

The actions delineated below were taken in open session of the Kentucky Agricultural Development Board at the October 20, 2023, business meeting. This is provided in summary form; an official record of the meeting is available in the permanent records of the Kentucky Office of Agricultural Policy, 107 Corporate Drive, Frankfort, Kentucky 40601.



**Kentucky Agricultural Development Board
Summary Minutes of the Regular Business Meeting
October 20, 2023
Franklin County Extension Office
101 Lakeview Court Frankfort, KY**

Call to Order

Commissioner of Agriculture Ryan Quarles presiding, called the Kentucky Agricultural Development Board (KADB) regular business meeting to order at 10:03 a.m. (EDT).

Roll Call

The following members were present: Commissioner of Agriculture Ryan Quarles, Matt Sawyers (designee for Governor Andy Beshear), Sarah Butler (designee for Secretary Jeff Noel), Dr. Scott Radcliffe (designee for Dean Nancy Cox), Dr. Kirk Pomper (designee for KSU President Dr. Koffi C. Akakpo), Bobby Foree, Dr. Gordon Jones, Al Pedigo, Matt Hinton, Michael Peterson, Brenda Paul, Wayne Hunt, and Fritz Giesecke.

Absent Members: Tom McKee, Mark Barker, and Suzanne Cecil White.

Notification of Media

Commissioner Quarles received verification from Hannah Sharp-Johnson, Boards and Special Events Manager, that the media had been notified of the KADB monthly meeting.

Welcome

Commissioner Quarles welcomed everyone to the KADB meeting. Board members and guests participated in person.

Approval of Minutes

Commissioner Quarles entertained a motion to approve the minutes of the September 15, 2023, board meeting.

Mr. Hunt moved to approve the minutes, as presented; Mr. Foree seconded the motion.

VOTE: Motion Passed; Unanimous.

Kentucky Department of Agriculture Report

Commissioner Quarles updated the board on activities of the Kentucky Department of Agriculture (KDA).

Executive Director's Report

Commissioner Quarles called on Brian Lacefield, KOAP Executive Director, to present the KOAP Executive Director's report to the board.

Mr. Lacefield gave an overview of his activities since the September board meeting. Mr. Lacefield referenced the upcoming KAFC and KADB Joint Board Meeting in Hopkinsville, KY, on Thursday,

November 16 – Friday, November 17. Lastly, Mr. Lacefield congratulated Bill McCloskey for being nominated as the new Vice President for the National Council of State Ag Finance Programs.

Deputy Executive Director's Report

Commissioner Quarles called on Bill McCloskey, KOAP Deputy Executive Director, to present the compliance and financial report to the board.

Mr. McCloskey referenced the Kentucky Agricultural Development Fund State Pool Tobacco Funds (*on file*) as of September 20, 2023.

Mr. McCloskey reviewed Kentucky Agricultural Development Fund County Balances (*on file*) as of September 20, 2023.

Mr. McCloskey reviewed the KAFC Statement of Financial Position (*on file*) as of September 30, 2023.

Mr. Hinton moved to approve the Financial Report, as presented; Ms. Paul seconded the motion.

VOTE: Motion Passed; Unanimous.

Keith Rogers assumed chair at 10:52 a.m.

KADB On-Farm Energy Committee

Mr. Rogers called on Chelsea Smither to give the KADB On-Farm Energy Committee report.

Mr. Giesecke moved to accept the committee report, as presented; Mr. Pedigo seconded the motion.

VOTE: Motion Passed; Unanimous.

KADB On-Farm Water Management Committee

Mr. Rogers called on Mr. Lacefield to give the KADB On-Farm Water Management Committee report. Mr. Lacefield stated that the KADB On-Farm Water Management Committee recommends to sunset the On-Farm Water Management Program, effective immediately, and disband the On-Farm Water Management Committee.

Mr. Giesecke moved to accept the committee report and recommendation, as presented; Ms. Paul seconded the motion.

VOTE: Motion Passed; Unanimous.

KADB Food Safety & Efficiency Committee

Mr. Rogers called on Mr. Hunt to give the KADB Food Safety & Efficiency Committee report.

Mr. Hunt moved to accept the committee report, as presented; Mr. Pedigo seconded the motion.

VOTE: Motion Passed; Unanimous.

KADB KY Proud Recipient Review Committee

Mr. Rogers called on Mr. Peterson to give the KADB KY Proud Recipient Review Committee report.

Mr. Peterson moved to accept the committee report, as presented; Mr. Foree seconded the motion.

