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BRACKEN COUNTY NEWSLETTER



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**"From the fields to
your porch!"**

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**-Ag Advancement Council Meeting:
November 3rd @5:00pm**

**-Ag Development Council Meeting:
November 13th @6:00pm**



A Note from Maci's Porch:

Pull up a chair and stay awhile! I'm Maci Hartz, your new Agriculture & Natural Resources Agent here in Bracken County. With two months behind me, I'm settling in and excited for what's ahead. I grew up on my family's farm in Ripley, Ohio, where we raised tobacco, beef cattle, and hay.

Those early days — along with my years in 4-H and FFA — helped shape my love for agriculture and the people who make it thrive. From field visits to coffee-table conversations, I can already tell this county is full of pride, knowledge, and stories worth sharing — and that's exactly what Porch Talk Press is all about.

-Maci Hartz

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Lexington, KY 40506



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Free!
HAY TESTING

2025

EAST KENTUCKY HAY CONTEST

SIGN UP EVEN IF YOU THINK YOUR HAY ISN'T THAT GOOD!

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LIMITED TO 5 LOTS

TESTING PROVIDES: NUTRITIONAL VALUE OF HAY & HAYLAGE; RATINGS; & CAN RESULT IN: REDUCED FEED COSTS, INCREASED ANIMAL PERFORMANCE, & INFORMATION TO IMPROVE FORAGE STANDS

CALL: (606) 735-2141 TO SIGN-UP

DEADLINE TO SIGN-UP IS 9/1/25



I RECENTLY WRAPPED UP COLLECTING HAY SAMPLES FROM PRODUCERS ACROSS BRACKEN COUNTY FOR THE EAST KENTUCKY HAY CONTEST. ALL SAMPLES HAVE BEEN SUBMITTED FOR TESTING, AND RESULTS ARE EXPECTED TO BE AVAILABLE BY LATE NOVEMBER.

IT'S BEEN A GREAT EXPERIENCE GETTING OUT TO FARMS, MEETING PRODUCERS, AND LEARNING MORE ABOUT THE HAY OPERATIONS THAT KEEP OUR COUNTY THRIVING. THANK YOU TO EVERYONE WHO PARTICIPATED — I LOOK FORWARD TO SHARING THE RESULTS SOON!

Forage News

Keeping Forage- Livestock Producers in Kentucky Informed

Dr. Ray Smith and Echo Gotsick, MS editors

October 2025

2025 KY Grazing Conference with Jim Gerrish

Make plans to join us at the KY Grazing Conference Oct 28 or Oct 30 "Grazing for Profit: Optimizing Returns in Grass Based Operations". Our special invited speaker will be Jim Gerrish and we will be holding the conference at two locations for your convenience, Winchester on the 28th and Leitchfield the 30th.

Topics include:

- Seven Things That I Have Learned About Profitable Ranching in the Last 45 Years,
Jim Gerrish, American Grazing Lands Services
- Nutrient Cycling in Grassland Ecosystems
Dr. Ricardo Riberio, University of Kentucky
- Forage Management and Shifting Weather Patterns
Dr. Chris Teutsch, University of Kentucky
- Breeding a Functional Cow that Works in Your Environment
Cody Rakes, Manager, Loretto Motherhouse Farm
- Forage Spokesperson Contest/Local Producers
- What We Have Learned About Bale Grazing
Dr. Greg Halich, University of Kentucky
- Managing Feed Costs in Ruminant Livestock Production Systems
Jim Gerrish, American Grazing Lands Services

We expect a full house at both locations so you are encouraged to register soon. \$60 per participant or \$25 per student. Register at the UK Forage Website under Events or make checks payable to KFGC and mail to: KFGC c/o Caroline Roper, PO Box 469, Princeton, KY 42445. Call Caroline if you have questions (270) 704-6618.

