

## County Programming Survey for 2005 Kentucky Ag Advisory Council

County: \_\_\_\_\_ **District 3** \_\_\_\_\_

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.

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

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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

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### District 2

Quicksand	Paul Sizemore
Wilderness Trail	Jeff Henderson

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### District 3

N. Kentucky	Don Sorrell
Louisville	Brittany Edelson

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### District 4

Bluegrass	Nick Carter
Ft Harrod	Dan Grigson

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### District 5

Lake Cumberland	Beth Wilson
Lincoln Trail	Rick Greenwell

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### District 6

Mammoth Cave	Kevin Lyons
Green River	Vicki Shadrick

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### 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 3				
Forages	1 (tie)				
Goats	6				
Beef	1 (tie)				
Equine	3				
Grain Crops	5				
Commercial Vegetable Production	2				
Farmers Markets	4				
Organic Agriculture	7				
Forestry	8				
One vote for wine grape production					

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) newspaper (3), farm visits, site visits, field days

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\_9\_          No\_2\_          Undecided - 1

## 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?

Hay quality (4)	Economics
Harvest for optimum quality (3)	Lime
Hay testing (3)	Feeding round bales
Variety info (2)	Extend grazing to reduce hay production
Fertilization (2)	Economical storage
Marketing (2)	Feeding lower quality hay
Storage – round bales (2)	Soil testing
Storage facility plans	Soil fertility
Legumes	Management
Ration balancing	

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

Grazing (managed, intensive, rotational, extended) (10)	Legumes
Fertilization (2)	Economics
Water sources, distribution (2)	Extend grazing
Lime	Grazing alfalfa
	Improved clover varieties

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?

Establishment (2)	Hillside establishment
General publications (2)	Available funding
Utilization	Info on annual crops
Nutritional value	Economics
Grazing corn publication	Suitability
Demonstrations	

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 - 3
- C. A Great Deal - 10
- D. Not A Good Idea

Livestock: Goats

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

Marketing (niche, ethnic, CPH-like) (8)

Genetics

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

Genetics – 7 (tie)

Facilities – 7 (tie)

Forages/Feeds - 5

Other\_\_\_\_\_ (please specify) \_\_\_\_\_

General Herd Health - 3

Parasite Control - 4

Management/Industry - 2

Supplemental feeds and feeding - 6

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

Marketing (8)

Parasites (3)

Image (2)

Herd health (2)

Lack of experience (2)

Year-round product

Processing facility

Cost of production

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

A. Little to None - 2

B. Some - 10

C. A Great Deal - 1

D. Not A Good Idea

5. Other comments or needs regarding goats:

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## 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 - 5                      General Health - 3  
Genetics - 2                      Parasite Control - 7  
Facilities - 8                      Management/Industry - 6  
Forages - 1                      Supplemental feeds and feeding - 4  
Other \_\_\_\_\_ (please specify) EID, weed management

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

Horse College (3)                      Weed management  
Master Equine program (2)                      Newsletters  
Public education                      cd meetings  
Promote horse shows                      Programs for agents with limited knowledge of horses  
Forage school

## Livestock: Beef

1. Is the CPH45 program available in your county?

Yes – 10                      No - 0

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

Promotion                      Develop something for all breeds  
Carcass data                      Publications – weaning, marketing feeder calves  
Too many changes                      CPH PowerPoint presentations  
Standard rules – all markets                      Convince producers this is what industry will require  
Better CES/KBN working relationship  
Stockyard near Louisville  
Take agents out of tagging

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 - 4                      General Health - 6  
Genetics - 2                      Parasite Control – 1 (1 response)  
Facilities - 5                      Management/Industry - 7  
Forages - 3                      Supplemental feeds and feeding - 8  
Other \_\_\_\_\_ (please specify) CPH-45

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

Continue MC (5)                      MC follow-up, access  
County programs – pre-MC, Cow College (2)                      On-farm demos  
Promote KBN value-added programs                      New ration balancing program  
Grazing systems                      Weaning publication  
Lower costs                      Feed/mineral testing program

**2005 Ag. Advisory Council Grain Production Questionnaire**

1) Besides price and high fertilizer prices, what are farmers' biggest hindrances to profitability in corn production?