VOTE: Motion Passed; Unanimous.

KADB KY Dairy Development Council Recipient Review Committee

Mr. Rogers called on Dr. Jones to give the KADB KY Dairy Development Council Recipient Review Committee report.

Dr. Jones moved to accept the committee report, as presented; Mr. Hinton seconded the motion.

VOTE: Motion Passed; Unanimous.

KADB KY Horticulture Council Recipient Review Committee

Mr. Rogers called on Dr. Pomper to give the KADB KY Horticulture Council Recipient Review Committee report.

Dr. Pomper moved to accept the committee report, as presented; Mr. Hinton seconded the motion.

VOTE: Motion Passed; Unanimous.

KADB Program Evaluation Committee

Mr. Rogers called on Dr. Jones to give the KADB Program Evaluation Committee report.

Dr. Jones moved to accept the committee report, as presented; Ms. Paul seconded the motion.

VOTE: Motion Passed; Unanimous.

Memo Action Items

A2022-0016 Alliance Packing KY, LLC

Mr. Rogers called on Ms. Smither to present a memorandum (*on file*) regarding a six-month time extension to complete the project. The applicant reached out to staff requesting a six-month time extension and explained that due to harvest and food safety concerns, they have not been able to finish one part of the project. If approved the new expiration date would be May 6, 2024.

Staff recommended approval.

Mr. Hinton moved to approve the staff recommendation, as presented; Mr. Peterson seconded the motion.

VOTE: Motion Passed; Unanimous.

A2022-0166 Caliente Therapy

Mr. Rogers called on Ms. Smither to present a memorandum (*on file*) regarding a six-month time extension to attend more County Ag. Development Council meetings for funding. Staff does not recommend approving the extension because the applicant was given 12 months from the execution of the legal agreement to obtain county funds.

Mr. Foree moved to approve the applicant an additional six months to obtain county funds; Mr. Peterson seconded the motion.

VOTE: Motion Passed; Unanimous.

A2021-0228 Hampton Premium Meats

Mr. Rogers called on Jesslyn Watson to present a memorandum (*on file*) regarding a budget amendment. The Food Safety & Efficiency Committee recommends approving the budget amendment, up to the remaining balance of \$176,696 in state funds. The budget must be revised by the recipient to reflect the current balance of funds prior to the amended legal agreement's execution.

Mr. Pedigo moved to approve the committee recommendation, as presented; Mr. Hunt seconded the motion.

VOTE: Motion Passed; Unanimous.

New Business

New Applications for Referral

Mr. Rogers called on Mr. McCloskey to present the new applications for referral.

Mr. McCloskey referenced six (6) new applications for referral.

Mr. Hinton moved to refer the submitted applications to the appropriate committees; Mr. Giesecke seconded the motion.

VOTE: Motion Passed; Unanimous.

Programs Recommended for Approval

Mr. Rogers called on Sarah Bryant to present the programs recommended for approval.

Ms. Bryant referenced three (3) County Agricultural Investment Program (CAIP) applications totaling \$377,435; one (1) Deceased Farm Animal Removal (DAR) totaling \$12,500; one (1) Youth Ag Incentives Program totaling \$50,000; The total program funding is \$439,935.00.

Staff recommended approval of these applications.

Dr. Jones moved to approve all programs meeting state guidelines, as presented; Mr. Giesecke seconded the motion.

VOTE: Motion Passed; Unanimous.

Requested Program Amendments

Mr. Rogers called on Ms. Bryant to present the requested program amendments.

Ms. Bryant referenced two (2) county requests for additional funds for existing YAIP and CAIP programs totaling \$9,400 (Harrison and Adair Counties).

Staff recommended approval of these amendments.

Mr. Hinton to approve staff recommendation, as presented; Mr. Foree seconded the motion.

VOTE: Motion Passed; Unanimous.

On-Farm Energy Efficiency Incentives Program Recommendations for Funding

Mr. Rogers called on Ms. Smither to present requests for On-Farm Energy Efficiency Incentives Program funds.

Ms. Smither referenced nine (9) On-Farm Energy Program applications totaling \$72,759 in state funds: Madison (\$10,150), Wayne (\$18,729), Hancock (\$20,300), and Monroe (\$23,580) counties.

Mr. Hinton moved to approve the energy projects as presented; Dr. Jones seconded the motion.

VOTE: Motion Passed; Unanimous.

Projects

Mr. Rogers called on Ms. Smither, Ms. Watson, and Savanna Hill to present the following projects.