Winchester, KY

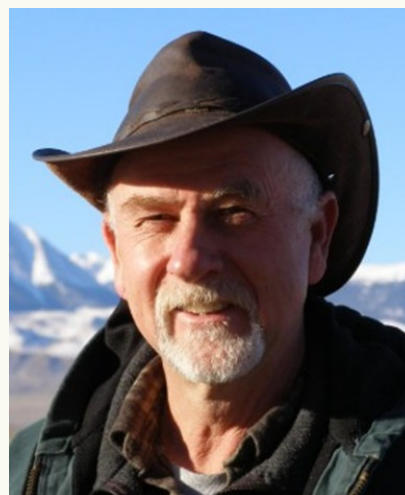


Leitchfield, KY



Forage Timely Tips: October

- ✓ Feed hay to allow cool-season pastures to accumulate forage growth for winter grazing.
- ✓ Leave 4" stubble on some pastures to stimulate faster spring regrowth.
- ✓ Do NOT harvest or graze alfalfa fields Nov or after a hard frost.
- ✓ Inventory and test each hay lot for nutritive value and consult a nutritionist to design a supplementation program as needed.
- ✓ Remove ruminants from pastures that contain sorghum species (forage sorghums, sorghum-sudangrass hybrids, sudangrass, johnsongrass) when frost is expected. Even small patches of johnsongrass that have been frosted can cause prussic acid poisoning. Begin strip grazing early planted small grain and brassicas (turnips and rape) mixes by the end of this month.
- ✓ Late Oct/early Nov can be a great time to control broadleaf weeds like plantain (broadleaf buckhorn), biennial thistles (bull, musk, plumeless), and poison hemlock.



Jim Gerrish of American Grazing Lands Services. Photo by Dawn Gerrish.

NOVEMBER 7, 2025

BARNYARD THEATER



FEATURING

DAVID APPELMAN
CHUCK BAILEY
ADAM HINTON
JENNIFER MEADOWS



📍 STRAUB ELEMENTARY GYMNASIUM

387 CHENAULT DRIVE, MAYSVILLE, KY

PROGRAM INFORMATION:



4:00PM-5:45PM HEALTH SCREENINGS



6:00PM- DINNER & SHOW

- FREE CHILDCARE
- GENERAL SCREENINGS & VISION✓
- RESP. FIT TESTING
- INFORMATIONAL BOOTHS
- GIVEAWAYS DRAWING
- FOR UK TICKETS

FREE

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ADMISSION

ADULT ONE

**CONTACT YOUR LOCAL EXTENSION
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- FLEMING COUNTY: (606) 845-4641
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- MASON COUNTY: (606) 564-6808
- ROBERTSON CO.: (606) 724-5796

Agriculture and Natural Resources
Rural and Consumer Interest
Small Craft Development
Community and Economic Development

Abstract Progress of knowledge (epistemic) dynamics arose of greater significance for economic and social change and will be challenging in the future. It may arise through various stages, namely, religious, cultural, political, social, and structural changes, possibly leading to greater integration, progress, wealth, and more growth information. In some cases, physical or social disintegration or separation or isolation for place and time factors, knowledge accumulation of knowledge may be available only after certain progress conditions may be made available in language other than English. University of Kentucky, Kentucky State University, U.S. Department of Agriculture, and Kentucky Cooperative Extension.





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MASTER CATTLEMAN PROGRAM

PRESENTED BY THE BUFFALO TRACE COUNTIES COOPERATIVE EXTENSION OFFICES

THURSDAYS: JANUARY 8–FEBRUARY 12

- 1/8/26: GENETICS (AT MASON COUNTY)
- 1/15/26: MARKETING & PROFITABILITY (AT BRACKEN)
- 1/22/26: HERD HEALTH (AT FLEMING COUNTY)
- 1/29/26: NUTRITION (AT MASON COUNTY)
- 2/5/26: REPRODUCTION & RECORDS (AT LEWIS CO.)
- 2/12/26: FACILITIES & WINTER FEEDING (AT ROBERTSON)



CALL TO REGISTER OR USE
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\$100 per
person
OR
\$125 per
couple

