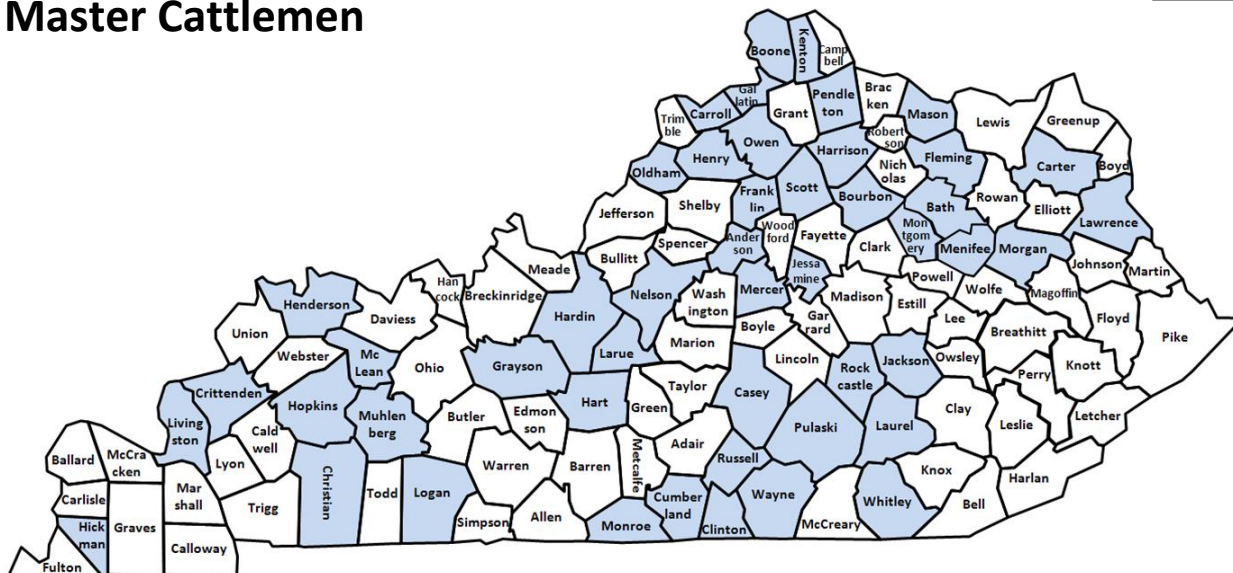


Master Cattlemen



In FY 08 the Master Cattlemen program was conducted in 49 counties with 402 producers completing the program and making production improvements affecting over 71,000 head of cattle and 73,000 acres of forages.

These producers sold over 6,172 calves through CPH sales increasing profits on higher quality calves due to very stringent ownership, weaning, feeding and vaccination requirements. Even for the over 30,000 non-CPH calves marketed by these producers, castration before weaning and vaccination were management practice most commonly adopted resulting in a higher quality product.

Record keeping is a part of the cattle business that few producers enjoy, but keeping good records is very important to an operation's success. Keeping accurate records allows producers to make decisions based on cow performance, not guess work. As a result of participation in Master Cattlemen 114 producers (28% of participants) reported adopting new record-keeping systems for their livestock operations.

Master Cattlemen 49 Counties Reported Participating

- 402 Number of producers completing the Master Cattlemen Program this program year. (Only include those from your county if multi- county program; those that would not be reported by another agent).
- 13 Number of non-producers/industry reps, vets or others completing program this program year.

Number of participants adopting record-keeping systems as a result of participation in Master Cattlemen:

- 27 CHAPS
- 4 SPA
- 83 Other

Please provide the following information regarding practice and behavioral changes as a result of involvement in this program? (from the survey developed by the Master Cattlemen Committee)

- 19422 Number of cows in a controlled breeding/calving season.
- 28191 Number of cows exposed to semen tested bull.
- 6679 Number of cows bred using estrus synchronization and AI.
- 24163 Number of cows placed in a cross breeding system.
- 25806 Number of cows placed on a complete mineral.
- 20127 Number of cows vaccinated.

- 16478** Number of non-CPH calves implanted.
- 23294** Number of non-CPH calves castrated before weaned.
- 30540** Number of non-CPH calves vaccinated.
- 6172** Number of calves sold in CPH Sale.
- 26419** Number of acres hay now covered or stored inside.
- 46946** Number of acres grazing land now rotationally grazed.