A2023-0206 Cornett Enterprises, LLC

Ms. Smither referenced the above application requesting \$3,750 in state funds for funding consultation fees for a Food Safety GAP Audit.

The Food Safety & Efficiency Committee recommends funding the request of \$3,750 in state funds, subject to the terms and conditions.

Mr. Hunt moved to approve the committee recommendation, as presented; Mr. Giesecke seconded the motion.

VOTE: Motion Passed; Unanimous.

A2023-0214 Gate Keeper Cattle Company, LLC

Ms. Watson referenced the above application requesting \$8,000 in Union County and \$8,127.73 in state funds to purchase an enclosed trailer and food preparation equipment for the Gate Keeper Cattle Company, LLC.

The Blue Application Review Committee recommends funding the applicant up to \$8,000 in Union County funds, subject to the terms and conditions.

Mr. Foree moved to approve the committee recommendation, as presented; Mr. Hunt seconded the motion.

VOTE: Motion Passed; Unanimous.

A2023-0229 Creek Veterinary Services

Ms. Smither referenced the above application requesting \$60,545 in state and Allen County funds to purchase a new light duty regular cab truck with a mobile vet clinic insert.

The Blue Application Review Committee recommends funding the applicant's request of \$60,545 in state and Allen County funds, subject to the terms and conditions.

Mr. Hinton moved to approve the committee recommendation, as presented; Dr. Jones seconded the motion.

VOTE: Motion Passed; Unanimous.

A2023-0230 Raymer Veterinary Services

Ms. Hill referenced the above application requesting \$81,333 in state funds and \$16,267 in Bracken and Mason County funds to purchase a truck, a custom truck vault, and to help construct an office area.

The Blue Application Review Committee recommends funding the applicants request of \$81,333 in state funds and \$16,267 in Bracken and Mason County funds contingent upon county commitments, additional information, and the terms and conditions.

Mr. Hinton moved to approve the committee recommendation, as presented; Mr. Foree seconded the motion.

VOTE: Motion Passed; Unanimous.

A2023-0231 Kentucky State University

Ms. Smither referenced the above application requesting \$1,359,000 in state funds over a two year period (2024-2025) to aid in continuing its KSU Mini-Grant Program to help producers across the commonwealth.

The Blue Application Review Committee recommends funding the request of \$1,359,000 in state funds over a two year period (2024-2025), subject to the terms and conditions.

Mr. Hunt moved to approve the committee recommendation, as presented; Dr. Jones seconded the motion.

VOTE: Motion Passed; Dr. Pomper Abstained.

A2023-0232 Kentucky Center for Agriculture and Rural Development, Inc.

Ms. Watson referenced the above application requesting \$900,000 in state funds over two years to deliver technical assistance and provide educational opportunities to agricultural and rural business.

The Blue Application Review Committee recommends funding the applicant up to \$900,000 in state funds over a two year period, subject to the terms and conditions.

Mr. Hunt moved to approve the committee recommendation, as presented; Mr. Giesecke seconded the motion.

VOTE: Motion Passed; Unanimous.

A2023-0234 Berea College, Grow Appalachia

Ms. Hill referenced the above application requesting \$322,260 in state funds to run the Eastern Kentucky Direct Integrated Grower Support Program (EKY-DIGS) to help Eastern Kentucky farmers adopt efficient production practices, which will lead to growth in the agriculture sector and more profitable farms in the region.

The Blue Application Review Committee recommends funding the applicants request of \$322,260 in state funds, subject to the terms and conditions.

Mr. Hinton moved to approve the committee recommendation, as presented; Mr. Peterson seconded the motion.

VOTE: Motion Passed; Unanimous.

A2023-0235 Reid's Orchard

Ms. Watson referenced the above application requesting \$10,700 in Daviess County funds to purchase a 5-ton compressor, evaporator, and cooling system for their business.

The Blue Application Review Committee recommends funding the applicant up to \$10,700 in Daviess County funds, subject to the terms and conditions.

Mr. Pedigo moved to approve the committee recommendation, as presented; Ms. Paul seconded the motion.

VOTE: Motion Passed; Unanimous.

A2023-0236 Adair County Board of Education

Ms. Smither referenced the above application requesting \$50,000 in Adair County funds to build a new 30' X 84' even span greenhouse at the Adair County Agriculture Facility.

The Blue Application Review Committee recommends funding the request of \$50,000 in Adair County funds, subject to the terms and conditions.

