

Report to the KAAC January 17-18, 2006
From the
Department of Agricultural Economics

During the February 2004 Agricultural Advisory Council meeting a need was identified relative to typical forage recommendations given out by agents. A Quick Response Team (QRT) made up of David Appleman - Bracken County, Dan Grigson, Lincoln County, Glenn Roberts - Wayne County and from AEC Steve Isaacs, Lee Meyer, Dick Trimble, Kenny Burdine and me.

Kenny Burdine has done most of the work with input from the QRT and several others around the college, like RW Eldridge, Steve Isaacs, Gary Lacefield, Doug Overhults, Ray Smith, Greg Schwab and Dick Trimble.

We have complete what we had promised

Here is where we are:

Decision aids:	
1. Pasture and Forage Improvement Tool	completed
2. Hay Storage Decision Aid	completed
3. Hay Cost of Production Calculator	completed
Fact Sheets:	
1. The Economics of Replacing Endophyte Infected Fescue	completed
2. The Economics of Pasture Fertilization	completed
3. The Economics of Using Improved Red Clover Varieties	completed
4. The Economics of Grazing Alfalfa	completed
5. The Economics of Hay Storage	completed
6. The Economics of Rotational Grazing	completed
7. The Economics of Forage Management in Your Beef Operation	completed
8. The Economics of Renovating Pastures with Clover	completed
9. The Economics of round bale silage	In process
10. The Economics of Hay Production and Harvesting	completed

Added information:

Kenny Burdine did all this work while employed as an Extension Associate being paid on grant money by Lee Meyer. As of January 9, 2006, his position will officially change. He will be our Extension Specialists for Livestock /Forages economics, and because of the QRT work is already working in his new area.

Kenny has done agent trainings on these topics during the designated training week (Nov 28 to Dec 2). He covered the forage QRT work and specifically discussed the Economics of Pasture Renovation, Fertilization, and Hay Storage with all county agents at these 3 regional trainings. He also covered the Economics of Replacing Endophyte Fescue at an agent training during the KY Farm Bureau Annual Meeting on December 9th.

These training sessions really promoted what we had done and Kenny has many county meetings scheduled for the upcoming months to discuss these topics with county producer groups. So in short, not only are the publications and decision aids being used, agents are being trained and using them as part of their county programs.