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Office of the President
September 12, 2025

Members, Board of Trustees:

APPROVAL OF DISPOSAL AND DEMOLITION
(UK BUILDING 7816 – FEED PROCESSING CENTER AT
UK RESEARCH AND EDUCATION CENTER, PRINCETON, KENTUCKY)

Recommendation: That the Feed Processing Center at the UK Research and Education Center located at Princeton, Kentucky be declared surplus to the needs of the University and that the Executive Vice President for Finance and Administration be authorized to demolish these properties.

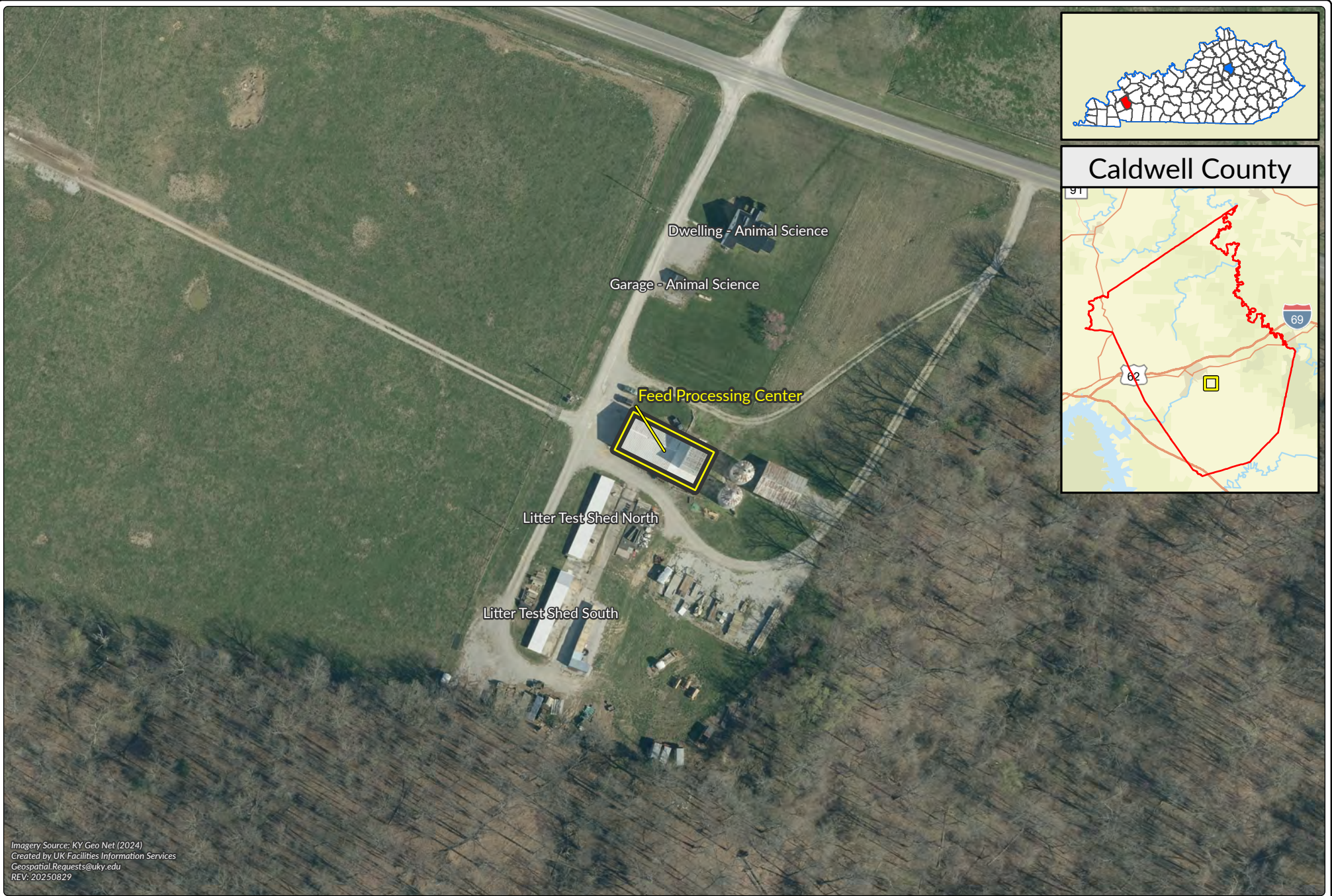
Background: KRS 164A.575(8) states, “The governing board shall sell or otherwise dispose of all real or personal property of the institution which is not needed or has become unsuitable for public use or would be more suitable consistent with the public interest for some other use, as determined by the board.”

The University of Kentucky Research and Education Center (UKREC) in Princeton, Kentucky with more than 1,600 acres serves as the headquarters for more than 65 faculty and staff members representing ten different departments in the Martin-Gatton College of Agriculture, Food and Environment. The loss of the infrastructure of this research hub due to the 2021 tornado was a significant setback to the state’s agricultural industry. However, UKREC is using this as an opportunity to transform into a more advanced research center that better meets the demands of today’s and tomorrow’s agricultural climate.

The aging Feed Processing Center (Bldg. 7816) was constructed in 1955 and has not been used as a feed processing support facility in many years. At 70 years of age, the facility is in poor condition and lacks usefulness in today’s research operations. As the facility has exceeded its useful life and repair or repurposing would be cost prohibitive, demolition is the most economical solution. A new feed storage shed has been constructed recently to support the beef cattle unit on the station.

As the Feed Processing Center is not needed by the University, this property is now surplus to the needs of the University and the proposed demolition is in the best interest of the Commonwealth.

Action taken: ☒ Approved ☐ Disapproved ☐ Other _____



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