

The actions delineated below were taken in open session of the Kentucky Agricultural Development Board at the February 16, 2024, 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  
February 16, 2024  
National Farm Machinery Show  
937 Phillips Lane, Louisville, KY**

**Call to Order**

Commissioner of Agriculture Jonathan Shell presiding, called the Kentucky Agricultural Development Board (KADB) regular business meeting to order at 10:01 a.m. (EST).

**Roll Call**

The following members were present: Commissioner of Agriculture Jonathan Shell, Matt Sawyers (designee for Governor Andy Beshear), Dean Nancy Cox, Dr. Avinash Tope (Interim designee for KSU President Dr. Koffi C. Akakpo), Sarah Butler (designee for Secretary Jeff Noel), Dr. Gordon Jones, Wayne Hunt, Brenda Paul, Bobby Foree, Matt Hinton, Fritz Giesecke, Suzanne Cecil White, Mark Barker, and Al Pedigo.

Absent Members: Thomas McKee and Michael Peterson.

**Notification of Media**

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

**Welcome**

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

**Approval of Minutes**

Commissioner Shell entertained a motion to approve the minutes of the January 26, 2024, board meeting.

Dr. Jones moved to approve the minutes, with one correction; Mr. Hinton seconded the motion.

VOTE: Motion Passed; Unanimous.

**Kentucky Department of Agriculture Report**

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

**Executive Director's Report**

Commissioner Shell called on Brandon Reed to give the Executive Director's Report. Mr. Reed welcomed new staff Jeff Parman to the Kentucky Office of Agricultural Policy. Lastly, Mr. Reed gave an overview of the KADF Fund Evaluation Kick-Off from KK&P.

**Deputy Executive Director's Report**

Commissioner Shell 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 February 2, 2024.

Mr. McCloskey reviewed Kentucky Agricultural Development Fund County Balances (*on file*) as of February 2, 2024.

Mr. McCloskey reviewed the KAFC Statement of Financial Position (*on file*) as of January 31, 2024.

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

VOTE: Motion Passed; Unanimous.

**KADB Program Evaluation Committee**

Commissioner Shell called on Dr. Jones to give the KADB Program Evaluation Committee report.

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

VOTE: Motion Passed; Unanimous.

**KADB KY Proud Recipient Review Committee**

Commissioner Shell called on Suzanne Cecil White to give the KADB KY Proud Recipient Review Committee report.

Ms. White moved to accept the committee report, as presented; Ms. Butler seconded the motion.

VOTE: Motion Passed; Unanimous.

**KADB KY Horticulture Council Recipient Review Committee**

Commissioner Shell called on Bobby Foree to give the KADB KY Horticulture Council Recipient Review Committee report.

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

VOTE: Motion Passed; Unanimous.

**Memo Action Items**

**Project Time Extensions**

Mr. McCloskey referenced (3) projects requesting a time extension (on File).

Staff recommended approval of three time extensions request.

Mr. Giesecke moved to approve the staff recommendation, as presented; Dr. Jones seconded the motion.

VOTE: Motion Passed; Unanimous.

**A2022-0187                    UK Research Foundation – UK Value Chain Collaborative**

Commissioner Shell called on Chelsea Smither to present a memorandum (*on file*) regarding a 6-month time extension and approval of 2024 funds. Staff recommends approval of the 6-month time extension and 2024 funds, with the new expiration date June 30, 2025, and any unused funds will be returned by August 28, 2025.

Mr. Pedigo moved to approve the staff recommendation, as presented; Mr. Barker seconded the motion.

VOTE: Motion Passed; Dean Cox Abstained.

**A2023-0157                    Todd County Animal Clinic**

Commissioner Shell called on Jesslyn Watson to present a memorandum (*on file*) regarding a budget amendment. The White Application Review Committee recommended approval of the budget amendment.

Dr. Jones moved to approve the committee recommendation, as presented; Ms. Paul seconded the motion.

VOTE: Motion Passed; Unanimous.

**New Business**

**New Applications for Referral**

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

Mr. McCloskey referenced eight (8) 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**

Commissioner Shell called on Sarah Bryant to present the programs recommended for approval.

