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Sent: Tuesday, October 27, 2020 12:39 PM
To: Neal, Beau R.
Subject: Re: Ag Development Council Votes

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- 4 – Not funding Triple J Farm Application ___yea___

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From: John Mahan <john@sodworksky.com>
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John Mahan
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David >

DAVID DEMARCUS

OK we ready

Today 12:48 PM

If it's easier to respond in text - I need your yes votes on the four items of business we discussed today.

- County comprehensive plan.
- Daniel Bustle At-large council member
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Yes

Thanks



Text Message 





Brett >

BRETT BARTON

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Yes Yes Yes and Yes lol

Good deal, thanks



Text Message





Aaron >

ARRON CLARK

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Yes
Yes
Yes
Yes





County Agricultural Development Council Prioritization Sheet (Non-CAIP)

Application Number:
GOAP Use Only

Please complete **all** sections below.

An incomplete priority sheet may hold up decision making on the submitted application.

APPLICANT: Triple J Farms	
PROJECT TITLE: New Farm Market	
COUNTY FUNDS REQUESTED: \$5,000	COUNTY FUNDS COMMITTED: \$ 0

The Fayette County Agricultural Development Council has reviewed this application for county agricultural development funds and has taken into consideration both the County Comprehensive Plan for Agricultural Development and Kentucky's Long-Term Plan for Agricultural Development in its deliberation. As this proposal relates to our County Comprehensive Plan and Kentucky's Long-term Plan for Agricultural Development, this proposal has been ranked following

County Priority (Circle One):

High Priority **Low Priority** Reason for Priority: _____
attach additional page if needed

by the majority of the County Agricultural Development Council members present & eligible to vote.

If this is a Shared-Use Equipment Request, then please mark the following:

For Shared-Use Equipment Only	
SHARED-USE MATCH APPROVED?	
<input type="checkbox"/> 50/50	<input type="checkbox"/> Other _____
<input type="checkbox"/> 75/25 (KADF / Applicant Funds)	<i>Cannot be more than 75/25</i>

If this is a Youth Ag. Incentives Program Request, then please mark the following:

For Youth Program Only
MAXIMUM AWARD (Not to exceed \$1,500): \$ _____
All awarded funds will be pro-rated among eligible applicants up to 50%, not to exceed the maximum award.

Additional Information:

Is this a county contribution to a multi-county state funding application? Yes No

If yes, then are county funds to be awarded if state funds* are denied? Yes No

Signatures of County Council Members Present** Date: _____

Chair: _____

Secretary: _____

_____ GOAP Representative: _____

* State funds include requests for loan funds through the Kentucky Agricultural Finance Corporation (KAFC).

** If County Council Members have the potential to benefit from this proposal, see Standard Operating Procedures, page 5.

A2020-0146

Fayette County Agriculture Development Council Meeting
October 27, 2020

The Fayette County Agriculture Development Council meeting on October 27, 2020 was called to order at 11:30 am. Present - David Demarcus, Aaron Clark, Brett Barton, Patrick Higginbotham, John Mahan, Allen Carter, GOAP Representative Danielle Milbern, Heather Silvanik with Fayette County Conservation District, and County Agriculture Extension Agent Beau Neal.

The group designated Patrick Higginbotham as the acting chair for the meeting.

Minutes from August 13th, 2020 meeting were approved. Motion by John Mahan and 2nd by Allen Carter.

Updated Fayette County Comprehensive Plan was approved. Motion by John Mahan and 2nd by Allen Carter.

Daniel Bustle was voted in as At-large council member. Motion by Brett Barton and 2nd by Aaron Clark

Robert Botkin was voted in as At-large council member. Motion by David Demarcus and 2nd by Brett Barton

Motion was made by Aaron Clark to not fund Triple J Farm's application. David Demarcus 2nd. Motion carried.

David Demarcus moved to adjourn. John Mahan 2nd. Motion carried, meeting adjourned at 12:00 pm.

County	Prefix	First Name	Last Name	Organization Representing	Current Council Member? (2016-2018)	Minority or Young Farmer? (select if applicable)	Identify Chairman (X)	Address1	Address2	City	State	Zip Code	Phone	E-mail
1 Fayette		Tim	White	Farm Service Agency				3664 Military Pike		Lexington	KY	40513	859-509-5401	Whitefarm4@twc.com
2 Fayette		David	Demarcus	Farm Service Agency				3333 Royster Rd		Lexington	KY	40516	859-227-0942	whitcall@icloud.com
3 Fayette		John	Mahan	Extension				3121 Georgetown Rd		Paris	KY	40361	859-621-6550	john@sootworks.ky.com
4 Fayette		Patrick	Higginbotham	Extension			X	4552 Military Pike		Lexington	KY	40513	859-797-9171	pnhigo@yahoo.com
5 Fayette		Brett	Barton	Conservation		Young Farmer		3921 Huffman Mill Pike		Lexington	KY	40511	859-361-3208	nearby2farm@yahoo.com
6 Fayette		Allen	Carter	Conservation		Minority		3710 Leestown Rd		Lexington	KY	40511	859-351-9067	adlexcontracting@aol.com
7 Fayette		Aaron	Clark	At Large		Young Farmer		6925 Lexington Road		Winchester	KY	40391	859-489-4056	aaronclark35@gmail.com
8 Fayette		Daniel	Bustle	At Large				596 Shoshoni Trail		Georgetown	KY	40324	859-317-0507	daniel.bustle@fayette.kyschools.us
9 Fayette		Robert	Botkin	At Large				1999 Walnut Hill Road		Lexington	KY	40515	859-539-3790	shane4413@windstream.net

Fayette County
Agricultural Development Council

Update of
COUNTY COMPREHENSIVE PLAN

October 31, 2020

Submitted by:

List County Council Members

Brett Barton
Allen Carter
Aaron Clark
David Demarcus
Patrick Higginbotham
John Mahan
Tim White
Daniel Bustle
Robert Botkin

Fayette County

Comprehensive Plan Update

County Agricultural Development Councils have the responsibility to evaluate the needs of the local agricultural economy. The updated County Comprehensive Plan should identify programs and projects best suited for agricultural development fund investments in the County.

