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**Gov. Beshear and Kentucky Agricultural Development Board Approve
Nearly \$7 Million for Projects Across Commonwealth**
Projects and programs approved span the diverse array of Kentucky agriculture

FRANKFORT, Ky. (Nov. 20, 2020) – The Kentucky Agricultural Development Board approved \$6,914,331 for agricultural diversification and rural development projects across the commonwealth at its monthly board meeting.

“In November, the Kentucky Agricultural Development Board approved one of its largest totals in 2020: more than \$6.9 million,” said Gov. Andy Beshear. “This robust funding will provide resources to thousands of agriculturalists and continue to support our vast agriculture industry, from beef and dairy production to beekeeping and community gardens and so much more.”

State Investments:

Statewide Marketing and Promotion for Kentucky Agriculture

The Kentucky Department of Agriculture (KDA) was approved for \$2,624,895 in state funds for calendar years 2021 and 2022 to fund the Kentucky Proud program. Kentucky Proud serves as Kentucky's official agriculture marketing and promotional program, and its membership spans the entire spectrum of agriculture in the commonwealth.

Statewide Production and Marketing for Beef Producers

The Kentucky Beef Network (KBN) was approved for \$1,445,400 in state funds for calendar years 2021 and 2022 to continue to provide programs that enhance net farm income for cattle producers. The KBN provides a variety of programs for beef producers on topics such as grazing, backgrounding, finishing, business development and more.

Education, Representation, and Promotion of Kentucky Dairy Producers

The Kentucky Dairy Development Council (KDDC) was approved for \$1,594,123 in state funds for calendar years 2021 and 2022 to continue its mission of educating, representing and promoting Kentucky's dairy producers and dairy industry as a whole. The KDDC provides a number of programs for dairy producers to improve sustainability and profitability of the dairy industry in Kentucky.

Meat Processing Investment Program – Level 2

Owl Holl'er LLC, located in Allen County, was approved for \$37,500 in state funds to purchase and install a freezer and cooler equipment, and to make improvements to its custom processing facility.

Meat Processing Investment Program – Level 3

Hometown Butcher, located in Adair County, was approved for \$250,000 in state funds as a forgivable loan to expand its processing facility and purchase additional processing equipment.

Trackside Butcher Shoppe LLC, located in Henry County, was approved for \$250,000 in state funds as a forgivable loan to expand its processing facility to include a second meat processing room with the necessary processing and packaging equipment.

County Investments:

Bell County

The Bell County Conservation District was approved for \$1,803 in Bell County and \$29,622 in state funds to administer five Shared-Use Equipment Programs. A crowding tub, hydraulic post driver, lime spreader, manure spreader and hydraulic posthole auger will be available for producers to lease. For more information, contact Charlotte Hatfield at cihatfield64@gmail.com or 606-337-6320.

Boone County

Northern Kentucky Cattlemen's Association Inc. was approved for \$95,871 in Boone County funds to administer CAIP with a maximum producer limit of \$2,500 for the 2020 program year. For more information, contact Keith Rittinger at keithrittinger@gmail.com or 859-743-7657.

Christian County

The Pennyrile Resource Conservation and Development Area Inc. was approved for \$2,500 in Christian County funds to help fund a community garden. This funding will allow for expansion of the current community garden, which provides citizens of Hopkins and Christian counties with fresh vegetables. For more information, contact Edward Turner at turner1224@gmail.com or 270-885-5600.

"I am happy that the Pennyrile RC&D were approved for the funding to help with the community garden," said Rep. Myron Dossett (R-Pembroke). "This will allow citizens and their children access to nutritional fresh produce, which is vital to a healthy life."

Franklin County

Franklin County Cattlemen's Association was approved for an additional \$54,000 in Franklin County funds to administer CAIP with a maximum producer limit of \$5,000. For more information, contact Crystal Harrod at fcfd103@gmail.com or 502-352-2701.

Garrard County

Garrard County Farm Bureau was approved for an additional \$40,000 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 Edington at gilbertedg58@gmail.com or 859-339-3980.