Mr. Peterson moved to approve the committee recommendation, as presented; Mr. Foree seconded the motion.

VOTE: Motion Passed; Unanimous.

A2023-0239 Logan Premium Meats and Processing LLC

Ms. Watson referenced the above application requesting \$3,750 in state funds for funding consultation fees for a Halal certification.

The Food Safety & Efficiency Committee recommends funding Hampton Premium Meats up to \$3,000 in state funds as a general KADF project, not to exceed 50% of the total project cost, subject to the terms and conditions.

Mr. Hunt moved to approve the committee recommendation, as presented; Mr. Hinton seconded the motion.

VOTE: Motion Passed; Unanimous.

Pending Applications

Mr. McCloskey stated two (2) applications are pending.

A2023-0124 Sylvatica Forest Farm, LLC

A2023-0209 Parkway Farms, LLC

No action necessary on pending projects or programs.

Closing Remarks

Mr. Rogers stated the KADB Blue Application Review Committee would meet thirty minutes upon adjournment of the KADB business meeting.

The next KADB meeting will be held at the Christian County Extension Office on November 17, 2023, at 10:00 a.m. (EST).

Adjournment

There being no further business, Mr. Rogers entertained a motion to adjourn the meeting at 12:07 p.m. (EDT).

Mr. Hinton moved to adjourn the October KADB meeting; Mr. Sawyers seconded the motion

VOTE: Motion Passed; Unanimous.

APPROVED DATE: 11-17-2023

PRESIDING OFFICER: *Ryan Quarles*
Commissioner Ryan Quarles

BOARD SECRETARY: *Hannah Sharp-Johnson*
Hannah Sharp-Johnson, Board Secretary

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1. A detailed list of the New Applications for Referral is attached as Appendix A.
 2. A detailed list of the applications funded under the listed programs is attached as Appendix B.
 3. A detailed list of requested Program Amendments is attached as Appendix C.
 4. A copy of the Blue Application Review Committee meeting minutes is attached as Appendix D.
 5. A copy of the KADB On-Farm Water Management Committee meeting minutes is attached as Appendix E.
 6. A copy of the KADB KY Proud Recipient Review Committee meeting minutes is attached as Appendix F.
 7. A copy of the KADB KY Dairy Development Council Recipient Review Committee meeting minutes is attached as Appendix G.
 8. A copy of the KADB KY Horticulture Council Recipient Review Committee meeting minutes is attached as Appendix H.
 9. A copy of the KADB KY Beef Network Recipient Review Committee meeting minutes is attached as Appendix I.

New Applications for Referral

APP #	APPLICANT	COUNTY	Cmte.
A2023-0241	City of Versailles <i>Farmers Market</i>	Woodford	Blue
A2023-0243	David Andrew Langley <i>Grain Marketing Project</i>	Hardin	Blue
A2023-0247	Thomas Veterinary Services, PLLC <i>Veterinary Practice Improvements</i>	Warren	Blue
A2023-0248	Wilderness Trail Area Beef Marketing Alliance <i>WTA Beef Marketing Alliance Expansion</i>	Laurel	Blue
A2023-0249	Frontier Veterinary Services, LLC <i>Vet Practice Improvements</i>	Todd	Blue
A2023-0251	Purchase Co-op, LLC <i>Grain Bins & Structure</i>	Graves	Blue

Programs Recommended for Approval

CAIP			
<u>Application</u>	<u>Program Administrator</u>	<u>County</u>	<u>Funds Requested</u>
A2023-0242	Kenton County Farm Bureau, Inc.	Kenton	\$67,435.00
A2023-0244	Wayne County Agriculture Development Council, Inc.	Wayne	\$150,000.00
A2023-0245	Nelson County Conservation District	Hardin	\$160,000.00
			\$377,435.00
Deceased Farm Animal Removal (DAR)			
<u>Application</u>	<u>Program Administrator</u>	<u>County</u>	<u>Funds Requested</u>
A2023-0240	Hardin County Fiscal Court	Hardin	\$12,500.00
			\$12,500.00
Youth Ag Incentives Program (Youth)			
<u>Application</u>	<u>Program Administrator</u>	<u>County</u>	<u>Funds Requested</u>
A2023-0246	Madison County Farm Bureau, Inc. of Madison County, Kentucky	Madison	\$50,000.00
			\$50,000.00
Total County Funds Recommended for Approval in Programs:			\$439,935.00

