

## County Programming Survey for 2005 Kentucky Ag Advisory Council

County: \_\_\_\_\_ **District 6** \_\_\_\_\_

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 6				
Forages	2				
Goats	7				
Beef	1				
Equine	8				
Grain Crops	3				
Commercial Vegetable Production	5				
Farmers Markets	6				
Organic Agriculture	9				
Forestry	4				

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)

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\_13\_ No\_5\_\_

## 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 (2)	Hay judging demo
Baled silage (2)	Weed control
Hay storage (2)	Variety trials
Hay testing (cheaper)	Hands-on training
Timely harvest	Phase I storage program
Haylage specialist	

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

Management (2)	Weed control
Fertilization	Grazing management
Legume persistence	Renovation
Variety selection	

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?

Nutritional info (spreadsheet) (2)	Bermudagrass
Establishment	Economics
County research	Varieties
Where they fit	Grazing schedules
Expand corn silage variety trials	

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 - 12
- C. A Great Deal - 2
- D. Not A Good Idea

Livestock: Goats

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

Building variable herd sizes –  
economies of scale

KY-based research

Publications – similar to KY Beef Book

Marketing assistance

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

General Herd Health - 2

Genetics – 3 (tie)

Parasite Control – 3 (tie)

Facilities \_\_\_\_\_

Management/Industry - 5

Forages/Feeds - 4

Supplemental feeds and feeding \_\_\_\_\_

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

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

Markets (2)

Limited educational materials

Funds to get started

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

A. Little to None - 3

B. Some - 13

C. A Great Deal - 2

D. Not A Good Idea

5. Other comments or needs regarding goats:

Production/management manual for producers

Producers spending too much on purebred stock

**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 \_\_\_\_\_
- Genetics \_\_\_\_\_
- Facilities \_\_\_\_\_
- Forages - 2
- Other \_\_\_\_\_ (please specify) \_\_\_\_\_
- General Health - 1
- Parasite Control \_\_\_\_\_
- Management/Industry - 4
- Supplemental feeds and feeding - 3

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

- Statewide newsletter
- Continue horse production short courses

**Livestock: Beef**

1. Is the CPH45 program available in your county?

Yes – 7 + 1 area      No - 1

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

- Attract more buyers
- Group by breed, not color
- Realize special sales promoted by drug companies are in direct competition with CPH-45 sales
- Emphasize increased weight gain as major benefit, not just price
- Drop no scurs rule

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 - 3
- Genetics - 2
- Facilities \_\_\_\_\_
- Forages - 1
- Other \_\_\_\_\_ (please specify) \_\_\_\_\_
- General Health - 4
- Parasite Control \_\_\_\_\_
- Management/Industry \_\_\_\_\_
- Supplemental feeds and feeding \_\_\_\_\_

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

- Keep providing PowerPoints, calendars, pocket record books
- Emphasize consumer demands as driving force behind what industry wants from producers
- More agent access to Grazing School PowerPoints
- Develop correspondence course for producers
- Continue cost-share programs
- Statewide newsletter

## 2005 Ag. Advisory Council Grain Production Questionnaire

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

High rental rates (3)	Tech fees
Variable yields	Poor marketing skills
Weather	Late planting

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

Soybean rust	High rental rates
Tech fees	Poor marketing skills
Weather	Late planting
Yield	

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

Disease	Increased lease prices
Weather	Poor marketing skills
Yield	Late planting

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.

1 - Soybean rust	4 (tie) Proper crop fertilization (inc. starters)
2 - Herbicide resistance issues	3 - Proper use of manures/litter as fertilizer
___ Water quality issues	___ GMO-related issues
___ Worker Protection Issues	4 (tie) Integrated Pest Management
___ Specialty grain crops (edible soybeans, etc.)	
___ Precision Agriculture	
___ 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?

^Corn (2)	^Milo
^Scouting	vSoybeans
^Precision agriculture	^Input costs (fungicides)
vDouble-crop soybeans	

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

Continue grain marketing specialist	Risk management
Basic marketing class for young farmers	Marketing options
Establish basic idea of selling some when there is a profit	

## 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)?

3-30, avg 12 (area)      Tomatoes, corn, pumpkins      Apples/fruit orchards, blueberries, strawberries

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

23 (area)      Avg 4/county (area)

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

Yes – 2      No – 1      27, 12 (area)

No – 3    Moderate – 4, avg 15    Very strong – 1, regional market 33, county market 21 (area)

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

For retail? Yes – 8      No - 4

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

Yes – 5      No – 3 + 1 area

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

Yes – 3      Not likely – 1 area

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).

Sweet sorghum

Agritourism

Gourds

Herbs

Honey

Cut flowers

Rabbits

Bedding plants

## Forestry

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

Fire Harvest restrictions  
Marketing Damage by loggers

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

Yes – 6 No – 2 a few sawmills

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

Environmental regulations  
Maintaining quality timber stand for the future

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

Master Logger (2) Forestry field days

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

If so, what are they?

Field days – timber stand improvement, environmental concerns  
Master Logger

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

Programs for landowners to understand marketing opportunities  
Wildlife habitat

Thanks for your time.

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