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The Governor's Office of Agriculture Policy has awarded Agriculture Development Funds to Clark County for the 2018 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 2018 CAIP Informational meeting will be held at 7:00 pm at the Clark County Extension Office, 1400 Fortune Drive, on Monday, July 2. *(Please Take Note: Important CAIP Program changes announced)*

Applications will be available at the Clark County Conservation District office at 667 Tech Drive, starting Tuesday, July 3 until Tuesday, July 24, during the hours of 8:30 am to 4:00 pm, Monday through Friday. *(The office will be closed on Wednesday, July 4, for Independence Day.)*

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 extending through June 30, 2018.

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 Conservation, 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

2018 CLARK COUNTY CONSERVATIONDISTRICT AWARD WINNERS

Congratulations



(Left to Right): Dr. B. L. Skaggs, Dr. Patrick Reister, Alicia Pharis, Dr. Scotty Head, Diane Gayheart, Kari Baesler and Dr. Jaclyn Brogle

Outstanding Agribusiness Boonesboro Animal Clinic

Dr. Barry Lynn Skaggs opened the Boonesboro Animal Clinic in the spring of 1977 and has been practicing both large and small animal veterinary medicine for 41 years. Dr. Mary Engelbrecht worked 35 years to develop an enormous small animal clientele while Dr. Richard English devoted 25 years to the improvement of large animal health management programs. Over the years, the clinic has hosted 34 preceptor interns. Currently, the clinic employs 5 veterinarians and 10 staff. The clinic has had an overwhelming positive impact on our farming community.

Master Conservationist Gene Barber

Gene Barber owns and rents over 1,625 acres of farmland in Clark County. He operates a successful feeder operation while still enhancing natural resources through conservation practices. Gene maintains his pastures by applying the recommended soil test nutrients and avoids forage loss by utilizing 3 hoop barns. He maintains soil and water quality by fencing off ponds, constructing heavy use livestock feeding areas and installing automatic waterers. Gene's desire to conserve natural resources is exceptional.



Gene Barber



Shane Wiseman and
Dale Vaughn

Outstanding Individual Dale Vaughn

Dale has been employed 31 years with the Natural Resources Conservation Service as a Soil Conservation Technician. A Conservation Technician conducts field investigations for the implementation of conservation practices. Dale operates a cow/calf operation and is dedicated to conserving natural resources on his own farming operation.

Distinguished Service Randy Todd

Randy Todd has worked in the banking industry for 47 years. After working 1 ½ years at Central Bank, Randy moved to Peoples Exchange Bank where he served as the Senior Operations Officer for 28 ½ years. Randy retired in December 2017 from Peoples Exchange where he was employed as Market President for 17 years. In addition to banking, Randy also operates a large cow/calf operation. Randy's knowledge of banking and farming has proven to be an enormous asset to the agriculture community of Clark County.



Clint Pace and Randy Todd



John Chism and Greg McCord

Goodyear Cooperator Greg McCord

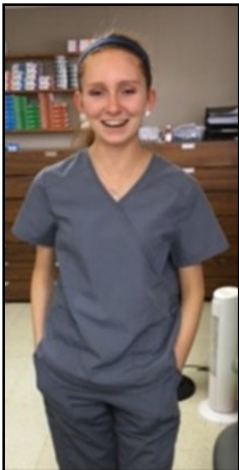
Greg began his farming career in 1990 after graduating high school. He owns and rents 1260 acres of farmland in Clark County. Greg's farming operation consists of feeder cattle, commercial cows and calves and tobacco. He exhibits a passion for protecting our natural resources by maintaining his pastures and addressing water and soil quality issues. After receiving the Master Conservationist award in 2008, Greg has continued good management in the protection of our natural resources.

**2018 William W. Thorn
Agriculture Memorial Scholarship
Recipients
Bradley Shook, Langdon Winburn
and Austin Clark**

Langdon presented her experiences as a Kentucky State FFA officer at the Annual Banquet. Langdon considers it an honor to be nominated and elected to serve in such an important position.



(Left to Right): Bradley Shook,
Langdon Winburn and Austin Clark



Courtney Francis

(YAIP) Youth Agriculture Incentive Program

Courtney Francis presented her YAIP (Youth Agriculture Incentive Program) Project at the Annual Banquet. She used the cost share funds to install a water line and hydrant at the barn for her cow/calf operation. Courtney is excited to no longer have to carry water to her cattle, especially in the cold winter months!

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