

Ohio County Farm & Home News

2025 CAIP APPLICATION AVAILABLE

Applications for the “2025 CAIP Program” are available from the Ohio County Extension Office or you can download the application from our webpage at, <https://ohio.ca.uky.edu/>.

Applications may be picked up during normal

business hours
- 8:00 a.m. till
noon and 1:00
p.m. till 4:30
p.m. – Monday
thru Friday.

Applications
must be
returned to the

Extension Office between May 1 and by noon on May 30th – **No Exceptions.**

Information about the different projects areas eligible for cost-share are available on the KDA website at:

<https://www.kyagr.com/agpolicy/2025-Program-Guidelines-and-Applications.html> Scroll down to the guidelines for the “CAIP” program. When looking thru this website, make sure you are looking at the “2025 Guidelines” and not the 2024 guidelines. Both are still listed on the website.

If you do not have internet access, you may visit the Ohio Co. Extension Office and we have a computer/internet you may use to check the guidelines.

As always, there have been changes to some of the project areas, so read the guidelines closely. Remember, all applicants must be a resident of Kentucky. When you turn in your application, you must also present a valid Kentucky drivers license or photo ID and one utility bill.

These two Identifications validate your residency of Kentucky. The address on the photo ID and the utility bill must match the address on the application.

So, please read the producer guidelines and project area guidelines closely. If you have questions, give me a call.

FORAGE TIPS - MAY

- Start hay harvests for quality forage. Consider making baleage to facilitate timely cutting.
- Seed warm season grasses for supplemental summer forage once soil temperature is at 60°F
- Clip, graze, or make hay to prevent seedhead formation.
- Consider temporary electric fencing to subdivide larger pastures and exclude areas for mechanical harvesting.
- Scout pastures for summer annual weeds and control when small.
- Rotate pastures as based in height rather than time. Start grazing tall fescue at 8-10” and stop grazing at 3-4”. Stop grazing orchardgrass dominant pastures at 4-5” for quicker regrowth. results to select seed for spring renovation



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WEST KY SELECT BRED HEIFER SALE – MAY 17TH

Don't forget the West Ky Select Bred Heifer Sale will be held this Saturday, May 17th at the Ky-Tenn Livestock Market in Guthrie, Ky. The sale will begin at Noon CT.

This sale includes 225 fall calving bred heifers. All heifers are guaranteed bred to bulls with genomic enhanced EPD's and have met stringent requirements for health, quality and pelvic measurements.

You can view the heifers at www.kyheifersale.com. If you're looking for quality bred heifers, this is a sale you won't want to miss.

U.S. SUSPENDS LIVE CATTLE IMPORTS AT SOUTHERN BORDER

Continued detection of New World Screwworm (NWS) in southern Mexico, farther north than initially thought, has prompted USDA-APHIS to again close the U.S. border to imports of livestock. The border closed initially last November and reopened in early February after additional protocols and inspections were implemented. Thus far in 2025, a total of 197,844 head of feeder cattle have been imported since the border reopened, down 60 percent year over year for the year-to-date. In 2024, a total of 1.25 million head of feeder cattle were imported, with none in the last five weeks of the year.

USDA-APHIS and Mexican officials will continue to cooperate in monitoring and detection of NWS and in the release of sterile NWS flies, the primary means of controlling the spread of the pest. NWS was eradicated in the U.S. in 1966 and, in cooperation with Mexico, the sterile fly program established a boundary at the southern Mexico border, later extended south to Panama. However, over the past two years, NWS has moved north through Central America and again into southern Mexico. The U.S. and Mexico have been working to ramp up the sterile fly program since November. Disease metrics will be evaluated regularly, and the border closure will remain in place until progress is made in containing and controlling NWS in Mexico.

The U.S. previously and successfully led the eradication of NWS in the U.S. and Mexico, but this cost billions of dollars and took decades. Unfortunately, these recent detections in Mexico show that this dangerous pest is back and remains a serious threat to the health of the animals, food supply and security of the country.

USDA TO OPEN GENERAL & CONTINUOUS CONSERVATION RESERVE ENROLLMENT FOR 2025

The U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) today announced several Conservation Reserve Program (CRP) enrollment opportunities for agricultural producers and landowners. USDA's Farm Service Agency (FSA) is accepting offers for both the General and Continuous CRP beginning today through June 6, 2025.

CRP, USDA's flagship conservation program, celebrates its 40th anniversary this year. For four decades, CRP has provided financial and technical support to agricultural producers and landowners who place unproductive or marginal cropland under contract for 10-15 years and who agree to voluntarily convert the land to beneficial vegetative cover to improve water quality, prevent soil erosion and support wildlife habitat. The *American Relief Act, 2025*, extended provisions for CRP through Sept. 30, 2025.

"With 1.8 million acres available for all CRP enrollment this fiscal year, we are very aware that we are bumping up against the statutory 27-million-acre statutory cap," said FSA Administrator Bill Beam. "Now more than ever, it's important that the acres offered by landowners and those approved by USDA address our most critical natural resource concerns. With the limited number of acres that we have available, we're not necessarily looking for the most acres offered but instead prioritizing mindful conservation efforts to ensure we maximize the return on our investment from both a conservation and economic perspective."



UPCOMING EVENTS:

- May 17 – West Ky Select Bred Heifer Sale; Ky-Tenn Livestock Market, Guthrie; Noon
- June 3 – Electric Fencing School: Installation & Troubleshooting; Grayson Co. Extension Office, Leitchfield; 9:00 a.m. till 4:00 p.m.;

Register at:

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/electric-fencing-for-serious-graziers-installation-and-troubleshooting-tickets-1323701409549>