MEAL
BEGINS AT
5:30PM

We will serve until a
little after 6pm

PROGRAM
6PM-9PM

REGISTRATION REQUIRED BY: 12/1/25

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THE MARKETS

Cattle Market Report		For Weeks Ending On			% Chg Prev. Week	% Chg Prev. Year	Chg Prev. Week
Prices \$/cwt. Sources: USDA, LMIC, and CME		9/26/25	9/19/25	9/27/24			
500-600 lb. Feeder Steers	Mississippi M/L #1-2	\$372.74	\$371.97	\$208.35	0%	79%	\$0.77
	Arkansas M/L #1	\$404.24	\$396.78	\$219.95	2%	84%	\$7.46
	Kentucky M/L #1-2	\$380.11	\$384.55	\$217.26	-1%	75%	(\$4.45)
	Oklahoma City M/L #1-2	\$402.00	\$396.91	\$218.07	1%	84%	\$5.09
	Alabama M/L #1	\$407.11	\$401.05	\$225.60	2%	80%	\$6.06
	Tennessee M/L #1-2	\$376.21	\$374.55	\$216.51	0%	74%	\$1.66
	Missouri M/L #1-2	\$399.93	\$388.70	\$217.11	3%	84%	\$11.24
700-800 lb. Feeder Steers	Mississippi M/L #1-2	\$317.99	\$319.61	\$159.31	-1%	100%	(\$1.63)
	Arkansas M/L #1	\$355.91	\$350.98	\$187.29	1%	90%	\$4.93
	Kentucky M/L #1-2	\$343.47	\$346.91	\$180.78	-1%	90%	(\$3.44)
	Oklahoma City M/L #1-2	\$368.46	\$366.45	\$182.16	1%	102%	\$2.01
	Alabama M/L #1	\$345.13	\$331.00	\$176.50	4%	96%	\$14.13
	Tennessee M/L #1-2	\$331.70	\$333.46	\$176.94	-1%	87%	(\$1.76)
	Missouri M/L #1-2	\$363.50	\$351.93	\$185.28	3%	96%	\$11.57
Negotiated Fed Steers	Live Price	\$232.65	\$237.51	\$164.41	-2%	42%	(\$4.86)
	Dressed Price	\$364.97	\$370.88	\$265.06	-2%	38%	(\$5.91)
Boxed Beef	Choice Value, 600-900 lb.	\$376.60	\$389.44	\$280.98	-3%	34%	(\$12.84)
Cutout	Select Value, 600-900 lb.	\$356.86	\$367.91	\$270.59	-3%	32%	(\$11.05)

Futures Prices		9/26/25	9/19/25
Live Cattle	October	\$231.80	\$233.57
	December	\$234.30	\$235.73
	February	\$236.50	\$237.45
Feeder Cattle	October	\$357.00	\$354.10
	November	\$354.48	\$350.93
	January	\$347.83	\$343.93
Corn	December	\$4.22	\$4.24
	March	\$4.39	\$4.41

Source: CME Group

**BRACKEN COUNTY AG
ADVANCEMENT COUNCIL EQUIPMENT
RENTAL PRICING**

New Cattle Equipment \$50 per day

Old Cattle Equipment \$25 per day

Lime Spreader \$50 per day

Pasture Sprayer \$25 per day

Bracken County Extension Office
1120 Brooksville-Germantown Road
Brooksville, KY 41004

Kentucky Baked Dove Breast

Serves 6 (2 breasts each)

Apples and orange juice add a light fall flavor to tender baked doves.

Ingredients:

12 dove breasts | 2 cups buttermilk | $\frac{3}{4}$ tsp salt | $\frac{1}{4}$ tsp pepper | $1\frac{1}{2}$ tsp smoked
paprika | 1 Tbsp vegetable oil | 2 apples, diced | 1 onion, diced | 2 celery stalks,
sliced | 1 cup orange juice

Directions:

1. Soak dove breasts in buttermilk overnight. Drain and pat dry.
2. Preheat oven to 350°F. Combine salt, pepper, and paprika; rub on breasts.
3. Place in greased baking dish, brush with oil, and add apples, onion, and celery.
4. Add $\frac{1}{2}$ cup water, cover, and bake 1 hr 15 min.
5. After 45 min, pour orange juice over top and baste.

Tip: Removing the skin lowers fat and softens the “wild” flavor.