

County Programming Survey for 2005 Kentucky Ag Advisory Council

County: _____ **District 7** _____

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

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

- 2 - Newsletters (mailed to home)
- 3 - Newsletters (emailed)
- 4 - Internet/web page
- 1 - Meetings
- 5 - Satellite Service
- _____ Other (please specify) one-on-one (2), 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_9_ No_0_

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	Fertilization
Legume persistence	Variety info
Friendly endophyte fescue	Yield
New/improved orchardgrass/timothy	Disease resistance
Nutritive value	

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 (rotational, intensive) (2)	Legume persistence
Yield	Friendly endophyte fescue
Nutritive value	New/improved orchardgrass/timothy
Fertilization	More Grazing Schools – Western KY

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?

Wildlife interest	Maintenance
Practical benefits for forage producers	Anything
Establishment	Bermudagrass 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 - 1
- B. Some - 5
- 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)

Graded sales	Registered animals
Herd upgrades	Fencing
Better handling equipment	Facilities

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

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

Parasites	Production info
Health management	Markets
Uniting to produce a uniform product	

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

- A. Little to None - 3
- B. Some - 5
- C. A Great Deal
- D. Not A Good Idea

5. Other comments or needs regarding goats:

Advantages of multi-species grazing/production systems

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

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

- UK equine specialist – Western KY
- Master Horseman
- KEEP-CES collaboration

Livestock: Beef

1. Is the CPH45 program available in your county?

- Yes – 8
- No - 0

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

- Closer sales
- ^Participation

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

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

- Forage production
- Hay preservation
- Hay testing
- Management goals
- UK beef newsletter
- Animal ID

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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| Lack of marketing skills/discipline (2) | Production costs |
| Land rent | Seed costs |
| Land availability | Over-fertilization |
| Gray leaf spot | Soil compaction |
| Diseases, pests in corn-after-corn | |

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

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| Marketing (2) | Land rent |
| Fungicide use | Land availability |
| Fertilizer management | Yield ceiling |
| Production costs | Seed costs |

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

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| Marketing (2) | Seed costs |
| Disease (head scab) (2) | Land availability |
| Yield limitations | Production costs |
| Poorly drained soils | Whether to no-till |

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

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| ^Corn (2) | vDouble-crop soybeans |
| ^Fungicides | vSoybeans |
| ^Farmers doing spraying | ^Other crops |
| Sentinel rows on farms | |

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

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| Keep Riggins | Current info/rapid delivery |
| Marketing/strategy meetings | Marketing training for small/mid-sized producers |
| Program for those who "don't like meetings" | |

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)?

No, 10-15 (area) 4-300/county (area)
Tomatoes, corn, peppers/squash Apples, peaches, blueberries

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

2-18, avg <10 (area) 1, 10, 3 (area)

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

Yes (not strong) – 2 No - 6

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

For retail? Yes – 5 No - 2

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

Yes – 2 No - 6

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

Yes – 1 No - 6

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 (3)	Cut flowers (2)
Herbs (3)	Mushrooms
Bedding plants (3)	Seedless cucumbers
Worms (2)	Mums
Rabbits (2)	Sweet corn

Forestry

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

Management (2)	Regulations
Marketing	Contracts
Prices	Post-harvest recovery

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

Yes – 6 No - 1

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

Regulations	Continuing supply
Master Logger requirements	

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

“What is Forestry?”	Woodland & Water field day
Forestry field days	

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

Yes – 2 No - 5

If so, what are they?

Master Logger CEU

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

County government – logger registration	Homeowner awareness
Contact info – KDF, etc	

Thanks for your time.

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