



Kentucky Office of Agricultural Policy

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Updates and announcements for our partners in administering the county councils and KADF programs.

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Additional CAIP Training Dates Announced

The Kentucky Office of Agricultural Policy (KOAP) has hosted three 2021 CAIP Administrator trainings to date. Additional dates have been announced and listed below.

Who Should Attend? Program administrators - the individual(s) involved in daily management of the program for the administrative entity - are required to attend one session. This training must occur prior to execution of a new legal agreement for CAIP. Others involved or interested in the agricultural development process, especially county cooperative extension agents, are also welcome to attend.

When? All trainings are 9:30 – 11:30 a.m. EDT via the Zoom link provided upon registration.

May 12 – Zoom link upon registration
<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/copy-of-caip-training-may-2021-tickets-148806483197>

June 23 – Zoom link upon registration
<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/2021-caip-training-june-tickets-150667240773>

Pre-registration is required: visit the link under the date you want to attend.

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Staff Contact Information Changing

You should have received a message via Constant Contact from Commissioner Ryan Quarles, announcing the move of the Office of Agricultural from the Governor’s Office to the Kentucky Department of Agriculture. We are now the **Kentucky Office of Agricultural Policy**.

For the time being, our physical location has not changed. However, in the coming weeks we will be getting new emails and landline phone numbers. New numbers and emails will be sent out via Constant Contact, once the changeover is complete.

The cellphone numbers to the left should remain the same. So, if you have trouble reaching a specific contact – e.g. bouncing emails, then please try the cellphone number or use the general contact information to reach the office.

We appreciate your patience as we complete these logistical changes. Our processes may slow a bit during this transition, but we are committed to continue to serve our county partners in as seamless a manner, as possible.

To view the letter from Commissioner Quarles, [click here](#).

KOAP Director Named

Brian Lacefield, of Versailles, has been named the new director of the Kentucky Office of Agricultural Policy, Agriculture Commissioner Dr. Ryan Quarles announced recently.

"Brian Lacefield is well-respected in Kentucky's agricultural community and has years of agribusiness and investment experience that makes him the perfect fit to lead the Kentucky Office of Agricultural Policy," Commissioner Quarles said.

"I am honored to be named to this position by Commissioner Quarles," Lacefield said. "I look forward to working with board members to uphold the great tradition of innovation and excellence at the Kentucky Agricultural Development Fund. There is tremendous opportunity to strengthen and diversify our agricultural economy and I am excited to hit the ground running."

Lacefield most recently served as the Kentucky State Director of the U.S. Department of Agriculture's Farm Service Agency (FSA), where he directed and administered FSA programs and managed staff across the state.

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Clarifications Made for 2021 Genomically Enhanced EPDs

As you know, the 2021 CAIP requires that bulls submitted for cost-share reimbursement must have genomically enhanced EPDs to qualify for reimbursement.

At its March meeting, the Kentucky Agricultural Development Board added the following language to the 2021 CAIP Large Animal Investment Area:

Breed associations that do not currently have genomically enhanced EPDs will have two years to compute them for their producers. Once an association begins computing genomically enhanced EPDs breeders must meet the CAIP Program requirement to be eligible for the program. Breeds have until 2023 to accomplish this.

Beginning with the 2022 program year, breeds that have not completed a genetic evaluation in the past two years will be removed from the eligible breed list. This will be evaluated on an annual basis.

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Upcoming Dates

- **Apr. 16** – **KADB Business Meeting**
Zoom Meeting ID: 992 1911 6393 Password: kadb0416
- **Apr. 16** – **DEADLINE: KADB On-Farm Energy Applications**
1st period consideration
- **Apr. 23** – **DEADLINE: KAFC Loan Applications**
May consideration
- **Apr. 30** – **KADF Program Applications (in hand*)**
May consideration
- **Apr. 30** – **KADF Project Applications (in hand*)**
May referral, Jun. consideration
- **May 14** – **KAFC Board Meeting**
zoom link coming soon
- **May 21** – **KADB Business Meeting**
zoom link coming soon
- **Feb. 19** – **DEADLINE: KAFC Loan Applications**
Oct. consideration
- **May 28** – **DEADLINE: KADF Program Applications (in hand*)**
Jun. consideration
- **May 28** – **DEADLINE: KADF Project Applications (in hand*)**
Jun. referral, Jul. 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.*