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**Gov. Andy Beshear and Kentucky Agricultural Development Board Approve Nearly  
\$4 Million for Projects Across Commonwealth**  
*Several key investments to aid increased consumer demand during COVID-19*

**FRANKFORT, Ky. (July 17, 2020)** – The Kentucky Agricultural Development Board approved \$3,861,935 for agricultural diversification and rural development projects at its monthly board meeting.

“Agriculturalists across the commonwealth are looking for ways to provide consumers with what they need to get through the COVID-19 pandemic,” said Gov. Andy Beshear. “Although we are living in a time of great uncertainty, we can have confidence that farmers and agribusinesses across the state are working hard to keep food on our plates.”

**State Investments:**

**Viticulture Research and Extension**

The University of Kentucky Research Foundation was approved for up to \$352,145 in state funds over two years to support the state’s Viticulture Extension Program. The project will continue research on vineyard management and winery techniques specific to varieties known to thrive in Kentucky, as well as and newly released varieties. For more information on this project, contact Patsy Wilson at 859-494-1657 or [patsy.wilson@uky.edu](mailto:patsy.wilson@uky.edu).

**Meat Processing Investment Program - Level 3**

Marksbury Farm Foods, LLC was approved for up to \$250,000 in state funds as a forgivable loan to upgrade its slaughter and packaging capacity; shipping and receiving; materials handling; and cold storage. Due to a high demand for processing, the Garrard County facility is looking to increase its ability to meet these needs. For more information on this project, contact Preston Correll at 859-548-2333 or [pcorrell@marksburyfarm.com](mailto:pcorrell@marksburyfarm.com).

## **Meat Processing Investment Program - Level 2**

Hampton Meat Processing Inc. was approved for up to \$37,500 in state funds to upgrade refrigeration space and boning areas for its USDA processing facility. Due to a high demand for processing, the Christian County facility is looking to increase its ability to meet these needs. For more information on this project, contact Justin Hampton at 270-885-8474 or [jhampton@hamptonmeats.com](mailto:jhampton@hamptonmeats.com).

Garrison Meat Processing LLC was approved for up to \$37,500 in state funds to purchase and install a walk-in cooler and holding pens for the custom processing facility. High demand has required the Lewis County facility to look for ways to meet consumer demand. For more information on this project, contact Corey Collins at 606-202-3788 or [corey\\_collins0827@yahoo.com](mailto:corey_collins0827@yahoo.com).

Dennis Ray Wise, d/b/a Wise Meat Packing, was approved for up to \$24,375 in state funds to purchase and install a patty attachment for the custom processing facility. The Taylor County facility is working to meet increased demand for their product as the pandemic continues. For more information on this project, contact Dennis Wise at 270-465-8464 or [wisemeatpacking@yahoo.com](mailto:wisemeatpacking@yahoo.com).

## **On-Farm Water Management Program**

Bill and Teresa Flaughter were approved for up to \$58,999 in state funds to implement water harvesting, pond renovations and rotational grazing on their beef cattle operation. This is a Producer Implemented Project in Pendleton County. The applicant will work with community partners to promote and share water management practices utilized in the project as a condition of the award. For more information, contact Bill Flaughter at 859-984-2342 or [bflaughter@dkemcor.com](mailto:bflaughter@dkemcor.com).

## **Broadband Feasibility Study**

Bluegrass Area Development District Inc. was approved for up to \$5,657 in state and multiple county funds to conduct a broadband feasibility study. In conjunction with fiscal courts in Bourbon, Scott and Woodford counties, this project will determine the best strategies and associated costs needed to bring last mile broadband access to these counties. The study will be conducted by GEO Partners LLC. For more information on this project, contact Chip Clark at 859-269-8021 or [cclark@bgadd.org](mailto:cclark@bgadd.org).

## **County Investments:**

### **Boyle County**

Boyle County Farm Bureau was approved for up to \$129,000 in Boyle County funds to administer CAIP with a maximum producer limit of \$2,000 for the 2020 program year. For more information, contact Cindy Myers at 859-236-4484 or [cmyers@uky.edu](mailto:cmyers@uky.edu).

Boyle County Conservation District was awarded \$15,000 to administer the Dead Animal Removal (DAR) program for 2020. Lincoln County Landfill will provide the service at no cost to producers. For more information, contact Allen Goggin at 859-319-5423 or [allen.goggin@gmail.com](mailto:allen.goggin@gmail.com).

