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The Governor's Office of Agriculture Policy has awarded Agriculture Development Funds to Clark County for the 2025 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 2025 CAIP Informational Meeting will be held Monday, June 9 at 6:00 pm at the Clark County Extension Office Annex Building, 1400 Fortune Drive. (Review Guideline Changes & Investment Areas) Attending the CAIP Informational Meeting will increase your application score.

Applications will be available at the Clark Co. Conservation District Office at 667 Tech Drive, starting Tuesday, June 10 through Tuesday, July 1 from 8:30 am to 4:00 pm or at cccdky.com under forms. Please call or E-mail to schedule an appointment. (The Office will be closed on Thursday, June 19)

NOTE: Producers that received 2024 CAIP funding will not be eligible in 2025, but will be eligible for 2026 CAIP funding. No applications will be accepted after July 1.

For more information, call or text Angie Embry at (859) 744-2322 or 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, 2025)

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



Did
you
know?



Haybuster 10' wide

The Clark County Conservation District currently has two seed drills (*see pictures at right*) that are available for rent at a rate of \$5.50 per acre with a minimum of \$55.00 if less than 10 areas are used.

The District recently purchased a 500 gallon boomless pull type sprayer (*see picture at top left*) that is available for rent at a rate of \$50 a day plus a \$16 container of Liquid tank cleaner.

For more information about availability contact the conservation district office at (859) 744-2322.



Great Plains 7' wide

2025 CLARK COUNTY CONSERVATION DISTRICT AWARD WINNERS



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. Holly Crowe of Shearer Elementary is the county art contest winner and Katherine Fallis of Fallis Academy is the county essay contest winner.



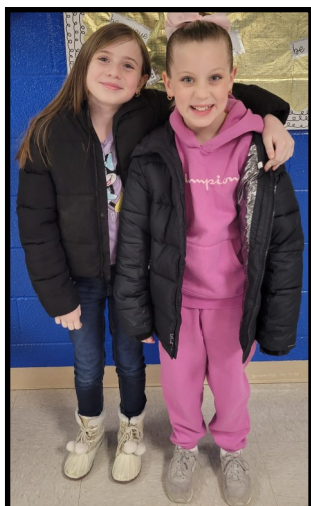
(Left to Right) Shearer Elementary—Holly Crowe (School & County Art Winner), Caleb Burchett (Art Teacher), Haley Broyles & Emersyn Wills.



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



(Left to Right) Calvary Christian—Lyric Jackson, Riley Edwards (School Art Winner), Jaxson Tipton & Diana Smith (Art Teacher).



On the Left: (Left to Right) Conkwright Elementary—Joanna Stanfield & Molly Mathieu (School Art Winner).

On the Right: Conkwright Elementary—Easton Conlee.



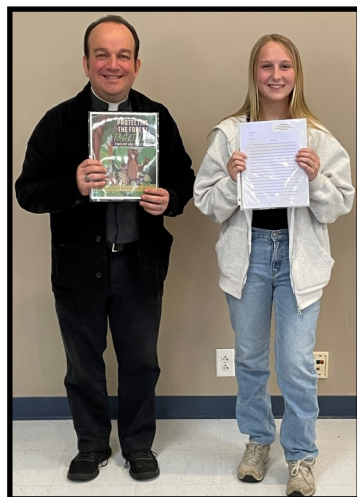
2025 Clark County Conservation District Award Winners (cont.)



Baker Intermediate:
Ethan Jude (School Art Winner).



(Left to Right): Strode Station Elementary—Kate Chamberlain (School Art Winner), McKayla Singleton (Art Teacher) & Kiara Jones.



(Left to Right): Saint Agatha Academy—John Roche (Teacher) & Addison Horn (School Essay Winner).



Jeremy Jones
Master Conservationist



Patrick Reister
Outstanding Individual



Ernest Pasley
Master Conservationist



Drew Graham
Goodyear Cooperator



Clark County FFA—
Distinguished Service, Terra Pigg (FFA Advisor)



Clark County FFA— Distinguished Service, Charles Knight (FFA Advisor)

2025 William W. Thorn Agriculture Memorial Scholarship Recipients



On the Left: Cole Horn.

Cole has been accepted at the University of Kentucky and plans to major in Agricultural Economics/Agricultural Business Management.



On the Right: Olivia Puckett.

Olivia Puckett attends Eastern Kentucky University and is majoring in Agriculture Business/Livestock Management.

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. Contact the Clark Co. Road Dept. at 859-745-0255 Monday—Friday 8:00 am to 5:00 pm for livestock pickup.

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