

FRANKLIN COUNTY COOPERATIVE EXTENSION

NEW FARMER GUIDE

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NEW FARM STARTER LIST

(HOW TO FARM WITH ALPHABET SOUP)

RED ARE REQUIRED/RECOMMENDED TO GET STARTED

- **AWQP** – Ag Water Quality Plan. If you have 10 or more acres and produce agricultural commodities you are required by law to have an AWQP on file with the Conservation District (103 Lakeview Ct). <https://www.uky.edu/bae/awqp>, or get a hard copy from the FCCD Required for some cost-share programs.
- **CAIP** – County Agriculture Incentive Program is a county administered, state cost share program under the KY Office of Ag Policy (KOAP) from Tobacco Settlement Funds <https://www.kyagr.com/agpolicy/>
- **CCD** - Center for Crop Diversity (UKCAFE). Everything you ever want to know about non-traditional crops and enterprises, <https://www.uky.edu/ccd/>
- **FCCA** – Franklin County Cattlemen’s Association. \$25 annual dues (\$40 family) includes KCA (state) dues. Benefits are Cow Country News state magazine, educational meetings & events, networking, etc
- **FCCD** – Franklin County Conservation District offers certain field equipment for rent as well as a local cost-share opportunities. (502) 352-2701 <https://franklincountyconservationdistrict.com/>
- **FSN** - Farm Serial Number, from the USDA FSA office. This is like your farm’s SS# and is necessary for government program participation and many cost-share opportunities. Call the FSA office at 888-229-9795 (Versailles) or 502 633-3294 (Shelbyville) to see if you already have one or to apply for a new one.
- **KAFC** - Ky Ag Finance Corporation <https://www.kyagr.com/agpolicy/Kentucky-Ag-Finance-Corporation.html> A source of low interest loans for beginning farmers.
- **KCARD** - Kentucky Center for Agriculture and Rural Development <https://www.kcard.info/> Help with starting or expanding a business, developing a business plan etc. Also visit the KY Small Business Development Center <https://kentuckysbdc.com/>
- **KDA** – Kentucky Department of Agriculture <https://www.kyagr.com/>. Laws, licenses, permits, policy, regulation and promotion. Too much to list, peruse their website.

- **KDF** – Ky Division of Forestry, as the lead agency in a multiagency partnership (Extension, KDF&W, NRCS...), will arrange for a forester, wildlife biologist, other natural resources professional or all of the above to meet with you to help prepare a customized forest stewardship plan based on your goals and objectives for the property, (502) 573-1085.
- **KDF&W** – Ky Department of Fish & Wildlife. Their Private Lands Biologist can advise on practices, feed plots etc. to attract and promote native wildlife, (502) 892-8822.
- **KSU Small Farm Program** DEVELOPMENT OFFICE
<https://www.kysu.edu/academics/college-accs/school-of-ace/co-op/small-scale-farm-grant-program.php> Small farm grants, Third Thursday Workshops and more!
- **Ky Sheep & Goat Development Office** – Info & support for small ruminant & fiber producers <https://www.kysheepandgoat.org/> On-line Small Ruminant Quality Assurance certification.
- **NRCS Soil Web Page** - for mapping your farm and all things soil related. <https://websoilsurvey.sc.egov.usda.gov/App/HomePage.htm>
- **UKCAFE** – UK College of Agriculture, Food & Environment <http://extension.ca.uky.edu/> for a wealth of research based info (publications, videos, events, trainings, etc).
- **USDA** – United States Department of Agriculture. The Farm Service Agency (**FSA**) is under the USDA and is the contact for various federal government programs, disaster assistance, etc. The Natural Resource Conservation Service (**NRCS**) is another arm of the USDA and works in conjunction with the State Conservation Office for state and federal cost share programs for soil and water conservation. They are housed locally in the **FCCD** office.
- **SRAC** - Southern Regional Aquaculture Center. All things pond related. <https://srac.tamu.edu>
- **Tax Exempt** – To qualify for state sales tax exemption on certain agricultural inputs and equipment for commodity production, you must apply through the KDA (Kentucky Department of Agriculture) on-line at [https://revenue.ky.gov/Forms/51A800%20\(4-21\)_fill-in.pdf](https://revenue.ky.gov/Forms/51A800%20(4-21)_fill-in.pdf).