Ms. Bryant referenced two (2) County Agricultural Investment Programs (CAIP) applications totaling \$153,107. The total program funding is \$153,107.

Staff recommended approval of these applications.

Mr. Pedigo moved to approve all programs meeting state guidelines, as presented; Mr. Hunt seconded the motion.

VOTE: Motion Passed; Unanimous.

**Requested Program Amendments**

Commissioner Shell called on Ms. Bryant to present the requested program amendments.

Ms. Bryant referenced two (2) county requests for additional funds for existing CAIP totaling \$75,900 (McLean and Lyon Counties).

Staff recommended approval of these amendments.

Ms. Paul moved to approve staff recommendation, as presented; Mr. Giesecke seconded the motion.

VOTE: Motion Passed; Unanimous.

**Projects**

Commissioner Shell called on Savanna Hill and Ms. Smither to present the following projects.

**A2023-0272                      Creation Gardens, Inc.**

Ms. Hill referenced the above application requesting \$886,990 in state funds to replace aging parts on an existing production line used to process ground products into patty, bulk, and link form for wholesale and retail distribution.

The Blue Application Review Committee recommends funding the applicant up to \$500,000 in state funds, subject to the terms and conditions.

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

VOTE: Motion Passed; Unanimous.

**A2023-0279                      Metcalfe County 4-H Council, Incorporated**

Ms. Smither referenced the above application requesting \$1,680 in Metcalfe County funds to purchase 24 hams for Metcalfe Co. 4-H members.

The Red Application Review Committee recommends funding the request of \$1,680 in Metcalfe County funds, subject to the terms and conditions.

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

VOTE: Motion Passed; Unanimous.

**A2023-0283                      Owen County Tourism & Convention Commission**

Ms. Smither referenced the above application requesting \$5,503 in Owen County funds to purchase a cooler and freezer to provide another market opportunity to local producers.

The Red Application Review Committee recommends funding the applicant up to \$5,503 in Owen County funds, subject to the terms and conditions.

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

VOTE: Motion Passed; Unanimous.

**A2024-0002                      Veterinary Medical Center of Murray, LLC**

Ms. Hill referenced the above application requesting \$63,208 in state funds and \$12,642 in Calloway County funds to add large animal services to the existing small animal practice.

The Red Application Review Committee recommends funding the applicant's request of \$63,208 in state funds and \$12,642 in Calloway County funds, subject to the terms and conditions.

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

VOTE: Motion Passed; Unanimous.

**Pending Applications**

Mr. McCloskey stated six (6) applications are pending.

- A2023-0124 Sylvatica Forest Farm, LLC
- A2023-0209 Parkway Farms, LLC
- A2023-0276 Jemstar Properties, LLC
- A2023-0281 Mayfield Downtown Farmers Market with the City of Mayfield
- A2023-0284 Owen County Cooperative Extension District Board
- A2024-0003 Bosch Berries Kentucky Operation Corp

No action necessary on pending projects or programs.

**Closing Remarks**

Commissioner Shell stated the Red Application Review Committee will meet thirty minutes following adjournment of the KADB meeting.

The next KADB meeting will be held at the Franklin County Extension Office on March 15, 2024, at 10:00 a.m. (EDT).

**Adjournment**

There being no further business, Commissioner Shell entertained a motion to adjourn the February meeting at 11:16 a.m. (EST).

Mr. Hinton moved to adjourn the February KADB meeting; Mr. Giesecke seconded the motion

VOTE: Motion Passed; Unanimous.

APPROVED DATE:

*3/15/2024*

PRESIDING OFFICER:

*[Signature of Jonathan Shell]*

Commissioner Jonathan Shell

BOARD SECRETARY:

*[Signature of 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 time extensions is attached as Appendix C.
  4. A copy of the Red Application Review meeting minutes attached as Appendix D.
  5. A copy of the KADB KY Proud Recipient Review meeting minutes attached as Appendix E.
  6. A copy of the KADB KY Horticulture Council Recipient Review meeting minutes attached as Appendix F.
  7. A copy of the KADB KY Beef Network Recipient Review meeting minutes attached as Appendix G.
  8. A copy of the KADB KY Dairy Development Council Recipient Review meeting minutes attached as Appendix H.
  9. A copy of the KADB On-Farm Energy meeting minutes attached as Appendix I.

