

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.

BEEF MANAGEMENT TIPS

◆◆Spring-Calving Cow Herd

- Continue supplying a high magnesium mineral until daytime temperatures are consistently above 60 degrees F.
- Improve or maintain body condition (BCS 5) of cows before breeding season starts. If necessary, increase energy intake even on pasture.
- Bulls should have a breeding soundness evaluation (BSE) well before the breeding season (at least 30 days). Contact your local veterinarian to schedule a BSE for your herd sires. They should also receive their annual booster vaccinations and be dewormed. I often get questions regarding deworming and reduced fertility in bulls. Dr. Phil Prater at MSU and I examined this and found no effect of deworming on bull fertility.
- Schedule spring “turn-out” “working in late-April or early-May, i.e. at the end of calving season and before the start of breeding season. Consult with your veterinarian about vaccines and health products for your herd.



- “Turn-out” working for the cow herd may include:

- Prebreeding vaccinations
- Deworming
- Replacing lost identification tags
- Sort cows into breeding groups, if using more than one bull
- Insecticide eartags (best to wait until fly population builds up)



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- “Turn-out” working of calves may include:
 - Vaccinate for IBR-PI3, Clostridial diseases and Pinkeye
 - Dehorn, if needed (can be done with electric dehorner and fly repellent during fly season)
 - Castrate and implant male feeder calves (if not done at birth)
 - Deworm
 - Insecticide eartags
- Consider breeding yearling replacement heifers one heat cycle (about 21 days) earlier than cows for “head-start” calving. Mate to known calving-ease bulls.
- Record identification of all cows and bulls in each breeding group.
- Begin breeding cows no later than mid-May, especially if they are on high endophyte fescue. Cows should be in good condition so that conception occurs prior to periods of extreme heat.
- Consider synchronizing estrus in all cows. Exposing late-calving cows and first-calf heifers to a progestin (MGA feed or CIDR device) for 7 days before bull turn out increases pregnancy rates and shortens the next calving season.
- Choose best pastures for grazing during the breeding season. Select those with the best stand of clover and the lowest level of the fescue endophyte, if known. Keep these pastures vegetative by grazing or clipping. *High quality pastures are important for a successful breeding season.*
 - If using artificial

◆◆◆ Fall-Calving Herd

- Contact your veterinarian and pregnancy diagnose the cow herd. If a large animal veterinarian is not available in your area, consider taking blood samples for pregnancy diagnosis. Remove open cows at weaning time.

- Plan marketing program for calves. Consider various options, such as maintaining ownership and backgrounding in a grazing program, or precondition and sell in a CPH-45 feeder calf sale.
- Initiate fly control for the cows when fly population builds up.
- Calves may be weaned anytime now but you can take advantage of the spring grass by leaving them on the cow a while or weaning and grazing.

◆◆◆ Stockers

- Keep calves on good pasture and rotate pastures rapidly during periods of lush growth. Manage to keep pastures vegetative for best performance.
- Provide mineral mix with an ionophore.
- Implant as needed.
- Control internal and external parasites.

◆◆◆ General

- Harvest hay. *Work around the weather and cut early before plants become too mature. Harvesting forage early is the key to nutritional quality.* Replenish your hay supply!
- Rotate pastures as needed to keep them vegetative.
- Clip pastures to prevent seedhead formation on fescue and to control weeds.
- Seed warm season grasses this month.

WEST KY SELECT BRED HEIFER SALE – MAY 17TH

The West Ky Select Bred Heifer Sale will be held 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.

2025 U.K. WHEAT FIELD DAY – MAY 13TH



The annual “U.K. Wheat Field Day” will be held next Tuesday, May 13th at the U.K. Research & Education Farm in Princeton, starting at 8:30 a.m. with registration.

This year’s program will include:

- “CURRENT WHEAT CROP UPDATE OPTIMAL N FOR 2025” - Dr. John Grove
- “2025/26 WHEAT OUTLOOK” - Dr. Grant Gardner
- “RESIDUAL HERBICIDES FOR MANAGEMENT OF FALL AND SPRING EMERGING ITALIAN RYEGRASS” - Dr. Travis Legleiter
- “MANAGEMENT OF IMPORTANT WHEAT DISEASES” - Dr. Heather Kelly (University of Tennessee)
- “UPDATES ON OCCURRENCES OF APHIDS, HESSIAN FLIES, AND FALL ARMYWORMS IN 2024-25” - Dr. Raul Villanueva
- “BREEDING FOR SCAB RESISTANCE IN SOFT RED WINTER WHEAT” Dr. Dave Van Sanford & Maggie Gillum
- VARIETY TRIAL WALK THROUGH

UPCOMING EVENTS:

- May 13 – U.K. Wheat Field Day; U.K. Research Farm, Princeton
- May 17 – West Ky Select Bred Heifer Sale; Ky-Tenn Livestock Market, Guthrie; Noon