



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



**December 13, 2024**

Meeting of the  
Kentucky Agricultural  
Finance Corporation Board

**December 20, 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	KAFC Board Meeting	Location	Application Deadline
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
June	Joint Meeting-Friday, June 20, 2025	Franklin County Extension Office- Frankfort, KY	Friday, May 23, 2025
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
December	Friday, December 12, 2025	Franklin County Extension Office- Frankfort, KY	Friday, November 21, 2025



## December Approved Loans

Program	County	Enterprise	Amount Approved	Total Project Cost	Lender
Ag Infrastructure	Monroe	Poultry	\$195,000.00	\$2,925,000.00	Farm Credit Mid-America
Ag Infrastructure	Daviess	Grain	\$125,000.00	\$250,000.00	Independence Bank
Ag Infrastructure	Marshall	Beef	\$22,242.50	\$44,485.00	River Valley Ag Credit
Beginning Farmer	Green	Poultry	\$250,000.00	\$1,820,000.00	Bank of Columbia
Beginning Farmer	Anderson	Beef	\$180,000.00	\$360,000.00	Central KY Ag Credit
Beginning Farmer	Henry	Beef	\$175,000.00	\$364,000.00	Farm Credit Mid-America
Beginning Farmer	Boyle	Swine	\$196,235.00	\$239,000.00	Farmers National Bank
Beginning Farmer	Webster	Poultry	\$250,000.00	\$1,850,000.00	Field and Main Bank
Beginning Farmer	Webster	Poultry	\$250,000.00	\$1,850,000.00	Field and Main Bank
Beginning Farmer	Henderson	Grain	\$250,000.00	\$525,326.00	Independence Bank
Beginning Farmer	Ohio	Beef	\$250,000.00	\$600,000.00	Farm Credit Mid-America
Beginning Farmer	Marion	Horticulture	\$100,000.00	\$280,000.00	Magnolia Bank
Beginning Farmer	Hardin	Beef	\$164,560.00	\$387,200.00	Farm Credit Mid-America
Beginning Farmer	LaRue	Grain	\$120,254.00	\$568,238.75	Farm Credit Mid-America
Beginning Farmer	Scott	Beef	\$250,000.00	\$781,540.00	Central KY Ag Credit
Beginning Farmer	Harrison	Beef	\$150,000.00	\$305,000.00	Central KY Ag Credit
Beginning Farmer	Trigg	Equine	\$250,000.00	\$500,000.00	Farmers Bank
Beginning Farmer	Adair	Grain	\$160,000.00	\$400,000.00	Bank of Columbia
<b>Total</b>			<b>\$3,338,291.50</b>	<b>\$14,049,789.75</b>	



## **Kentucky Agricultural Finance Corp. approves more than \$3.3 million in loans**

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

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**FRANKFORT (Dec. 13, 2024)** – The Kentucky Agricultural Finance Corp. (KAFC) approved 18 agricultural loans totaling \$3,338,291.50 for projects across the Commonwealth today at its monthly board meeting.

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

Three Agricultural Infrastructure Loans totaling up to \$342,242.50 were approved. Loan recipients were in Daviess (\$125,000), Marshall (\$22,242.50), and Monroe (\$195,000), 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)**

Fifteen Beginning Farmer Loans totaling up to \$2,996,049 were approved. Loan recipients were in Adair (\$160,000), Anderson (\$180,000), Boyle (\$196,235), Green (\$250,000), Hardin (\$164,560), Harrison (\$150,000), Henderson (\$250,000), Henry (\$175,000), LaRue (\$120,254), Marion (\$100,000), Ohio (\$250,000), Scott (\$250,000), Trigg (\$250,000), and Webster (\$250,000, \$250,000) 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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Month	KADB Meeting	Location	Application Deadline
December	Friday, December 20, 2024	Franklin County Extension Office-Frankfort, KY	Monday, December 2, 2024
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
June	Joint Meeting-Friday, June 20, 2025	Franklin County Extension Office-Frankfort, KY	Friday, May 30, 2025
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 17, 2025	Franklin County Extension Office-Frankfort, KY	Friday, September 26, 2025
November	Friday, November 21, 2025	Franklin County Extension Office-Frankfort, KY	Friday, October 24, 2025
December	Friday, December 19, 2025	Franklin County Extension Office-Frankfort, KY	Monday, December 1, 2025

