



Governor's Office of
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Updates and announcements for our partners in administering the county councils and KADF programs.

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We Need Your Input: 2021 Policy & Program Changes

As always, the Governor's Office of Agricultural Policy (GOAP) welcomes suggestions for changes to the Kentucky Agricultural Development Board's (KADB) policies and program guidelines throughout the year. However, to ensure that your suggestion is considered by the KADB for the 2021 program year, then it must be received by **Monday, Aug. 31**.

Most of the policies and programs developed by the KADB over the last 20 years have come from the suggestions made by our industry partners and farmers. The KADB takes your input seriously, as it considers updates to programs and policies to help take Kentucky agriculture to the next level with support from the Kentucky Agricultural Development Fund (KADF).

Submit your suggestion(s) in writing to stefanie.osterman@ky.gov or fax to Stefanie Osterman at (502) 564-8990.

Deadline Reminder

Due to the current state of emergency and various restrictions in place, several deadlines were extended to **October 31, 2020**, allowing counties extra time to hold any necessary meetings to complete the 2020 Initiatives listed below.

- County Council 4%, contact Diana Carrier
council must vote on this and submit required form
- County Council Membership (2020-2022), contact Sandra Gardner
members appointed begin their terms on or after July 1, even if entire council has not been updated; submit full council on required form
- County Comprehensive Plan Updates, contact Diana Carrier
submit update to existing plan

More information on County Council related initiatives, including required forms, is available online at <https://agpolicy.ky.gov/funds/Pages/councils.aspx>.

Does this qualify...?

Not sure if an item or enterprise qualifies for cost-share in CAIP, NextGen or Youth? Contact **Stefanie Osterman**, programs manager, at (502) 782-1763 or **Diana Carrier**, compliance manager, at (502) 782-1762 to find out.

Industry Announcements

Kentucky Horse Council

KHC has announced the search for a new executive director to lead the organization.

Those interested should submit a cover letter and resume by Aug. 20 to director@kentuckyhorse.org. For any questions regarding the position, please contact Katy Ross at (859) 367-0509.

Kentucky Horticulture Council

The 2021 Kentucky Fruit & Vegetable Conference Planning Committee is seeking proposals for educational presentations, especially from local growers.

Submit proposals by Sept. 15 to <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/2021FruitVegConfProposalCall> or info@kyhortcouncil.org.

Presentation dates and times will be confirmed with speakers by Oct. 15.

USDA CFAP Deadline Extended

The Coronavirus Food Assistance Program (CFAP) provides direct relief to producers who faced price declines and additional marketing costs due to COVID-19.

USDA recently announced a deadline extension to apply, along with additional commodities that are eligible for assistance. The new CFAP deadline is September 11.

For more information on eligible commodities or to apply, visit <https://www.farmers.gov/cfap>.

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That's a Wrap...

Another year of **CAIP Administrator Trainings** hosted by the Governor's Office of Agricultural Policy (GOAP) has now ended. We began the year with our usual Frankfort kick-off and then traveled to Laurel County for February, but as you know the global pandemic forced us in March to do something we have never done at GOAP – offer trainings *via* video conferencing.

While not ideal, hosting virtual trainings has proved to have its benefits (less travel and cost) and will likely become part of our normal training rotation into the future. We are very thankful for the **195** in-person and online participants from **109** counties that participated this year.

We are still compiling feedback received from participant evaluations to help plan next year's trainings. If you participated and have not returned your evaluation, then please do so by the end of August.

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Upcoming Dates

- **Aug. 14 – K AFC Board Meeting**
Zoom Meeting ID: 954 1092 1187 Password: kafc0814
- **Aug. 21 – KADB Business Meeting**
Zoom Meeting ID: 955 1505 1781 Password: kadb0821
- **Aug. 28 – DEADLINE: K AFC Loan Applications**
Sept. consideration
- **Aug. 28 – KADF Program Applications (in hand*)**
Sept. consideration
- **Aug. 28 – KADF Project Applications (in hand*)**
Sept. referral, Oct. consideration
- **Sept. 11 – K AFC Board Meeting**
zoom link coming soon
- **Sept. 18 – KADB Business Meeting**
zoom link coming soon
- **Sept. 25 – DEADLINE: K AFC Loan Applications**
Oct. consideration
- **Sept. 25 – DEADLINE: KADF Program Applications (in hand*)**
Oct. consideration
- **Sept. 25 – DEADLINE: KADF Project Applications (in hand*)**
Oct. referral, Nov. consideration

**"In Hand" means that the original application must be in our office by close of business. Faxes and emails will not be accepted, as stated in Appendix A of each application.*



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