

LINCOLN LETTER

Agriculture Edition



A Gift for Everyone

Agriculture is a gift that keeps on giving. This production of food, fiber and fuel is not just one that benefits the grower. One grower's product benefits their family, friends, local community, state, nation and even the global economy. As you gather with family and friends this December, think of the hardworking farmer who sacrificed time and money to grow the food you are eating. Thank you to our farmers who give their time, money, blood, sweat and tears to help us enjoy the things we do over the holidays!



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LARUE CO. UPDATES

LaRue County Cattlemen's

The LaRue County Cattlemen will be hosting their holiday dinner at the LaRue County Extension Office on December 9th at 6pm. Contact the LaRue County Extension Office for more information.

LaRue County Conservation District

306 West Main St, Hodgenville, KY

LaRue County Extension Office

The LaRue County Extension Office will be closed from December 24th to January 2nd for Christmas and New Year's holidays.

Extension Office Contact Information:

807 Old Elizabethtown Rd,

Hodgenville, KY 42748

Phone: 270-358-3401

Email: larue.ext@uky.edu

DID YOU KNOW?

25 TO 36 MILLION FRESH-CUT CHRISTMAS TREES GO FROM FARMS TO HOMES EACH YEAR (FARM FLAVOR)



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NELSON CO. UPDATES

Nelson Co. Farm Bureau Young Farmers

If you are a young farmer in Nelson County, this is a great opportunity to learn tricks of the trade and get to know other producers. Farm tours, educational meetings, and service events are all opportunities to participate locally. Not to mention, you may be able to attend the annual Kentucky Farm Bureau Young Farmer Summer Outing and Young Farmer Leadership Conference. Contact Martin Williams at 270-316-0110 for more information on how to get involved!

Nelson County Extension Office

Last Stop Holiday Shop will be held at the Civic Center on December 13th from 9am-2pm. See the attached flyer for more information.

Extension Office Address:
317 S 3rd Street,
Bardstown, KY 40004
Phone: 502-348-9204

FUN FACT:

**MISTLETOE IS A PARASITE
THAT GROWS ON TREES
(BETTER HOMES &
GARDENS)**



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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 to access low interest rates and specialized terms to meet your farm's needs subject to credit and program approval. Restrictions may apply. Contact LNB at 502-348-0445 for more information.
- Sign up for Nelson County USDA updates by texting [KYNelson](text:KYNelson) to 372-669.

Agricultural Processing Loan Program

The Kentucky Agricultural Finance Corporation (KAFC) has offered this program to those adding value to Kentucky grown agricultural commodities. Partnering with a local participating lender, KAFC will lend up to 50% of the total project cost not to exceed \$250,000. The current interest rate is 2.75%.

Martin Williams would be happy to assist qualifying applicants through the application process, as their participating lender.

More info can be found at:

https://www.kyagr.com/agpolicy/documents/AFC_Loans_guidelines_aplp.pdf

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NOTE FROM AUTHOR

Lincoln Lender

This year has flown by and the thought of Christmas being around the corner is crazy. My wife and I have been married for just over a year now. It feels like it hasn't been that long but like we have known each other forever at the same time. Some of you who have been married for longer than we have may even say the same thing, but what a joy it is to enter this season with family.

Christmas on the farm is different for everyone, but I would argue family is a big part of it for most folks. On our farm it has always looked like early mornings checking water and feeding critters, heading to church for Christmas Eve service, family dinner afterwards, and gift exchange. On the rare white Christmas, we break out sleds and go sledding until we are frozen. It is a gift all in itself to celebrate faith, family, and farming during Christmas.

I know it can also be a sad time for some who are missing those who may not be gathered around the table. I definitely miss eating candied popcorn around the fireplace with my grandpa. I pray we can all be thankful this season for the time we have to still squeeze the ones close to us and reminisce on past Christmas celebrations with family.

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Last Stop Holiday Shop

Saturday, December 13th 9am-2pm

Civic Center – 317 S. Third Street, Bardstown

Local vendors will be set up for you to purchase a wide variety of last-minute gifts for the holidays. Admission is free. Also, there will be a silent auction to support the Nelson Co. 4-H program! Light refreshments will be available for purchase from our Baking/Decorating Club..

Highlights:

- Support Local
- **Santa will be there!**
- Get your last-minute shopping done!

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