## Programs Recommended for Approval

### CAIP

<u>Application</u>	<u>Program Administrator</u>	<u>County</u>	<u>Funds Requested</u>
A2024-0269	Crittenden County Soil Conservation District	Crittenden*	\$30,000.00
A2024-0271	Leslie County Conservation District	Leslie*	\$52,002.00
A2024-0272	Harlan County Soil Conservation District	Harlan*	\$89,727.00
			<b>\$171,729.00</b>

### Deceased Farm Animal Removal (DAR)

<u>Application</u>	<u>Program Administrator</u>	<u>County</u>	<u>Funds Requested</u>
A2024-0266	Oldham County Fiscal Court	Oldham	\$5,000.00
			<b>\$5,000.00</b>

### Shared-Use Equipment Program

<u>Application</u>	<u>Program Administrator</u>	<u>County</u>	<u>Funds Requested</u>
A2024-0270	Rockcastle County Conservation District	Rockcastle	\$17,000.00
			<b>\$17,000.00</b>

### Youth Ag Incentives Program (Youth)

<u>Application</u>	<u>Program Administrator</u>	<u>County</u>	<u>Funds Requested</u>
A2024-0273	Harlan County Soil Conservation District	Harlan*	\$5,000.00
			<b>\$5,000.00</b>

Total County Funds Recommended for Approval in Programs:	<b>\$198,729.00</b>
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\* Indicates a portion of the project is funded from the "State Funds To Support to Counties with Limited Allocation initiative."

## Requested Program Amendments

<b>App #</b>	<b>A2024-0081</b>
<b>Applicant Name</b>	<b>Jessamine County FFA Alumni Association, Inc.</b>
Original Amount Approved	\$100,000
Execution Date	05/13/2024
Requested Change	<p>The applicant requests an <u>additional</u> \$100,000 in Jessamine County funds for the <i>CAIP Program</i>. The request received a <u>high</u> priority from the County Council.</p> <p>This is the first request for an amendment to this application number.</p> <p>The term of the program shall remain 12-months from the execution date of the original agreement.</p> <p>Approval of this request would bring the program total to \$200,000.</p>

**Recommend Approval**

<b>App #</b>	<b>A2024-0139</b>
<b>Applicant Name</b>	<b>Adair County Cattlemen's Association, Inc.</b>
Original Amount Approved	\$200,000
Execution Date	07/17/2024
Requested Change	<p>The applicant requests an <u>additional</u> \$14,939 in Adair County funds for the <i>CAIP Program</i>. The request received a <u>high</u> priority from the County Council.</p> <p>This is the first request for an amendment to this application number.</p> <p>The term of the program shall remain 12-months from the execution date of the original agreement.</p> <p>Approval of this request would bring the program total to \$214,939.</p>

**Recommend Approval**

<b>App #</b>	<b>A2024-0172</b>
<b>Applicant Name</b>	<b>Taylor County Cattlemen's Association, Inc.</b>
Original Amount Approved	\$100,000
Execution Date	08/06/2024
Requested Change	<p>The applicant requests an <u>additional</u> \$75,000 in Taylor County funds for the <i>CAIP Program</i>. The request received a <u>high</u> priority from the County Council.</p> <p>This is the first request for an amendment to this application number.</p> <p>The term of the program shall remain 12-months from the execution date of the original agreement.</p> <p>Approval of this request would bring the program total to \$175,000.</p>

**Recommend Approval**



## Requested Time Extensions

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<b>App#</b>	<b>A2023-0047</b>
<b>Applicant Name</b>	<b>Bourbon County Fair &amp; Horse Show</b>
<b>Amount Approved</b>	\$25,000 Bourbon County funds
<b>Execution Date</b>	6/8/2023
<b>Requested Change</b>	<p>The applicant is requesting a 3-month time extension to complete their livestock barn due to delays in electrical installation.</p> <p>\$7,055 in Bourbon County funds have been disbursed this far. The new deadline will be March 8, 2025.</p>

