



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



June 19, 2026

Meeting of the
Kentucky Agricultural
Finance Corporation Board

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Meeting of the
Kentucky Agricultural Development
Board



Kentucky Agricultural Finance Corporation

2026/2027 12-Month Board Meeting Schedule

Note: Locations are subject to change

Month	KAFC Board Meeting	Location	Application Deadline
June	Friday, June 19, 2026 -Joint Meeting	Kentucky Historical Society- Frankfort, KY	Friday, May 29, 2026
July	Friday, July 10, 2026	Franklin County Extension Office- Frankfort, KY	Friday, June 19, 2026
August	Friday, August 14, 2026	Franklin County Extension Office- Frankfort, KY	Friday, July 24, 2026
September	Friday, September 11, 2026	Franklin County Extension Office- Frankfort, KY	Friday, August 21, 2026
October	Friday, October 9, 2026	Franklin County Extension Office- Frankfort, KY	Friday, September 18, 2026
November	Friday, November 13, 2026	Franklin County Extension Office- Frankfort, KY	Friday, October 16, 2026
December	Friday, December 11, 2026	Franklin County Extension Office- Frankfort, KY	Friday, November 20, 2026
January	Friday, January 8, 2027	Franklin County Extension Office- Frankfort, KY	Friday, December 11, 2026
February	Friday, February 12, 2027	Franklin County Extension Office- Frankfort, KY	Friday, January 22, 2027
March	Friday, March 12, 2027	Franklin County Extension Office- Frankfort, KY	Friday, February 19, 2027
April	Friday, April 9, 2027	Franklin County Extension Office-Frankfort, KY	Friday, March 19, 2027
May	Friday, May 7, 2027	Franklin County Extension Office- Frankfort, KY	Friday, April 16, 2027
June	Friday, June 11, 2027	Franklin County Extension Office- Frankfort, KY	Friday, May 21, 2027



June Approved Loans

Program	County	Enterprise	Amount Approved	Total Project Cost	Lender Name
Beginning Farmer	Grayson	Beef	\$160,000.	\$324,500.	Farm Credit Mid America
Ag Infrastructure	Monroe	Poultry	\$250,000.	\$3,250,000.	Farm Credit Mid-America
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Beginning Farmer	Caldwell	Forage	\$250,000.	\$753,960.	Planters Bank Inc.
Ag Infrastructure	Christian	Dairy	\$27,500.	\$55,000.	Farmers Bank & Trust Co (Princeton, KY)
Beginning Farmer	Warren	Beef	\$161,925.	\$384,216.	Farm Credit Mid America
Beginning Farmer	Metcalfe	Beef	\$250,000.	\$550,000.	Bank of Columbia
Ag Infrastructure	Graves	Poultry	\$250,000.	\$1,257,000.	River Valley AgCredit
Ag Infrastructure	Harrison	Tobacco	\$81,100.	\$162,200.	Farm Credit Mid America
Beginning Farmer	Washington	Beef	\$169,375.	\$375,000.	Central Kentucky Agricultural Credit Association
Beginning Farmer	Ballard	Grain	\$211,500.	\$423,000.	First Community Bank of the Heartland, Inc.
Diversification through Entrepreneurship	Jackson	Agritourism	\$122,500.	\$280,000.	Central Kentucky Agricultural Credit Association
Beginning Farmer	Todd	Beef	\$250,000.	\$759,456.	First Financial Bank - Farm & Ranch Division
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Ag Infrastructure	Franklin	Beef	\$96,910.	\$827,277.	Central Ky Agriculture Credit Association
Beginning Farmer	Ballard	Grain	\$142,500.	\$761,000.	River Valley AgCredit
			\$2,923,310.	\$14,105,047.	



Kentucky Agricultural Finance Corp. approves more than \$2.9 million in loans

Financing bolsters beef, horticulture, poultry, and grain farmers across the state

FRANKFORT (June 22, 2026) – The Kentucky Agricultural Finance Corp. (KAFC) approved 16 agricultural loans totaling \$2,923,310 for projects across the Commonwealth at its monthly board meeting.

Agricultural Infrastructure Loan Program (AILP)

Six Agricultural Infrastructure loans totaling up to \$955,510 were approved. Loan recipients were in Christian (\$27,500), Franklin (\$96,910), Graves (\$250,000), Harrison (\$81,100), and Monroe (\$250,000 and \$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)

Nine Beginning Farmer loans totaling up to \$1,845,300 were approved. Loan recipients were in Ballard (\$142,500 and \$211,500), Caldwell (\$250,000), Grayson (\$160,000), Metcalfe (\$250,000), Todd (\$250,000 and \$250,000), Warren (\$161,925), and Washington (\$169,375) 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.