TRAININGS & CERTIFICATIONS

(YOU DIDN'T KNOW YOU NEEDED OR WANTED)

- **BQCA** – Beef Quality & Care Assurance training for handling, health and transport safety <https://campus.extension.org/enrol/index.php?id=1819>
- **GAP** – Good Agricultural Practices trainings that may be required by some commodity buyers (vegetables, tobacco, etc).
- **PBPT** – Produce Best Practices Training is a Kentucky-specific voluntary basic food safety training available through extension. A prerequisite for sampling certificates and a good idea for anyone growing produce. (Required by certain Farmer Markets)
- **Private Applicators Pesticide License** – Required to purchase restricted use pesticides. Offered through Extension offices.
- **SRQCA** – Small Ruminant Quality & Care Assurance for handling, health and transport safety through <https://www.kysheepandgoat.org/srqa>
- **USDA Organic** – Federally certified production methods and management. Long & involved process via <https://www.usda.gov/topics/organic>. Get guidance & advice through OAK (Organic Association of KY) <https://www.oak-ky.org/>

MORE RESOURCES TO CHECK OUT

- **ATTRA** – Sustainable Ag, <https://attra.ncat.org/>
- **SARE** – Sustainable Agriculture Research and Education, <https://www.sare.org/>
- **WWLT**- Woods & Waters Land Trust, <https://www.woodsandwaterstrust.org/>
- **OAK** – Organic Association of Kentucky, <https://www.oak-ky.org/>
- **KCA** – Kentucky Cattlemen's Association, <https://kycattle.org/>
- **KHC** - KY Horticulture Council, <https://kyhortcouncil.org/>
- **UK AG Weather** - weather.uk.edu/index.php

WHAT YOUR EXTENSION SERVICE OFFERS

(WHO KNEW?)

- **Franklin County Extension Website** - Newsletters, important events, & all extension programs. <https://franklin.ca.uky.edu/>
- **UK CAFE Website** - Publications, videos, calculators and more! <https://anr.ca.uky.edu>
- **Kentucky State University Cooperative Extension** - Land grant & small farm limited resource programs
- **Newsletters** – “Of Cows & Plows” is a monthly Extension newsletter (electronic or mailed) of timely info, events & opportunities for agriculture and natural resources. Hort, FCS & 4H available too!
- **X10D** – UK/TN Extension App. A closed social network for Extension clientele with functions for educating, communicating, and managing user data. An information hub for cattle producers to manage, connect and learn about things that matter to their enterprises.
- **Educational** Workshops, Events, Zooms. Instructional & hands-on
- **Farm/home Visits** – Make a plan/fix a problem
- **Extension Publications** - On practically anything & everything
- **Diagnostic Services** – Plant disease, animal disease, Nitrate, Prussic Acid
- **IDs** – Plants, insects, snakes,
- **Testing** – Soils, hay/silage (through KDA or independent labs), manure, irrigation water, endophyte levels
- **Ration Balancing**
- **Equipment Rentals** – Plastic mulch layer, water wheel vegetable setter, cattle squeeze chute & scale, soil probes, banders & taggers, notchers, hay moisture meters, temperature probes & samplers
- **Volunteer Opportunities** – What are you good at or enjoy that you'd like to share with the community?

