

LINCOLN LETTER

Agriculture Edition



Spring is Coming

Spring is in the air! Birds are chirping, grass is greening, and flowers are blooming everywhere. The long awaited spring season is on the near horizon, March 20th to be exact! Do you think this spring season will be as wet as the last one?

According to an article by the University of Kentucky's Department of Plant and Soil Sciences, March to May of last averaged nearly 5.5 inches of rain higher than normal making last spring the fourth wettest spring on record. The article:

<https://graincrops.mgcafe.uky.edu/articles/exceptionally-wet-start-2025-kentucky>

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LARUE CO. UPDATES

LaRue County Extension Office

Extension Expo will be held on March 14th from 10am to 2pm in the LaRue County High School Gymnasium. The theme is "Rooted in Community, Growing for the Future".

Contact the LaRue County Extension office for more information on what is happening when and how to get signed up.

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

DID YOU KNOW?

The KY Beef Expo will be held at the KY Expo Center in Louisville March 6th - 8th



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NELSON CO. UPDATES

Nelson Co. Conservation District

The conservation district offers equipment rentals to local landowners to support conservation practices, pasture renovation, and land management. Available equipment includes:

- 2 No-Till Drills
- Aerator
- Pasture Sprayer
- Lime Spreader
- 2 Hay Bale Wrappers

To rent equipment or for more information, please contact the equipment manager, Pat Ulrich at 502-507-3898.

Beef Cattle Finishing & Marketing

Nelson Co. Extension is partnering with Marion & Washington Counties to host a program regarding cattle health, nutrition, grading and processing for those finishing beef. Please RSVP by March 19th.

Thursday, March 26th from 6-9pm
Washington County Extension Office
859-336-7741
245 Corporate Dr,
Springfield, KY 40069

TIMELY TIP:

Use your last frost date and seed packet instructions to begin seeding certain plants indoors



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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.

FSA is now announcing the Farmer Bridge Assistance (FBA) program as a one-time bridge payment to farmers for market interruptions. Call 502-348-8664 for more information about this program.

Applications are due for Stage One and Stage Two Supplemental Disaster Relief Program (SDRP) on April 30, 2026. Contact your local FSA office for more information.

Sign up for Nelson County USDA updates by texting [KYNelson](https://www.usda.gov) to 372-669.

FOR YOUR INFORMATION:

KY Ag. Education Week is March 15th - 21st



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NOTE FROM AUTHOR

Lincoln Lender

I want to say a quick thank you to all of the agriculture educators out there! With Agriculture Education Week coming up, it reminds me of the hard work and dedication agriculture educators have every day. Agriculture educators come in many forms. Some are teachers, some extension agents, some farmers, and so on. Nevertheless, their role in society is vital. Why is agriculture education so important to me?

Agriculture educators change lives. I've had many formal and informal agriculture educators in my life. All of those folks have used agriculture education to change my life. If not for my agriculture teachers, I can honestly say I wouldn't be where I am today.

Going into high school I was an awkward farm boy and I sure didn't fit in with the rest of the school. My agriculture teachers guided me towards community in FFA, they showed me how my farm knowledge and work ethic was worth something in society, and they pushed me beyond my comfort zone. Back then, you wouldn't have caught me dead talking to a camera or speaking to an audience. Now, I'm in front of a camera at least once a month and I've had the opportunity to travel all over Kentucky talking to groups.

From the bottom of my heart, I want to say thank you to all informal and formal agriculture educators out there. You change lives and the work you do matters. Thank you!

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