Diversification through Entrepreneurship in Agribusiness Program (DEALP)

One Diversification through Entrepreneurship in Agribusiness loan totaling \$122,500 was approved for a recipient in Jackson County.

DEALP is designed to assist agri-entrepreneurs with the purchase, establishment, or expansion of a business that sells agricultural products or services to farmers or consumers.

For more information on KAFC participation loans, contact your lender or Bill McCloskey at Kentucky Office of Agricultural Policy at (502) 382-6093 or email 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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June	Friday, June 19, 2026-Joint Meeting	Kentucky Historical Society-Frankfort, KY	Friday, May 29, 2026
July	Friday, July 17, 2026	Franklin County Extension Office-Frankfort, KY	Friday, June 26, 2026
August	Friday, August 21, 2026	Kentucky State Fair-Louisville, KY	Friday, July 24, 2026
September	Friday, September 18, 2026	Franklin County Extension Office-Frankfort, KY	Friday, August 28, 2026
October	Friday, October 16, 2026	Franklin County Extension Office-Frankfort, KY	Friday, September 25, 2026
November	Friday, November 20, 2026	Franklin County Extension Office-Frankfort, KY	Friday, October 23, 2026
December	Friday, December 18, 2026	Franklin County Extension Office-Frankfort, KY	Monday, November 30, 2026
January	Friday, January 15, 2027	Franklin County Extension Office-Frankfort, KY	Friday, December 28, 2026
February	Friday, February 19, 2027	Franklin County Extension Office-Frankfort, KY	Friday, January 29, 2027
March	Friday, March 19, 2027	Franklin County Extension Office-Frankfort, KY	Friday, February 26, 2027
April	Friday, April 16, 2027	Franklin County Extension Office-Frankfort, KY	Friday, March 26, 2027
May	Friday, May 14, 2027	Franklin County Extension Office-Frankfort, KY	Friday, April 23, 2027
June	Friday, June 18, 2027	Franklin County Extension Office-Frankfort, KY	Friday, May 28, 2027

Programs Recommended for Approval

CAIP

<u>Application</u>	<u>Program Administrator</u>	<u>County</u>	<u>State</u>	<u>Funds Requested</u>
A2026-0069	Calloway County Conservation District	Calloway	State	\$104,538.00
A2026-0085	Bell County Conservation District	Bell	State	\$100,000.00
A2026-0130	Hart County Cattlemen's Association, Inc.	Hart		\$230,000.00
A2026-0132	Powell County Livestock Producers Association, Inc.	Powell		\$40,062.00
A2026-0133	Knott County Conservation District	Knott	State	\$65,000.00
A2026-0134	Allen County Conservation District	Allen		\$120,000.00
A2026-0135	Nelson County Conservation District	Nelson		\$89,554.00
A2026-0140	Oldham County Soil and Water Conservation District	Oldham		\$56,082.00
A2026-0144	Franklin County Cattlemen's Association, Inc.	Franklin		\$131,555.00
A2026-0145	Harrison County Beef Cattle Association, Inc.	Harrison		\$280,315.00
A2026-0148	Bourbon County Beef Cattle Association, Inc.	Bourbon		\$185,461.00
A2026-0149	Boyd County Conservation District	Boyd	State	\$56,097.00
A2026-0150	Gallatin County Farm Bureau of Gallatin County, Kentucky	Gallatin		\$85,000.00
A2026-0156	Metcalfe County Conservation District	Metcalfe		\$193,293.00
Total Recommended for Funding: 14				\$1,736,957.00

Deceased Farm Animal Removal (DAR)

<u>Application</u>	<u>Program Administrator</u>	<u>County</u>	<u>State</u>	<u>Funds Requested</u>
A2026-0138	Nelson County Fiscal Court	Nelson		\$15,000.00
A2026-0139	Shelby County Fiscal Court	Shelby		\$15,000.00
A2026-0152	Franklin County Conservation District	Franklin		\$8,750.00
A2026-0154	Harrison County Fiscal Court	Harrison		\$7,500.00
A2026-0158	Lincoln County Fiscal Court	Lincoln		\$15,000.00
A2026-0161	Gallatin County Conservation District	Gallatin		\$2,500.00
Total Recommended for Funding: 6				\$63,750.00

