

Cattle producers celebrated during May as Beef Month in Kentucky

Kentucky is the largest beef cattle state east of the Mississippi River

Kentucky cattle producers and industry representatives joined Kentucky Commissioner of Agriculture Jonathan Shell Monday as he signed a proclamation commemorating the month of May as Kentucky Beef Month. “With 869,000 head of beef cattle in the Commonwealth, Kentucky remains the state with the largest beef inventory east of the Mississippi River,” Commissioner Shell said. “We retain that title with the hard work of our cattle farmers. I ask that Kentuckians join me in recognizing their effort, diligence, and perseverance as we celebrate May as Kentucky Beef Month.” The United States is the world's largest pro-

ducer of beef, primarily high-quality, grain-fed beef. Kentucky ranks 14th nationally for total cattle inventory and eighth in the nation for beef cattle. According to the National Agricultural Statistics Service, Kentucky is home to 31,060 beef cattle producers of the 69,400 total farms in the state. “May is Beef Month — a time to honor the hardworking Kentucky beef producers dedicated to bringing high-quality beef to your table,” said Kelly Baird, Kentucky Beef Council Director of Communications and Events. “During May — and throughout the entire year — we celebrate Kentucky farm families and the vital role they play in ensur-

ing a safe, sustainable, and nutritious food supply. Through every challenge, our beef producers work tirelessly to support our communities, our economy, and our Commonwealth.” January 2025 numbers for all cattle inventory are down 2 percent from 2024, with beef cattle numbers seeing a larger decrease of 2024 over last year. Kentucky’s decrease in beef cattle numbers matches what’s happening nationally. The U.S. beef cattle reached a 64-year low in 2025. Several factors including low calf prices, high costs, and drought across the county have played a role in the declining inventory. In contrast the lower number of beef cattle has

created a higher market demand and driven up the sale prices for farmers. The tight national cattle supply and higher market prices will likely contribute to higher agricultural receipts for the state. In 2024, gross receipts from cattle production totaled more than \$1 billion, ranking it in the top five of all Kentucky commodities. It’s predicted Kentucky’s anticipated strong livestock sector could help maintain overall cash receipts above \$8 billion for 2025, approaching the all time high of \$8.3 billion hit in 2023. The top five Kentucky counties for number of beef cattle are: Barren, Pulaski, Madison, Breckinridge and Bourbon.

Harvesting Asparagus



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Asparagus is a perfect perennial addition to any garden. You will receive 15 - 20 years of harvest if you give it a proper start. Asparagus is either male or female. Male plants are preferred over female asparagus because the male can be harvested after 2 years of establishment. It is recommended to wait after 3 years for female asparagus plants. Also, the female plants will produce seed which can become a problem by producing too many small plants. Why not harvest the first year? If you do the asparagus will not be as big and it will not become properly established to the location. This results in a poor-quality plant. Plant asparagus in April in a location with full sun. I make my trenches 12 – 18 inches wide and 6 inches deep. In the trench I form little

hills. On these small hills I spread the asparagus roots over them making sure to flare them evenly out. These hills elevate the crown of the asparagus plant ensuring I do not plant the crowns too deep. I then cover the roots with soil. I put 2 inches of soil over the crowns. I use wheat straw as mulch to help keep weeds down and retain moisture. After two years are reached, harvest male asparagus spears that are 5-8 inches long and that are thicker than a pencil. Stop harvesting when the asparagus spear emergence slows down, spears are smaller than a pencil, or heads fern out on spears less than 6 inches tall.

What to do when lightning strikes

Summer weather is often noted for its warmth and compatibility with outdoor activities. Whether it’s kids at camp once school lets out or families hosting backyard barbecues for loved ones or seniors strolling through parks on pleasant mornings, summer offers outdoor activities for people of all ages. Outdoor recreation is integral to summer fun, but there are instances when the festivities must be taken indoors. Such is the case when thunderstorms strike and lightning poses a safety threat. Knowing what to do when lightning strikes is vital to summer safety, and the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration urges individuals to take the following precautions when storms arrive.

- Know the right places to go. The NOAA notes the best place to be during a lightning storm is inside a large, enclosed structure with plumbing and electri-

cal wiring. Plumbing and electrical wiring will conduct electricity more efficiently than a human body, so the safest place to be when lightning is present is inside a building, such as a home, office or shopping center. If buildings are inaccessible, the NOAA recommends retreating to an enclosed metal vehicle.

- Avoid unsafe retreats. A picnic pavilion at a local park or a baseball dugout at an outdoor athletic complex are unsafe during storms featuring lightning because they feature exposed openings. The NOAA also notes that golf carts and any vehicles with open cabs are unsafe. The NOAA advises against seeking shelter from lightning in beach sheds, metal sheds and carpports,

particularly when safer retreats are accessible.

- Avoid bathing during a lightning storm. Adults may recall their parents not bathing them during lightning storms when they were children, and that cautionary measure is more than mere superstition. Water and metal are good conductors of electricity, so the NOAA advises against taking a bath or shower during a lightning storm.
- Unplug devices if you plan to use them during a storm. Avoid using desktop computers during lightning storms, as such devices typically need to be plugged in for users to access them. If you must use devices like a smartphone or tablet during a lightning storm, be sure to unplug them from wall

outlets before doing so.

- Keep your hands off the radio dial and ignition when riding a storm out in a car. Radio dials, touch screens and ignitions should not be touched when sheltering in a vehicle during a lightning storm. The conducting paths in radios, ignitions, and touchscreens lead to the outside of the vehicle, making people who touch them vulnerable to lightning strikes.

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MEETING DATE CHANGE

Sanitation District #1 of Green County has changed the meeting date for May.

We will meet on Monday, May 12 at 5:30 central time.

PUBLIC NOTICE

An ordinance amending the Green County budget for fiscal year 2024-2025, to include unanticipated receipts from General and Road in the amount of \$382,332.50 and increasing expenditures in the area of Reserve for Transfer, was adopted by the Green County Fiscal Court on April 24 at 9:00 A.M. A copy of the adopted ordinance with full text is available for public inspection at the office of the County Judge/Executive during normal business hours.

SUMMARY OF ENGINE COMPRESSION BRAKES ORDINANCE NO. 2025-0428

AN ORDINANCE RELATED TO ENGINE COMPRESSION BRAKES ORDINANCE

Narrative Summary of the Ordinance:

The use of engine compression brakes, including but not limited to "jake brakes," is prohibited on all commercial vehicles within the jurisdiction of the City of Greensburg.

A copy of the adopted ordinance with full text is available for public inspection at the office of the City Clerk during normal business hours. The Ordinance, in its entirety shall be filed herewith in the Office of the City Clerk of the City of Greensburg, being marked and designated as **Ordinance No. 2025-0428**.

PUBLIC NOTICE

BUDGET HEARING REGARDING PROPOSED USE OF COUNTY ROAD AID AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT ECONOMIC ASSISTANCE (LGEA) FUNDS.

A public hearing will be held by the Green County Fiscal Court in the courtroom of the Green County Courthouse on May 15, 2025 at 4:30 P.M. (CST) for the purpose of obtaining citizens' comments regarding the possible uses of the County Road Aid (CRA) and Local Government Economic Assistance (LGEA) Funds.

All interested persons in Green County are invited to the hearing to submit verbal or written comments on possible uses of the CRA and LGEA Funds. Any person(s) who cannot submit written comments or attend the public hearing, but wishes to submit comments, should call the Office of the County Judge/Executive at (270) 932-4024 by 4:00 P.M. May 15, 2025.