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The Governor's Office of Agriculture Policy has awarded Agriculture Development Funds to Clark County for the 2023 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

Applications will be available at the Clark County Conservation District Office at 667 Tech Drive, starting Thursday, June 15 through Friday, July 7 from 8:30 am to 4:00 pm. Please call or E-mail to schedule an appointment. (The Office will be closed on Monday, June 19 & Tuesday, July 4)

***(NOTE: Producers that received 2022 CAIP funding will not be eligible in 2023, but will be eligible for 2024 CAIP funding. No applications will be accepted after July 7.)***

For more information, contact Angie Embry at (859) 744-2322 or [angela.embry@ky.nacdnet.net](mailto:angela.embry@ky.nacdnet.net)

## 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

- **Agriculture 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 Next Cutoff for Kentucky State Cost Share Applications is November 1, 2023)**

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 or E-mail [angela.embry@ky.nacdnet.net](mailto:angela.embry@ky.nacdnet.net)

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 the conservation district office at (859) 744-2322.



Haybuster 10' wide



Great Plains 7' wide

# 2023 CLARK COUNTY CONSERVATION DISTRICT AWARD WINNERS

*Congratulations*



(Left to Right) Calvary Christian - Kimberly Liu (School & County Art Winner), Anna Gilliam and Kimber. Wills.

**The Jim Claypool Art & Conservation Writing Contest is sponsored each year by Kentucky Farm Bureau and the Kentucky Association of Conservation Districts. Students in grades K-5 compete in the art contest and grades 6-12 compete in the essay contest. Kimberly Liu of Calvary Christian is the county art contest winner and Elijah Fallis of Fallis Academy is the county essay contest winner.**



(Left to Right) Fallis Academy- Elijah Fallis (School & County Essay Winner) Daniel Fallis and Katherine Fallis (School Art Winner).



Strode Station Elementary Addison Boyd (School Art Winner)

**This years theme was entitled "Take a Hike, Navigating the Trail". Each of the contest winners receive prizes for participating at the Conservation Districts Annual Banquet. Special Thanks to the teachers that participated in the contest for emphasizing to their students the importance of conserving Kentucky's natural resources. Susan Kelly (Calvary Christian), Karen Fallis (Fallis Academy), Taylor Cain ( Strode Station Elementary), and John Joseph (Conkwright Elementary).**



(Left to Right) Conkwright Elementary -Kailyn Hardy. Rinoa Haffly & Grayson Bates (School Art Winners)

**2023 Clark County Conservation District Award Winners (cont.)**



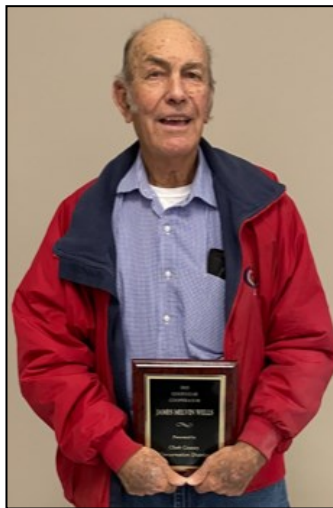
**Master Conservationist  
Claudia Puckett**



**Master Conservationist  
Kevin Richardson**



**Outstanding Individual  
Frank Hicks**



**Goodyear Cooperator  
James Melvin Wells**



**Distinguished Service  
Allan Curtis &  
Clark County Road Dept.  
Pictured: Bill Jones**



**Jim McCall  
Outstanding Agribusiness**



**Bill Ecton  
Outstanding Agribusiness**

## 2023 William W. Thorn Agriculture Memorial Scholarship Recipients



On the left: (Left to Right) Kennedy Partin & Olivia Puckett.

Kennedy has been accepted at Eastern Kentucky University & plans to major in Horticulture Science.

Olivia has been accepted at Eastern Kentucky University and plans to major in Agriculture Business.

On the right: Alissa Pasley.

Alissa has been accepted at Morehead State University and plans to major in Veterinary Science.



### 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 to Clark County Producers so they can be disposed of properly at the new Clark County Livestock Composting Facility.

*James C. Pasley*  
Haul Rock, Dirt, Sell Topsoil



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