**Calloway County**

Calloway County Agricultural Development Fund LLC was approved for up to \$134,914 in Calloway County funds to administer CAIP for the 2020 program year with the maximum producer limit of \$5,000 for Calloway County farmers. For more information, contact Robert Johnson at 270-519-0857 or [rjohnson@npdi.us](mailto:rjohnson@npdi.us).

**Carter County**

Carter County Conservation District was approved for up to \$129,472 in Carter County funds to administer CAIP. The maximum producer limit for Carter County farmers is \$2,500 for the 2020 program year. For more information, contact Melodie Bush at 606-474-5184 or [melodie.bush@ky.nacdnet.net](mailto:melodie.bush@ky.nacdnet.net).

**Cumberland County**

Clinton/Cumberland County Cattlemen's Association Inc. was approved for up to \$166,535 in Cumberland County funds to administer CAIP. The maximum producer limit for Cumberland County farmers is \$2,250 for the 2020 program year. For more information, contact Kathy Groce at 270-864-5883 or [kathygroce@hotmail.com](mailto:kathygroce@hotmail.com).

**Daviess County**

Green River Area Beef Improvement Group, Inc. was approved for up to \$150,000 in Daviess County funds to administer CAIP. The maximum producer limit for Daviess County farmers is \$5,000 for the 2020 program year. For more information, contact Stacy Marksberry at 270-929-0194 or [grabig@bellsouth.net](mailto:grabig@bellsouth.net).

**Garrard County**

Garrard County Farm Bureau Inc. was approved for up to \$215,000 in Garrard County funds to administer CAIP with a maximum producer limit of \$3,000 for the 2020 program year. For more information, contact Gilbert Edgington at 859-339-3980 or [gilbertedg58@yahoo.com](mailto:gilbertedg58@yahoo.com).

**Hart County**

Hart County Soil Conservation District was approved for up to \$15,000 in Hart County funds to administer the DAR program for the 2020 year. Hart County Fiscal Court will provide the service at no cost to producers. For more information, contact Coni Meador at 270-524-5631 or [coni.meador@ky.nacdnet.net](mailto:coni.meador@ky.nacdnet.net).

**Jefferson County**

The Louisville Parks Foundation Inc. was approved for up to \$2,500 in Jefferson County funds to develop a community garden in Jefferson County. In conjunction with Eastern Star Baptist Church and local extension and conservation services, raised beds will be built to provide new food avenues for church and community members. For more information on this project, contact Brooke Pardue at 502-714-9120 or [bpardue@louisvilleparksfoundation.org](mailto:bpardue@louisvilleparksfoundation.org).

**Lincoln County**

Lincoln County Cattlemen's Association was approved for up to \$400,000 in Lincoln County funds to administer CAIP. The maximum producer limit for Lincoln County farmers is \$2,000

for the 2020 program year. For more information, contact Lesley Miracle at 606-365-2447 or [lmiracle@uky.edu](mailto:lmiracle@uky.edu).

### **Meade County**

Meade County Cattleman Association Corporation was approved for up to \$63,873 in Meade County funds to administer CAIP with the maximum producer limit of \$1,500 for the 2020 program year. For more information, contact Glen Redmon at 270-422-4958 or [redfam@bbtel.com](mailto:redfam@bbtel.com).

### **Metcalfe County**

Metcalfe County Conservation District was approved for up to \$92,324 in Metcalfe County funds to administer the Shared-Use Equipment program. One in-line bale wrapper, two no-till drills and an in-line hay wrapper will be available for lease for producers. An additional \$177,387 was awarded in Metcalfe County funds for the 2019 program year CAIP. For more information, contact Peggy Bridges at 270-432-3191 or [metcocd@gmail.com](mailto:metcocd@gmail.com).

### **Monroe County**

Monroe County Conservation District was approved for up to \$458,000 in Monroe County funds to administer CAIP with a maximum producer limit of \$5,000 for the 2020 program year. For more information, contact Jarad Bartley at 270-487-6589 or [jarad.bartley@ky.nacdnet.net](mailto:jarad.bartley@ky.nacdnet.net).