**New Applications for Referral**

APP #	APPLICANT	COUNTY	Cmte.
A2024-0015	Alexander Glenn Hagan <i>Veterinary Incentives Program</i>	Shelby	Red
A2024-0016	Kentucky River Lamb Co, LLC <i>Online Marketing and Distribution</i>	Trimble	Red
A2024-0017	Calloway County Board of Education <i>Highschool Ag Educational Barn</i>	Calloway	Red
A2024-0018	Sadler Vet and Embryo Service <i>Upgrade Truck and Vet box.</i>	Nicholas	Red
A2024-0019	P.H.A.R.M., LLC <i>Expansion to Current Facilites</i>	Trimble	Red
A2024-0023	Farms of Fincastle, LLC <i>Farms of Fincastle, LLC</i>	Spencer	Red
A2024-0024	Kentucky Farmed LLC <i>Green House and Facilities Upgrade</i>	Bourbon	Red
A2024-0025	Kentucky Veterinary Medical Association <i>The KY Rural Vet Loan Repayment Program</i>	Franklin	Red

## Programs Recommended for Approval

CAIP			
<u>Application</u>	<u>Program Administrator</u>	<u>County</u>	<u>Funds Requested</u>
A2024-0020	Wolfe County Conservation District	Wolfe	\$113,107.00
A2024-0022	Knott County Conservation District	Knott *	\$40,000.00
			<b>\$153,107.00</b>
Total County Funds Recommended for Approval in Programs:			<b>\$153,107.00</b>

\*Indicates a portion of the project is funded from the "State Funds To Support to Counties with Limited Allocation initiative."

**A2022-0044**

**App#** A2022-0044  
**Applicant Name** City of Cadiz  
**Amount Approved** \$113,500 Trigg County & state funds  
**Execution Date** 6/16/2022  
**Requested Change** The applicant is requesting a 3-month time extension to complete their farmers market project due to delays on the job site with poor weather.  
  
 \$61,951 in Trigg County and state funds have been disbursed this far.  
 The new deadline will be June 16, 2024.

**Staff Recommends Approval**

**A2022-0083**

**App#** A2022-0083  
**Applicant Name** Trackside Butcher Shoppe  
**Amount Approved** \$65,000 multi-county & state funds  
**Execution Date** 7/19/2022  
**Requested Change** The applicant is requesting a 6-month time extension to complete their project due to delays in installation.  
  
 \$42,168 in state and multi-county funds have been disbursed this far.  
 The new deadline will be August 19, 2024.

**Staff Recommends Approval**

**A2022-0239**

**App#** A2022-0239  
**Applicant Name** Mountainside Farm, LLC (On-Farm Energy Horticulture)  
**Amount Approved** \$10,150 state funds  
**Execution Date** 3/30/2023  
**Requested Change** The applicant is requesting a 9-month time extension to complete their solar panel project due to waiting for USDA REAP grant approval.  
  
 \$0 in state funds have been disbursed this far.  
 The new deadline will be December 30, 2024.

**Staff Recommends Approval**



## APPENDIX D: Red Application Review Committee Minutes

<b>Meeting Date:</b>	February 16, 2024
<b>Meeting Location:</b>	Kentucky Exposition Center
<b>Meeting Chair:</b>	Bill McCloskey
<b>Attendees:</b>	Committee Members: Brenda Paul, Matt Sawyers, Suzanne Cecil White, Dr. Avinash Tope, Mark Barker, and Warren Beeler. KOAP Staff: Bill McCloskey, Brandon Reed, Brian Murphy, Jesslyn Watson, Becca Besok, Hunter Jones, Savanna Hill, Hannah Sharp-Johnson, and Chelsea Smither.
<b>Minutes Issued By:</b>	Jesslyn Watson
<b>Meeting Call to Order:</b>	11:50 a.m. EST
<b>Meeting Adjourned:</b>	2:57 p.m. EST

