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LINCOLN LETTER

Agriculture Edition



Easter Time

Easter is prime time for marketing small ruminants such as sheep & goats. This is due to popular demand for their products on the dinner table at holiday events. According to PennState Extension, lambs marketed for Western/Roman Easter should be milk-fed and between 30-45 pounds. 30 pounds is considered the optimum size for goats this time of year.

See this link for more information:

<https://www.mylnb.com/exit?url=https%3A%2F%2Fextension.psu.edu%2Fmarketing-lamb-and-goat-for-holidays>

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LARUE CO. UPDATES

LaRue County Extension Office

LaRue County Cattleman's meeting will be held at the extension office on April 14th at 7:00 pm.

The Green River Beekeepers Association meets the 3rd Thursday of every month at 7:00pm ET.

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?

Soil testing is done to manage the fertility of the soil and helps analyze what specific nutrients the soil may need.



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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.

NC Conservation Scholarship

The Nelson Co. Conservation District Scholarship is now available to high school seniors who plan to major in agriculture, natural resources, or a related field. See the flyer attached.

Contact Kimberly for more information on how to apply:

Phone: 502-348-3363 ext. 3

Email: Nelcocons@gmail.com

TIMELY TIP:

If your soil is not getting dry and warm quickly, you can lay down clear plastic on your garden plot for a week or two and remove it right before planting.



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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. Producers have until April 17th to apply. Call 502-348-8664 for more information about this program.

Sign ups for the general conservation reserve program (CRP) are open until April 17th, 2026.

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

FOR YOUR INFORMATION:

LNB can help you apply for an FSA Guaranteed Farm loan to access funding with competitive rates and terms depending on program availability and your eligibility.



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NOTE FROM AUTHOR

Lincoln Lender

Sometimes March showers bring April flowers. Luckily, that is what happened on the day my wife and I went to my friend's tulip farm in Franklin, KY. The picture above is from the day we went down to Ruby Branch Farms last April. It was so rainy that spring and rained up until we got out of the car that day, but we had a great time picking our own tulips and putting them in bouquets.

This farm, owned by my friends, Laney & Drew, is a great example of diversified agriculture in KY. They have row crops, Kentucky's largest sunflower maze, tulips, mums, livestock, and they invite families in with open arms. Their family leans into diversified agriculture and agritourism. They are doing quite well in educating the public and producing high quality farm products for Kentucky families to enjoy.

Many farms have leaned into similar models to allow them to keep their family farms alive. If you haven't taken the opportunity to visit a farm like this one, I highly encourage you to do so. Hinton's Orchard in Hodgenville, KY is another great example of a diversified family farm. Kentucky is blessed to have many of these types of farms around, so take the time to find one close to you or check out one of the ones I have mentioned here.

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COMMUNITY EASTER EGG HUNT

**The Easter Bunny is Coming!
Get Ready to Hunt!**

**Saturday, April
4th, 2026**

**Registration Opens: 9:45 AM
Egg Hunt Begins: 10:30 AM
Bloomfield Memorial Park**

Meet the Easter Bunny | Hunt Eggs | Prize Drawings





Nelson County Conservation District

SCHOLARSHIPS

WHO CAN APPLY:

High School Seniors who plan to major in **Agriculture, Natural Resources, or a Related Field**, such as Biology, Environmental Science, Forestry, Fish & Wildlife, Agriculture Business/Education, etc.

✓ **1 - \$2,000 recurring scholarship**

✓ **2 - \$1,000 one-year scholarships**

Applicants are encouraged to apply for *both* scholarship opportunities.

FOR MORE INFORMATION, PLEASE CONTACT:

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