

County Programming Survey for 2005 Kentucky Ag Advisory Council

County: _____ **District 1** _____

Thanks for taking the time to fill out this survey. Please have the completed survey to the Extension Area Contact Agent (see below) for the state Ag Advisory Council **before Monday January 10**. They will summarize them, send copies to Jimmy Henning and also prepare their delegates.

Questions? Call Jimmy Henning at 859 229 4989 (cell phone) over the Christmas Break or 859-257-1846 (office).

This survey has three purposes:

1. To define county programming needs in Forages, Livestock, Grain Crops, Horticulture/Organic Agriculture/Alternative Agriculture, and Forestry.
 2. To prepare the district Ag Advisory Council producer representatives to better represent the entire district.
 3. To provide future program direction and leadership for Kentucky. For example, Kentucky Farm Bureau has asked for a planning session with College leadership to talk about the direction for Kentucky agriculture. A good comprehensive document will help keep these types of discussions in focus.
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District 1

Northeast	Lyndall Harned
Licking River	David Appelman

District 2

Quicksand	Paul Sizemore
Wilderness Trail	Jeff Henderson

District 3

N. Kentucky	Don Sorrell
Louisville	Brittany Edelson

District 4

Bluegrass	Nick Carter
Ft Harrod	Dan Grigson

District 5

Lake Cumberland	Beth Wilson
Lincoln Trail	Rick Greenwell

District 6

Mammoth Cave	Kevin Lyons
Green River	Vicki Shadrick

District 7

Pennyrile	Curt Judy
Purchase	Lincoln Martin
	Doug Wilson

Overview of Importance of Commodities

Please check the box for the importance of the following commodities. Importance may be measured by dollar value of sales, number of acres, potential value or number of people involved.

Commodity	Rank in District 1			
Forages	1			
Goats	5 (tie)			
Beef	2			
Equine	3			
Grain Crops	8			
Commercial Vegetable Production	6			
Farmers Markets	4			
Organic Agriculture	7			
Forestry	5 (tie)			

How do farmers prefer to receive information? Rank the following in order with 1 being most preferred:

- 1 - Newsletters (mailed to home)
- 3 - Newsletters (emailed)
- 4 - Internet/web page
- 2 - Meetings
- 5 - Satellite Service
- _____ Other (please specify) one-on-one consultations, radio, farm visits

Are farmers increasing their use of the UK College of Agriculture's electronic newsletters (emailed) or WEB based resources (such as the Grain Page or Forage Page)?

Yes – 2 + 1 area consensus yes, but not rapidly_ No 2

Forages

1. What do farmers need in your county in regards to educational programs and research needs in the area of hay production, storage and utilization?

User-friendly variety publications	Video
Hay storage cost-share training materials	Master Forage program
On-farm demos	Hay preservatives
Steep terrain solutions	Industry news
Wet soils	GMOs
Ration balancing	Red clover persistence
Long-term storage	Efficient production tips

2. What do farmers need in your county in regards to educational programs and research needs in the area of pasture production and utilization?

Rotation (2)	Variety trial info
Renovation	Stockpiling
Steep terrain solutions	Modified intensive grazing
Forage improvement	Pasture quality management
Weed control	Year-round grazing publications
Liming	

3. What do the farmers need in you county in regards to educational programs and research needs in the area of non-traditional forages such as warm season grasses and grazing corn?

Grazing demos	Sericea lespedeza hay & pasture research
User-friendly variety publications	Mine reclamation
Timelines for growth	On-farm research (UK & cooperators)
Returns/enterprise budgets	Background/beginners' info

4. A Master Grazer Program was identified as a possible major educational emphasis by the 2004 Beef Summit. In you county, how much interest would there be in a Master Grazer Program?

- A. Little to None
- B. Some - 2
- C. A Great Deal – 2 + 1 area
- D. Not A Good Idea

Livestock: Goats

1. How could Phase 1 Funds be better used to assist Goat Producers? (Be Specific)

Herd health (2)	Winter feeding
Publications	Vaccination program
Market development	Handling facilities
Steep terrain grazing	

2. What Major Areas of Goat Production should be addressed through County Extension Programs?

Rank your top 3 or 4, with a 1 being highest priority, 2 second, etc.