<b>Agenda Items:</b>
<p><u>Expired Application Seeking Loan Forgiveness</u></p> <p>1. A2021-0059 RedLeaf Biologics</p> <p>a) Jordan Wood and Daphne Brewster, representatives of RedLeaf Biologics, presented a proposal to amend the repayment terms and conditions of the project's legal agreement. The committee unanimously recommended approval of the below terms and conditions:</p> <p>a. Each year's goals in the terms and conditions (page 3, Section II. D.) will be transferred forward one year. Example, 2023 goals are now 2024 goals until 2027.</p> <p>b. The yearly goals will be revised down to two total goals instead of three. The first being the number of producers and the second being total acreage grown.</p> <p>c. If the yearly goals are not met, then the repayment terms are as follows.</p> <p>i. One out two goals are not met, then \$43,467 will be required as repayment,</p> <p>ii. Both goals are not met, then \$86,934 will be required as repayment.</p> <p><u>Pending Application</u></p> <p>2. A2023-0281 Mayfield Downtown Farmers Market</p> <p>a) The committee unanimously recommended funding this project up to \$5,000 in Graves County funds and \$250,000 in state funds to construct a new farmers market.</p> <p>3. A2024-0003 Bosch Berries Kentucky Operation Corp</p> <p>a) The committee unanimously recommended not funding the application with the option to apply for a Kentucky Agricultural Finance Corporation loan.</p>

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### Agenda Items:

#### New Applications

4. A2024-0015 Alexander Glenn Hagan
  - a) The committee unanimously recommended approving the applicants request of \$4,587 in multi-county funds and \$22,934 in state funds to purchase a truck and truck bed organizer. Brenda Paul abstained from the vote.
5. A2024-0016 Kentucky River Lamb Co, LLC
  - a) The committee unanimously recommended approving the applicant for \$15,627 in multiple county funds and \$15,627 in state funds to aid in marketing, distribution, and storage for lamb producers. Mark Barker abstained from the vote.
6. A2024-0017 Calloway County Board of Education
  - a) The committee unanimously recommended approving the applicant for \$30,000 in Calloway County funds to build an educational barn.
7. A2024-0018 Sadler Vet and Embryo Service
  - a) The committee unanimously recommended approving the applicant for \$11,316 in multiple county funds and \$56,625 in state funds to purchase a truck with an organizer system, and veterinary equipment.
8. A2024-0019 P.H.A.R.M., LLC
  - a) The committee unanimously recommended approving the applicant up to \$112,500 in multiple county funds and \$112,500 in state funds to expand and update the existing roadside market and produce processing facilities.
9. A2024-0023 Farms of Fincastle, LLC
  - a) The committee unanimously recommended pending the application for further information, including their bonded wine license and county commitment.
10. A2024-0024 Kentucky Farmed, LLC
  - a) The committee unanimously recommended not funding the application and referring the applicant to Kentucky Agricultural Finance Corporation for a loan.
11. A2024-0025 Kentucky Veterinary Medical Association
  - a) The committee unanimously recommended pending the application for further information.

#### Adjournment

- a) Committee adjourned in acclamation.

