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Happy Beef Month!

Beef is a healthy source of protein for a balanced diet. A 3-ounce serving of beef provides more than 10 essential nutrients that include protein, zinc, iron and vitamins B12 and B6. These essential nutrients play an integral role in developing and maintaining cognitive ability in children and adults.

Explore this link for more information on how enjoying beef can be a huge benefit to your health and wellness:

<https://www.mylnb.com/exit?url=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.beefitswhatsfordinner.com%2Fnutrition%2Fbeef-faqs>

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LARUE CO. UPDATES

LaRue County Extension Office

LaRue County Cattleman's meeting will be held at the extension office on May 12th at 7:00 pm ET.

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

LaRue County Conservation District

LaRue County Conservation District Meeting will be held on May 7th at 6:30 pm ET at the LaRue County Conservation District Office.

Contact Paula Wood at the Conservation District for more information.

Office Location:

306 W Main St,
Hodgenville, KY 42748
270-358-3132

DID YOU KNOW?

Beef producers are recommended to get Beef Quality Care Assurance (BQCA) trained in order to know how to safely and humanely care for their livestock.



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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.

Nelson Co. Extension Office

Hay season is around the corner! A good storage of hay is an essential part of a beef cattle operation. Did you know the extension office can come out and take samples of your hay to test its quality?

If not, reach out to Robbie Smith at the Nelson Co. Extension Office for more information on how to get this done.

Contact:
Robbie Smith
502-348-9204

TIMELY TIP:

During warmer months consider shading watering systems or implementing cooling methods to prevent algal growth and reduce bacteria in water for cattle.



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A golden bull statue stands on the right side of the image, facing left. To its left are several stacks of gold coins. A red banner with the text "FINANCIAL SUPPORT" in white capital letters is overlaid across the middle of the image, partially covering the coins and the bull. The background is dark and out of focus, showing some blurred light spots.



NOTE FROM AUTHOR

Lincoln Lender

Being involved in agriculture is a privilege and a blessing. I count it an extra blessing to be a cow/calf producer. For those who may not know what that is, a cow/calf producer focuses on managing adult cows to raise good calves. This includes managing their breeding season, their lactation, their calving season, and growing that calf until it is weaning age. Sometimes cow/calf producers retain their calves, but most of the time they are sold shortly after weaning age.

Every operation is different. Every farmer focuses on a few different things. The goal is the same. We want to raise a healthy calf that grows good and makes a buyer happy at the market. This eventually turns into a happy consumer when that beef hits their dinner plate.

Every day matters when working to meet this goal. Meeting nutritional requirements, ensuring breeding and conception success, and helping a calf survive all require work. It is a year round process that is all focused on providing a safe, good quality end product. It requires a long term vision with ability to adapt daily.

Farming is ever changing. What consumers want on their plates dictates how beef folks operate on a daily basis. It may not be easy, but the pride of managing a happy, healthy herd keeps us going. We want the best for our cattle so we can put the steak, burger, etc. on the plate for you and your kids. Please join me in thanking a beef cattle farmer this month!

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