### **Staff Recommends Approval**

<b>App#</b>	<b>A2023-0051</b>
<b>Applicant Name</b>	<b>Sunflower Fuels</b>
<b>Amount Approved</b>	\$150,000 state funds
<b>Execution Date</b>	6/5/2023
<b>Requested Change</b>	<p>The applicant is requesting a 6-month time extension to complete their project. Planting operations have begun, but further tasks will take place in, early spring, 2025.</p> <p>\$33,571 in state funds have been disbursed this far. The new deadline will be June 5, 2025.</p>

### **Staff Recommends Approval**

Approved Project

Kentucky Department of Agriculture

A2024-0222

Application County: \_ALL

Date Submitted: 08/29/2024

Total Funds Awarded: \$3,189,000

FUNDING REQUEST

The Kentucky Department of Agriculture (KDA) is requesting \$3,189,000 in state funds for calendar years 2025 and 2026 to fund the Kentucky Proud program.

APPLICATION SUMMARY

Kentucky Proud is Kentucky's official agriculture marketing and promotional program that serves as the brand for Kentucky's agriculture products, and its membership spans the entire agriculture spectrum.

KDA proposes to fund and implement the following five projects in this 2-year proposal:

	Year 1 (2025)	Year 2 (2026)
Point of Purchase	\$395,000	\$395,000
Branding & Advertising	\$914,000	\$735,000
Buy Local	\$260,000	\$260,000
Retail	\$ 90,000	\$ 90,000
Farm to Fork	\$ 25,000	\$ 25,000

Point of Purchase- Provides a match on eligible promotional expenses for advertising, marketing, and reaching consumers at the point of purchase.

Branding & Advertising- Provides funding to be used to promote Kentucky Proud food and products.

Buy Local- Provides a reimbursement incentive for food service providers that seek Kentucky Proud food products for their menus.

Retail - Support promotional and networking efforts to work with larger distributors and retail chains to develop market opportunities for selling KY Proud farm impact products.

Farm to Fork- Provides funding to organizations to host family-style meals using fresh, local, Kentucky farm food.

The total cost of the project is estimated at \$3,189,000 with the following funding sources:

\$ 3,189,000 KADF State funds  
\$ 790,000 Point of Purchase Recipients  
\$ TBD Branding & Advertising  
\$ 3,466,667 Buy Local recipients  
\$ 50,000 Farm to Fork cost-share  
\$ 1,618,768 KDA Staff Supported

PROJECTED PRODUCER IMPACT

The applicant states that numerous farms and agribusinesses, across the Commonwealth, will directly benefit from their membership in Kentucky Proud.

**Board Decision:**

12/20/2024: Kentucky Department of Agriculture was approved up to \$3,189,000 in state funds to fund the Kentucky Proud Program

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**Approved Project**

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**Kentucky Dairy Development Council, Inc.****A2024-0227***Application County: \_ALL**Date Submitted: 08/30/2024**Total Funds Awarded: \$1,891,560***FUNDING REQUEST**

The Kentucky Dairy Development Council, Inc. (KDDC) is requesting \$1,891,560 in state funds for calendar years 2025-2026 to continue educating, representing, and promoting Kentucky's dairy producers and industry.

**APPLICATION SUMMARY**

KDDC will develop and implement programs on business procedures and production agriculture practices, environmental requirements, and provide services that will enhance sustainability and profitability. KADB funds will be used for the Dairy Impact Program, Program Education and Development, Producer Outreach Program, Kentucky Kate, Operational Expenses, Professional Development, Travel, and Administrative Expenses.

The total cost of the two-year project, is estimated at \$2,883,120 with the following funding sources:

\$1,891,560 KADF state funds

\$50,000 Membership Dues/YDPC/KDPM

\$7,000 KDDC Milk Matters Newsletter

\$200 KY Kate

\$1,400 Interest

**PROJECTED PRODUCER IMPACT**

The applicant states that 375 Kentucky dairy farm families will benefit from this program.