Requested Program Amendments

App # A2023-0071
Applicant Name Harrison County Beef Cattle Association, Inc. (YAIP)
Original Amount Approved \$5,250
Execution Date 06/08/2023
Requested Change The applicant requests an additional \$1,900 in Harrison County funds for the *YAIP Program*. The request received a high priority from the County Council.
 This is the first request for an amendment to this application number.
 The term of the program shall remain 12-months from the execution date of the original agreement.
 Approval of this request would bring the program total to \$7,150.
Recommend Approval

App # A2023-0136
Applicant Name Adair County Cattlemen’s Association, Inc. (CAIP)
Original Amount Approved \$206,000
Execution Date 07/24/2023
Requested Change The applicant requests an additional \$7,500 in Adair County funds for the *CAIP Program*. The request received a high priority from the County Council.
 This is the first request for an amendment to this application number.
 The term of the program shall remain 12-months from the execution date of the original agreement.
 Approval of this request would bring the program total to \$213,500.
Recommend Approval

APPENDIX D: Blue Application Review Committee Minutes

Meeting Date:	October 20, 2023
Meeting Location:	Franklin County Extension Office
Meeting Chair:	Bill McCloskey
Attendees:	Committee Members: Bobby Force, Sarah Butler, Michael Peterson, Wayne Hunt, Al Pedigo, and Keith Rogers. KOAP Staff: Bill McCloskey, Brian Lacefield, Nick Van Over, Savanna Hill, Brian Murphy, Hannah Johnson, Chelsea Smither and Jesslyn Watson.
Minutes Issued By:	Jesslyn Watson
Meeting Call to Order:	12:50 p.m. EDT
Meeting Adjourned:	2:14 p.m. EDT

Agenda Items:

1. A2023-0251 Purchase Co-op
 - a) The committee unanimously recommended pending the application, per the applicant's request to gather more information before presenting their revised application to the committee in November.

2. A2023-0241 City of Versailles
 - a) The applicant withdrew this application on Thursday, October 12th, 2023.

3. A2023-0243 David Andrew Langley
 - a) The committee unanimously recommended funding the applicant county funds matched by state funds, with the difference up to \$250,000 in a participation loan.

4. A2023-0247 Thomas Veterinary Services, PLLC
 - a) The committee unanimously recommended funding the applicants request of \$82,500 in state funds and \$16,500 in multi-county funds.

5. A2023-0248 Wilderness Trail Area Beef Marketing Alliance
 - a) The committee unanimously recommended funding county funds matched by state funds, up to \$344,653.

6. A2023-0249 Frontier Veterinary Services, LLC
 - a) The committee unanimously recommended funding the applicant \$100,00 in state and county funds, contingent on the county funds commitment.

The committee adjourned by acclamation.

APPENDIX E: On-Farm Water Management Committee Meeting Minutes

Meeting Date:	10/11/2023
Meeting Location:	KOAP via Zoom Meeting ID: 856 8715 5851
Committee Chair:	Bill McCloskey
Attendees:	Committee Members: Fritz Gieseke, Eddie Melton, and John Dix KOAP Staff: Hannah Sharp-Johnson, Bill McCloskey, Brian Lacefield, Brian Murphy, Diana Carrier, Jesslyn Watson, Olivia Randolph, Tera Roberts, Sarah Bryant, and Nick Van Over. Guests: Dr. Cindy Finneseth (KHC) and Bill Caldwell.
Minutes Issued By:	Hannah Sharp-Johnson
Meeting Call to Order:	9:00 a.m.
Meeting Adjourned:	10:15 a.m.

Agenda Items:
<p>I. Kentucky Horticulture Council - Small Scale Grants</p> <p style="padding-left: 20px;">a. Dr. Cindy Finneseth gave an update on the Kentucky Horticulture Council's On-Farm Water Small Scale Grant cost-share program.</p> <p>II. Future of the On-Farm Water Management Program</p> <p>The Committee discussed the benefits of maintaining the program and the technical expertise of the Committee. After much discussion, the Committee recommends to sunset the On-Farm Water Management Program and disband the On-Farm Water Management Committee.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">The meeting was adjourned by acclamation.</p>

KHC On-Farm Water Management Program Update

Table 1. Horticulture operations in Kentucky that have applied to participate in the 2023 Kentucky Horticulture Council's On-Farm Water Small Scale Grant cost-share program (January – October 2023).