The Governor's Office of Agricultural Policy staff may provide guidance to county councils throughout this evaluation.

1. Overview of County

County Population

323,152 (97 % Urban, 3 % rural)

Land Area

Total – 283.6 square miles

Farm Land – 114,624 acres (58% of soils considered Prime Farm Land and high phosphate soils)

Crop and Pasture Land – 95,137 acres

Total Farms – 622

Average Farm Size – Approximately 184 acres

a. Agricultural statistics, trends, & projections (i.e. Census Data)

▪ Traditional agricultural production

Average market value of products sold per farm - \$346,493

Average value of crops sold / acre - \$382.30

Net Cash Farm Income - \$95,034

Livestock, poultry and products as percentage of total sales - 94 %

▪ Non-traditional agricultural production

Examples of non- traditional agriculture production include commercial vineyards and wineries. Other actively growing segments are Community Supported Agriculture (CSAs), aquaponics, urban farming operations, and highly sustainable farming operations.

- New & emerging agricultural production

Local food initiatives and increased demand for those products is one way farmers are adding value and increasing income on their farms. Hemp production is an area where we see new and emerging possibilities.

- Tobacco dependency

Fayette County was and continues to be very dependent on tobacco income. The county has made great strides in last five years to lessen dependency on tobacco.

b. Demographic Data

- Social data

647 males and 474 females producers within the county.

Average age of principal operators are 58.5

Operators by race: American Indian Alaska Native - 5, Asian - 4, Black or African American - 13, White 1099

- Economic data

Farms by Value of Sales: Less than \$2,500 - 260, \$2,500 to \$4,999 - 38, \$5,000 to \$9,999 - 49, \$10,000 to \$24,999 - 58, \$25,000-\$49,999 - 57, \$50,000 to \$99,999 - 31, \$100,000 or more - 129.

2. Assessments of the County

a. Strengths

Fayette County is a very fast growing community in Kentucky. Our major strength is our signature Equine Industry. We are very fortunate to have Keeneland and Kentucky Horse Park both located in our County. The support from industries such as veterinary medicine, banking, insurance and farm supply companies allows our county to have a very strong agriculture industry and economy. We also have the largest cattle market east of the Mississippi River which leads to a highly competitive and strong cattle market. A large population base with higher income and an interest in knowing where their food comes from has provided more opportunity for value-added products for farmers in Fayette County.

b. Weaknesses

The high value of land in Fayette County makes it very difficult for farmers to expand. Land availability is a major problem for producers in Fayette County. The urban population does not always understand the economic importance of agriculture production in Fayette County and the state of Kentucky.

c. Opportunities

Local value-added food production, livestock diversification, and crop diversification, and hemp production offer opportunities for growth in future. Agri-tourism is another area where we are seeing many economical opportunities for farmers.

d. Challenges

The average age of farmers in Fayette County is approaching 60 years of age. The increased cost of land and equipment make it very difficult for young farmers trying to get started farming.

3. County Council Objectives

a. Mission/Vision Statement

The Fayette County Agriculture Development Council will recommend investments of money from the Agriculture Development Fund for projects which provide the potential to increase net farm income and positively affect farm families and the communities in which they live.

b. Short term goals

With Fayette County being a large producer of equine and having very high quality soils, livestock and forage/crop production provide the greatest opportunities to improve farm income for the largest number of farms in the county. Projects that can increase income by adding production, cutting costs, expanding markets, adding value or developing new enterprises will be given a high priority. Non-traditional agricultural related enterprises can offer opportunities for new and emerging crops. Sound proposals in these areas will be looked at and evaluated closely. Lack of knowledge and experience is a limiting factor that keeps many farmers from exploring alternative crops.

c. Long term goals

Improving knowledge base and confidence that will allow our farmers to reduce dependence upon tobacco income and expand farm income is the ultimate objective for all projects to be approved. Those proposals that can show real and significant income potential with viable marketing opportunities and offer long range income for farm families will be most favorably looked upon for approval.

d. Tactics for leveraging funds

- Regional partnerships

Proposals that involve cost share must meet state guidelines to be awarded. The Fayette County Agriculture Development Council is very open to partnering with surrounding counties in the Central Bluegrass Area in ways that will support current agriculture or emerging agriculture production.

- State Agricultural Development Board resources

The GOAP staff has developed 10 investment area programs that enable County Councils to cost share to farm families who score high enough on the statewide producer questionnaire.

- Other local/state/federal resources

Soil Conservation will provide technical and cost share assistance through Equip and State cost-share programs

3. Evaluation & Review

- a. How are proposals evaluated and does this process need modified?

We use the State guidelines and scoring mechanisms.

- b. How is success and failure measured?

Success is determined by the number of applicants that complete their proposed projects (we follow up with site visits as needed).

- c. How will the county comprehensive plan be revised?

The county comprehensive plan will be updated and revised every 5 years to ensure it is still relevant to the needs of Fayette County farm families.

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