

Agriculture & Natural Resources Newsletter

# The Old Farmhand: Part II

## September 2023



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**Jessica Barnes,**  
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### A Note from Jessica

Harvest season is underway and you will begin seeing more and more equipment on the road as farmers are moving from field to field and farm to farm. Please take your time, give them room and do not pass in areas that are unsafe.

Please pay close attention to the information in this newsletter as there are several educational opportunities coming up. As always, let me know if you have any questions or concerns! Also, a friendly reminder that our office will be closed Monday, September 4 for Labor Day.

**HAPPY LABOR DAY**

**We will be closed**  
**Monday, September 4th**  
**In observance of Labor Day.**

## How can we serve you, Kentucky?

Take a ten-minute survey to help us develop programs addressing needs in your community.

[go.uky.edu/serveKY](http://go.uky.edu/serveKY)

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Disabilities accommodated with prior notification

## Beef Quality & Care Assurance Certification

There will be a BQCA Training at the Harrison County Extension Office on September 26, 2023 at 9:00 am and again at 6:00 pm. If you are in need of a BQCA number for a CPH-45 sale or for the CAIP program, please make every effort to attend one of these trainings for your certification. Please let me know if you have any questions and call 859-234-5510 to sign up.

## CAIP Educational Opportunities

There are several upcoming opportunities that will satisfy your CAIP Educational requirement if you are in need. The following classes will count as CAIP education:

Small Ruminant Producer Training (see flyer on page 2 for details)

Beef Bash- September 21 (see flyer on page 5 for details)

Beef Quality & Care Assurance Program- September 26 at 9 am or 6pm here at the Harrison County Extension Office large meeting room

Trees for the Landscape-September 26 at 10 am and 6pm at the Harrison County Extension Office small meeting room

Beef Cattle Seedstock Symposium- October 17 8:30 to 4:30 at the Fayette County Extension Office

There are also online CAIP trainings that can be found here <https://anr.ca.uky.edu/caip-training>. Please follow the instructions on the website closely and enter Harrison for your county when prompted so that I will receive notice of your class completion.

**Licking Valley Honey Bee Society Presents:  
The Second Annual  
Cynthiana Honey Festival!**  
September 23rd  
10:00 a.m.—6:00 p.m.  
Downtown Cynthiana



**MarketReady Dairy Presents**

# Small Ruminant PRODUCER TRAINING

MarketReady educates producers interested in expanding their business and products into wholesale, retail, and restaurant markets. Join us for this virtual training opportunity made possible by the Southeast Dairy Business Innovation Initiative.

Hosted by the MarketReady Dairy Producer Training Program and the Kentucky Sheep and Goat Development Office

We are offering 2 virtual training opportunities for our core MarketReady sessions. These will introduce key concepts for marketing to wholesale channels.

\*PLEASE REGISTER FOR ONLY ONE TRAINING SINCE THEY BOTH WILL COVER THE SAME MATERIAL

**MarketReady™**



### DATES:

September 7th 7:00–8:30 PM  
September 14th 7:00–8:30 PM

### REGISTRATION:

<https://marketready.uky.edu/events>

### MORE CONTACT INFO:

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## Information for Seedstock Symposium

*Dr. Darrh Bullock, Extension Professor and Tyler Purvis, Beef Extension Associate, University of Kentucky*

In conjunction with the University of Tennessee, the University of Kentucky will be hosting a Beef Cattle Seedstock Symposium October 17th, 18th, and 19th. The symposium will target beef cattle seedstock producers (bull providers) and will be held in three locations with the intention of making travel more convenient for those attending. **On October 17th, the Fayette County Kentucky Extension Office will be hosting,** the October 18th session will be held at the Barren County Kentucky Extension Office and the October 19th session will be held in Spring Hill, TN. The sessions will begin at **8:30 a.m. and wrap up around 4:30 p.m.** Lunch will be provided at 12:30 p.m. University of Kentucky and University of Tennessee specialists will cover topics such as genetics, nutrition, reproduction, health, and marketing along with special guest speaker Dr. Matt Spangler from the University of Nebraska. Funding for this program was provided by the Kentucky Ag Development Fund and a small registration fee will be collected to help offset the cost of the meal. To receive information as it becomes available, please email Maggie Ginn at [mmgi241@uky.edu](mailto:mmgi241@uky.edu) and indicate your interest and contact information.



### Harrison County Extension Office

# TRUNK OR TREAT



*Monday,*  
**30th OF**  
**OCTOBER**

**6:00pm to 8:00pm**

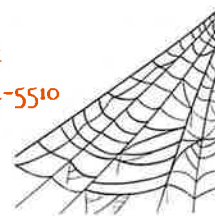
Trick or Treating  
 rain or shine!