Operation	Operator	County	Project Cost	Reimbursement	Project Status ¹
Sustainable Harvest Farm	Ford Waterstrat	Laurel	\$29,204.41	\$10,000.00	Complete
Lazy Eight Stock Farm	Bryce Baumann	Madison	\$20,000	\$10,000	Approved
Slak Market Farm	Kenya Abraham	Fayette	\$10,000	\$5,000	Approved
Stepping Stone Farm	Brandon Barnett	Harrison			Inquiry
Allen Farm	William Allen	Wayne			Inquiry
Van Meter Family Farm	Danny Van Meter	Grayson			Inquiry
Hinton's Orchard & Farm Market	Jeremy Hinton	LaRue			Inquiry
Riverfarm	Ben Cecil	Oldham	\$3,605	\$1,802	Approved
Berkshire Farm	Jonathan Berkshire	Gallatin			Inquiry
Nanny Land Farm	JoJuanna Leavel-Greene	Anderson			Inquiry
Reynolds Agri-Solutions	Daniel Reynolds	Taylor			Inquiry
Mammoth Cave Transplants	Janet Dennison	Edmonson			Inquiry
Honey Vale Farm	Holli Nance	Grayson			Ineligible
Total Grower Investment (Jan – Oct 2023)			\$29,204.41		
			Total Project Reimbursements (Jan – Oct 2023)	\$10,000.00	

¹ Ineligible = grower does not meet requirements of program (i.e. income requirement, existing water source, insufficient best practices, etc...); Inquiry = grower has expressed interest in program, application not yet submitted; Review = grower has submitted application, pending approval; Approved = grower application received and approved, waiting for project expense submission; Complete = grower project and site visit complete, payment distributed.

Sustainable Harvest Farm On-Farm Water Management Project

One grower, Ford Waterstrat, has completed his project and has participated in the cost-share component of the program. He will describe his project and participate on a grower panel at the 2024 Kentucky Fruit and Vegetable Conference (January 2024) and record a couple of short videos for the One Good Idea grower knowledge transfer hub. As part of his project, irrigation supplies were purchased to optimize water management of new production fields, including a passive filter, pump, and lay-flat lines with pre-installed valves (Fig. 1). The pvc pipe with slits is a simple, passive filter system requiring minimal plumping. This inexpensive solution excludes particulate matter present in a water source pre-pump, which extends the lifespan of the pump, avoids lines being



plugged preventing water distribution, and improves food safety by excluding organic materials that can carry human health pathogens like *E. coli*. While field layout is critical and must be more precise using pre-installed valves for lateral lines, these valve components are more durable than traditional products used by growers and are expected to have a longer life span, off-setting the higher initial purchase price.



Fig. 1. Sustainable Harvest Farm On-Farm Water Management Project.

APPENDIX F: KDA Recipient Review Committee Minutes

Meeting Date:	October 18, 2023
Meeting Location:	Zoom Video Conferencing
Meeting Chair:	Chelsea Smither
Attendees:	Members: Sarah Butler, Wayne Hunt, Suzanne Cecil White, and Michael Peterson. KDA Staff: Chad Smith, Melanie McPartlin, and Alexis Smith. KOAP Staff: Bill McCloskey, Brian Murphy, Brian Lacefield, and Chelsea Smither.
Minutes Issued By:	Chelsea Smither
Meeting Call to Order:	9:04 AM EST
Meeting Adjourned:	10:38 AM EST
Agenda Items:	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. A2022-0208 Grant (Budget) Ms. McPartlin reviewed the five budget categories, highlighted expenditures to date, and encumbrances. 2. A2022-0208 Grant (Benchmarks) Ms. McPartlin provided an update on progress towards the grant's goals/benchmarks for each program area below. <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. POP <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 35 applications were approved. • 8 of the 35 applications were first-time grantees. • \$5.6 million in direct farm impact. b. Branding & Advertising <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 7 sponsorships took place this 2nd Quarter of 2023 including WineFest, the KY Thoroughbred Assoc. Derby Trainers' Dinner, and the KY State Fair Cookout Tent. • KY Proud worked with 15 social media influencers on the Farmers' Market campaign who delivered 32 posts that garnered 5.5% engagement. • The Chamber of Commerce Dinner is the only encumbered sponsorship for 2024. c. Retail <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Beginning to work with Publix, which has been connected with What Chefs Want due to the large order distribution needs. • Still continuing their work with Kroger, Houchens, and others. d. Buy Local <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Enrollment rose from 106 to 114. • Over halfway to their \$1.6 mil annual goal of Kentucky Proud purchases. e. Farm-to-Fork <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • There were 16 events in 14 counties during this period.