Programs Recommended for Approval

Next Generation Farmer (NextGen)

<u>Application</u>	<u>Program Administrator</u>	<u>County</u>	<u>State</u>	<u>Funds Requested</u>
A2026-0137	Nelson County Conservation District	Nelson		\$25,000.00
A2026-0146	Bourbon County Beef Cattle Association, Inc.	Bourbon		\$80,000.00
Total Recommended for Funding: 2				\$105,000.00

Shared-Use Equipment Program

<u>Application</u>	<u>Program Administrator</u>	<u>County</u>	<u>State</u>	<u>Funds Requested</u>
A2026-0143	Rockcastle County Conservation District	Rockcastle		\$13,992.00
A2026-0155	Metcalfe County Conservation District	Metcalfe		\$27,188.00
Total Recommended for Funding: 2				\$41,180.00

Youth Ag Incentives Program (YAIP)

<u>Application</u>	<u>Program Administrator</u>	<u>County</u>	<u>State</u>	<u>Funds Requested</u>
A2026-0131	Powell County Livestock Producers Association, Inc.	Powell		\$1,000.00
A2026-0136	Nelson County Conservation District	Nelson		\$5,000.00
A2026-0141	Oldham County Soil and Water Conservation District	Oldham		\$12,000.00
A2026-0147	Bourbon County Beef Cattle Association, Inc.	Bourbon		\$31,950.00
A2026-0157	Metcalfe County Conservation District	Metcalfe		\$6,000.00
Total Recommended for Funding: 5				\$55,950.00

Total County Funds Recommended for Approval: **\$2,002,837.00**

Requested Program Amendments

App #	A2026-0027 (CAIP)
Applicant Name	Green County Cattlemen's Association, Inc.
Original Amount Approved	\$30,000
Execution Date	03/26/2026
Requested Change	The applicant requests an <u>additional</u> \$219,800 in Green 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 \$249,800.

Recommend Approval

App #	A2026-0040 (CAIP)
Applicant Name	Henry County Cattlemen's Association, Inc.
Original Amount Approved	\$1,000
Execution Date	04/27/2026
Requested Change	The applicant requests an <u>additional</u> \$250,000 in Henry 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 \$251,000.

Recommend Approval

App #	A2026-0041 (NextGen)
Applicant Name	Henry County Cattlemen's Association, Inc.
Original Amount Approved	\$1,000
Execution Date	04/27/2026
Requested Change	The applicant requests an <u>additional</u> \$52,000 in Henry County funds for the <i>NextGen 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 \$53,000.

Recommend Approval

Approved Project

Rock Vet Animal Hospital, LLC**A2026-0018***Application County: Rockcastle**Date Submitted: 12/16/2025**Total Funds Awarded: \$100,000***FUNDING REQUEST**

The Rock Vet Animal Hospital is requesting \$83,333 in state funds and \$16,667 in Rockcastle County Funds as a part of the Large & Food Animal Veterinary Incentives Program to construct a new facility.

APPLICATION SUMMARY

Funding will be used to construct the new facility with the necessary upgrades.

The total cost of the project is estimated at \$208,250 with funding from the following sources:

\$83,333 State funds (Requesting)

\$16,667 Rockcastle County funds (High Priority)

\$108,250 Bank Loan (Pending)

PROJECTED PRODUCER IMPACT

The applicant indicates the clinic services producers in Rockcastle County, Pulaski County, Lincoln County, Garrard County, Madison County, and Jackson County.

Board Decision:

06/19/2026: Rock Vet Animal Hospital was approved up to \$16,667 in Rockcastle County funds and up to \$83,333 in state fund to construct a new facility with upgrades as part of the Large and Food Animal Veterinary Incentives Program

Approved Project

Bull & Honey Farm to Table Market LLC**A2026-0082***Application County: Woodford**Date Submitted: 3/26/2026**Total Funds Awarded: \$12,294***FUNDING REQUEST**

Bull & Honey Farm to Table Market LLC is requesting \$12,295 in Woodford County funds to purchase the materials and equipment to finish an on-farm market.