***Board Decision:***

12/20/2024: Kentucky Dairy Development Council, Inc. was approved up to \$1,291,560 in state funds to continue educating, representing, and promoting Kentucky's dairy producers and industry.

## Approved Project

Kentucky Beef Network, LLC

A2024-0228

Application County: \_ALL

Date Submitted: 08/30/2024

Total Funds Awarded: \$4,633,032

## FUNDING REQUEST

The Kentucky Beef Network, LLC (KBN) is requesting \$2,316,516 in State funds for calendar years 2025 (1,176,240) and 2026 (1,140,276) to continue to provide programs to cattle producers that will enhance their net returns through increased marketing opportunities, data management, education and comprehensive farm management systems.

## APPLICATION SUMMARY

KBN will implement production and marketing programs for producers while focusing on profitability and farm business management.

In addition to the KBN (\$1,096,674) and UK personnel (\$552,912), the following programs/ events will be offered by the applicant during this 2-year project period:

\$33,000 Advanced Post Weaning Value-Added Program  
 \$33,000 Protecting Your Farm: Biosecurity, Traceability, Beef Quality & Care Assurance  
 \$80,000 Agriculture Infrastructure and Mechanization  
 \$50,000 Beef Leadership Conference  
 \$30,000 Herd and Hands: Cattle Management  
 \$30,000 Innovation and Impact Cattle Conferences  
 \$30,000 Smart Agriculture Solutions  
 \$24,000 Kentucky Cattle Marketing Hub  
 \$52,000 Building a Cattlemen's Network  
 \$7,700 Diversified Cattle Production Systems: Backgrounding  
 \$49,000 Back to the Basics 2:  
 \$12,250 Bull Value Assessment Program  
 \$27,050 Master Cattlemen  
 \$35,490 Kentucky Beef Cattle Startup Program  
 \$66,940 Kentucky Beef Cattle Assessment Program  
 \$7,500 Winter Feeding Workshop  
 \$99,000 Master Grazer

The total cost of the 2-year project is estimated at \$2,316,516 with the following funding sources:  
 \$2,316,516 KADF State funds

## PROJECTED PRODUCER IMPACT

The applicant states that all cattle producers in Kentucky could benefit from this project.

**Board Decision:**

12/20/2024: Kentucky Beef Network, LLC was approved up to \$2,316,516 in state funds to continue to provide programs to cattle producers that will enhance their net returns through increased marketing opportunities, data management, education and comprehensive farm management systems.

Approved Project

Hopkins County Farm Bureau of Hopkins County, Kentucky

A2024-0248

Application County: Hopkins

Date Submitted: 10/14/2024

Total Funds Awarded: \$2,200

FUNDING REQUEST

Hopkins County Farm Bureau is requesting \$2,200 in Hopkins County funds to purchase grain rescue equipment for local EMS to utilize in case of a grain entrapment accident.

APPLICATION SUMMARY

The applicant indicates that funding will be used to purchase a Great Wall of Rescue Supreme Kit and an Auger . The local EMS/Rescue Squad will house the equipment, so that it is readily accessible in case of an emergency.

The total cost of the project is estimated at \$4,385 with funding from the following sources:

\$2,200 Hopkins County funds

\$2,185 Hopkins Co. Farm Bureau

PROJECTED PRODUCER IMPACT

The applicant hopes that the grain rescue tubes will never need to be used as they are only used for grain accidents. However, the applicant indicates that the grain rescue equipment could be a life-saving tool if there is ever a grain entrapment accident in the county.

**Board Decision:**

12/20/2024: Hopkins County Farm Bureau was approved up to \$2,200 in Hopkins County funds to purchase grain rescue equipment for local EMS to utilize in case of a grain entrapment accident.

Approved Project

Woodford County Board of Education

A2024-0254

Application County: Woodford

Date Submitted: 10/21/2024

Total Funds Awarded: \$40,000

A2024-0254 Woodford County Board of Education

FUNDING REQUEST

Woodford County Board of Education is requesting \$140,000 in Woodford County funds to construct a new livestock education barn.

