. This funding will be used to purchase the building, bring the added plumbing up to health code standards, seal the floors, add walls, and purchase the appliances.

The total cost of the project is estimated at \$179,000 with funding from the following:

\$44,750 KADB State Funds

\$39,750 KADB Multi-County Funds

\$5,000 Letcher County Funds (Committed)

\$89,500 Community Trust Bank or Navy Federal Credit Union (Pending)

**Projected Producer Impact**

The applicant states that they will impact a total of thirteen (13) counties but with the increase of their business capabilities the impact will continue to grow.

**Board Decision:**

11/15/2024: Jingleheim Ranch & Gardens, LLC was approved for multi-county funds matched by state funds with an option of a KADF participation loan, not to exceed a total of \$89,500 for the purchase of a facility and updates for a commercial/certified kitchen.

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**Approved Project**

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**Mountain Animal Clinic, LLC****A2024-0240***Application County: Letcher**Date Submitted: 09/19/2024**Total Funds Awarded: \$17,664***Funding Request**

Mountain Animal Clinic is requesting \$17,664 in state and multi-county funds to purchase an ultrasound machine, squeeze chute, and a dart gun. Under the Large and Food Animal Veterinary Incentives Program

**Application Summary**

Dr. Ben Cornett, with Mountain Animal Clinic serves producers in Letcher, Knott, Perry, Floyd, Pike, and Harlan Counties. The veterinarian has been providing large animal services in the area over the last year and a half. Provides mixed animal services to Letcher and the surrounding counties.

The total cost of the project is estimated at \$23,551.88 with funding from the following:

\$14,730 KADB State Funds

\$2,612 Letcher County Funds (Committed)

\$322 Knott County Funds (Committed)

\$5,887.88 Mountain Animal Clinic Funds (Secured)

**Projected Producer Impact**

The applicant states that multiple farm families in Letcher, Knott, Perry, Floyd, Pike, and Harlan counties will benefit from this project each week.

***Board Decision:***

11/15/2024: Mountain Animal Clinic, LLC was approved up to \$14,730 in state funds and \$2,934 in multi-county funds to purchase an ultrasound machine, squeeze chute, and a dart gun as part of the Large and Food Animal Veterinary Incentives Program.





## **Kentucky Agricultural Development Board approves more than \$4.8 million for projects across the Commonwealth**

*Funded projects focus on agricultural diversification, rural development*

**FRANKFORT (Nov. 15, 2024)** – The Kentucky Agricultural Development Board approved \$4,804,074 for agricultural diversification and rural development projects across the Commonwealth at its monthly board meeting.

"Diversity is a source of strength, and that strength is essential to building a thriving agricultural community," said Commissioner of Agriculture and Kentucky Agricultural Development Board Chair Jonathan Shell. "These projects awarded by the Kentucky Agricultural Development Board are designed to promote that diversity, paving the way for a stronger, more resilient future for Kentucky agriculture."

### **County and State Funded Projects**

- Animal House Veterinary Clinic was approved up to \$50,000 in state funds and \$10,000 in Laurel County funds as part of the Large and Food Animal Veterinary Incentives Program to purchase a truck. For more information, contact Dr. Douglas W. House at [dwhouse004@gmail.com](mailto:dwhouse004@gmail.com).
- Benjamin B. Stivers was approved up to \$66,310 in state funds and \$13,262 in multi-county funds to purchase a truck with a vet box and an ultrasound machine as part of the Large and Food Animal Veterinary Incentives Program. For more information, contact Susie Stivers at [susiestivers@icloud.com](mailto:susiestivers@icloud.com).
- Dr Prather's Farm Animal Veterinary Services LLC was approved up to \$1,875 in state funds and \$375 in county funds to purchase equine dental equipment as part of the Large and Food Animal Veterinary Incentives Program. For more information, contact Dr. Nicholas B. Prather at [Nbp0009@auburn.edu](mailto:Nbp0009@auburn.edu).
- Jingleheim Ranch & Gardens, LLC was approved for multi-county funds matched by state funds with an option of a KADF participation loan, not to exceed a total of \$89,500 for the purchase of a facility and updates for a commercial/certified kitchen. For more information, contact Jay J. Price at [jingleheimranch@gmail.com](mailto:jingleheimranch@gmail.com).

- Keeneland Sustainability, LLC was approved up to \$1,000,000 in form of a KADF participation loan to build a gasification system to process muck into biochar. For more information, contact Hunter M. Stout at [hstout@keeneland.com](mailto:hstout@keeneland.com).
- Kentucky Horticulture Council was approved up to \$2,061,362 in state funds over a two-year period to expand technical assistance, education, research, market analysis and market access for Kentucky's growing horticulture industry. For more information, contact Dr. Cindy Finneseth at [cindy@KYHortCouncil.org](mailto:cindy@KYHortCouncil.org).
- Mountain Animal Clinic, LLC was approved up to \$14,730 in state funds and \$2,934 in multi-county funds to purchase an ultrasound machine, squeeze chute, and a dart gun as part of the Large and Food Animal Veterinary Incentives Program. For more information, contact Dr. Benjamin M. Cornett at [mountainanimalclinic@outlook.com](mailto:mountainanimalclinic@outlook.com).

## **County Programs**

### **County Agricultural Investment Program (CAIP)**

CAIP provides Kentucky agricultural producers with cost-share assistance on practices to allow them to improve and diversify their current farm operations. CAIP covers a wide variety of agricultural enterprises in its 11 investment areas, including, but not limited to, beef and dairy cattle; farm infrastructure, fencing, and water enhancement; equine; forage; goats and sheep; horticulture; poultry; swine; bees and honey; timber and technology, as well as energy efficiency and production; marketing; and value-added production.

Eight CAIPs were approved by the board in the following counties totaling \$1,368,966:

- Boone (\$99,164)
- Fleming (\$230,275)
- LaRue (\$125,000)
- Mason (\$230,000)
- Menifee (\$90,215)
- Pendleton (\$190,440)
- Todd (\$209,872)
- Woodford (\$194,000)

### **Deceased Farm Animal Removal (DAR)**

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

Two DARs were approved by the board in the following counties totaling \$16,660.

- LaRue (\$1,660)
- Lincoln (\$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.