

**WASHINGTON COUNTY AGRICULTURE
NEWS UPDATE
FALL, 2008**

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Dear Producer,

I am really sorry that we are having another rotten year. I know you all are suffering from the feed, fuel and fertilizer syndrome as well as crappy weather and lower beef prices. I can't make sense of it either so I guess we will just have to do the best we can. To that point, it is the time of year to be thinking about late summer and fall seeding. You may want to pick up a copy of AGR-18 which has all of the species, dates, depths, seeding rates, and notes you may need in making good decisions. Here are some other points of interest you may want to know about.

K.A.R.E. UPDATE:

When the smoke had cleared and the dust settled our Phase I Board put together enough money to fund all of our eligible applications for the cost share program initiated by the Governor. At \$2,500.00 a piece we were able to scrape together enough money to fund 97 farms. If you were denied it was based on no history of tobacco dependency. The total amount was \$242,500.00 X 2 because of the 50/50 cost share. The economic impact indicator of 6 would make that whole package worth \$2,910,000.00 injected into the local economy. This figure does not include any additional profit the farm may generate from that investment. So, if you happen to see Senator Dan Kelly, please mention to him you appreciate what the Phase I tobacco money continues to do for our county. Remember the deadline to turn in receipts for this program is June, 2009.

**Grundy Plantation
Historical Marker Dedication**



On September 4th, we will have the opportunity to pay tribute to one of the oldest farms and farm families in Washington County. The State Historical Society will be presenting Mr. & Mrs. Hugh Lee Grundy with one of the roadside markers explaining the history of the Grundy Plantation. This is a real tribute to the Grundy Family and early agriculture in our County. The event will take place at 3:30 p.m. on September 4th and if you would like to be present to pay your respects you are invited to do so. It will be a brief ceremony but a wonderful way to recognize the Grundy's contribution to our County's agricultural history.

Central Kentucky Premier Heifer Sale

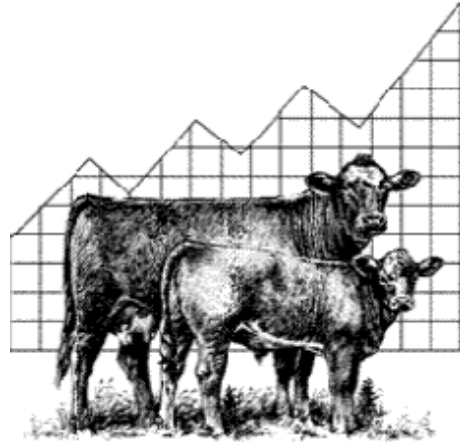
This fall's three county heifer sale will be November 1st at 1:00 p.m. at the Marion County Fairgrounds. We will have approximately 175 head of cattle some of which will be 2nd calf heifers with a large offering of 1st calf bred heifers. Look for the Ad in Cow Country News and Farmers Pride for any further information or contact our office.

TEEN LEADERSHIP AG DAY



In this picture there are twenty Washington County High School students participating in Teen Leadership Washington County. These students will have the opportunity to learn more about our county's agriculture. The event will take place on September 12th. The teens will learn about present day agriculture with the global implications that affect us all. They will talk with local farmers about why they farm and learn about present and future opportunities including the need for locally raised food products. They will visit local farms and enjoy food prepared from local products.

KENTUCKY BEEF CONFERENCE



The Kentucky Beef Conference will be held on October 28, 2008 at the Fayette County Extension Office in Lexington, KY. Registration begins at 9:00 a.m.

The following is a condensed list of the program and speakers.

- Livestock Risk Protection Insurance – Kenny Burdine, Ag Economics Extension Specialist – U.K.
- Feed Grain Outlook – Dr. Cory Walters, Ag Economics Extension Specialist – U.K.
- Control Cost: Winter Feeding Strategies, Dr. Jeff Lehmkuhler, Animal Sciences Extension Specialist, U.K.
- Marketing Strategies for 2009 – Randy Blach – Senior Analyst for Cattle - FAX

A \$10.00 fee will be collected upon registration the morning of the program. Lunch and refreshments are included.

above directors or Cheryl at the Washington County Extension Office.

