

Marion County Ag Extension Newsletter

May 2024

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May is BEEF month in Kentucky!

Thank you to all beef cattle producers in Marion County for all the hard work and dedication you put into your beef herd.

If you would like to learn more about beef cattle, I encourage you to become a member of the Marion County Cattlemen's Association.

There will be a new face in our office beginning later this month. We will be hosting a summer intern! Matthew Cook from Hardin County has been selected to be the ANR summer intern.

We look forward to an exciting summer!



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Disabilities
accommodated
with prior notification.

Upcoming Events

May 8

Container Gardening

6:00pm

Marion County Extension Office

May 14

Sheep & Goat Meeting

7:00pm

Marion County Extension Office

May 16

Marion County Cattlemen Meeting

7:00pm

****JUNIOR Cattlemen will meet upstairs****

Marion County Extension Office

May 31

(County Ag Investment Program)

CAIP Information Night

6:00pm

A meal will be provided
Marion County Extension Office

SAVE THE DATES:

June 6

Community Event

Ready, Set, Go Safety Expo!

June 24-29

Marion County Fair

September 10

Marion County Extension

Council Presents: Family

Farm Field Day



Marion County Cooperative Extension

CAIP Information Night

CAIP provides Kentucky agricultural producers with cost-share assistance on practices to allow them to improve and diversify their current farm operations. CAIP covers a wide variety of agricultural enterprises in its 11 investment areas, including, but not limited to, bees and honey, equine, forage, beef and dairy cattle, goats and sheep, horticulture, poultry, swine, timber and technology, as well as energy efficiency and production, farm infrastructure and water enhancement, marketing, and value-added production.

Please note the program has changed and will be a tiered system. This meeting will explain those changes and answer questions you may have.

We will have a meal provided. Please let us know if you plan on attending. 270-692-2421.

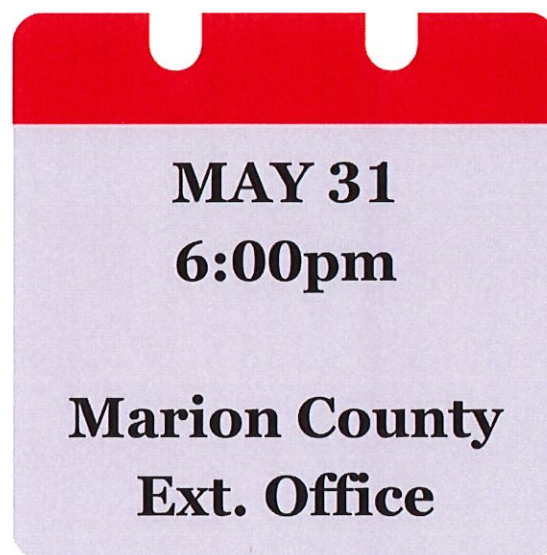
Speakers for the night:

-Natalie Browning, Marion County CAIP Administrator

-Chelsea Sapp- Marion County Ag & Natural Resources Agent

-Representative from Kentucky Office of Ag Policy

****Please call 270-692-2421 to RSVP to make sure we have enough food****



Easy Meatloaf

Servings:8 Serving Size:1/8 loaf

Salsa adds zip to this super easy meatloaf recipe.



Ingredients:

2 pounds lean ground beef
2 eggs, beaten
1 sleeve saltine crackers, crushed
1 medium onion, chopped

2 cups salsa

Directions:

Preheat oven to 350 degrees F.

In a large bowl, mix the beef, eggs, crackers, onion and 1 cup of salsa.

Press into greased 2-quart casserole dish or 10-inch iron skillet.

Top with remaining salsa.

Bake for 1 hour.