APPLICATION SUMMARY

Funding will be used for gravel for the driveway, asphalt for the lower section of the driveway, a generator, gutters, business sign, outdoor seating, refrigerator, and a Gelato Maker. The applicant has constructed a 32' x 52' on-farm market to sell their Angus beef and garden goods, as well as other farmers and artisan products, and made on-site foods from the applicant's commercial kitchen. Once the market opens the applicant will be selling ready-to-eat as well as frozen or packaged foods, marketing other farmers' goods. They have been supporting local farm families and businesses in the surrounding counties. The funding will assist in the final stages of the on-farm market.

The total cost of the project is estimated at \$24,589 with funding from the following sources:

\$12,295 KADF County funds (Requesting)

\$12,295 Personal Savings (Secured)

PROJECTED PRODUCER IMPACT

The applicant indicates that so far, they have commitments with at least 10 farm families that will benefit from this project.

Board Decision:

06/19/2026: Bull & Honey Farm to Table Market LLC was approved up to \$12,295 in Woodford County funds to purchase materials and equipment to construct an on-farm market.

Approved Project

City of Middlesboro**A2026-0091***Application County: Bell**Date Submitted: 3/30/2026**Total Funds Awarded: \$232,903***FUNDING REQUEST**

The City of Middlesboro is requesting \$230,000 in state funds and \$2,903 in Bell County funds to construct a new farmers market open-air pavilion.

APPLICATION SUMMARY

The City of Middlesboro has supported local agriculture through seasonal markets held in downtown streets and temporary spaces. There has not been an organized farmers market in Middlesboro or Bell County since 2023. The seasonal markets typically host 5-15 vendors. Due to weather conditions and location, the seasonal markets aren't growing participating vendors. The City of Middlesboro has stated that a consistent permanent open-air pavilion will be the cornerstone of the local food economy, connecting consumers directly with producers. The KADB funds will be used in the construction of a permanent open-air market pavilion in downtown Middlesboro which will be for the exclusive use of the Bell County vendors.

The total cost of the project is estimated at \$465,806.50 with the following funding sources:

\$230,000 KADB State Funds (Requesting)

\$2,903.25 KADB Bell County Funds (High Priority)

\$232,903.25 Matching funds from City of Middlesboro (Secured)

PROJECTED PRODUCER IMPACT

The applicant states that roughly 10-15 farm families in Bell County will benefit from this project in the first year.

Board Decision:

06/19/2026: City of Middlesboro was approved up to \$2,903 in Bell County funds and up to \$230,000 in state funds to construct a new farmers market open-air pavilion.

Approved Project

Martin County Beekeepers Association**A2026-0093***Application County: Martin**Date Submitted: 4/1/2026**Total Funds Awarded: \$3,000***FUNDING REQUEST**

The Martin County Beekeepers Association is requesting \$2,500 in Martin County funds for a Honeybee Apiary.

APPLICATION SUMMARY

The applicant indicates that the Bee Apiary will begin with five complete hives. The purpose of the project is to purchase equipment and nucleus colonies of bees to establish an apiary at the Martin County Extension Office. The apiary will be maintained by members of the Martin County Beekeepers Association and used for educational purposes, including beekeeper training classes, 4-H youth education, and public outreach.

The total cost of the project is \$5,000 with funding from the following sources:

\$3,000 KADF Martin County funds (High Priority)

\$1,000 Martin County Kentucky Farm Bureau (Pending)

\$1,000 Martin County Cooperative Extension District Board (Pending)

\$500 Martin County Beekeepers Association (Secured)

PRODUCER IMPACT

The applicant indicates that 30 beekeepers will benefit directly from this project as approved program participants. They want to raise the Martin County Beekeeper Association to 60 members with education and community events this year.

Board Decision:

06/19/2026: Martin County Beekeepers Association was approved up to \$3,000 in Martin County funds for a honeybee apiary.

Approved Project

Need More Acres Farm, LLC**A2026-0096***Application County: Allen**Date Submitted: 4/6/2026**Total Funds Awarded: \$275,171***FUNDING REQUEST**

Need More Acres Farm LLC is requesting \$62,500 in multi-county funds and \$212,671 in state funds to establish a year-round food hub.

APPLICATION SUMMARY

Funding will be used to establish a year-round food hub in Scottsville, KY to aggregate locally grown fruits, vegetables, grains, proteins, dairy and processed foods from over 30 Kentucky farm families. The applicant estimates purchasing at least \$300,000 annually in local products from KY farm families, with the capacity to grow significantly beyond that. The hub will expand the applicant's Food is Medicine programs to include online ordering and home delivery, providing medically tailored grocery boxes across south central Kentucky, improving health outcomes, increasing income for local producers, and providing educational agritourism opportunities for over 4,500 people annually. The applicant allows at least 6 producers to utilize the on-farm certified kitchen to prepare their food products.

