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Fun at the Fair

According to County Fairs USA, the first county fair in the United States was kicked off in 1811 in rural Massachusetts. The goal was to showcase livestock breeding improvements and farming practices.

Today's definition of "County Fair" is where old time tradition combines with new era fascination of fair rides, food, and fun for the whole family. Though rooted deeply in agriculture, fair time is fun for all. Nothing highlights fair fun more than the Kentucky State Fair kicking off this month!



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LARUE CO. UPDATES

Upcoming Farmers Market

The LaRue County Farmers Market will be open August 7th, 14th, and the 21st from 9am to 1pm at the LaRue County Extension Office. August 21st will be the closing day for the farmers market.

LaRue County Conservation District

The LaRue County Conservation District will meet on the 2nd Thursday of the month at 6:30 p.m. at 306 West Main St, Hodgenville, KY.

LaRue County Extension Office

Extension Office Contact Information:
807 Old Elizabethtown Rd,
Hodgenville, KY 42748
Phone: 270-358-3401
Email: larue.ext@uky.edu

DID YOU KNOW?

THE KENTUCKY STATE FAIR
HOSTS THE WORLD'S
CHAMPIONSHIP HORSE
SHOW.



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NELSON CO. UPDATES

Nelson Co. Conservation District

The Nelson County Conservation District will be accepting CAIP and Next Generation Farmer applications August 6th through August 26th. To fill out and submit an application, please call Gale Hundley at 502-348-3363, ext. 3 to make an appointment.

CAIP is an acronym for County Agricultural Incentives Program and is a cost-share program available to producers in the county due to funding through the Kentucky Agricultural Development Fund (KADF).

The Next Generation Farmer Program (Next Gen) is similar to CAIP but is for applicants ages 18-40. This program is also funded through the Kentucky Agricultural Development Fund (KADF).

See the attached announcements from the Nelson County Conservation District for more information

DID YOU KNOW?

THE BORDER COLLIE SHOW AT THE KENTUCKY STATE FAIR IS EXHIBITED BY ONE OF NELSON COUNTY'S OWN.



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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](https://www.kyagr.com/agpolicy/2025-Program-Guidelines-and-Applications.html) to 372-669.

Large and Food Animal Veterinary Incentives Program

Program funding allows Kentucky veterinarians to increase service to large and food animals in the state. Qualified applicants can receive up to 75% reimbursement for eligible expenditures totaling no more than \$100,000 in state and county funds. More info can be found at:

<https://www.kyagr.com/agpolicy/2025-Program-Guidelines-and-Applications.html>

External link: LNB is not responsible for content on linked sites.

FUN FACT:

THE 2024 KENTUCKY STATE FAIR CHAMPION HAM WAS AUCTIONED OFF FOR \$10.5 MILLION.



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NOTE FROM AUTHOR

Lincoln Lender

One of my first times at the Kentucky State Fair landed me a few days in a hospital. One of my mentors had invited me to help get their dairy cattle ready to show that week, so I went with them. As many other exhibitors do, we decided to camp out in the barn with the cattle.

Many exhibitors camp out with their livestock to keep a close eye on them and keep them clean for show time. It requires late nights washing cattle, midnight wake up calls to scoop up manure, and early mornings grooming and feeding cattle. Unbeknownst to me, I was highly allergic to the straw bedding being used and by the end of the first night I could hardly breathe. Needless to say, that was the last time I camped out at the show barn.

Looking back now, we still laugh about that experience at the state fair. Every year, attending the Kentucky State Fair is one of my highlights. My first stop is to the barns to see all the FFA and 4-H members showing livestock and then I make a point to visit my friend Freddy Farm Bureau. I highly recommend checking out the agriculture exhibits at the state fair this month!

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COUNTY FAIR HIGHLIGHT

LINCOLN NATIONAL BANK WAS PROUD TO BE A SPONSOR OF THE NELSON/WASHINGTON COUNTY 4-H-FFA BEEF SHOW. CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL OF THE YOUTH EXHIBITORS ON THEIR HARD WORK!



MONEY FOR ON-FARM IMPROVEMENTS AVAILABLE...



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Facebook – Nelson County Conservation District

COUNTY AGRICULTURAL INCENTIVES PROGRAM (CAIP)

Applications will be available for Nelson County's CAIP to assist farmers in completing on-farm improvements.

Application Period:

August 6 through August 26, 2025
No applications will be accepted after 8/26/25.

Application Availability: By appointment only at the Nelson County Conservation District Office.

Monday – Friday (8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.)

For more information or to make an appt.:

Contact Gale Hundley at 502-348-3363, ext. 3 or gale.hundley@ky.nacdnet.net

All applications are scored, based on the scoring criteria set by the Kentucky Agricultural Development Board.

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NEXT GENERATION FARMER PROGRAM (NEXT GEN)

Applications will be available for Nelson County's Next Gen to assist farmers, age 18-40 in making important on-farm investments.

Application Period:

August 6 through August 26, 2025
No applications will be accepted after 8/26/2025.

Application Availability: By appointment only at the Nelson County Conservation District Office.

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