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# **The Conservation Connection**

**CONSERVATION/NATURAL RESOURCES NEWS**

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The Governor's Office of Agriculture Policy has awarded Agriculture Development Funds to Clark County for the 2019 CAIP (County Agriculture Investment Program). The program offers eleven investment areas providing farmers with incentives, allowing them to improve and/or diversify their current production practices. Incentives are offered on a 50/50 matching basis, upon the investment area(s) completion. Maximum local cost share is \$3,500. Must be 18 to apply.



# CAIP INFORMATION

The 2019 CAIP Informational meeting will be held at 7:00 pm at the Clark County Extension Office, 1400 Fortune Drive, on Monday, July 15. (Review Investment Areas & Program Revisions)

Applications will be available at the Clark County Conservation District office at 667 Tech Drive starting Tuesday, July 16 until Monday, August 5, during the hours of 8:30 am to 4:00 pm, Monday through Friday. **(NOTE: Producers that received 2018 CAIP funding will not be eligible to apply in 2019, but will be eligible for 2020 CAIP funding.)**

For more information, contact Angie Embry at (859) 744-2322.

## CAIP INVESTMENT AREAS

- **Agricultural Diversification**

Commercial Horticulture Aquaculture & Timber Production.

- **Large Animal**

Beef & Dairy Cattle, Handling Facility, Milk Production & Equine.

- **Small Animal**

Goat, Sheep & Swine Production, Bees & Rabbits.

- **Farm Infrastructure**

Farm Storage Facilities, Greenhouse construction or conversion, Livestock, Equine & Poultry Facilities, & On-Farm Composting.

- **Fencing & On-Farm Water**

Boundary & Interior Fencing, On Farm Water source, movement or drainage.

- **Forage & Grain Improvement**

Forage, Pasture & Grain Production, Commodity Handling and Forage Equipment.

- **Innovative Agriculture Systems**

Fenceline Feeders, Gravel Paver Grid, Solar Powered Watering System, Tire Waterers, Water Harvesting

- **On-Farm Energy**

Applicable Farm Upgrades, Building Components & Renewable Energy Projects, Professional fees and training, Biomass Energy Crop Production & On-Farm Equipment & Infrastructure for Energy Production.

- **Poultry & Other Fowl**

Commercial & Pastured Poultry & other fowl

- **Technology & Leadership Development**

Precision Ag, Animal Data Management, MISC. Equipment, Computer Hardware & Software, Broadband Internet, Leadership Development.

- **Value-Added & Marketing**

Value-Added, Agritourism, Certified/Commercial Kitchen Construction or Renovation, Marketing & Promotion.



# Kentucky Cost Share Program

The Clark County Conservation District will be accepting requests for cost share funding under the Kentucky Soil Erosion and Water Quality Cost Share Program on a year around sign up basis.

The Kentucky Soil Erosion and Water Quality Cost Share Program was created to help agricultural operations protect the soil and water resources of Kentucky.

Funding for practices will be approved by the Soil and Water Conservation Commission at the Kentucky Division of Conversation, located in Frankfort, as funds are available. For more information, please contact your local conservation district office located at 667 Tech Drive, Monday through Friday 8:30 am to 4:00 pm at 859-744-2322.

Did  
you  
know?

The Clark County Conservation District currently has two seed drills (*see pictures at right*) that are available for rent at a rate of \$55 per day or \$5.50 per acre.

For more information about availability contact, Angie Embry at (859) 744-2322.



Haybuster 10' wide



Great Plains 7' wide

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# 2019 CLARK COUNTY CONSERVATION DISTRICT AWARD WINNERS

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*Congratulations*



Woodrow Wilson

## **Outstanding Agribusiness Wilson Real Estate & Auction Service**

Woodrow Wilson has been working as a full time real estate agent and auctioneer for 42 years. In addition to selling real estate, he has been employed as an auctioneer in the horse, tobacco and automobile industries. Woodrow was one of the individuals that founded the Clark County FFA Auction in 2001. The auction began as a fundraising project and has now grown into a major farm equipment auction where farmers can purchase and sell farm equipment. He has conducted the auctioneering for the annual 4-H and FFA Show and Sale. Woodrow continues to have a positive impact on the farming community and the residents of Clark County.

