

## County Programming Survey for 2005 Kentucky Ag Advisory Council

County: \_\_\_\_\_ **District 5** \_\_\_\_\_

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

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

- 2 - Newsletters (mailed to home)
- 4 - Newsletters (emailed)
- 3 - Internet/web page
- 1 - Meetings
- 5 - Satellite Service
- \_\_\_\_\_ Other (please specify) one-on-one, newspaper

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\_14\_\_ No\_2\_\_ Comments: small %, slowly

## 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 storage (4)	Weed control
Hay quality (3)	No-till alfalfa – fall seedings
Economics/budgets – hay storage/feeding (3)	Variety info
More MC-type programs (2)	Produce/buy decisions
Hay sales	Curing/storage – large square baled alfalfa
Seeding techniques	Wrapping – cost/benefit

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 (7)	Quality - renovation
Variety info (2)	Fertilization
Weed control (2)	Economics – pasture improvement
Warm season grasses	

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?

Demos – grazing warm season annuals (3)	Stand establishment
Profitability	Variety info
Alternatives to fescue	vInput costs/Economics
Bermuda grass publication	Hands-on field training

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 - 1
- B. Some - 4
- C. A Great Deal – 3 + 1 area
- D. Not A Good Idea

Livestock: Goats

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

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|---|-------------------------------|
| Markets (3)   | Mandatory records             |
| Improved forages (2)  | Require recommended practices |
| Rotational grazing (2)                                      | Eliminate tobacco tie         |
| Make program more specific                                  | Processing facilities         |
| Fund specialist to present at county, multi-county meetings |                               |

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.

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| Marketing - 1  | General Herd Health – 3 (tie)      |
| Genetics – 3 (tie)                                     | Parasite Control - 5               |
| Facilities - 6   | Management/Industry - 2            |
| Forages/Feeds - 4                                      | Supplemental feeds and feeding - 7 |
| Other_____(please specify) predator control, economics |                                    |

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

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|--------------------------------|--------------------------|
| Markets (8)                    | Profitability (2)        |
| Health/nutrition education (3) | Feeds instead of forages |
| Pet vs profit mode (2)         | Management               |
| Inferior breeding animals (2)  | Limited space            |
| Parasites (2)                  |                          |

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

- A. Little to None - 3
- B. Some - 9
- C. A Great Deal - 4
- D. Not A Good Idea - 1

5. Other comments or needs regarding goats:

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| Enthusiasm declining                          | Another specialist or 1-2 associates   |
| Health problems – confined in too small areas | Meetings >5 pm for part-time producers |
| Agent training                                |  |

### **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 – 4 (tie)	General Health - 2
Genetics - 6	Parasite Control – 4 (tie)
Facilities - 7	Management/Industry - 3
Forages - 1	Supplemental feeds and feeding - 5
Other _____ (please specify) _____	

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

Equine publications	Master Horse program – programs should be more than 1 night, but not as long as MC
Agent newsletter (electronic)	
Nutrition/health info for recreational owners	

### **Livestock: Beef**

1. Is the CPH45 program available in your county?

Yes – 10      No - 2

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

Standardize rules at all sites (2)	Comparison non-CPH to CPH – economic, weight, gain, health, immune function
Fewer sales – (2)	Follow-up info (carcass data, feedlot performance)
Sell CPH calves on regular sale day for farmers to see results	EID - mandatory
Info on modified live booster vaccine requirements, esp when using a different company product	Genetic-based value-added programs
How to convince producers to hold calves for CPH when prices are high	

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 - 5	General Health - 3
Genetics - 2	Parasite Control _____
Facilities _____	Management/Industry - 4
Forages - 1	Supplemental feeds and feeding - 6
Other _____ (please specify) ration balancing, small farm profitability	

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

Beginners' beef course (~3 sessions)

Rotational grazing

Continue MC

Group marketing, purchasing

Ration balancing program

Multi-county evening field days

Profitability of value-added programs

## 2005 Ag. Advisory Council Grain Production Questionnaire

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

Poor stands due to:

- Plant populations
- Planter accuracy
- Soil testing

- Limited acreage for rotation
- Marketing
- Distance to market

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

- Management
- Marketing

- Fertility
- Distance to market

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

- Disease
- Pest control

- Marketing
- Management

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   | 3 - Proper crop fertilization (inc. starters)      |
| 2 - Herbicide resistance issues                                  | 4 (tie) Proper use of manures/litter as fertilizer |
| ___ Water quality issues   | 4 (tie) GMO-related issues                         |
| ___ Worker Protection Issues                                     | ___ Integrated Pest Management                     |
| ___ Specialty grain crops (edible soybeans,etc.)                 |  |
| 5 - Precision Agriculture  |  |
| ___ Other: future tobacco profitability, marketing, local market |  |

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?

^Corn (4)

Profitability with fungicide treatment

vSoybeans (2)

Sprayer purchases

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

Variety info

Area grain meetings

Winter meetings – budgets, variety selection

Exploit local poultry industry market

## 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)?

60 (area)          Tomatoes, corn, peppers          Apples, peaches, strawberries

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

11 (area)

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

Yes – 3          No – 3          Several strong on-farm markets

4. Does anyone in your county currently raise nursery products (trees and shrubs) for wholesale? Yes – 5          No - 2

For retail? Yes – 6          No - 2

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

Yes – 3          No - 5

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

Yes – 0          No – 3          Maybe - 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

Ornamentals

Herbs

Mums

Cut flowers

Game birds

Rabbits

Small scale recreational/hobby farm  
requests increasing

## Forestry

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

Getting fair price (7)	Quick producing trees
Forest management (3)	Environmentally-friendly harvest
Trusting loggers (2)	Over cutting forest

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

Yes – 5            No - 2

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

Quality, quantity (4)	Boundary conflicts
Regulations (2)	Keeping landowners ignorant of timber value
Contracting with growers/loggers	Alternative markets

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

Management field days (with Division of Forestry) (2)	Timber stand improvement
Master Logger Promotion (2)	

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

Yes – 1            No – 4            Maybe - 1

If so, what are they?

Environmental regulations	Management
Replanting	Field days
Timber stand improvement	Value-added
Re-establishing correct forest tree mix	

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

Marketing (2)	Measuring/evaluating timber stands
Agent training	Someone to teach log & lumber grading
Landowner timber sales education	Woodmizer mill out in the state
Phase I programs	

Thanks for your time.

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