# APPENDIX E: KDA Recipient Review Committee Minutes

<b>Meeting Date:</b>	February 14, 2024
<b>Meeting Location:</b>	Zoom Video Conferencing
<b>Meeting Chair:</b>	Chelsea Smither
<b>Attendees:</b>	<p><b>Members:</b> Sarah Butler and Suzanne Cecil White.  <b>Absent:</b> Michael Peterson and Wayne Hunt.  <b>KDA Staff:</b> Jay Hall, Jonathan VanBalen, Grace Ragain, and Alexis Smith.  <b>KOAP Staff:</b> Bill McCloskey, Brian Murphy, Chelsea Smither, Jesslyn Watson, Brandon Reed, Hunter Jones, and Becca Besok.</p>
<b>Minutes Issued By:</b>	Chelsea Smither
<b>Meeting Call to Order:</b>	9:00 AM EST
<b>Meeting Adjourned:</b>	9:53 AM EST
<b>Agenda Items:</b>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. A2022-0208 Grant (Budget) KDA Staff reviewed the five budget categories and highlighted expenditures to date and encumbrances.</li> <li>2. A2022-0208 Grant (Benchmarks) KDA Staff provided an update on progress toward the grant's goals/benchmarks for each program area below. <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. POP <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 39 applications were approved.</li> <li>• 21 of the 39 applications were first-time grantees.</li> <li>• \$5.6 million in direct farm impact.</li> </ul> </li> <li>b. Branding &amp; Advertising <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 4 sponsorships took place this Quarter of 2023 with 6 encumbered taking place in the next quarter.</li> <li>• KY Proud worked with 6 social media influencers on statewide campaigns who delivered over 130 posts to a combined following of more than 500,000 followers. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ They plan to expand and further influencer work in the future.</li> </ul> </li> </ul> </li> <li>c. Retail <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 2 marketing campaigns, that drive consumers to specific retailers for farm impact purchases, took place.</li> <li>• 1 sponsorship at a producer/buyer networking event impacted 125 participants in the Bowling Green area.</li> </ul> </li> <li>d. Buy Local <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Enrollment rose from 114 to 123.</li> <li>• Year-to-date purchases are \$1,208,064 or 76% of their \$1.6 mil annual goal.</li> </ul> </li> </ol> </li> </ol>

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e. Farm-to-Fork

- 32 events in 25 counties have been approved with a total of 5,782 participants. – 15 took place during this quarter.

3. Other:

- a. Discussion on looking at the KY Proud program as a whole to see what's working currently and what needs to be done in the future to make it valuable for producers to continue their membership.

The next meeting will take place on June 19, 2024, at 9 AM via Zoom.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

## **APPENDIX F: Kentucky Horticulture Council Recipient Review Committee Meeting Minutes**

<b>Meeting Date:</b>	February 15, 2024
<b>Meeting Location:</b>	KOAP <i>via</i> Zoom Meeting ID: 818 0138 0192
<b>Committee Chair:</b>	Sarah Bryant
<b>Attendees:</b>	Committee: Bobby Foree, Fritz Giesecke, Dr. Avinash Tope, and Warren Beeler (KDA Rep.) KOAP: Sarah Bryant, Becca Besok, Savanna Hill, Brian Murphy, Hannah Sharp-Johnson, and Jesslyn Watson KHC: Dr. Cindy Finneseth
<b>Minutes Issued By:</b>	Sarah Bryant
<b>Meeting Call to Order:</b>	9:02 a.m. EST
<b>Meeting Adjourned:</b>	9:53 a.m. EST
<b>Agenda Items:</b>	
<p><b>I. A2022-0161 Grant</b></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>b. Dr. Finneseth updated the Committee on the Kentucky Small Fruit Crops Expansion Project and spoke on some of the economic benefits of the project.</p> <p><b>II. Fiscal Information – Update</b></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><b>III. Benchmarks, Goals, &amp; Objectives – Progress Update</b></p> <p>a. The Committee reviewed the progress the KHC has made in all program areas.</p> <p><b>IV. Discussion</b></p> <p>a. Dr. Finneseth gave an update on the Food Safety (GAPs Audit) Cost Share Program, noting that costs of the audits have increased mainly due to travel costs associated with USDA Auditors traveling in from out of state. The Committee discussed the benefits if a KDA staff member were certified to complete GAP audits to lower the cost of audits to producers. Mr. Beeler commented that 75% of KDA is regulatory, so this could be something the KDA could incorporate into a current division upon further research. The Committee also discussed that if funding was needed to kickstart the position, they could possibly make an application to the KADB for funding.</p> <p>b. 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. Beeler stated that applications will be accepted until April 2024. Dr. Finneseth noted that the KHC is assisting several producers in completing an application for the program.</p> <p>The meeting was adjourned by acclamation.</p>	
<b>Next Meeting: Thursday, June 20, 2024, at 9:00 a.m. EDT at the Laurel County Cooperative Extension Office</b>	