APPLICATION SUMMARY

With the construction of a new high school facility, the vocation agriculture department will lose access to the current barn at the existing high school location. Woodford County is in the process of developing a plan to construct a new 40x60 livestock education barn. The barn will have a full concrete floor with drain, water and utilities, a loft area for storage, and existing equipment will be moved from the current facility to the new.

Their goal is to create an inclusive learning environment where students can engage directly with the livestock and gain firsthand knowledge of animal sciences.

The total cost of the project is estimated at \$280,000 with the following funding sources:

\$40,000 KADB Woodford County Funds (committed)

\$240,000 Woodford County Board of Education Funds (pending)

PROJECTED PRODUCER IMPACT

The applicant states that approximately 30 students will be impacted in the first year with potential to impact more in the coming years.

**Board Decision:**

12/20/2024: Woodford County Board of Education was approved up to \$40,000 in Woodford County funds to construct a new livestock education barn.

Approved Project

Spencer County Fiscal Court

A2024-0258

Application County: Spencer

Date Submitted: 10/23/2024

Total Funds Awarded: \$600,000

FUNDING REQUEST

Spencer County Fiscal Court is requesting \$50,000 in Spencer County funds and \$250,000 in State funds for the construction of a new farmer's market.

APPLICATION SUMMARY

The applicant plans to construct a permanent home for their farmer's market.

The total cost of the project is estimated at \$1,465,000 with the following funding sources:

\$50,000 KADB Spencer County Funds (Secured)

\$250,000 KADB State Funds (Requested)

\$239,000 Spencer County General Fund (Secured)

\$626,000 KACo Bonding Potential (Secured)

PROJECTED PRODUCER IMPACT

The applicant states that 25-30 farm families would be impacted immediately by the project.

**Board Decision:**

12/20/2024: Spencer County Fiscal Court was approved up to \$250,000 in state funds and \$50,000 in Spencer County funds for the construction of a farmers' market.

Approved Project

Cowan Community Action Group, Inc

A2024-0261

Application County: Letcher

Date Submitted: 10/24/2024

Total Funds Awarded: \$251,000

FUNDING REQUEST

Cowan Community Action Group is requesting \$251,000 in state and Letcher County funds to build a farmers' market pavilion.

APPLICATION SUMMARY

The City of Whitesburg Farmers Market has been growing for the past decade with local and regional growers offering fresh fruits, vegetables, and more to the community. The market currently operates in a City of Whitesburg Parking Lot near the Veteran's Museum downtown. The space includes a food booth and storage building and the market provides tents, tables, scales, bags, and set up growers.

The applicant plans to construct a pavilion with 20 10x10 bays, restrooms, a kitchen, and a stage.

KADB funds will be used to construct the pavilion, water and sewer, and soft costs; or Phase 1.

The total cost of the project is estimated at \$550,000 with the following funding sources:

\$250,000 KADB State Funds

\$1,000 KADB Letcher County Funds

\$300,000 Abandoned Mine Lands – Phase 1 (Secured)

\$750,000 Abandoned Mine Lands - Phase 2 (Secured)

\$60,000 Division of Water – Green Infrastructure Grant (Secured)

\$250,000 ARC (Pending)

PROJECTED PRODUCER IMPACT

The applicant states that multiple farm families in Letcher County will benefit from this project.

**Board Decision:**

12/20/2024: Cowan Community Action Group, Inc. was approved up to \$251,000 in state and Letcher County funds to build a farmers' market pavilion.



Approved Project

University of Kentucky Research Foundation

A2024-0263

Application County: \_ALL

Date Submitted: 10/25/2024

Total Funds Awarded: \$44,823

FUNDING REQUEST

UK Research Foundation is requesting \$44,823 in state funds to update the Beef Systems Analyzer software .

APPLICATION SUMMARY

The applicant plans to update the Beef Systems Analyzer software to develop a registration system that can be used by county ANR Extension Agents to assist farmers in completing their analyzer .