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3. Other:

- a. Discussion on how to assist producers with their internet presence with plans to discuss further at the next meeting.
- b. The next meeting will take place on February 14, 2024, at 9 AM via Zoom.
- c. There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

APPENDIX G: Kentucky Dairy Development Council Recipient Review Committee Meeting Minutes

Meeting Date:	October 20, 2023
Meeting Location:	Franklin County Extension Office
Committee Chair:	Dr. Gordon Jones
Attendees:	Committee members: Dr. Gordon Jones, Tim Hughes, and Dr. Scott Radcliffe (Proxy to Dean Nancy Cox). Staff: Jesslyn Watson, Sarah Bryant, Brian Murphy, Brian Lacefield, Nick Van Over, and Bill McCloskey. KDDC Representatives: H. H. Barlow, Jennifer Hickerson, Tori Embry, David Roberts, and Freeman Brundidge.
Minutes Issued By:	Jesslyn Watson
Meeting Call to Order:	8:07 a.m. EDT
Meeting Adjourned:	9:38 a.m. EDT
Agenda Items:	
<p>1. A2022-0205 Second Triannual Report Jennifer Hickerson opened discussion on the budget vs expenditures from the period of May-August of 2023, as well as the expenditures made cumulative from the year to date. KOAP staff requested that future expense reports be split into two separate pages: one page displaying the cumulative expenses, and a second page with the triannual period expenses. The upcoming reporting date deadlines were discussed, with the expectation that submitting all requested information should be done prior to the set deadlines given by KOAP staff and/or the legal agreement. KDDC representatives then provided status updates on the achievements and challenges they have experienced within the period between May-August. In total, over 243 dairy farms have been reached by KDDC consultants, with 128 dairy producers being actively involved in the Milk 4.0 Program.</p> <p>2. Status of Audit Mr. Barlow dispersed copies of the audit to committee members at the beginning of the meeting. However, since additional time was necessary to review the documents, the discussion of the audit will be held until the next meeting.</p> <p>3. A2022-0205 Budget Amendment Request KDDC representatives presented a proposed budget amendment to introduce a new program for dairy producers, Management Plus Program. This new program will include a same-sex semen cost-share option for producers to utilize on their herd. Currently, the Beef on Dairy Program has been approved for a total of \$200,000 over a two-year period. If approved, Beef on Dairy will have access to \$40,000 over a two-year period and the Management Plus Program would receive \$160,000. KDDC representatives discussed the current hesitations of producers to participate in the Beef on Dairy program due to a possible risk of maintaining a sustainable heifer inventory in the herd. Originally, this new program included a targeted survey on the operation goals and needs of the dairy farms. It was suggested and later agreed upon that KDDC conduct a generalized survey to Kentucky dairy producers statewide to gauge a better</p>	

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understanding of what could aid their operation, whether it be what the Management Plus Program would offer or other investments to better impact operations, such as cost-share to make environmental changes. KDDC will provide KOAP staff with survey results prior to the next KDDC Recipient Review Committee meeting.

After further discussion, the committee members unanimously recommended pending the budget amendment request to provide additional time to review the audit and future results of the dairy producer survey. Dr. Gordon Jones made the motion and Dr. Scott Radcliffe seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

4. Recommendation of 2024 funding (\$945,780)

Due to limited time to review the audit and an interest in learning results from the dairy producer survey, the recommendation of the second year funding was pending in the same motion from the budget amendment request. Dr. Gordon Jones made the motion and Dr. Scott Radcliffe seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

5. KDDC Suggestions for CAIP

KOAP staff, Sarah Bryant, provided KDDC representatives with an overview of how program changes are made to the County Agricultural Investment Program (CAIP) each year. In 2024, KDDC will be asked as an industry stakeholder to offer suggestions to edit the CAIP guidelines that may benefit Kentucky's dairy producers.

The meeting was adjourned by acclamation.