Marketing – 1 (tie)	General Herd Health – 1 (tie)
Genetics – 5 (tie)	Parasite Control - 2
Facilities - 4	Management/Industry – 5 (tie)
Forages/Feeds - 3	Supplemental feeds and feeding - 6
Other_____ (please specify) _____	

3. What major obstacles are goat producers faced with in the state of Kentucky? (Be Specific)

Lack of markets (2)	Lack of slaughter and processing facilities
Lack of experience – nutrition/health	Lack of state association
Breeding stock to feeder market transition	Lack of University support
Parasite control	Lack of health products

4. How much Interest would there be in a Master Goat Herdsman Program?

- A. Little to None – 1 area
- B. Some
- C. A Great Deal
- D. Not A Good Idea

5. Other comments or needs regarding goats:

No comments

Livestock: Equine

Which of the following major areas relating to horses should be addressed through county extension programs? Rank your top 3 or 4, with a 1 being your highest priority, 2 second, etc.

Marketing _____ General Health - 2
Genetics _____ Parasite Control - 3
Facilities _____ Management/Industry - 5
Forages - 1 Supplemental feeds and feeding - 4
Other _____ (please specify) foot/leg health & care, owner responsibility

What new can be done to meet the equine educational needs in your county?

Agent training Additional specialist
Phase I equine program Additional Horse College offerings
Educational programs at fun activities Master Horseperson Program (interdisciplinary)

Livestock: Beef

1. Is the CPH45 program available in your county?

Yes – 2 + 1 area (majority) No - 2

2. Do you have suggestions for the CPH45 program or any other value added program for beef cattle?

Increase participation Cull cow management
Agent and producer training to emulate Marketing strategies
 Green River Cattle Standardize drug programs at all CPH sites
Increase buyers CPH premiums
Consistent grading Heifer development and sales

3. Which of the following major areas relating to beef cattle should be addressed through county extension programs? Rank your top 3 or 4, with a 1 being your highest priority, 2 second, etc)

Marketing - 1 General Health - 3
Genetics - 4 Parasite Control - 5
Facilities - 6 Management/Industry - 8
Forages - 2 Supplemental feeds and feeding - 7
Other _____ (please specify) specialized marketing

What new can be done to meet the educational needs in beef cattle for your county?

Updated videos On-farm research > field days, hands-on learning
Rotational grazing demos/info Expand research, add specialist at Quicksand
Forage improvement

Horticulture, Organic Agriculture and Alternative Agriculture

1. In your county, approximately how many growers of commercial fruits and vegetables are there and which crops have the most acreage devoted to them (list top 3 vegetables and top 3 fruits)?

- 3 large producers; green beans, tomatoes, pumpkins
- beans, sweet corn, tomatoes/strawberries, apples, grapes
- 20; beans, tomatoes, corn/apples, berries
- 30 acres vegetables; corn, tomatoes, beans
- tomatoes, sweet corn, beans
- melons, apples, blackberries

2. How many commercial greenhouse operations are there in your county?

1, 7, 2, none; 2-4/county

3. Do you have a strong farmers' market? How many members?

- Most – yes; <10
- Yes, 4-5; no, tried and trying again; yes, very strong, 45-50 peak; yes, 8 plus other part-time vendors

4. Does anyone in your county currently raise nursery products (trees and shrubs) for wholesale? Yes – 3 No - 2

For retail? Yes – 3 No - 2

5. Does your county have any current growers of organic products?

Yes – 4 + 1 area (most do – small scale)

If not, are there any growers who might try organic production if more information and help were available?

Yes – 2 + 1, if profitable No – 1 Maybe - 1

6. List any other enterprises that growers are producing that may not fit well under any of the previous 5 questions (e.g. mushrooms, herbs, cut flowers, worms, rabbits, honey, etc).

Mushrooms (2)

Mums

Honey (2)

Gourds

Rabbits

Pumpkins

Sorghum

Crops for residential decorations

Blackberries

Strawberries

Forestry

1. What are the top concerns landowners regarding forestry as an enterprise?

Management (2)	Liability
Sales (2)	Property rights
Harvest regulations	Taxes

2. Do you have commercial forestry companies or activity in your county?

Yes – 3 Don't know - 1

If yes, what is your best understanding of their top concerns of forestry as an enterprise?

Green log/lumber market	Availability of quality timber
No local source for cabinetmakers' needs	Diminishing log size
Radical environmentalism	Lack of value-added products
Government regulations	

3. What programs do you currently have in your county regarding forestry?

None (3)	Incentive program
Special forestry products workshops	Tree seedlings
Master Logger programs	Portable band mills for loan

4. Are you planning forestry programs in the near future?

No - 2

If so, what are they?

Timber stand improvement	Management
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5. Please list any areas of forestry that you feel may need more emphasis from UK.

Management (2)	Collaboration (UK, KDF, Div. of Water, commercial foresters)
Value-added opportunities	
Phase I forestry model program – Eastern KY	Profitability
4-H forestry judging	Long-term vs short-term uses
Management for landowners not relying on forestry as primary farm income	Liability

Thanks for your time.

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