# APPENDIX G: Kentucky Beef Network Recipient Review Committee Meeting Minutes

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<b>Meeting Date:</b>	February 21, 2024
<b>Meeting Location:</b>	Zoom
<b>Committee Chair:</b>	Bill McCloskey
<b>Attendees:</b>	Committee: John Chism, Brenda Paul, Al Pedigo, Matt Hinton, Tom McKee KOAP: Bill McCloskey, Brandon Reed, Hunter Jones, Hannah Johnson, Savanna Hill, Brian Murphy, Sarah Bryant, Jesslyn Watson, and Chelsea Smither KBN: Becky Thompson, Dave Maples, Dan Miller, Allan Bryant, and Jacob Harrod UK: Dr. Chris Teutsch, Dr. Les Anderson, Dr. VanValin, Dr. Steve Higgins, Tyler Purvis, and Maggie Ginn
<b>Minutes Issued By:</b>	Savanna Hill
<b>Meeting Call to Order:</b>	9:02 a.m. EST
<b>Meeting Adjourned:</b>	10:32 a.m. EST

**Agenda Items:**

**I. A2022-0207 Third Triannual Report**

- a. Savanna Hill called the meeting to order.

**II. Benchmarks, Goals, & Objectives – Progress Update**

- a. The Committee reviewed the progress KBN has made in all program areas.
- b. UK and KBN staff gave an update for each program since the last report and referenced the budget for each program.

**III. Discussion**

- a. Becky Thompson discussed the KJCA youth BQA event and a collaboration with Charolais producers to launch a new value-added sale in May.
- b. Dan Miller reported on the progress KBN field representatives made. Bill McCloskey brought up AI and how to get more producers to use it. Savanna Hill asked if any of the KBN field representatives are certified to AI. Dan Miller said that only one representative was certified. Dr. Les Anderson spoke about the hardships of AI and getting producers to utilize it.
- c. Dr. VanValin discussed the Cattle Confinement Conference held in Hardin County. Al Pedigo stated that there is interest in confinement operations in Kentucky and that he would like to see the program hosted again.
- d. Dr. Les Anderson discussed the progress made in the Back-to-Basics program. There have been over 100 attendees total at field days so far, with the goal being just 200 for the year. Brenda Paul asked if funding for the program was being used to purchase bulls for the program. Les Anderson said that he helps producers find bulls but assured Mrs. Paul that the producers are purchasing the bulls themselves.

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- e. Dr. VanValin discussed the Master Cattleman Program and the increase in new, and younger participants. Dr. VanValin stated that there is funding left in the budget and plans to host some events in the fall with the remaining funds.
  
- f. Dr. Teutsch gave an update on the Master Grazer Program and discussed new grazing schools to be held in the fall. Dr. Teutsch informed the Committee that the Heart of America grazing conference will be held in Elizabethtown on Oct. 15<sup>th</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup>.
  
- g. Bill McCloskey asked if the unused 2023 funds would be rolled into the 2024 funds. Becky Thompson stated that they would be rolled over and any unused 2024 funds will be returned.
  
- h. Al Pedigo discussed the potential benefits of genomics for producers and asked to have a genomics program included in the next KBN request. Becky Thompson said that she wanted the Committee member's thoughts on the next KBN request for funding and asked to allow time for discussion at the next meeting.

The meeting was adjourned by acclamation.