## **Master Conservationist Harold David Rupard**

Harold David Rupard currently manages and farms approximately 600 acres in Pilot View running a beef cow/calf operation with 100 cows. He practices rotational grazing, has installed watering tanks in several pastures and has built two heavy use areas to feed cattle in the winter. He takes soil samples to determine the fertilizer and lime that is needed on his hay fields and then puts up 600 rolls of hay each summer which are stored in hay structures that minimizes hay loss. Harold David is a true steward of the land.



Harold David & Mary  
Virginia Rupard

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## **Outstanding Individual Jimmy Taulbee**



Jimmy has been farming for over 50 years starting in 1957 as a dairy operator. In addition to maintaining his 600 acre farm on Jackson Ferry Road, he rented or leased 5 other Clark County Farms. Jimmy managed a cow/calf and feeder operation while raising corn, hay and 100 acres of tobacco. In the past, he has been recognized by the Conservation District for his outstanding accomplishments in protecting soil and water resources on his farming operation and he received the distinguished service award for serving on the district board for over 30 years. Jimmy is not only an exceptional farmer, but an outstanding individual.

## **Distinguished Service Henry Branham**

Henry Branham has dedicated over 30 years of service in various positions of Public Education, Civic Organizations and Public Service. In Public Education, he has served on Clark County PTA Council Board and Board of Education Facility Committee, District PTA Board, PTA President, Site-Based Council Member and Kera Education Liaison for Clark, Powell & Montgomery Counties. For 12 years, he served on the Clark County Extension District Board and Council and the Clark County Board of Health. Henry served 5 years as a Clark County magistrate, 2 1/2 years as Clark County Treasurer and 12 years as Clark County Judge Executive. Henry has been a true servant for the citizens of Clark County.



(Left to Right) Brooke, Henry  
and Gloria Branham



(Left to Right) Kenneth, Irene &  
Raymond Anderson

## **Goodyear Cooperator Anderson Brothers**

Kenneth and Raymond Anderson began their farming career in 1975. They currently own 500 acres of farmland and lease an additional 800 acres. They were the first farmers in Clark County to raise hemp starting in 2014 and have produced over 2.5 million tobacco plants. They maintain their pastures by focusing on maintaining soil health through annual soil testing and pasture renovation. They have fenced off pastures for rotational grazing, installed automatic waterers, livestock heavy use areas and gate openings, and plant cover crops to enhance organic matter. Kenneth and Raymond have shown exceptional devotion to the protection of our natural resources.



## 2019 William W. Thorn Agriculture Memorial Scholarship Recipients

### Haley Jako, Marcus Wiseman & Katlyn Hall

Haley plans to attend the University of Kentucky and major in Agriculture Education.

Marcus plans to attend Morehead State University and major in Agriculture Education.

Katlyn (Not pictured) plans to attend Morehead State University and major in Agriculture Education and Business



Haley Jako & Marcus Wiseman



(Left to Right) Stefan ,  
Endre, Betsy and Allison  
Fink

## Master Conservationist Endre Fink

Endre has been farming for 29 years after receiving his master's degree in 1990 in animal breeding and genetics. His farming operations include feeder steers, Hampshire breeding stock, show lambs and club lamb freezer meat. Endre currently works as a Research Specialist at the University of Kentucky Sheep Unit. He maintains his pastures by performing annual soil testing, applying the recommended soil nutrients and spring seeding pasture renovation. He has fenced off streams and ponds and installed automatic waterers to enhance rotational grazing. Endre is devoted to protecting our natural resources.

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