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Gov. Andy Beshear, Kentucky Agricultural Development Board Approve Nearly \$3 Million for Projects Across Commonwealth Investments Boost Key Industry During the Fight Against COVID-19

FRANKFORT, Ky. (June 19, 2020) – The Kentucky Agricultural Development Board approved \$2,887,168 for agricultural diversification and rural development projects across the commonwealth at its monthly board meeting.

“Our hardworking farmers and producers continue to make improvements to their operations in order to feed each and every one of us,” said Gov. Andy Beshear. “In these difficult times, we are even more thankful for our agriculture community that works to provide quality products, and for the KADB for their support of Kentucky agriculture.”

State Investments:

Meat Processing Facility Upgrades

Trackside Butcher Shoppe, LLC was approved for up \$247,500 in state funds as a forgivable loan and any county funds received will be in the form of a grant to obtain a Global Food Safety Initiative (GFSI) audit and make related facility improvements. Located in Henry County, Trackside Butcher Shoppe, LLC is a processing facility that offers custom processing services as well as a small retail front to market locally produced meat. For more information on this project, contact John Edwards at 502-532-3015 or office@tracksidebutchershoppe.com.

Meat Processing Facility Upgrades

Summit Meat Processing, Inc. was approved for up to \$149,072 in state funds as a forgivable loan and any county funds received will be in the form of a grant to obtain a GFSI certification and upgrade its equipment to increase capacity and processing speed.

Due to a high demand for processing, and several GFSI processing requests, the Pulaski County facility is looking to increase its ability to meet these needs. For more information on this project, contact Kyle Turpen at 606-271-8067 or kyle@summitmeat.com.

On-Farm Energy Efficiency Incentives

The On-Farm Energy Efficiency Program provides incentives for Kentucky farm families to increase energy efficiency of existing equipment or facilities. Twenty On-Farm Energy Efficiency grants were approved totaling \$155,426 for recipients in Barren (\$16,353), Breckinridge (\$10,150), Christian (\$38,025), Garrard (\$5,511), Hickman (\$20,150), Kenton (\$10,150), Letcher (\$1,875), Muhlenberg (\$10,150), Ohio (\$10,150), Pulaski (\$2,844), Warren (\$10,150), Washington (\$9,768) and Webster (\$10,150) counties.

On-Farm Water Small Scale Grants

The On-Farm Water Management Program provides funding to promote water resilience on farms. The Small Scale Grant (SSG) is for a private farm that wishes to implement best management practices for water management on the farm in a simple application format. Four On-Farm Water Small Scale Grants were approved totaling \$31,594 for recipients in Breckinridge (\$7,227), Fayette (\$9,844), McLean (\$10,000) and Pulaski (\$4,523) counties.

County Investments:

Adair County

Adair County Cattlemen's Association, Inc. was awarded \$221,000 in Adair County funds to administer two county programs: \$191,000 was awarded for CAIP with a maximum producer limit of \$1,500 for the 2020 program year; and \$30,000 was awarded to the Youth Program with the maximum student limit of \$500 for the 2020 program year. For more information, contact Jason Stephens at 270-384-2317 or jasonleestephens@hotmail.com.

Anderson County

Anderson County Farm Bureau, Inc. was awarded \$114,500 in Anderson County funds to administer CAIP for the 2020 program year with the maximum producer limit of \$5,000 for Anderson County farmers. For more information, contact David Dennis at 502-472-4085 or dwdennis1955@gmail.com.

Ballard County

Ballard County Agricultural Development Fund LLC was awarded \$375,000 in Ballard County funds to administer CAIP. The maximum producer limit for Ballard County farmers is \$5,000 for the 2020 program year. For more information, contact Robert Johnson at 270-519-0857 or rjohnson@npdi.us.

Barren County

Barren County Conservation District was awarded an additional \$106,972 in Barren County funds to enhance its existing CAIP. The maximum producer limit for Barren County farmers is \$3,500 for the 2019 program year. For more information, contact Lindsie Logsdon at 270-629-6811 or barrencounservation@gmail.com.

Breckinridge County

Breckinridge County Cattlemen's Association was awarded a total of \$6,340 in Breckinridge County funds to administer a Shared-Use Equipment Program. The cattle chute is available for \$25 for three days, and a cattle working pen is available for \$50 for

three days. For more information, contact Jeremy Armstrong at 270-668-2056 or Jeremyarmstrong1415@yahoo.com.

Caldwell County

Caldwell-Lyon Cattlemen's Association Inc. was awarded \$96,719 in Caldwell County funds to administer two county programs: \$86,719 was awarded for CAIP with a maximum producer limit of \$2,500 for the 2020 program year; and \$10,000 was awarded to the Youth Program with the maximum student limit of \$1,500 for the 2020 program year. For more information, contact Jeff Boone at 270-963-0200 or jf.boone@gmail.com.

