

# Agricultural News in Jefferson County

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AGRICULTURE & NATURAL RESOURCES

## March-2005

### Kentucky Grazing School.

Our “spring” Grazing School will be held April 20-21 at the Livestock Arena on the Morehead State University Farm in Morehead, Kentucky. The program will begin at 8:00 on Wednesday and conclude at 3:00 on Thursday. The registration fee is \$100.00. To register, make checks payable to the Kentucky Forage & Grassland Council and send to Rebecca Smith, 400 W.P. Garrigus Building, University of Kentucky, Lexington, KY 40546-0215 (phone – 859-257-5985).

### New alfalfa website.

Over the past few months, a national committee has put together a new “Alfalfa Information Website”. The site, although still in development, has a lot of excellent information on alfalfa. It also has a very good search engine to aid in finding information. If you are interested in alfalfa information, visit [www.alfalfa.info](http://www.alfalfa.info). We also have it as a link on our website at

[www.uky.edu/Ag/Forage](http://www.uky.edu/Ag/Forage)

**Alfalfa and *Peristenus digoneutis*** was discovered in northern Europe by staff of the USDA European Biological Control Laboratory (Montpellier, France). There it was an effective parasitoid of *Lygus rugulipennis* Poppius. Because the latter insect is an ecological equivalent of *Lygus lineolaris* (Palisot) and *L. hesperus* Knight, two closely-related North American pests of many crops, and these tarnished plant bugs lack effective native parasites, *P. digoneutis* was released against *L. lineolaris* in the northeastern US by the USDA Beneficial Insects Laboratory, Newark, DE, under W. H. Day. After considerable efforts over several years, *P. digoneutis* was established in northwestern New Jersey alfalfa in 1984. By 1989, it had spread to southeastern New York. It began to move up the Hudson Valley by 1993 and reached the Canadian border (Clinton County) by 1996. It has been found in seven northeastern states (CT, MA, NH, NJ, NY, PA, VT) and is still spreading. However, it is not moving south of latitude 41°N (New York City), so another parasitoid species that is adapted to a warmer climate is needed there. By William H. Day, USDA ARS, North Atlantic Area.



### **Kentucky van to AFGC in Illinois.**

We hope that many of you will plan to come to the American Forage and Grassland Conference in Bloomington, Illinois June 11-15. The organizers have planned an excellent conference and we are hoping that Kentucky will have a large contingent. Bloomington is an easy drive from Kentucky (5 hrs from Lexington) and if you cannot make the entire meeting consider coming for



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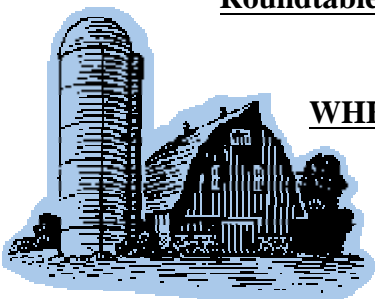
a day or two. On Monday June 13 the conference program will merge with the Illinois Forage Expo and include educational sessions, forage contests, equipment demonstrations, and a range of exhibitors. For a full conference brochure go to [www.afgc.org](http://www.afgc.org) or Ray (see below). The KFGC is considering organizing a van to go to the conference. We would leave the morning of June 11

and return late afternoon June 15. If you are interested in riding on the KFGC van contact Ray Smith at [raysmith1@uky.edu](mailto:raysmith1@uky.edu) or 859-257-3358.

**News on RJR tobacco settlement:** The DeLoach website was updated earlier this week to reflect the RJR settlement and the on-going issue over leaf commitments. They anticipate the remaining cash settlement distribution to occur in June. For more details go to <http://www.deloachclassaction.org/>



### **Roundtable for Chefs and Farmers to Discuss Local Food Economy**



**WHERE:** First Christin Church, 700 J.R. Miller Blvd in Owensboro, Kentucky

**WHEN:** 2 TO 5 P.M., MONDAY, APRIL 18

**WHO:** Cheff, farmers, consumers, other interested parties.

**WHY:** To discuss challenges, needs, supply and demand for making a local food economy work in this area. Mac Stone, with Kentucky Agriculture Department, will be here to discuss incentives and ways to make use of local food workable for restaurants. Amber McCool, owner and chef at The Patron in Louisville, and Kentucky's representative in the Slow Food Movement, will also be here and discuss how she has been able to work successfully with local farmers in the Louisville area to provide fresh, local food to her customers. Robert Perry with the Kentucky Department of Parks will speak on the new programs in the State Parks to use local food, and Larry Sansom and Carl Hill, local farmers who raise beef, lamb, and chickens will discuss their challenges and needs and successes. RSVP to 270-685-2034 or email [aloma.dew@sierraclub.org](mailto:aloma.dew@sierraclub.org)