Washington Co. Cattleman Association



The Washington Harvest Festival is coming up on October 3rd, 4th & 5th. The Washington County Cattleman Association will be involved cooking hamburgers, rib-eyes and fries. This group promotes beef to the consumers present at that event plus uses the profit to promote local cattle program. I am sure they will be grateful for any volunteer help at this event. The directors are: J.P. Blandford, Lee Hood, Bobby Lee Russell, Tony Hamilton, George Graves, Anthony Thompson, Pat Fowler, Jimmy Clark, David Teater and Dave Kessler. You can contact any of them if you would like to help.

October is the start of the Kentucky Cattleman Association and local Cattleman Association membership year. These groups work on your behalf locally and also at the State and National level. If you are not currently a member, you might consider paying your dues. This shows the legislators and agribusiness leaders how the beef industry impacts farm families and the whole National economy. A lot of people forget to join and they have the very best intentions but numbers are what counts. If you need to know about signing up for membership you can contact one of the

Advance Master Grazer

We are currently involved in a grazing information program that is based on the Illinois model of the 365 day a year grazing. This program goes head to head with the feed, fuel and fertilizer issues. No matter what it costs to graze cattle it is way cheaper than feeding store feed. We have 12 local farmers enrolled and a total of about 40 in the tri-county area for this program. There was a quota per county and we met ours very quickly.



Rinse & Return



If you have any pesticide containers that you would want to get rid of, you can do so on Tuesday, September 16th. These containers can be recycled and taken off your property free of charge. Each container needs to be punctured and rinsed. Lids and labels have to be taken off. We will be at the site which is located on Industry Drive just off of HWY 555 around New Farmers #2 Warehouse. There are two trailers there as soon as you turn on Industry Drive. The hours will be 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 noon.

KENTUCKY GRAZING CONFERENCE



This conference will be held on Thursday, October 23, 2008 with registration beginning at 8:00 a.m. at the Fayette County Extension Office.

The following is a list of topics being covered that day:

- Growth of Grasses & Legumes: Impact on Grazing – Dr. Ray Smith
- Forage Legumes vs. Fertilizer Nitrogen – Dr. Garry Lacefield
- Horse Pasture Monitoring Program: Results After Three years – Mr. Tom Keene
- Herbicide Options for Pasture Weed Control – Dr. J.D. Green
- Practical Grazing Management and Feed Strategies to Alleviate Fescue Toxicosis – Dr. Glen Aiken
- Fencing and Watering Systems: Simpler is Better – Mr. Ralph Quillin
- Supplementing Cattle on Pasture: When, What and How Much? – Dr. Roy Burris

There is a \$15.00 registration fee which includes proceedings, meal and refreshments.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

September 4th – Mr. & Mrs. Hugh Lee Grundy's Historical Marker Dedication.

September 16th – Rinse & Return Program Industry Drive off HWY 555, Springfield.

October 3rd, 4th, 5th – Harvest Festival – Cattlemen need your help in their booth.

October 23rd – Kentucky Grazer Conference at the Fayette County Extension Office, Lexington, KY.

October 28th – Kentucky Beef Conference at the Fayette County Extension Office, Lexington, KY.

November 1st – Central Kentucky Premier Heifer Sale, Marion County Fairgrounds, 1:00 p.m.

December 2nd – CPH Sale, Washington County Livestock Center

PHASE I CYCLE IV CATTLE PROGRAM

For those producers who are in this program, it will be ending December 31, 2008. ALL receipts must be turned in to the Extension Office NO later than January 16, 2009. There will be NO EXCEPTIONS! You will have another year (2009) for CHAPS records to be turned in to Arren at the Kentucky Cattlemen's Office. Also remember if you want to be eligible for any other Phase I cattle programs, you will need to have your CHAPS records up to date.