Make it a Meal

Slow Cooker Meatloaf

Steamed broccoli

Baked sweet potato

Whole grain roll

Low-fat milk

Source: Sarah Brandl, Extension Specialist, University of Kentucky

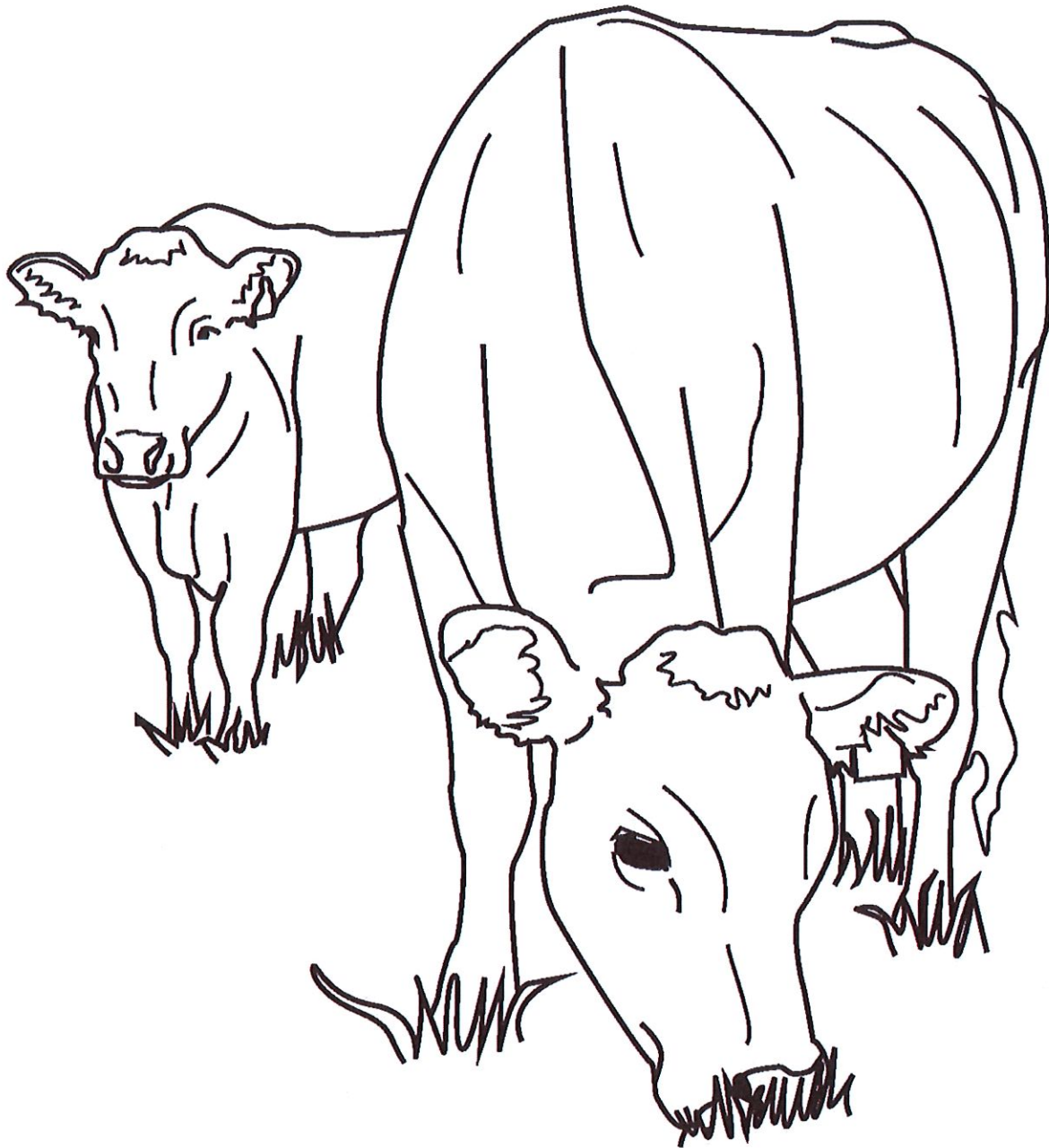
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Tips

Drink water or unsweetened beverages instead of sugary drinks. Soda, energy drinks and sports drinks are a major source of added sugar and calories in American diets.