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If you would like to set up with a decorated car trunk or truck bed, please contact the Extension Office; 859-234-5510



## 2023 Tobacco Update

Will Snell, UK Ag Economics

The 2023 tobacco harvest is well underway for the 2023 season. This is setting up to be a late harvested crop as early weather conditions delayed progress. While there are pockets of very good crops, excessive rain has certainly had a negative impact on the crop in certain areas, especially the dark tobacco crop in the Purchase region.

Despite continued declines in overall tobacco demand, burley supplies entered 2023 extremely tight, prompting some (but not all) cigarette manufacturers and dealers to offer higher contract volumes and contract prices for the 2023 burley crop. The August 2023 USDA crop report, estimated that Kentucky burley will harvest an additional 1,000 acres (+3.6%) compared to 2022. U.S. burley acres are forecast to be 3.1% higher in 2023, with an average yield of 1,975 lbs/acre. USDA is projecting a 2023 U.S. burley crop totaling 66 million pounds (+13%) versus last year's 58.6 million pound crop. In comparison, The August 2023 Universal Leaf crop report estimates an 84 million pound U.S. burley crop in 2023. While industry may desire a 70+ million pound U.S. burley crop in 2023, it may be a challenge for production to exceed much above 60 million pounds.

While burley demand is shrinking worldwide as global blended-cigarette sales decline, the August 2023 Universal Leaf report estimates that Africa (and a small amount of burley from the Middle East) will go from a burley crop totaling 278 million pounds in 2022 to 379 million pounds in 2023 and 445 million pounds in 2024. World burley production is forecast by Universal Leaf to increase by more than 40% in 2024 vs. 2022, with U.S. burley production remaining stagnant in 2024 vs. 2023.

On the trade front, tight global supplies are moving limited supplies of U.S. burley overseas so far in 2023, but U.S. burley leaf exports remain at negligible levels (13 million pounds in 2022). Alternatively, imports of foreign burley into the U.S. remain a challenge for the domestic burley sector (73 million pounds in 2022). So far in 2023 (through June), U.S. burley imports are 57% higher compared to the same period last year. In recent years, U.S. manufacturers and dealers have imported more burley leaf than U.S. burley growers have actually produced, resulting in import use by domestic manufacturers remaining over 50%. Import quota restrictions were put in place in 1996 when U.S. cigarette production hit record high levels, While these import quotas have never been adjusted, U.S. cigarette production has declined by 75%, while cigarette leaf imports accounted for by trade restrictions have only declined by 30%. Consequently, tobacco farm organizations are examining various policy options to address this trade imbalance.

On the product side, U.S. cigarette sales continue to slump as consumers switch to alternative nicotine products. After falling 8.7% in 2022, U.S. cigarette production is down 8% so far in 2023 with consumers shifting to non-premium brands amid inflationary pressures on smoker purchasing decisions.

Unlike Burley, dark tobacco contract volume was reduced significantly in 2023 with an abrupt change in consumer market demand for snuff versus other smokeless tobacco products. The U.S. smokeless tobacco category indicates sale volumes up by more than 4% over the past twelve months, but this includes the rapidly expanding nicotine pouch sales (up over 50% so far in 2023), which significantly reduces the need for Kentucky/Tennessee dark tobaccos. Following decades of expansion, U.S. snuff sales were down 5.5% in 2022 and are declining by more than 5% so far again in 2023.

USDA estimates that U.S. dark tobacco acres are down 16% in 2023. The August 2023 crop report estimates U.S. dark fire-cured production at 41.1 million pounds (-20%) while U.S. dark air-cured production is forecast at 22.6 million pounds (-10%) compared to last year. Recent weather events will likely cause these estimates to decline in the coming months. In response to declining burley and dark tobacco profitability, some growers continue to examine Connecticut Broadleaf as an alternative option given the existing tobacco infrastructure. While prices are much higher, yields are generally lower with greater management demands and profitability depending on having a high percentage of the crop graded as a wrapper leaf for cigar production.

# BEEF BASH 2023

**DATE:** Thursday, September 21, 2023

**WHERE:** University of Kentucky  
C. Oran Little Research Center  
1051 Midway Rd.  
Versailles, KY 40383

**TIME:** Registration starts at 1:30 PM EST  
Programs start at 2:00 PM EST

**MAKE PLANS TO JOIN US!**

**VISIT WITH:**  
COMMERCIAL EXHIBITORS  
EDUCATIONAL EXHIBITS &  
DEMONSTRATIONS  
UK PERSONNEL & ADMINISTRATORS  
KCA LEADERSHIP & STAFF

**Tickets are \$15 and includes meal. To Pre-register, go to [Eventbrite.com](https://www.eventbrite.com) and search Beef Bash 2023**



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<https://www.facebook.com/KyBeefIRM/>

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