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# LINCOLN LETTER

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## Happy Beef Month!

Did you know that Kentucky is the largest beef cattle producing state east of the Mississippi River? According to the National Agriculture Statistics Service, 1.85 million beef cattle and calves were accounted for at the beginning of 2025 in Kentucky. From farm gate to your dinner plate, a lot of blood, sweat and tears are poured into producing a healthy and delicious slice of beef. In May, we join Kentucky in celebrating the hard work our Kentucky beef producers do to provide a tasty meal for our families. Find a beef producer near you through checking out the local beef directory: [www.kybeef.com/raising-beef/local-beef-directory](http://www.kybeef.com/raising-beef/local-beef-directory).



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# LARUE CO. UPDATES

## Upcoming Farmers Market

The LaRue County Farmers Market will open on June 12<sup>th</sup> and will be open every Thursday from 9am to 1pm in the LaRue County High School parking lot.

## LaRue County Extension Office

Cooking Through the Calendar will take place on Friday, May 9<sup>th</sup> at the LaRue County Extension office from 12pm- 1pm.

The LaRue County Cattlemen's meeting will be held at the LaRue County Extension office from 7pm to 8:30pm on Tuesday, May 13<sup>th</sup>.

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"... NO OTHER HUMAN OCCUPATION OPENS SO WIDE A FIELD FOR THE PROFITABLE AND AGREEABLE COMBINATION OF LABOR WITH CULTIVATED THOUGHT, AS AGRICULTURE." - ABRAHAM LINCOLN



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# NELSON CO. UPDATES

## Nelson Co. Conservation District

Nelson County Agriculture Investment Program (CAIP) and Nelson County Youth Agriculture Incentive Program (YAIP) applications will not be available for 2025 until late July. Contact Gale Hundley at 502-348-3363 to request to be put on the “call list” when applications are available

## Nelson Co. Farm Bureau Young Farmers

The Nelson County Farm Bureau Young Farmers will be meeting on TBD to visit a beef farm in Bullitt County. If you are interested in attending, RSVP to Martin Williams at 270-316-0110 by May 9th.

## Nelson Co. Extension Office

The Nelson County Cooperative Extension Office will be teaming up with LNB and the Kentucky Beef Council to host a Beef Basics lunch and learn on May 13<sup>th</sup> from noon to 1pm. Room capacity is limited, so this event will be first come first serve. Please RSVP to Martin Williams.

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THAN BE EMPEROR OF THE WORLD.”  
GEORGE WASHINGTON



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# FINANCIAL SUPPORT

## Farm Service Agency (FSA)

- FSA offers farm ownership and operating loans which can qualify for joint financing with LNB. Contact LNB at 502-348-0445 for more information.
- The United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) is funneling \$10 billion directly to qualifying agricultural producers through the Emergency Commodity Assistance Program (ECAP) for the 2024 crop year to help mitigate the impacts of increased input costs and falling commodity prices. Signup opens on March 19, 2025, and producers can apply online or by visiting their local FSA office. Please contact your local FSA office for questions on if you are eligible.
- Sign up for Nelson County USDA updates by texting [KYNelson](#) to 372-669.
- Elizabethtown USDA Service Center (covers LaRueCo.) can be reached at 270-765-2702.
- Nelson County FSA can be reached at 502-348-8664.

## Kentucky Selling Farmer Tax Credit (KSFTC) Program

KFSTC encourages continued use of agricultural land for farming by granting tax credits to selling farmers who agree to sell agricultural land and assets to beginning farmers. Farmers wanting to sell may be eligible for a Kentucky income tax credit up to 5% of the purchase price of qualifying agricultural assets, subject to a \$25,000 calendar year cap and a \$100,000 lifetime cap. More information can be found at <https://ced.ky.gov/Entrepreneurship/KSFTC>.

“THE FARMER IS THE ONLY MAN IN OUR ECONOMY WHO BUYS EVERYTHING AT RETAIL, SELLS EVERYTHING AT WHOLESALE, AND PAYS THE FREIGHT BOTH WAYS.” - JOHN F. KENNEDY



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# PERSONAL PIECE

## Lincoln Lender

May is a busy time on the farm for us. We typically go from selling our weaned calves to planting sunflowers to getting ready for our first cutting of hay. With fall born calves, we try to wean them off for 45 days, give them two rounds of vaccines, deworm them, and get them ready to sell. Many other fall-calving herds across Kentucky are operating on similar timelines. Meanwhile, we are also in full sunflower planting mode if we haven't already planted them.

Sunflowers are a simple yet complex crop to raise. Timing is everything with them. If you plant your seeds too early in April, you risk a cold snap stunting their growth if not killing them. The first couple weeks of May have typically been a safe time to plant the seeds and prepares them for blooming around the middle of July.

Finally, May is usually the kickoff of hay season. For those driving down the roads, you will know when hay season officially starts because you will begin to see equipment running from one farm to the next. Cutting and baling hay is all about having consistent dry weather. When the weather is right for a few days/weeks, farmers must move quickly to get the work done. One unexpected rain could ruin a lot of hard work. When the hay rush hits, it normally means a lot of early mornings and late nights on the tractor, and you can ALWAYS count on breaking down. In this busy season, check in on your farming friends!

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