



## American Agriculture

According to the American Farm Bureau Federation, on average, one U.S. farm feeds 169 people annually in the U.S. and abroad. This food supply is abundant, affordable and among the world’s safest, thanks to America’s farm families.

The 2022 USDA Census of Agriculture revealed that 1.9 million farms are spread across the rural landscape of America and 95% of them are operated by families.



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# LARUE CO. UPDATES

## Upcoming Farmers Market

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

## LaRue County Conservation District

The LaRue County Conservation District will meet on July 17<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 p.m. at 306 W Main Street, Hodgenville, KY.

## LaRue County Extension Office

Extension Office Contact Information:

807 Old Elizabethtown Rd,

Hodgenville, KY 42748

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## DID YOU KNOW?

THE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE WAS ESTABLISHED BY PRESIDENT LINCOLN ON MAY 15<sup>TH</sup>, 1862.



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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](mailto:gale.hundley@ky.nacdnet.net).

## Nelson County Ag Day

Saturday, July 26<sup>th</sup>

9:00 am-1:00 pm | Nelson County Fairgrounds

Enjoy farm animals, wagon rides, face painting, live auction, corn pit, and more!

### DID YOU KNOW?

THE 2022 USDA CENSUS REVEALED THE NUMBER OF FARMS AND FARM SIZE IN NELSON COUNTY WAS DECREASING.



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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. Signups end August 15th, 2025, and producers can apply online or by visiting their local FSA office. Please contact your local FSA office for questions about eligibility.
- Sign up for Nelson County USDA updates by texting [KYNelson](text:KYNelson) 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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KENTUCKY NET FARM INCOME TOTALLED AROUND \$2.747 MILLION IN 2023 ACCORDING TO KY FOOD AND FARM INFO.



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# NOTE FROM AUTHOR

## Lincoln Lender

In July we get to celebrate Independence Day and the many freedoms we have as Americans. I am thankful for the freedom we have to farm. Though, we may sometimes feel weighed down by the discomforts of agricultural life, we cannot deny the inborn fondness we have for it. Being brought up in the National FFA Organization gave me an even deeper appreciation for this industry.

As I started in FFA, I had to memorize the five-paragraph creed that every member comes to know. I now hold these words near and dear to my heart. E.M. Tiffany stated it well in the final paragraph of The FFA Creed as follows: “I believe that American agriculture can and will hold true to the best traditions of our national life and that I can exert an influence in my home and community which will stand solid for my part in that inspiring task.”

We all have a part to play in the inspiring task of maintaining the best traditions of our national life and keeping American agriculture vibrant. We are blessed to work diligently upon the ground which many others poured sweat, blood and tears into. May we work to honor and carry-on agricultural life.

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# Nelson County Ag Day

In memory of John Figg and Gerry Hardin

Saturday, July 26th 2025  
9:00AM-1:00PM

Nelson County Fairgrounds

FARM ANIMALS, CORN PIT,  
WAGON RIDES, FACE PAINTING,  
LIVE AUCTION, CONCESSIONS,  
AND MORE

