

Red Angus took both blue ribbons at the Fair beef show

The Mercer County Fair and Horse Show livestock show culminated last Monday, July 28, with the annual beef show. Maddie Ethington's Red Angus bull was named Supreme Bull, while Owen Adams Red Angus took supreme female.



Photo Submitted
Mercer County Fair Beef Show Gary Brost Memorial Supreme Champion Female, exhibited by Maddie Ethington. Shown with sponsor - Mercer County Cattlemen's Association board members - Lisa Waggener, Adam Chunglo, Anthony Godbey, Justin Jackson and show judge, Matthew Douthit



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Mercer County Fair Beef Show Dr. Jack Jackson Memorial Supreme Champion Female exhibited by Isaac Clay Montgomery. Shown with sponsor, Mercer County Cattlemen's Association board members - Lisa Waggener, Justin Jackson, Anthony Godbey and Adam Chunglo - and show judge, Matthew Douthit.

- Cows**
Class 1 AOB: 1st - Owen Adams, Champion, Supreme Champion Female; 2nd - Covell Cattle; 3rd - Noah Adams; 4th - Jordan Hall; 5th - Maddie Ethington; 6th - Peyton Gentry; 7th - Peyton Gentry.
Class 2 Simmental: 1st - Destiny De Leon; 2nd - Destiny De Leon.
Class 3 AOB: 1st - Seth Chunglo.
Class 4 Simmental: 1st - Destiny De Leon, Reserve Champion.
Class 5 AOB: 1st - Destiny De Leon, Simmental; 2nd - Jordan Hall, Shorthorn; 3rd - Hadley Wilson, Shorthorn; 4th - Addison Sanford, Hereford.
Class 6 Simmental: 1st - Nolan Logsdon, Champion; 2nd - Destiny De Leon.
Class 7 AOB: 1st - Maddie Ethington, Reserve Champion.
- Bulls**
Class 8 AOB: 1st - Maddie Ethington, Champion, Supreme Champion Bull.
Class 9 AOB: 1st - Hadley Wilson, Reserve Champion.
- Steers**
Class 1: 1st - Isaac Clay Montgomery, Reserve Champion Market Animal; 2nd - Sam Jennings.
Class 2: 1st - Seth Chunglo, Champion Market Animal; 2nd Hadley Wilson.

MERCER COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION
TAX RATE HEARING ADVERTISEMENT

The Mercer County Board of Education is proposing a tax rate equal to the prior year tax rate of 71.6 cents on real property and 71.6 cents on personal property. Per KRS 160.470(7)(b), the board of education will hold a public hearing located at 530 Perryville Street, Harrodsburg, on August 14, 2025, at 5:30 p.m. to hear public comments.

The General Fund tax levied in fiscal year 2025 was 71.6 cents on real property and 71.6 cents on personal property, producing revenue of \$11,310,325. The proposed General Fund tax rate for fiscal year 2026 of 71.6 cents on real property and 71.6 cents on personal property is expected to produce \$12,752,991. Of this amount, \$432,726 is from new and personal property. The compensating tax for 2026 is 67.8 cents on real property and 71.6 cents on personal property and is expected to produce \$12,131,122.

The general areas to which revenue of \$781,742 above 2025 revenue is to be allocated are as follows: Cost of collections, \$23,282; building fund, \$136,023; instruction, \$450,000; transportation, \$70,000; maintenance of plant, \$85,000; and all other operations, \$17,437.

The General Assembly has required the publication of this advertisement and information contained herein.

Summer is a good time to update water quality plan

Extension Notes

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maintained.

In many cases, proper practices are already in place, and creating an agriculture water quality plan provides a document stating that you are following proper procedures to protect the water quality on your farm.

However, keep in mind that an agriculture water quality plan is not a voluntary document; it is a mandatory document required by the Kentucky Agriculture Water Quality Act. Periodically review and update your plans to reflect changes in farming and forestry practices or land ownership. Additionally, a water quality plan is required by the local Soil and Water Conservation District if you plan to apply for state cost-share programs.

By implementing an agriculture water quality plan, you help protect both surface and groundwater from agricultural contaminants. Keeping the state's water resources clean protects human and animal health and reduces the cost of treating drinking water.

For more information on the Kentucky Agriculture Water Quality Act, please contact the Mercer County Cooperative Extension Service, 859.734.4378. Related resources:

Kentucky Agriculture Water Quality Act and Planning - <https://soil-andwater.ca.uky.edu/awq>
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(The Mercer County Cooperative Extension Service also has information on safety practices around

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DATE - THURSDAY, August 14th, 2025
PLACE - 384 JOHNSON BRANCH RD., PARKSVILLE, KY**

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The Agriculture Water Quality Act was passed by the Kentucky Legislature in 1994, mandating that landowners with 10 or more acres in agricultural production must develop a water quality plan. Ten or more acres of crops, livestock or trees that will be harvested qualify for a plan and implementation by law.

This plan documents the best management practices you're using to protect water resources. These best management practices could include planned grazing systems, rotational grazing for livestock, filter or buffer strips around crop fields, animal waste manure storage structures and nutrient management plans. It should also include plans to limit livestock access to streams. Additionally, the document should include information on the proper handling of herbicides and pesticides, as well as the maintenance of septic systems.

To implement a water quality plan, first look at the activities in your operation. You can use a web-based planning tool (<https://soil-andwater.ca.uky.edu/awq>) to answer questions about the operation. By answering these questions, you can identify the appropriate best management practices needed. Then, you document that these practices are being used and properly

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