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250 Years of American Agriculture

On July 4th, 1776 the Declaration of Independence was signed. Historians list as many as 9 of the 56 signers to have been "farmers". Even from the roots of America, agriculture was there supporting and growing the country. Our country has always relied on agriculture and this month we get to celebrate the 250 years of agriculture and freedom allowed through the work those 56 signers did.



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LARUE CO. UPDATES

LaRue County Extension Office

POP Club will be offered every Thursday June 25th - July 23rd from 9am to 1pm at the LaRue County Farmers Market. LNB is excited to be the exclusive sponsor for 2026.

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 has equipment rental available for no-till drills, boomless sprayer, lime spreader and hay wrappers.

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

DID YOU KNOW?

The invention of the cotton gin in 1794 transformed agricultural production and mechanization in America.



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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

Lincoln National Bank was humbled to sponsor the first Nelson County POP Club session of 2026 at the Civic Center in Bardstown. We helped youth learn how agriculture impacts what they eat and guided them through learning to make butter.

For more information on how to support or participate in the POP club contact the Nelson County Extension Office and ask for Danielle Hagler.

Phone: 502-348-9204

Email: danielle.hagler@uky.edu

TIMELY TIP:

Local farm issues can be voiced to local farm bureaus to create grass root policies to impact the future of American agriculture.



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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 competitive 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.

The United States Dept. of Agriculture (USDA) reminds producers that the final dates to make changes to existing crop insurance are coming up. Sales closing dates vary by crop and location, but the next major dates are May 1st, May 15th, July 15th and July 31st.

Assistance for Specialty Crop Farmers is open and applications can be accessed at your local FSA office and the enrollment period ends on August 7th.

Sign up for Nelson County USDA updates by texting [KYNelson](#) to 372-669.

Kentucky Agriculture Finance Corporation (KAFC)

KAFC offers low interest loan programs in participation with local banks to invest in agriculture infrastructure, agriculture processing, beginning farmers, entrepreneurship, horticulture, and large/food animal veterinarians.

For more information on how you may qualify, contact Martin Williams at 502-348-0445.

FOR YOUR INFORMATION:

In 1933 the Agricultural Adjustment Act of 1933 was signed into law as the first "farm bill".



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NOTE FROM AUTHOR

Lincoln Lender

Sacrifice. To many folks it carries many meanings. For our country, it is foundational to our freedom and independence. For the past 250 years, our independence has been sacrificed for. Blood, sweat and tears have laced the soils across this land for one hope of continued liberty and freedom. Farmers, firefighters, teachers, preachers, soldiers, students, bankers, and more have made choices to impact history and allow 250 years of the United States of America.

Just recently we laid my wife's grandfather to rest and were able to watch his service in the military honored through the folding and presentation of the American flag during "Taps". Not an eye was dry by the end of it as we reflected on the sacrifice he made united around the idea of American freedom represented through that red, white and blue flag. Many flags have been folded and presented to the families of brave men and women for that common cause. The sacrifice wasn't made for a flag, a set of colors or an anthem, but it was made for you and me.

My best friend from college would argue the same as he left his two young boys and his wife to embark on a year long deployment this past month. He didn't leave with reluctance or despair, but with pride to sacrifice for this freedom we have enjoyed this past 250 years. Many may not understand that sacrifice. However, we are proud of that sacrifice and are thankful for the ordinary men and women who sacrifice in many ways every day for this country. Join us in thanking and honoring the sacrifices made for our freedom these past 250 years!

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EARN
POP BUCKS
TO SPEND AT THE
FARMERS MARKET!

June
25

July
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MEET LOCAL FARMERS, EXPLORE FRESH PRODUCE, & ENJOY ENGAGING ACTIVITIES AT THE MARKET!

- FOR YOUTH 17 & UNDER

LaRUE COUNTY
Farmers Market

LaRue County Farmers Market
LaRue County High School Back Parking Lot
925 S. Lincoln Blvd., Hodgenville
9AM-1PM



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