COMMONLY ASKED QUESTIONS

Q. What can I easily grow/raise on my farm to pay for itself/make a living?

A. Nothing legally.

Q. If I invest a lot of time, hard work and some capital, can I make money farming?

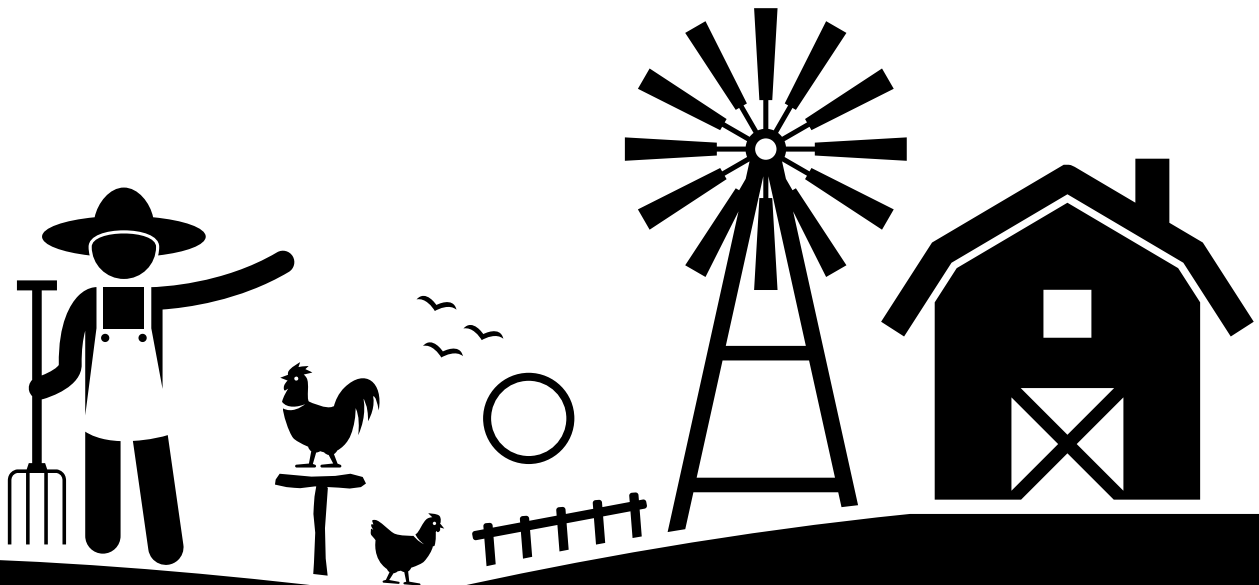
A. Yes! If you do your research there are niche markets that can make decent returns!

Q. We just want to live in the country and raise some of our own food, is that possible?

A. Absolutely! We can help you with growing and raising anything you want to try.

Q. What do your services cost?

A. Our research based advice and recommendations are free. There may be a fee for some class materials, trainings and publications though.



EXTENSION AGENT CONTACTS

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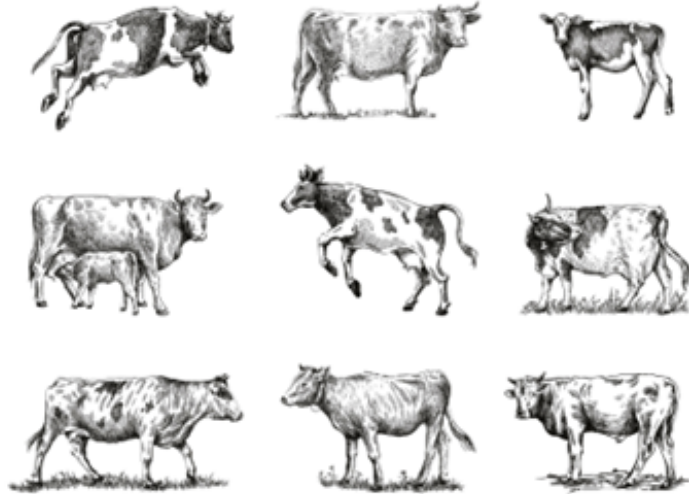
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