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Your Virtual Garden Advisor!**

**Located at:** [www.gardendata.org](http://www.gardendata.org)

**Ag Immigration and Labor Law Web Seminar Wednesday - April 13, 2005.**

Mark your calendars and share with your local agriculture community and human resource managers who have responsibility for hiring immigrant agworkers-- Kentucky Cooperative Extension and the Quick Response Team on Working with Latino-Hispanic Audiences presents:  
**When:** This program begins at 8:45 a.m. Central Time / 9:45 a.m. Eastern Time and concludes at 11:30 a.m. Central Time / 12:30 p.m. Eastern Time.

**Where:** Kentucky State University Cooperative Extension Bldg. Room 238 A-B (Cooperative Extension is in Bldg # 3, Visitor Parking is in the adjacent lots.) [http://www.kysu.edu/about\\_ksu/ksu\\_community/campus\\_map.cfm](http://www.kysu.edu/about_ksu/ksu_community/campus_map.cfm)

**What:** Learn how to hire foreign nationals successfully and acquire strategies to aid with retention efforts. This seminar will present key elements of immigration compliance post September 11. This seminar includes information on the Form I-9, updates on immigration law reform impacting farming and agri-business companies, as well as information on which visas are appropriate for different classes of workers , and can help to prevent fines, litigation and other costly business events.

Seminar topics include:

- Immigration 101 for the Farm and Ag-business Employer
- Hiring a Foreign National for Temporary Work - Which Visa to Use
- Green Card Workers
- The Form I-9 and Employer Compliance

For more details about presenters and this seminar, go to:

<http://www.agcareers.com/workshop/Immigration/Immigration.htm>

This program is free and open to the interested public--please call 502-597-5905 to indicate if plan to attend so we can make necessary local preparations. If you have other questions about this seminar or the Quick Response Team, contact Gae Broadwater, 502-597-6325 (voice mail) or [gbroadwater@gwmail.kysu.edu](mailto:gbroadwater@gwmail.kysu.edu)

**The USDA will sell more than 100 million pounds of surplus tobacco.**

The U.S. Department of Agriculture announced yesterday that it will sell more than 100 million pounds of surplus tobacco, which means that tobacco growers are likely to grow that much less, an economist said. "It won't have a huge effect on price - there's such a huge amount on the market anyway," said Blake Brown, an agricultural economist at N.C. State University. "But it won't help," he said. "This basically displaces tobacco that farmers or other countries could produce." The federal buyout of tobacco quotas that Congress approved last October said that the USDA could decide how to dispose of surplus leaf that the Commodity Credit Corp. had taken under loan as part of the federal price-support program that the buyout ended.

# UK BULL SALE

APRIL 16 2005

## OFFERING 8 TWO YEAR OLD BULLS



### EPD'S:

### BASE PRICE

UK Charisma N001  
BW +3.3, WW +43, YW +78, Milk +24

\$1700

UK Charisma N004  
BW +6.2, WW +37, YW +75, Milk +18

\$1500

UK Premium N014  
BW +7.0, WW + 40, YW + 80, Milk +20

\$1600

UK Premium N016  
BW +5.9, WW +35, YW +70, Milk +24

\$1500

UK Traveler N024  
BW +3.0, WW +37, YW +68, Milk +22

\$1600

UK Super X 745 N027  
BW +5.4, WW +44, YW +80, Milk +15

\$1700

UK Focus N030  
BW -0.2, WW +43, YW +86, Milk +26

\$2000

UK Focus N093  
BW +1.9, WW +42, YW +76, Milk +20

\$1900

Bulls have been wormed, and vaccinated for Vibrio, Lepto, IBR, BVD, BRSV, PI3, and H Somnus. A breeding soundness examination will be conducted prior to sale and only those bulls that are listed as "Satisfactory Potential Breeders" will be offered.

Come see and hear

# ***Senator Mitch McConnell***

When he accepts

The Louisville Agricultural Club's

## **Outstanding Service to Agriculture Award**

- Date:** Friday, April 1, 2005
- Time:** 11:30 AM
- Location:** Kentucky Farm Bureau State Headquarters  
(see attached map)
- Hosts:** The Louisville Agricultural Club, Inc., and  
The UK Ag and HES Alumni Association.

Please R.S.V.P. to Phillis at the Jefferson County Cooperative Extension (502) 569-2344 or pmudd@uky.edu by Monday, March 28th,

Guests are welcome but call soon as space is limited.  
Cost: \$8.00 per person.