Carlisle County

Carlisle County Conservation District was awarded \$82,173 in Carlisle County funds to administer CAIP. The maximum producer limit for Carlisle County farmers is \$4,000 for the 2020 program year. For more information, contact Sarah Dietsch at 270-628-3709 or cccd@windstream.net.

Graves County

Graves County Conservation District was awarded \$43,958 in Graves County funds to administer CAIP. The maximum producer limit for Graves County farmers is \$4,000 for the 2020 program year. For more information, contact Mary Fenwick at 270-247-9529 or msfenwick@bellsouth.net.

Hardin County

Hardin County Extension District Board was awarded \$40,000 in Hardin County funds to administer two county programs: \$10,000 was awarded to the Youth Program with the maximum student limit of \$1,500 for the 2020 program year; and \$30,000 was awarded to the Next Generation Farmer Program with the \$5,000 maximum producer limit for the 2020 program year. For more information, contact Doug Shepherd at 270-765-4121 or dshepherd@uky.edu.

Hardin County Agricultural Extension Foundation, Inc. was approved for up to \$21,442 in Hardin County funds to purchase small animal livestock pens. For more information contact Chuck Crutcher at 270-877-0239 or chuckcru@bbtel.com.

Harrison County

Harrison County Beef Cattle Association, Inc. was awarded a total of \$311,892 in Harrison County funds to administer CAIP. The maximum producer limit for Harrison County Farmers is \$2,500 for the 2020 program year. For more information, contact Megan Baxter at 859-234-5510 or baxwayfarms@gmail.com.

Jessamine County

Jessamine County FFA Alumni Association, Inc. was awarded \$8,000 in Jessamine County funds to administer a 4-H and FFA Cost-Share Program. Students may apply for funds for two years, with a \$500 limit the first year and a \$250 limit the second year. For more information, contact Carl Waits at 859-948-5527 or carl.waits@twc.com.

Lee County

Lee County Conservation District was awarded an additional \$40,300 in Lee County funds to enhance its existing CAIP. The maximum producer limit for Lee County farmers is \$3,500 for the 2020 program year. For more information, contact Sandy Gay at 606-593-

5183 or sfish50@yahoo.com.

Magoffin County

Magoffin County Agriculture Investment Program, Inc. was awarded \$114,331 in Magoffin County funds to administer CAIP. The maximum producer limit for Magoffin County farmers is \$3,000 for the 2020 program year. For more information, contact Edison McCarty at 606-349-6067 or mccartyfarm@foothills.net.

McCreary County

McCreary County Farm Bureau was awarded \$24,690 in State funds and \$14,775 in McCreary County funds to administer CAIP. The maximum producer limit for McCreary County farmers is \$5,000 for the 2020 program year. For more information, contact Julie Waters at 606-310-0584 or jasumner@highland.net.

Morgan County

Morgan County Fiscal Court was awarded \$190,234 in Morgan County funds to administer CAIP. The maximum producer limit for Morgan County farmers is \$5,000 for the 2020 program year. For more information, contact Judge John Will Stacy at 606-743-3897 or mcfc.jws@gmail.com.

Owsley County

Owsley County Conservation District was awarded an additional \$124,000 in Owsley County funds to enhance its existing CAIP. The maximum producer limit for Owsley County farmers is \$4,000 for the 2020 program year. For more information, contact Sandy Gay at 606-593-5183 or sfish50@yahoo.com.

Russell County

Russell County Agriculture Investment Program Council, Inc. was awarded \$218,000 in Russell County funds to administer CAIP. The maximum producer limit for Russell County farmers is \$3,000 for the 2020 program year. For more information, contact Janet Clark at 270-866-4477 or dclark@duo-county.com.

Washington County

Washington County Farm Bureau was awarded \$4,250 in Washington County funds to administer a Shared-Use Equipment Program. The chain harrow is available for producers to rent at a cost of \$100/first day and \$50/daily for each additional day. For more information, contact Tim Graves at 859-336-7741 or cmatting@uky.edu.

Washington County Cattlemen Association was awarded an additional \$103,000 to enhance its existing CAIP with a maximum producer limit of \$2,500 for the 2020 program year. The cattlemen association was also awarded an additional \$11,000 to enhance its existing Youth program. For more information, contact Cheryl Mattingy at 859-336-7741 or cmatting@uky.edu.

Whitley County

Whitley County Cattlemen's Association, Inc. was awarded \$31,000 in Whitley County funds to administer CAIP. The maximum producer limit for Whitley County farmers is \$1,500 for the 2020 program year. For more information, contact Harry Alder at 606-304-0089 or alders67@att.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 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 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 \$605 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 6,100 projects approved, since the inception of the program in January 2001.

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