



Ohio County Farm & Home News

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APPLICATIONS NOW AVAILABLE FOR “2023 COUNTY AGRICULTURAL INVESTMENT PROGRAM (CAIP)”



Applications for the “2023 County Agricultural Investment Program – CAIP” (cost-share program) are now available at the Ohio Co. Extension Office. Applications may be picked up during normal business hours – 8:00 a.m. till noon & 1:00 p.m. till 4:30 p.m. You may also print a copy of the application off the Ohio Co. Extension website at: <https://ohio.ca.uky.edu/>

Applications will be available from April 10th thru May 5th, but must be turned into the Extension Office by **noon on May 5th, no exceptions.**

Information about the different projects areas eligible for cost-share are available on the KDA website at: <https://www.kyagr.com/agpolicy/2023-Program-Guidelines-and-Applications.html> Scroll down to the guidelines for the “CAIP” program. When looking through this website, make sure you are looking at the “2023 Guidelines” and not the 2022 guidelines.

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.

Be sure to check the prerequisites for a program area. For example There have been a few changes to some of the project areas, so read the guidelines closely. Two key changes which may affect applicants are:

- All bulls purchased through this program must pass a Breeding Soundness Evaluation (BSE) – within 120 days - prior to purchase.
- Small Ruminant Quality Assurance (SRQA) certification is a prerequisite for sheep & goat

applicants in the Small Animal Program. You can access the SRQA program at: <https://www.kysheepandgoat.org/srqa>

The CAIP program offers many project areas for improving farm efficiency, farm productivity, and/or diversifying your operation. These include:

- Ag Diversification – encompasses commercial horticulture, commercial aquaculture & timber production, utilization & marketing
- Ag Tech & Leadership Development – which includes precision agriculture, animal data management, farm safety, computer hardware & record management software, miscellaneous equipment, and leadership development
- Large Animal – this includes beef, dairy & equine breeding stock or animal handling facilities/equipment
- Small Animal – this program includes sheep/goat and swine breeding stock & equipment, bees and rabbits
- Farm Infrastructure – includes farm storage structures; greenhouse construction/conversion; livestock, equine or poultry facilities; on-farm animal disposal
- Fencing & On-Farm Water
- Forage & Grain – includes seeding for various forages for hay or grazing; and commodity handling & forage equipment (any forages seeded must meet guideline requirements)
- Innovative Ag Systems – this area includes fenceline feeders, gravel paver grids, solar powered watering systems, tire waterers, and water harvesting systems
- On-Farm Energy – check guidelines for eligible projects
- Poultry & Other Fowl – this project area is for commercial & pasture poultry and other fowl
- Value-Added Marketing – encompasses adding value to on-farm food & fiber; agritourism development, certified/commercial kitchen

renovation or construction; marketing and promotion; and implementation of good agricultural practices and food safety.

The CAIP program is open to anyone wishing to apply. As you can see, the project areas offer a wide range of opportunities for most any operation. So, be sure to visit the KDA website, listed above, and utilize this program to advance your operation today!!!

CERTIFICATION REQUIREMENTS FOR AERIAL PESTICIDE APPLICATIONS IN KENTUCKY

The following article is adapted from the April "Corn & Soybean Newsletter". The article is written by Dr Ric Bessin, U.K. Entomology Specialist & Coordinator for Ky Private Applicator Program.

There has been a rapidly growing interest in using unmanned drones to apply pesticides to crops in certain situations. There has also been some confusion in terms of what pesticide certifications are needed to make these aerial applications in different situations. The two common situations are when a farmer wants to use a drone to apply pesticides to their fields they own or rent, or commercial applications to crops grown by others. This article addresses the state requirements for aerial pesticide applications, but there are also Federal FAA requirements that are not addressed here.

There is an exemption in Kentucky that allows farmers to apply non-restricted use pesticides with ground equipment without needing to be certified. But this exemption does not apply to aerial applications, so even when applying a general use (unclassified) pesticide, the farmer applicator would need to be certified. Additionally, persons' making aerial pesticide applications are required to have specialized training. This means that a Private Applicator Certification alone is not sufficient, they need to be certified as an aerial applicator. One additional consideration is that in Kentucky, the category 11 aerial application is not a stand-alone certification, it must be used with another certification that is consistent with the use of the application. So, for a farmer to apply pesticides aerially to his own crops, at a minimum they would need their Private Applicator Certification and a Category 11 non-commercial license. This would help them to meet the State Laws and Regulations with respect to pesticide applications, but they would also need to meet Federal FAA requirements.

For commercial application, the Private Applicator certification will not work, instead they would need to earn their Category 1A license as well as their Category 11 Commercial Applicators license. In situations where commercial applicators are making aerial applications in forests, to aquatic areas, or along Rights-of-ways, instead of the Cat 1A, they would need to earn their Cat 2, Cat 5, or Cat 6 licenses, in those respective situations.

AREA SMALL RUMINANT HOOF & PARASITE WORKSHOP – APRIL 27TH



The Butler Co. Extension Office, will host a "Small Ruminant Hoof & Parasite Workshop" on Thursday, April 27th at their office in Morgantown, starting at 6:00 p.m.

Dr. Jessie Lay, DVM and Assistant Professor at Ky State University, will discuss sheep & goat hoof problem and parasite control. The program will provide free fecal sample testing for parasite ID and fecal egg counts.

Anyone with sheep or goats is welcome to attend, but you need to register, by calling the Butler Co. Extension Office at - (270)526-3767. There is no registration fee. They can provide information on how to collect your fecal samples for testing, also.

UPCOMING EVENTS

- Application period for "2023 CAIP" – April 10 – May 5. Applications available at Ohio Co. Extension Office
- April 25-26 – Ky Grazing School; Ky Soybean Board Office, Princeton; 8:00 a.m. till 5:00 each day
- April 27 – Area Small Ruminant Hoof & Parasite Workshop; w/KSU Veterinarian; Butler Co. Extension Office; 6:00 p.m.
- April 27 – Green River CPH Sale; Kentuckiana Livestock Market; 6:00 p.m.
- May 9 – U.K. Wheat Field Day; U.K. Research & Education Center Farm; Princeton
- May 18 – KATS-Field Crop Scouting Workshop; 9:00 a.m. till 4:00 p.m.; U.K. Research & Education Farm in Princeton
- July 25 – Corn, Soybean and Tobacco Field Day; U.K. Research Farm in Princeton