**Next Meeting: Wednesday, June 26, 2024, at 9:00 a.m. EDT via Zoom**

## APPENDIX H: Kentucky Dairy Development Council Recipient Review Committee Meeting

<b>Meeting Date:</b>	February 22, 2024
<b>Meeting Location:</b>	Zoom
<b>Committee Chair:</b>	Dr. Gordon Jones
<b>Attendees:</b>	Committee members: Dr. Gordon Jones, Warren Beeler, and Dean Nancy Cox. Staff: Jesslyn Watson, Chelsea Smither, Brian Murphy, Brandon Reed, Hannah Sharp-Johnson, Rebecca Besok, Hunter Jones, and Bill McCloskey. KDDC Representatives: H. H. Barlow, Jennifer Hickerson, Freeman Brundige, Tori Embry, Brilee Tucker, and David Roberts.
<b>Minutes Issued By:</b>	Jesslyn Watson
<b>Meeting Call to Order:</b>	9:07 a.m. EST
<b>Meeting Adjourned:</b>	10:06 a.m. EST
<b>Agenda Items:</b>	
<p><b>1. A2022-0205 Third Triannual Report</b></p> <p>Jennifer Hickerson opened discussion on the budget vs expenditures from the period of Sept.-December of 2023, as well as the expenditures made cumulative from the year to date. After group discussion, it was suggested that KOAP staff comprise an expenditure report template and meet with KDDC representatives to discuss how to more accurately depict the source of expenses. KDDC reported that the remaining KADF allocated for 2023 that will be rolling over to be used in 2024 have not been calculated yet, and an official number will be given to KOAP staff by end of March.</p> <p>KDDC representatives then provided status updates on the achievements and challenges they have experienced within the period between Sept.-Dec. In total, over 196 dairy farms have been reached by KDDC consultants, with 131 dairy producers being actively involved in the Milk 4.0 Program.</p> <p>Committee members suggested that the KDDC producer programs that offer cost-share be updated to reflect the same reimbursement rates used in CAIP. For example, the genomic testing in KDDC programs could be reimbursed at 75% just as CAIP allows. KDDC representatives were very interested in this suggestion and spoke on proposing the idea to the KDDC Board.</p> <p>The meeting was adjourned by acclamation.</p>	
<b>Next Meeting: Thursday, June 27<sup>th</sup>, 2024, at 9:00 a.m. EDT via Zoom</b>	



# APPENDIX I: On-Farm Energy Committee Meeting Minutes

<b>Meeting Date:</b>	February 23, 2024
<b>Meeting Location:</b>	Zoom Meeting <a href="https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82273881807?pwd=L0RMMmJ4LzRlNHh3RStobFp0MVJmZz09">https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82273881807?pwd=L0RMMmJ4LzRlNHh3RStobFp0MVJmZz09</a>
<b>Meeting Chair:</b>	Bill McCloskey
<b>Attendees:</b>	Committee Members: Scott Maas, Michael Montross, and Alan Goble. KOAP Staff: Bill McCloskey, Chelsea Smither, Becca Besok, and Savanna Hill. Advisory: Andy Miller, Doug Overhults, Sam McNeill, and Josh Bills.
<b>Minutes Issued By:</b>	Chelsea Smither
<b>Meeting Call to Order:</b>	9:00 a.m. EST
<b>Meeting Adjourned:</b>	9:45 a.m. EST
<b><u>Pending Applications:</u></b>	
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. A2023-0124 Sylvatica Forest Farm, LLC Committee unanimously recommends pending the application for further energy usage information.</li> <li>2. A2023-0209 Parkway Farms Committee unanimously recommends funding the request of \$10,150 in state funds to install fans for a poultry operation.</li> </ol>	
<b><u>New Applications:</u></b>	
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. A2023-0250 Evan Tate Committee unanimously recommends funding the request of \$10,150 in state funds to install solar panels for a livestock operation.</li> <li>2. A2023-0278 Maxwell Farm Committee unanimously recommends pending the application for further information.</li> <li>3. A2023-0280 Double Oak Poultry Committee unanimously recommends funding the request of \$5,450 in state funds to install fans for a poultry operation.</li> <li>4. A2023-0285 Green Meadow Farm Committee unanimously recommends funding the request of \$10,150 in state funds to install heaters for a poultry operation.</li> <li>5. A2023-0286 Sumner Dairy LLC Committee unanimously recommends pending the application for further information.</li> <li>6. A2023-0287 Henpecked Farms, Inc. Committee unanimously recommends funding the request of \$10,150 in state funds to install fans for a poultry operation.</li> </ol>	

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7. A2023-0288      MXC Farms

Committee unanimously recommends funding the request of \$6,150 in state funds to install fans for a poultry operation.

With no further discussion, the meeting was adjourned by acclamation.

Next meeting: May 22, 2024, at 9:00 a.m. at the USDA Rural Development Office and via Zoom.