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|-----------------------|-----------------------------|
| Land availability (5) | Value-added opportunities   |
| Input costs (4)       | Storage facilities          |
| Timeliness            | Lack of scouting experience |
| Land productivity     | Variety selection           |
| Niche markets         |                             |

2) Besides price, what are farmers' biggest hindrances to profitability in soybean production?

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|----------------------------|-----------------------------|
| Land (7)                   | Variety selection           |
| Input costs (3)            | Seeding rates               |
| Equipment (2)              | Storage facilities          |
| Soybean rust potential (2) | Lack of scouting experience |

3) Besides price, what are farmers' biggest hindrances to profitability in wheat production?

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|-----------------|-----------|
| Land (3)        | Marketing |
| Input costs (2) | Weather   |
| Equipment       | Disease   |

4) On which topics do you anticipate the greatest grain-related educational needs over the next 2-3 years? (What will be the biggest issues for grain producers?) Please rank from most important to least important (1 being the most important) Feel free to add additional topics.

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| 1 - Soybean rust                                  | 5 - Proper crop fertilization (inc. starters)  |
| 3 - Herbicide resistance issues                   | 6 - Proper use of manures/litter as fertilizer |
| 7 - Water quality issues                          | 4 - GMO-related issues                         |
| 10 - Worker Protection Issues                     | 8 - Integrated Pest Management                 |
| 9 - Specialty grain crops (edible soybeans, etc.) |  |
| 2 - Precision Agriculture                         |  |
| ____ Other: _____                                 | ____ Other: _____                              |
| ____ Other: _____                                 | ____ Other: _____                              |

5) We now know that Soybean Rust has reached the United States. If it causes serious crop losses here (as it has in South America), what changes do you anticipate in the cropping patterns and/or crop management practices of farmers?

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|---|---|
| Fungicides (3)                              | Double-crop soybeans out                  |
| ^Corn (2)                                   | Continue production, bet on higher prices |
| IPM   | vSoybeans                                 |
| ^Scouting                                   | None                                      |
| Alternative crops – bottoms,<br>late season | ^Rotation                                 |

7) What new can be done to meet the educational needs of your farmers in the area of grain marketing?

Tobacco farmers switching to grain

Value-added

UK web updates

Marketing

Monitoring field moisture

Livestock consumption

Soybean rust scouting demo

Fungicide spray demo

Marketing

General educational programs

## 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)?

50, 2, 30, 6, 3, 5, >1, 5, 15-20, 4, 20, ?

Apples, peaches, strawberries/tomatoes, pumpkins, melons, peppers/pumpkins/tomatoes, corn, cantaloupes/apples, peaches, grapes/corn (3), tomatoes (4), pumpkins (2), peppers (4), squash (2), grapes (2), kale, cabbage, apples, blueberries, strawberries, cantaloupes, blackberries

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

10-15, 4, 13, 3, 2, 1, 1, >10, 4, 3, >20

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

Yes- 4, fair-1, 52, 30, 18, 6, 15; no - 2; somewhat strong, 20; yes, 20; moderate, 20; yes-4, 30-40

4. Does anyone in your county currently raise nursery products (trees and shrubs) for wholesale? Yes - 8 No - 4

For retail? Yes - 8 No - 4

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

Yes - 8 No - 3

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

Yes - 3 No - 3

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).

Honey (11)

Specialty crops

Cut flowers (8)

Home gardens

Mushrooms (6)

Wine

Herbs (4)

Agritourism

Rabbits (3)

Cut stems

Worms (2)

Christmas trees

Grapes (2)

Certified/community kitchen

Chickens/specialty birds

Gourds

Beef jerky

Organic forage, soybeans, vegetables

## Forestry

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

Value, price, marketing (7)

Water quality

Reputable loggers, Master Logger

Property damage

certification (4)

Time until harvest/profit

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

Yes – 4

No - 2

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

Very little valuable timber

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

Field days (3)

Newspaper articles

Master Tree Farmer

Support KY Shiitake Growers Association

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

Yes – 1

No - 10

If so, what are they?

White oak – barrel industry

Conservation management

Logs for shiitake production

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

Continue development of non-timber

Marketing

economic uses of woodland

Working with loggers

Walnut trees for lumber

Thanks for your time.

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