The total cost of the project is estimated at \$89,646 with funding from the following sources:

\$ 44,823 KADF State Funds (Requested)

\$ 7,312 Legal/Administrative-UKRF (Secured)

\$ 37,511 Technical Content-UK Specialists Support (Secured)

PRODUCER IMPACT

The applicant indicates that any farm family that chooses to use the software will benefit directly.

**Board Decision:**

12/20/2024: University of Kentucky Research Foundation was approved up to \$44,823 in state funds to update the Beef Systems Analyzer software .



## Kentucky Agricultural Development Board approves more than \$7.8 million for projects across the Commonwealth

*Funded projects focus on agricultural diversification, rural development*

**FRANKFORT (Dec. 20, 2024)** – The Kentucky Agricultural Development Board approved \$7,823,767 for agricultural diversification and rural development projects across the Commonwealth at its monthly board meeting.

"By creating new opportunities for agricultural producers across the state, we are building a stronger economy," said Commissioner of Agriculture and Kentucky Agricultural Development Board Chair Jonathan Shell. "The projects approved by the Kentucky Agricultural Development Board are key steps toward opening those pathways and securing a better future for Kentucky."

### County and State Funded Projects

- Cowan Community Action Group, Inc. was approved up to \$251,000 in state and Letcher County funds to build a farmers' market pavilion. For more information, contact Valerie Horn at [valerie@cowancommunitycenter.com](mailto:valerie@cowancommunitycenter.com).
- Hopkins County Farm Bureau was approved up to \$2,200 in Hopkins County funds to purchase grain rescue equipment for local EMS to utilize in case of a grain entrapment accident. For more information, contact Dr. Terry Brown at [terryebrown@bellsouth.net](mailto:terryebrown@bellsouth.net).
- Kentucky Beef Network, LLC was approved up to \$2,316,516 in state funds to continue to provide programs to cattle producers that will enhance their net returns through increased marketing opportunities, data management, education and comprehensive farm management systems. For more information, contact Becky Thompson at [bthompson@kycattle.org](mailto:bthompson@kycattle.org).
- Kentucky Dairy Development Council, Inc. was approved up to \$1,291,560 in state funds to continue educating, representing, and promoting Kentucky's dairy producers and industry. For more information, contact Freeman Brundige at [fhbrundige@gmail.com](mailto:fhbrundige@gmail.com).

- Kentucky Department of Agriculture was approved up to \$3,189,000 in state funds to fund the Kentucky Proud Program. For more information, contact Jay Hall at [Jay.Hall@ky.gov](mailto:Jay.Hall@ky.gov).
- Spencer County Fiscal Court was approved up to \$250,000 in state funds and \$50,000 in Spencer County funds for the construction of a farmers' market. For more information, contact Judge Scott Travis at [scotttravis@spencercountyky.gov](mailto:scotttravis@spencercountyky.gov).
- University of Kentucky Research Foundation was approved up to \$44,823 in state funds to update the Beef Systems Analyzer software. For more information, contact Kim Carter at [OSPA@uky.edu](mailto:OSPA@uky.edu).
- Woodford County Board of Education was approved up to \$40,000 in Woodford County funds to construct a new livestock education barn. For more information, contact Danny Adkins at [danny.adkins@woodford.kyschools.us](mailto:danny.adkins@woodford.kyschools.us).

## **County Programs**

### **County Agricultural Incentive 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.

Six CAIPs were approved by the board in the following counties totaling \$361,668:

- Adair (\$14,939)\*
- Crittenden (\$30,000)
- Harlan (\$89,727)
- Jessamine (\$100,000)\*
- Leslie (\$52,002)
- Taylor (\$75,000)\*

### **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.

One DAR was approved by the board in the following county totaling \$5,000.

- Oldham County (\$5,000)

### **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.

One Shared-Use Equipment program was approved by the board totaling \$17,000:

- Rockcastle County (\$17,000)

### **Youth Agricultural Incentives Program (YAIP)**

YAIP encourages youth to engage in and explore agricultural opportunities.

One YAIP was approved by the board in the following county totaling \$5,000.

- Harlan (\$5,000)

All application periods and deadlines for CAIP and YAIP will be advertised locally.

\*Existing programs receiving additional funding.

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