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I'm gonna be out here blocking y'all's shots, too.' He's like, 'Y'all know I was leading the country in blocks before I got hurt,'" Lowe said.

"We were like, 'Yeah, we'll see when you get out here. You're gonna have to prove it to us.'"

However, Lowe suspects he's going to back up his words, especially since he's being projected as a lottery pick in the 2026 NBA Draft.

"How naturally he is just in his body — it's like, 'Yeah, that guy's gonna be really special.' Hands are huge. Length," Lowe said. "Just a big body. So that's going to be amazing when he comes back. I'm ready to play one on one against him."

Quaintance knows he's

not the only defensive threat Kentucky has this season.

"I feel like we could be one of the best defensive teams in the country," Quaintance said. "We have a really long team. We have a lot of height and length on our team."

"We have people pushing full court, guarding full court. We have people in the backcourt in gaps, in help, in rotations, and we have a really good chance to be special this year defensively."

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First-year receivers coach L'Damian Washington has been able to help persuade four receivers — Denarius Gray, Dallas Dickerson, Prince Jean and Davis Mc-

Cray — to verbally commit to Kentucky despite UK's 4-8 finish in 2024.

He's been able to do that by convincing them that the culture of Kentucky football really has changed from last year and will continue to be better.

"I think you have to be transparent and honest (with recruits), and I think you have to just make sure that the leaders in your locker room continue to uphold the values of the head coach," Washington said. "When you get that, everybody's going all in together. In a sense that's easier said than done. But when the common goal is team first and if you take the selfishness out of it, that's what you get."

Players being paid can create splits in the locker room/culture but Washington said the "money piece" has not been a problem during his short time at Kentucky.

"I haven't heard one problem about money since I've been here. Now my previous place (South Florida), we heard it early on. We got those guys out of the program that were disturbing the locker room, and then we went on to have success," Washington said.

"But here, I haven't heard that one time, so it's a good culture and good leadership in the locker room. I always tell people hard work doesn't always mean great results. It just gives you a fighting chance, in my opin-

ion, but what I see is a team that's coming together. Now, I wasn't here last year, so I don't know what the off season looked like. I saw the spring, and I saw what it looks like now, two completely different teams."

Washington said it has been easy to see players taking more accountability and coming into the coaches' offices more and more.

"Those guys are in the office to get coached. They're volunteering their own personal free time to come into the office and meet with us. When that happens and the camaraderie is built, it matters," Washington said. "They want to be around each other and they like each other. It's completely

different on Saturdays, and they go into battle with each other."

Washington has another observation that should make UK fans feel better about the upcoming season.

"I see a coaching staff that's putting in more hours than ever. You got the players buying in and they have come together and that's how you have a winning season. If you have to ask me, it's going to be a great fall just based on everything that I've seen," Washington said. "I've been around some really good teams and I really like the spirit and teamwork we have. We also have a lot of people willing to do the dirt work and don't mind doing it."

## Feeder and stocker cattle summary

### Market Report

OIC USDA  
St. Joe, Mo. Market

Compared to last tested markets two weeks ago, steers and heifers in the South Central and North Central areas sold \$10 to \$15 higher, while the Southeast was mostly \$4 to \$7 higher in the same time period when there were limited offerings last week due to the Independence Day holiday.

Very good demand for all weights of steers and heifers after the holiday week as there were more auctions that hosted a feeder cattle sale this week. Feeder cattle buyers know that if they want to fill their pens with yearlings they will have to compete very heavily and are willing to chase the market. The rising cost of yearlings continues to pull up the price of calves

which typically do not establish new yearly highs in the middle of summer.

Ranchers are pleased to be able to take those checks from the sale barn recently as ranchers have never taken home a check that large for the number of calves they sold. Pasture conditions are good as well, allowing for a full, complete grazing season as most years also don't typically have pasture conditions rated this good in the middle of July. Cash fed cattle were higher, up to \$240, which is causing cattle feeders to remain very bullish in their outlook for the rest of the year. The cash market holds a huge, positive basis over the futures contracts as the market fundamentals remain very positive, causing cattle producers to pay little attention to the movements

of the futures contracts. Row crops are receiving ample moisture this summer, keeping feed cost very low which is giving them more incentive to feed cattle. Negotiated sales of fed cattle in Kansas sold \$4 to \$5 higher at \$229 to \$230. In TX/OK/NM, live sales sold \$4 to \$6 higher at \$228 to \$230. In Nebraska, live sales were \$9 to \$10 higher at \$240 to \$241; while dressed sales were \$12 higher at \$380. For the week, Choice Boxed beef closed on Friday at \$378.64, \$11.11 lower and Select closed at \$366.49, \$11.95 lower. Weekly Cattle Slaughter under federal inspection estimated at 568K, 94K more last week and 37K less than a year ago. Auction volume this week included 52 percent weighing over 600 lbs and 37 percent heifers.

RECEIPTS:	Auctions	Direct	Video/Internet	Total
This Week:	126,800	28,500	343,100	498,400
Last Week:	32,200	48,400	107,700	188,300
Year Ago:	162,100	49,100	450,100	661,300

#### ORDINANCE 2025-11

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF HARRODSBURG, KENTUCKY ADOPTING THE ANNUAL BUDGET OF THE CITY OF HARRODSBURG FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING JULY 1, 2025 AND ENDING JUNE 30, 2026 AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS FOR THE OPERATION OF CITY GOVERNMENT.

**WHEREAS**, an annual budget proposal and message has been prepared and delivered to the City Commission; and

**WHEREAS**, The City Commission has reviewed such budget and made necessary modifications; and

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT ORDAINED BY THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF THE CITY OF HARRODSBURG:**

**Section 1.** The annual budget for the City of Harrodsburg for the 2025-2026 fiscal year is hereby adopted as follow:

##### APPROPRIATIONS:

General Fund:	\$ 9,837,945.92
Water and Sewer Operating Fund:	\$ 9,418,940.13
Cemetery Fund (Perpetual Care):	\$ 140,200.00
Tourism Development Fund (Restaurant Tax):	\$ 32,500.00
Municipal Aid Fund:	\$ 211,894.99
ABC Fund:	\$ 260,000.00

Total .....\$ 19,901,481.04

**Section 2.** This ordinance shall be effective on July 1, 2025.

**Passed 1st Reading: June 23, 2025**  
**Passed 2nd Reading: June 25, 2025**  
**Published On:**  
**July 17, 2025**  
**Robert O. Williams, Mayor**  
**City of Harrodsburg**  
  
**ATTEST: Shavonna Huffman**  
**City Clerk/Treasurer**



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