Nutrition facts per serving: 170 calories; 6g total fat; 2g saturated fat; 0.5g trans fat; 100mg cholesterol; 550g sodium; 5g carbohydrate; 2g fiber; 3g sugar; 24g protein; 10% Daily Value of vitamin A; 2% Daily Value of vitamin C; 0% Daily Value of calcium; 10% Daily Value of iron.

May is Beef Month!



ANNOUNCING THE CHAROLAIS INFLUENCED FEEDER CALF ALLIANCE

SALE DATES: MAY 16 • DECEMBER 12
BLUEGRASS SOUTH • STANFORD, KENTUCKY

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Spring Weather Can Bring Heavy Rain and the Risk of Flooding

By Derrick Snyder – National Weather Service Paducah, KY

As we head deeper into spring, we want to talk to you about something that's on our minds this time of year: flash flooding. Now, we know Kentuckians are no strangers to heavy rain and overflowing creeks, but it's important to be prepared for the worst.

What can you do to be prepared before, during, and after a flash flood? Here are tips to keep in mind:

1. Keep your eyes and ears open: Listen for weather reports and stay alert for any signs of flooding in your area. If you see water starting to rise, don't wait until it's too late to take action.
2. Have a plan in place: Talk to your family about what you would do in case of a flood. Make sure everyone knows how to get to high ground and where to meet up if you get separated.
3. Don't take any chances: Never try to drive or walk through flooded areas. The water might look shallow, but it could be a lot deeper and faster than you realize. It only takes 12 inches of water to cause your vehicle to lose traction, and only 6 inches of water to sweep you off your feet.
4. Get your homestead ready: If you live in a flood-prone area, make sure you have sandbags or other barriers on hand to protect your home. Keep your gutters clean and your downspouts pointed away from your house.
5. Stay safe during the flood: If a flash flood does happen, get to higher ground as quickly as possible. And if you have to wade through water, be sure to wear rubber boots and stay away from downed power lines to avoid a shock hazard.

There's one more thing you can do to help keep your community safe during floods: report rainfall measurements to the National Weather Service. Measuring and reporting rainfall can help the Weather Service better predict flooding and issue alerts for flash floods.

Here's how to do it:

1. Get a rain gauge: You can buy a rain gauge at a hardware store or online. Make sure it's placed in an open area away from trees or buildings. You can obtain a high-quality rain gauge by becoming an observer with a nationwide network known as the Community Collaborative Rain, Hail, and Snow Network (CoCoRaHS). Learn more at cocorahs.org or call your local National Weather Service (NWS) office.
2. Measure rainfall: After a rainfall event, go outside and check the gauge. Write down the amount of rainfall in inches, to the nearest hundredth of an inch. Don't forget to dump your gauge so it's ready for the next event!
3. Report the measurement: You can report the rainfall measurement to the NWS by calling your local weather office or by visiting their website. Be sure to include your location, the amount of rainfall you measured, as well as the period for which you measured the rain.

Marion County Cattlemen Dead Animal (Cattle) Removal Program

At the annual Cattlemen meeting held on November 16, 2023 membership voted and approved to allot \$10,000 towards the Marion County Cattlemen Dead Animal (Cattle) Removal Program starting in January 2024. **Beginning in 2024, paid members of the Marion County Cattlemen Association are eligible for this program . Paid members can fill out an application and turn it in at the Marion County Extension Office.**

This is not a reimbursement program. This program will end when the cattlemen association has paid out \$10,000 OR December 31, 2024, whichever comes first. **Please note, paying for removal of dead cattle will stop once \$10,000 has been appropriated even though given member has not had 3 dead cattle removed from the operation.**

Dead Animal (Cattle) Removal Application is on the following page. If you are interested and a **paying Marion County Cattlemen member, please complete the form and turn it in to the Marion County Extension Office.**

The coordinator of this program is Harry Young.