The total cost of the project is estimated at \$550,968 with funding from the following sources:

\$212,671 state funds

\$62,500 county funds

\$275,797 USDA-RFSI Grant

PROJECTED PRODUCER IMPACT

The applicant states that over 30 farm families will benefit from this project. The applicant has purchased from producers in at least 10 counties in the last 5 years.

Board Decision:

06/19/2026: Need More Acres Farm, LLC was approved up to \$62,500 in multi-county funds and up to \$212,671 in state funds to establish a year-round food hub.

Approved Project

Hopkins County Board of Education**A2026-0098***Application County: Hopkins**Date Submitted: 4/2/2026**Total Funds Awarded: \$7,533***FUNDING REQUEST**

Hopkins County Central High School is requesting \$7,532.50 in county funds to construct an 8' tall fence around the perimeter of the school garden.

APPLICATION SUMMARY

Funding will be used to build an 8' tall fence around the perimeter of the Hopkins County Central High School's garden. In the spring of 2026, it will be the third growing season for their garden. They have experienced significant crop loss due to deer, racoons, and groundhogs. The fence will help protect student produced crops.

The total cost of the project is estimated at \$15,065.00 with funding from the following sources:

\$7,532.50 Hopkins County Funds (High-Priority)

\$4,000 Kentucky FFA Foundation Ag Achiever Grant (secured)

\$3,532.50 School Funds through Principal Michael Zimmer (secured)

Board Decision:

06/19/2026: Hopkins County Board of Education was approved up to \$7,532.50 in Hopkins County funds to construct an 8' tall fence around the perimeter of the school garden.

Approved Project

Central Kentucky Feed LLC**A2026-0127***Application County: Mercer**Date Submitted: 4/24/2026**Total Funds Awarded: \$65,000***FUNDING REQUEST**

Central Kentucky Feed LLC is requesting \$65,000 in multi-county funds for constructing a commodity shed with stationary mixer and storage bays.

APPLICATION SUMMARY

Funding will be used to build a 40' x 100' commodity shed. McCray Feed was founded in 1980 and was purchased by Hazelwood's in April 2023. Since the acquisition, they have been doing business as Central Kentucky Feed. The business has grown substantially over the years, and the owners recognize the need to modernize their plant to improve feed production and delivery for local farmers. The shed will include a stationary mixer and six storage bays for bulk ingredients such as corn, soy hull pellets, corn gluten, and distiller's grain. The project will allow McCray Feed to produce bulk commodities using customized, house-blended livestock feed mixes, as well as create custom mixes tailored to each customer's livestock needs, all under one roof. It will also provide storage for additional raw commodities. The commodity shed will enable bulk truckloads to be stored on-site, allowing feed trucks to be loaded more efficiently. Overall, the project will improve the safety and efficiency of McCray's operation, enabling them to serve more farmers.

The total cost of the project is estimated at \$149,000 with funding from the following sources:

\$25,000 Mercer County funds (High Priority)
\$10,000 Woodford County funds (High Priority)
\$30,000 multi-county funds (Unsecured)
\$84,000 McCray Feed (Secured)

PROJECTED PRODUCER IMPACT

The applicant estimates over 220 farm families in nine counties will be directly impacted by this project including Anderson, Woodford, Mercer, Boyle, Shelby, Garrard, Grant, Montgomery, and Jessamine counties.

Board Decision:

06/19/2026: Central Kentucky Feed LLC was approved up to \$65,000 in multi-county funds for constructing a commodity shed with stationary mixer and storage bays.

Pilot Horticulture Incentives Loan Program Summaries

A2026-0142 Promised Land Produce, LLC

Application County: Graves

Project Summary:

Promised Land Produce, LLC is requesting \$250,000 in state funds as a direct loan for working capital during the 2026 produce season.

KOAP Staff recommends approving applicant for up to \$250,000 in state funds as a direct loan.

A2026-0160 Cornett Enterprises, LLC

Application County: Laurel

Project Summary:

Cornett Enterprises, LLC is requesting \$275,000 in state funds as a direct loan for working capital during the 2026 produce season.