### **Nelson County**

Nelson County Conservation District was approved for up to \$127,442 in Nelson County funds for two programs. \$102,442 was awarded to Nelson County to administer CAIP with a maximum producer limit of \$1,500 for the 2020 program year. \$25,000 was awarded to administer its Next Generation Farmer program with a maximum producer limit of \$1,500 for the 2020 program year. For more information, contact Gale Hundley at 502-348-3363 or [gale.hundley@ky.nacdnet.net](mailto:gale.hundley@ky.nacdnet.net).

The Nelson County Fiscal Court was approved for up to \$7,500 in Nelson County funds to administer DAR services with no cost to producers. For more information, contact Dean Watts at 502-348-1800 or [ncjudge@barsdtown.com](mailto:ncjudge@barsdtown.com).

### **Nicholas County**

Nicholas County Conservation District was approved for up to \$267,000 in Nicholas County funds to administer two programs. For one, \$252,000 was awarded to administer CAIP. The maximum producer limit for Nicholas County farmers is \$3,000 for the 2020 program year. In addition, \$15,000 was awarded for Nicholas County to administer Youth Ag. Investment Program with a maximum student limit of \$1,500 for the 2020 program year. For more information, contact Erica Brierly at 859-405-4018 or [nicholasconservation@hotmail.com](mailto:nicholasconservation@hotmail.com).

### **Pike County**

Pike County Conservation District was approved for up to \$30,000 in state funds to administer CAIP. The maximum producer limit for Pike County farmers is \$2,000 for the 2020 program

year. For more information, contact Lesia Birchfield at 606-432-4695 or [pike.conserve@yahoo.com](mailto:pike.conserve@yahoo.com).

### **Powell County**

Powell County Livestock Producers Association, Inc. was approved for up to \$54,449 in Powell County funds to administer CAIP. The maximum producer limit for Powell County farmers is \$3,000 for the 2020 program year. For more information, contact Stuart Goldsborough at 606-663-9228 or [shgoldsb@msn.com](mailto:shgoldsb@msn.com).

### **Shelby County**

Shelby County Farm Bureau Inc. approved for up to \$275,000 in Shelby County funds to administer CAIP. The maximum producer limit for Shelby County farmers is \$2,500 for the 2020 program year. For more information, contact Judy White at 502-633-4593 or [shelby.caip@gmail.com](mailto:shelby.caip@gmail.com).

### **Warren County**

Warren County Conservation District was approved for up to \$185,363 in Warren County funds to administer CAIP. The maximum producer limit for Warren County producers is \$5,000 for the 2020 program year. For more information, contact Penny Warwick at 270-202-3667 or [penny.warwick@ky.nacdnet.net](mailto:penny.warwick@ky.nacdnet.net).

The County Agricultural Investment Program (CAIP) provides farmers with incentives to allow them to improve and diversify their current production practices. CAIP covers a wide variety of agricultural enterprises in its 11 investment areas, including, but not limited to, bees and honey; equine; forage; beef and dairy cattle; goats and sheep; horticulture; poultry; swine; timber and technology, as well as energy efficiency and production; farm infrastructure and water enhancement; marketing; and value-added production.

The Deceased Farm Animal Removal Program (DAR) serves as a measure to facilitate the coordination of environmentally sound and cost-effective disposal of deceased livestock for Kentucky producers.

The Next Generation Farmer Program (NextGen) addresses the growing need for a specialized program that would benefit producers ages 18 to 40 that have been engaged in an agricultural operation for a minimum of three years.

The Shared-Use Equipment Program assists broad-based community organizations with the purchase of farm equipment. The equipment purchased is made available for producer use in a specific county on a leased basis.

The Youth Agricultural Incentives Program (Youth) encourages youth to engage in and explore agricultural opportunities.

All application periods and deadlines for CAIP, NextGen and Youth programs will be advertised locally. For more information about application dates and guidelines in each county, please call or email the contact list above under the appropriate county.

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*Gov. Andy Beshear and the General Assembly continue to make great strides toward lessening Kentucky's dependence on tobacco production while revitalizing the farm economy by investing a portion of Kentucky's Master Tobacco Settlement Agreement Funds into the Kentucky Agricultural Development Fund (KADF). To date, the KADF investments total more than \$630 million in an array of county, regional and state projects designed to increase net farm income and create sustainable new farm-based business enterprises. These funding approvals, made possible by the KADF, represent just a few of the more than 6,400 projects approved, since the inception of the program in January 2001.*

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