Next Meeting: Monday, November 27th, 2023, at 9:00 a.m. EST via Zoom

APPENDIX H: Kentucky Horticulture Council Recipient Review Committee Meeting Minutes

Meeting Date:	October 19, 2023
Meeting Location:	KOAP <i>via</i> Zoom Meeting ID: 811 2679 0666
Committee Chair:	Dr. Kirk Pomper
Attendees:	Committee: Bobby Forcee, Fritz Giesecke, Dr. Kirk Pomper, and Tim Hughes (KDA Rep.) KOAP: Bill McCloskey, Sarah Bryant, Brian Murphy, and Hannah Sharp-Johnson KHC: Dr. Cindy Finneseth Guests: Tina Johnson (KDA)
Minutes Issued By:	Sarah Bryant
Meeting Call to Order:	9:02 a.m. EDT
Meeting Adjourned:	10:39 a.m. EDT
Agenda Items:	
<p>I. A2022-0161 Grant</p> <p>a. Dr. Cindy Finneseth gave the Committee an update on the Kentucky Horticulture Council's (KHC) activities, projects and recent events, since their last report.</p>	
<p>II. Fiscal Information – Update</p> <p>a. Dr. Finneseth gave the Committee an update on the budget, staffing, and other funding and opportunities the KHC has received and the programs they're able to continue.</p>	
<p>III. Benchmarks, Goals, & Objectives – Progress Update</p> <p>a. The Committee reviewed the progress the KHC has made in all program areas.</p> <p>b. Dr. Finneseth noted that the Direct Contacts benchmark and progress might not be completely accurate due to their newly implemented time management system, however, she expects to meet the benchmark by the end of the year.</p>	
<p>IV. Recommendation for 2024 Funds</p> <p>a. The Committee unanimously recommended approving 2024 funds of \$940,011 to be made available on January 1, 2024.</p>	
<p>V. Discussion</p> <p>a. The Committee and Dr. Finneseth discussed the \$8.6 million that the Kentucky Department of Agriculture (KDA) was awarded through the USDA Resilient Food Systems Infrastructure (RFSI) program. Mr. Hughes stated that the program is still developing and discussed some details of the program.</p> <p>b. Dr. Finneseth discussed some of the challenges that growers are currently facing, such as damage to crops due to wildlife.</p> <p>c. Dr. Finneseth discussed the upcoming Fruit and Vegetable Conference (January 3-4, 2024) agenda and programs.</p>	
<p>The meeting was adjourned by acclamation.</p>	
<p>Next Meeting: Thursday, February 15, 2024, at 9:00 a.m. EST</p>	

APPENDIX I: Kentucky Beef Network Recipient Review Committee Meeting Minutes

Meeting Date:	October 25, 2023
Meeting Location:	Eden Shale Farm
Committee Chair:	Bill McCloskey
Attendees:	Committee: John Chism, Brenda Paul, and Al Pedigo KOAP: Bill McCloskey, Diana Carrier, Hannah Johnson, Savanna Hill, Brian Murphy, Sarah Bryant, and Chelsea Smither KBN: Becky Thompson, Dave Maples, Dan Miller, Allan Bryant, and Jacob Harrod UK: Dr. Kenny Burdine, Dr. Chris Teutsch, Dr. Ray Smith, Dr. Darrh Bullock, Dr. Les Anderson, Dr. Katie VanValin, Dr. Steve Higgins, Tyler Purvis, and Maggie Ginn
Minutes Issued By:	Savanna Hill
Meeting Call to Order:	9:13 a.m. EDT
Meeting Adjourned:	10:44 a.m. EDT
Agenda Items:	
<p>I. A2022-0207 Second Triannual Report</p> <p>a. Bill McCloskey called the meeting to order and everyone present gave a brief introduction.</p> <p>II. Benchmarks, Goals, & Objectives – Progress Update</p> <p>a. Mrs. Thompson began by talking about the Program Feedback Survey.</p> <p>b. The Committee reviewed the progress KBN has made in all program areas.</p> <p>c. UK and KBN staff gave an update for each program since the last report and referenced the budget for each program.</p> <p>III. Discussion</p> <p>a. Dr. VanValin discussed the Managing Cattle in Confinement Conference to be held at the Hardin County Extension Office on December 14.</p> <p>b. The Committee and Dr. Anderson discussed the Back to Basics program. The Committee asked if they could document the profitability and/or the return on investment for each producer that is enrolled in the program.</p> <p>c. Dr. Bullock discussed the Beef Cattle Seedstock Symposium and how genomic testing is evolving. The Committee discussed the possibility of incorporating additional genomic testing for heifers into CAIP in the future.</p> <p>d. Dr. VanValin discussed the Master Cattleman Program and the increase in demand for the program. Twenty counties have reached out to host the event and there will be a fully online option available soon.</p> <p>IV. Recommendation for 2024 Funds</p> <p>a. The Committee unanimously recommended approving 2024 funds of \$1,035,234 to be made available on January 1, 2024.</p> <p>The meeting was adjourned by acclamation.</p>	
Next Meeting: Wednesday, February 21, 2024, at 9:00 a.m. EST via Zoom	