Agreement between Marion Co. Cattlemen Association (MCCA) and

Name of Member _____

Name of farming operation if different_____

Mailing address _____

Cell phone number_____

Land line _____

This is the name that will be turned in to Marion Co. Fiscal Court (MCFC) who is responsible for dead animal removal. If a different name is used, the MCCA is not responsible for the pickup cost.

Applicant must be a paid member of MCCA for membership year 2024.

Only those members who sign up for the program will be eligible for the program. Returning this signed form to either the Marion County Extension office, the coordinator, the president or secretary of MCCA, is applying for program.

Those that have applied by December 20, 2023 will be eligible on January 1,2024.

Those that apply by the 20th of a given month will be eligible on the first day of the following month.

MCCA will pay funds to MCFC for removal of up to 3 head of dead cattle starting January 1,2024 for those who have applied. No reimbursement will be made to member.

MCCA will only pay for cattle that MCFC will pick up.

MCCA will only pay for 3 dead cattle per member or operation. If two or more members have one operation, the Association will only pay for 3 dead cattle. Once three dead cattle have been removed from an operation, MCCA has no responsibility to pay for removal of any more cattle.

The program will end when MCCA has paid out \$10,000 or December 31,2024, whichever comes first. Paying for removal of dead cattle will stop once \$10,000 has been appropriated even though given member has not had 3 dead cattle removed from the operation.

The coordinator of this program will be Harry Young (270-402-3015). If applicant has an issue or gets a bill from MCFC on cattle that qualify for program, they should contact Harry Young first. If there is a dispute or misunderstanding in the program, applicant can appeal to MCCA Board of Directors and their decision is final.

By signing below, member states that dues for 2024 have been paid and this document has been read and understand the conditions of the agreement.

Member

Date

Weekly Kentucky Cattle and Grain Summary

USDA Livestock, Poultry and Grain Market News

Frankfort, KY

Monday, April 29, 2024

For Week Ending:

Saturday, April 27, 2024

Receipts: 17,316

Last Week: 20,173

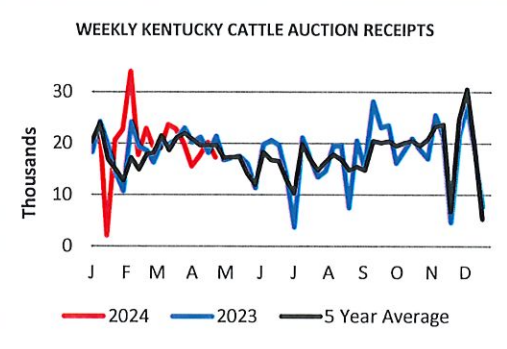
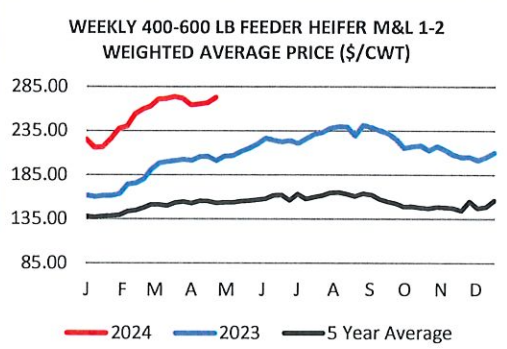
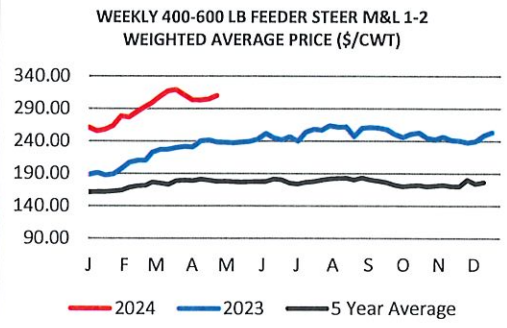
Last Year: 21,417

Compared to last week, feeder cattle sold mostly 5.00 to 10.00 higher with good to very good demand. There was active buyer participation throughout the week with highest interest for weaned and preconditioned packages. Slaughter cows traded 1.00 to 3.00 lower and slaughter bulls were steady to 3.00 lower with good demand.