Hancock County

Hancock County Cattleman's Association LTD was approved for \$5,000 in Hancock County funds for a Hancock County Youth Agriculture Production Cost-Share Program. Students can submit a business and marketing plan for their projects for the potential to receive 50 percent in cost-share reimbursement, up to \$700. For more information, contact Evan Tate at evan.tate@uky.edu or 270-668-3167.

“As a member of the Tobacco Settlement Committee, I am supportive of Hancock County receiving this money and look forward to seeing it go to a great program,” said Rep. Dean Schamore (D-Hardinsburg). “We need to continue to invest in the next generation, and grooming young farmers is an area we do not want to overlook.”

Johnson County

Johnson County Conservation District was approved for \$550 in Johnson County funds to administer the Shared-Use Equipment Program. A broadcast seeder will be available for producers to lease. For more information, contact Erica Taylor-Reynolds at jccd5263@foothills.net or 606-789-5263.

Laurel County

Laurel County Cattlemen's Association Inc. was approved for \$15,000 in Laurel County funds to administer YAIP with a maximum student limit of \$1,500 for the 2020 program year. For more information, contact Bobby Wells at dl_ces_laurel@email.uky.edu or 606-864-4167.

Livingston County

Livingston County Board of Education was approved for \$39,300 in Livingston County funds to administer two Shared-Use Equipment Programs. A lime spreader and no-till drill will be available for producers to lease. For more information, contact Robert Schmitt at Robert.schmitt@livingston.kyschools.us or 270-928-2065.

Lyon County

Lyon County Conservation District was approved for an additional \$24,811 in Lyon County funds to administer CAIP with a maximum producer limit of \$5,000 for the 2020 program year. For more information, contact Carolyn Fralick at usgovernment819@bellsouth.net at 270-388-7653.

Menifee County

Menifee County Board of Education was approved for \$10,000 in Menifee County funds to purchase a CNC digital plasma cutter system, and to update existing agricultural mechanics equipment. More than 120 students in the agricultural education department at Menifee County High School will benefit from this project. For more information, contact James Kash at james.kash@menifee.kyschools.us or 606-768-8102.

Ohio County

Ohio County Cattlemen's Association Inc. was approved for \$107,496 in Ohio County funds to administer CAIP with a maximum producer limit of \$5,000 for the 2020 program year. For more information, contact Tammy Blacklock at tblacklock3@gmail.com or 270-925-7828.

Ohio County 4-H Council Inc. was approved for \$10,000 in Ohio County funds to administer YAIP with a maximum student limit of \$1,500 for the 2020 program year. For more information, contact Larry Clayton at bclayton690@gmail.com.

Taylor County

Campbellsville Independent Schools Board of Education was approved for \$15,000 in Taylor County funds for a high school greenhouse. Campbellsville Independent High School recently began an agricultural education program, and a greenhouse will provide students with hands-on experience. For more information, contact Erin Arnett at erin.arnett@cville.kyschools.us or 270-465-8774.

Green River Beekeepers Inc. was approved for \$960 in Taylor County funds to purchase new honey extracting equipment. This new equipment will be safer to use and benefit the 336 beekeeper members. For more information, contact Micharl Pellittiere II at mmp2083@gmail.com or 270-932-2300.

“This is an exciting opportunity for students and the community to come together to promote the importance of Kentucky agriculture,” said Sen. Max Wise (R-Campbellsville). “These grant funds are sure to provide invaluable hands-on learning experiences in crop cultivation, agribusiness, sustainability practices, honey extraction and more. I am pleased that Taylor County students will be able to utilize and expand their agricultural knowledge in a new greenhouse facility.”

Todd County

Todd County Conservation District was approved for \$235,000 in Todd County funds to administer CAIP with a maximum producer limit of \$3,500 for the 2020 program year. For more information, contact Piper Kay at kay.piper@usda.gov or 270-265-5638.

Union County

Union County Conservation District was approved for \$25,500 in Union County Funds to administer the Shared-Use Equipment Program. A no-till drill will be available for producers to lease. For more information, contact Jason Greenwell at jgreenwell@bellsouth.net or 270-389-1145.

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 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. 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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