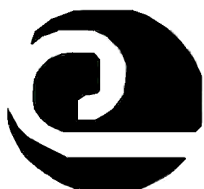


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The Governor's Office of Agriculture Policy has awarded Agriculture Development Funds to Clark County for the 2020 CAIP (County Agriculture Investment Program). The program offers eleven investment areas providing farmers with incentives, allowing 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 \$3,000. Must be 18 to apply.



CAIP INFORMATION

The 2020 CAIP Informational meeting will be held on Thursday, June 18 at 6:30 pm through Zoom. (Call the office for an appointment if unable to attend through Zoom)

Due to Covid 19, Applications will be available at the Clark County Conservation District Office at 667 Tech Drive, starting June 19 through July 10 from 8:30 am to 4:00 pm by appointment only. **(NOTE: Producers that received 2019 CAIP funding will not be eligible to apply in 2020, but will be eligible for 2021 CAIP funding. No applications will be accepted after July 10).**

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**
Fence line 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

2020 CLARK COUNTY CONSERVATION DISTRICT AWARD WINNERS

Congratulations

Jim & Diane Tipton



Tim & Adrienne Duvall



**Master Conservationist
Tim & Adrienne Duvall
Jim & Diane Tipton**

In early 2016, Tim and Adrienne Duvall purchased 1/2 of the Stafford Farm on Wills Rupard Road. In late 2016, Jim and Diane Tipton purchase the other 1/2 of the farm with a desire to keep the farm intact as family owned and operated, like Mr. Stafford had accomplished for nearly 5 decades. Tim and Adrienne currently manages 400 acres running a beef cow/calf operation with 100 cows, while having full time careers and two young daughters.

To address water and soil quality issues, they have installed 4,300 feet of interior fence for rotational grazing. To increase water distribution, they established 2,500 feet of water line with gravity fed and city water tanks and fenced off 4 ponds. They maintain their pastures of legumes and grasses by focusing on maintaining soil health through annual soil testing and pasture renovation. To accommodate cattle, holding, sorting and working pens were added.

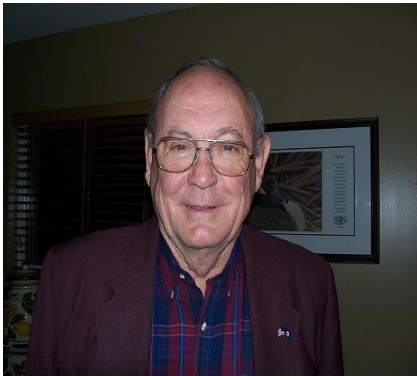
These improvements were accomplished with local grant money received through the Agriculture Development Fund—County Agriculture Investment Program (CAIP) and Federal cost share through the Environmental Quality Incentives Program (EQIP). These improvements will help ensure the farm operates with optimum grazing and sufficient water supply while preserving the land.

Outstanding Individual Bill Shearer

Bill received his Agricultural Economics degree from the University of Kentucky in May of 1972. He is also a graduate of the School of Banking of the South and the Kentucky School of Banking. He currently manages a 650 acre cow/calf operation and produces his own hay. Bill worked in the banking industry for 36 years while continuing to farm with his father. He has served on the Clark Energy Cooperative and East Kentucky boards since 2005. Bill has served in the following community organizations: Past President of the Clark County Extension Council, Clark County Fair Board, and the Winchester Lions Club. He has been a member of the Kentucky Beef Cattle Association, Clark Regional Medical Center board, Clark County Habitat for Humanity, Clark County Extension District, board, Clark County Livestock/Forage Council, Winchester Clark County Industrial Authority and Winchester Clark County Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors from 1994-2000 and chairman in 1997.. Bill is a lifetime alumni of the University of Kentucky and a member and elder of the Winchester First Christian Church. Due to Bill's exceptional dedication to farming and the Clark County Community, we are honored to select him as the 2020 Outstanding Individual.



Distinguished Service Jack Wise



Jack Wise

Jack graduated from the University of Kentucky with a Bachelor's Degree in Agriculture in 1953 and completed his Masters in 1967. He completed his student teaching in Scott County and taught 5 years in Bracken County before coming to Winchester where he taught 20 years at George Rogers Clark High School before retiring. Jack sponsored Future Farmers of America, Young Farmers of America and Conservation Junior Board during his teaching career. He raised tobacco, cow-calves and Wise Tobacco Seeds on his farm in Clark County. Jack served on the Clark County Fair Board, Cattleman's Association, Farm bureau and the deacon board at Winchester First Baptist Church for over 25 years. He was inducted into the Clark County Agriculture Hall of Fame in 1999. He has served over 35 years on the Clark County Conservation District Board where he is still currently a member. Jack has displayed extreme dedication to the service of Clark County Farmers and Youth. Congratulations on receiving the 2020 Distinguished Service Award!

Goodyear Cooperator Clint Pace

Clint owns and leases a total of 2,500 acres located in southeastern Clark County. He operates a large/cow calf operation consisting of 500 head of Angus/Hereford cross commercial cows with balancer bulls. His dedication to building a high quality herd allows him to produce this own top of the line replacement heifers. He maintains his pastures of fescue and clover with continuous pasture renovation by focusing on maintaining soil nutrition and eliminating noxious weeds. He maintains high quality forage year around by utilizing 7 barns for hay storage. Clint Focuses on water quality and soil erosion issues by installing automatic waterers, heavy use livestock feeding areas and constructing miles of fence for rotational grazing. Honored in 2017 as the Master Conservationist, Clint has continued good management in the protection of our natural resources. Congratulations on being selected as the 2020 Goodyear Cooperator!



**2020 William W. Thorn
Agriculture Memorial Scholarship Recipients
Megan Stults and J.T. Settles**



Megan plans to attend BCTC and major in Equine Business Management.

J. T. plans to attend Morehead State University and major in Agribusiness.



Clark County Fallen Animal Livestock Removal

Each year the District receives grant money through the Kentucky State Cost Share Environmental Grant and the Agriculture Development Fund to Subsidize the Clark County Fiscal Court's Fallen Animal Livestock Removal Program. Improper disposal of animal carcasses can contaminate water sources and spread disease. The program provides free fallen animal pickup by Countryside Industries to Clark County Producers so they can be disposed of properly.

Call 859-421-1867 Monday thru Friday 8:00 am to 5:00 pm.

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