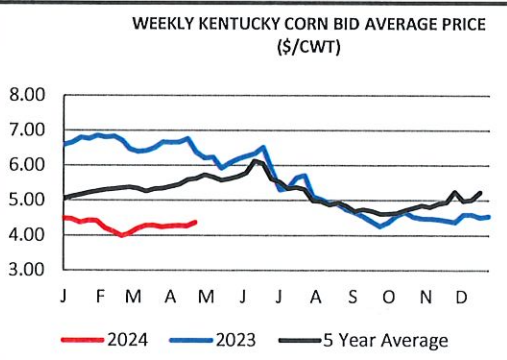
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STATE AVERAGES

	<u>This Week</u>	<u>Prior Week</u>	<u>Last Year</u>
Steers (M&L 1-2)			
350-400 lbs	326.91	324.25	236.21
400-450 lbs	319.31	314.84	234.96
450-500 lbs	307.20	305.35	235.41
500-550 lbs	299.06	297.88	229.27
550-600 lbs	294.17	285.25	223.87
600-650 lbs	274.20	275.87	217.10
650-700 lbs	264.45	259.88	208.50
700-750 lbs	251.46	243.66	195.84
750-800 lbs	238.77	233.09	193.13
800-850 lbs	229.01	225.42	186.81
850-900 lbs	226.35	217.11	184.06
Heifers (M&L 1-2)			
300-350 lbs	303.17	294.65	207.07
350-400 lbs	299.08	288.34	210.83
400-450 lbs	285.87	279.43	202.94
450-500 lbs	277.24	271.50	200.55
500-550 lbs	263.46	259.49	194.81
550-600 lbs	255.57	247.24	196.46
600-650 lbs	240.69	237.47	186.92
650-700 lbs	232.68	229.87	179.96
700-750 lbs	220.84	212.93	172.83
750-800 lbs	217.23	210.84	168.97



WEEKLY COW SUMMARY			
	<u>Average</u>	<u>High</u>	<u>Low</u>
Slaughter Cows			
Breakers	105.00-134.00	116.00-145.00	90.00-119.00
Boners	106.00-135.00	116.00-150.00	102.00-119.50
Lean	80.00-131.00	100.00-149.00	87.00-115.00
Slaughter Bulls			
Yield Grade 1&2	120.00-168.00	138.00-187.00	110.00-158.00



April 25, 2024 **Bowling Green, KY**

SLAUGHTER GOATS: 238

Kids: Selection 1 56 lbs 330.00; 65 lbs 305.00. **Selection 1-2** 91 lbs 262.50.
Selection 2 50-52 lbs 317.50-340.00; 64 lbs 277.50. **Selection 2-3** 51 lbs 250.00.

SLAUGHTER SHEEP: 1,272

Hair Breeds-Choice & Prime 1-2 53-54 lbs 242.50-252.50; 67-69 lbs 232.50-272.50; 87 lbs 232.50; 130 lbs 177.50. **Choice 2** 53 lbs 232.50; 68 lbs 222.50; 70 lbs 222.50; 87-88 lbs 212.50-222.50. **Woolled-Choice and Prime 1-2** 53 lbs 252.50; 88 lbs 222.50. **Choice 2** 77 lbs 230.00; 89 lbs 227.50. [View Full Report](#)

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GRAINS	<u>This Week</u>	<u>Prior Week</u>	<u>Last Year</u>
Corn	4.09-4.56	4.02-4.46	5.87-6.71
Soybeans	10.86-11.83	10.69-11.74	13.67-14.90
Red Winter Wheat	5.03-6.09	4.67-5.60	5.44-6.42

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