



Happy National Dairy Month!

Did you know that Kentucky produces 926 million pounds of milk annually? That equates to over 115 million gallons of milk per year according to the Kentucky Dairy Development Council.

Trivia Question: Which cows produce chocolate milk?

Answer: None of them! Chocolate is added to milk to make chocolate milk when it goes through a processing facility.



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LARUE CO. UPDATES

Upcoming Farmers Market

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

LaRue County Extension Office

The LaRue County Cattlemen's meeting will be held at the LaRue County Extension office at 7pm on June 10th.

Extension Office Contact Information:

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DAIRY BREEDS IN THE UNITED STATES:

- HOLSTEIN
- JERSEY
- AYRSHIRE
- MILKING SHORTHORN
- GUERNSEY
- BROWN SWISS
- RED & WHITE HOLSTEIN



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NELSON CO. UPDATES

Nelson Co. Conservation District

The Nelson County Conservation District will be accepting requests for cost share funding under the Kentucky Soil Erosion and Water Quality Cost Share Program, until November 1, 2025. This program contains best management practices that include rotational grazing systems, alternative watering systems, heavy use feeding areas, sinkhole protection, grassed waterways, and vegetative critical areas, just to name a few examples.

Funding for practices will be approved by the Kentucky Soil and Water Conservation Commission as funds are available. Cost share rates are a maximum of 75 percent of the actual installation cost of the practice not to exceed \$20,000 per year. Applications are accepted at any time during the year and are ranked annually.

For more information stop by the conservation district office located at 2001 Buchanan Blvd, Bardstown, Ky. 40004, call 502-348-3363, extension 3, or email gale.hundley@ky.nacdnet.net.

Nelson Co. Extension Office

Extension Office Contact Information:

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DID YOU KNOW?

A HIGH SCHOOL FFA TEAM FROM KENTUCKY WON THE NATIONAL DAIRY CATTLE EVALUATION CAREER AND DEVELOPMENT EVENT (CDE) AT THE 2024 NATIONAL FFA CONVENTION.



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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 opened 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](https://www.ky.gov/kytext) to 372-669.

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>.

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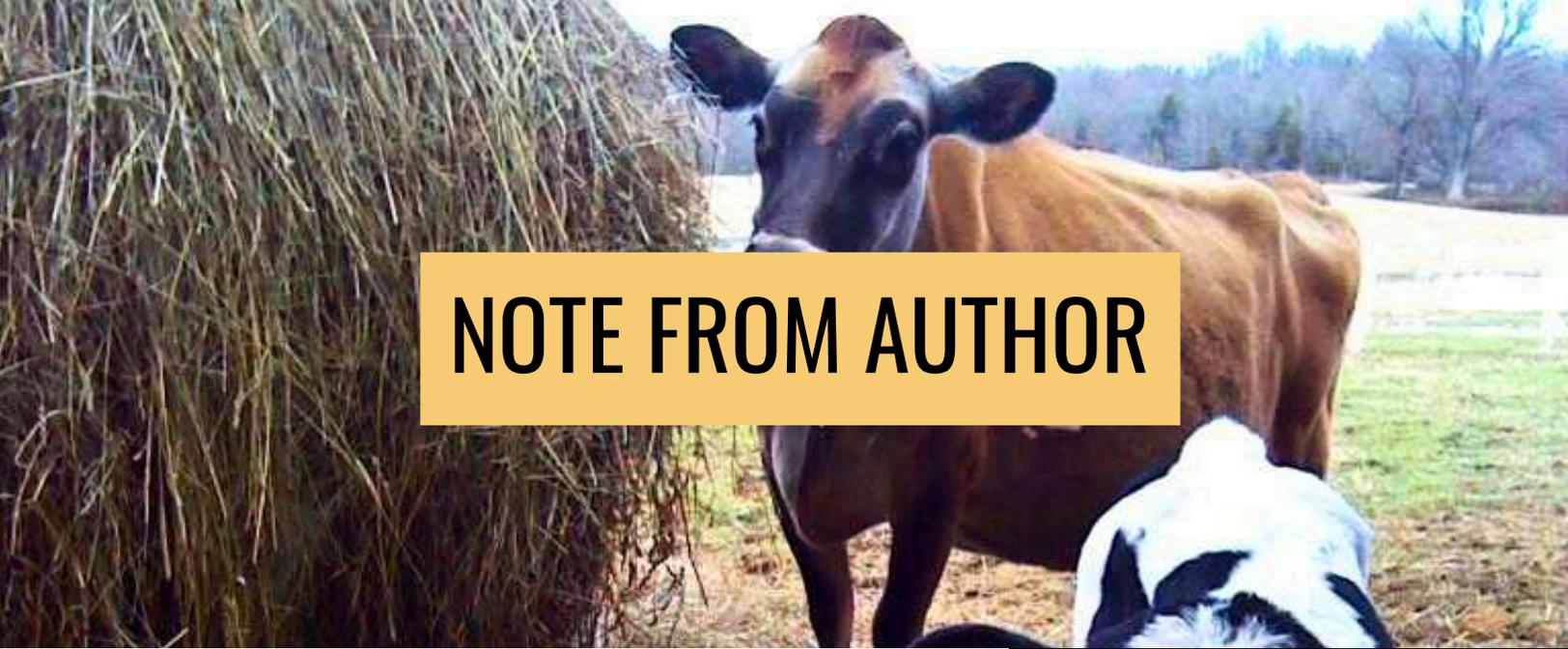
WHAT DO YOU CALL A COW
STUCK IN AN EARTHQUAKE?

ANSWER: A MILKSHAKE



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NOTE FROM AUTHOR

Lincoln Lender

Buttercup, Daisy, and Bessy quickly acquainted me with a love for the dairy industry. Those three were my Jersey milk cows when I started my FFA Project aka Supervised Agricultural Experience (SAE), in eighth grade. Every day before and after school, I would milk them by hand and make sure any calves they had would nurse. The cattle never missed an opportunity to knock me or the milk bucket into a pile of fresh manure. The odor of manure and fresh milk brings back fond memories of those long hours milking even to this day.

During the past 10 years, several small dairy farms have gone out of business and have had to transition from the life they love to new ventures to provide for their families. The ones that have survived have found ways to add value to their milk product through additional processing. This has led to more local milk, cheese, butter and ice cream products our families to enjoy.

Our Commonwealth is steeped in dairy men and women's history that should be appreciated. Join me in thanking our dairy farmers!

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