KOAP Staff recommends approving Cornett Enterprises, LLC for up to \$250,000 in state funds as a direct loan.



Kentucky Agricultural Development Board approves nearly \$3.7 million for projects across the Commonwealth

Funded projects focus on agricultural diversification, rural development

FRANKFORT (June 22, 2026) – The Kentucky Agricultural Development Board approved \$3,694,091.50 for agricultural diversification and rural development projects across the Commonwealth Friday at its monthly board meeting.

"The Kentucky Agricultural Development Board is committed to supporting a wide variety of farming and agricultural projects across Kentucky," Commissioner of Agriculture and Board Chair Jonathan Shell said. "The projects funded today show our goal of strengthening agriculture in many different ways to benefit the Commonwealth and the people who live and work here."

County and State Funded Projects

- Bull & Honey Farm to Table Market LLC was approved up to \$12,295 in Woodford County funds to purchase materials and equipment to construct an on-farm market. For more information, contact William Lochmann at bullandhoneyfarmmarket@gmail.com.
- Central Kentucky Feed LLC was approved up to \$65,000 in multi-county funds for constructing a commodity shed with stationary mixer and storage bays. For more information, contact Joshua Hazelwood at mcrayfeedllc@gmail.com.
- Central Kentucky Custom Meats, Inc was approved up to \$5,000 in Casey County funds and up to \$73,553 in state funds to upgrade meat processing equipment. For more information, contact Jerome Isaacs at ckcm@windstream.net.
- City of Middlesboro was approved up to \$2,903 in Bell County funds and up to \$230,000 in state funds to construct a new farmers' market open-air pavilion. For more information, contact Boone Bowling at mayorbowling@gmail.com.
- Hopkins County Board of Education was approved up to \$7,532.50 in Hopkins County funds to construct an 8-foot-tall fence around the perimeter of the school

garden. For more information, contact Benjamin Prevette at ben.prevette@hopkins.kyschools.us.

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- Need More Acres Farm, LLC was approved up to \$62,500 in multi-county funds and up to \$212,671 in state funds to establish a year-round food hub. For more information, contact Michelle Howell at michelle.lifeisgood@gmail.com.
- Rock Vet Animal Hospital was approved up to \$16,667 in Rockcastle County funds and up to \$83,333 in state fund to construct a new facility with upgrades as part of the Large and Food Animal Veterinary Incentives Program. For more information, contact Kevin Joenborg at rockvetanimalhospital@gmail.com.

State Programs

Pilot Horticulture Incentives Loan Program

Pilot Horticulture Incentives Loan Program provides working capital to specialty crop growers during produce season. Applicants may receive up to \$250,000 as a direct loan to be paid back by the end of the year.

Two Pilot Horticulture Incentives Loan Programs, totaling \$500,000, were approved in the following counties:

- Graves (\$250,000)
- Laurel (\$250,000)

County Programs

County Agricultural Incentives 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 incentive 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.

Fifteen CAIPs, totaling \$2,106,757, were approved in the following counties:

- Allen (\$120,000)
- Bourbon (\$185,461)
- Boyd (\$56,097)
- Calloway (\$104,538)
- Franklin (\$131,555)
- Gallatin (\$85,000)
- Green (\$219,800)*
- Harrison (\$280,315)
- Hart (\$230,000)

- Henry (\$250,000)*
- Knott (\$65,000)
- Metcalfe (\$193,293)
- Nelson (\$89,554)
- Oldham (\$56,082)
- Powell (\$40,062)

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.

Six DARs, totaling \$63,750, were approved in the following counties:

- Franklin (\$8,750)
- Gallatin (\$2,500)
- Harrison (\$7,500)
- Lincoln (\$15,000)
- Nelson (\$15,000)
- Shelby (\$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.

Three NextGens, totaling \$157,000, were approved in the following counties:

- Bourbon (\$80,000)
- Henry (\$52,000)
- Nelson (\$25,000)

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.

Two Shared-Use Equipment Programs, totaling \$41,180, were approved by the board in the following counties:

- Metcalfe (\$27,188)
- Rockcastle (\$13,992)

Youth Agricultural Incentives Program (YAIP)

YAIP encourages youth to engage in and explore agricultural opportunities.

Five YAIPs, totaling \$55,950, were approved in the following counties:

- Bourbon (\$31,950)
- Metcalfe (\$6,000)

- Nelson (\$5,000)
- Oldham (\$12,000)
- Powell (\$1,000)

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

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