

Dixons earn top state honors in National Corn Yield Contest

Kyle Dixon and son Kinzie Dixon were among state winners nationwide in the National Corn Yield Contest sponsored by the National Corn Growers Association.

America's corn farmers proved, once again, they are resilient, innovative, and competitive in the 60th annual Yield Contest from the National Corn Growers Association. By adopting new practices and technology, America's corn farmers showcased their drive to continue pushing yields to a new limit.

NCGA tips its hat to this innovative spirit every year as it honors farmers from across the country for their efforts and ex-

ceptional results in the Yield Contest. Through their efforts, NCGA members participating in the contest contributed to a valuable set of data that speaks to the continued growth in efficient and sustainable agricultural production.

"Each year, the Yield Contest participants embrace innovation in pursuing a chart-topping yield," said Kenneth Hartmann Jr., an Illinois farmer and NCGA president.

"This was a record-setting year. Over 650 entries had a harvest result of over 300 bu/a. Our contest participants continue to set new standards for the industry

and bring in bin-busting yields."

Kyle Dixon of Fulton, Ky., placed 1st in state in the C:No-Till Non-Irrigated Class with a yield of 299,5561 bushels per acre. The hybrid used in the winning field was Dekalb DKC68-35RIB.

Kinzie Dixon placed 2nd in-state in the G: No-Till Irrigated Class with a yield of 303,9022 bushels per acre. The hybrid used in the winning field was DEKALB DKC68-35RIB.

The Dixons were among 534 state winners nationwide. The 2024 contest participation included 7,576 entries from 46 states. Of the state winners, 27 growers – three from each of nine classes – were named national winners, representing 11 states.

The overall average yield among national winners

was more than 372,9541 bushels per acre – more than double the projected 2023 U.S. average of 177 bushels per acre. While there is no overall contest winner, yields from first, second and third place farmers' overall production categories topped 284,9028 bushels per acre. Agronomic data gleaned from the contest revealed the following:

Average harvest population for the national winners was 38,929 seeds per acre, compared to 33,738 for all entrants.

State winners applied an average of 206 pounds of nitrogen, 57 pounds of phosphorus and 88 pounds of potassium per acre.

Average commercial nitrogen use per bushel of yield was 0.87 pounds for the state winners and 0.78 pounds for all entrants.



Forty-four percent of the national winners reported applying trace minerals, compared to 14 percent of all entrants.

Thirty percent of national winners reported applying manure, as did

23 percent of all state winners.

All 2024 contest winners were invited to attend the 2025 Commodity Classic held March 2 - March 4, 2025, in Denver, Colorado.

BID NOTICE

Hickman County Fiscal Court is accepting bids on the following:

1. Sealed bids for steel corrugated pipe and double wall HDPE corrugated, all sizes, 12 inches and up (for individual pipe if required) and such price to include delivery to Hickman County. Delivery to Hickman County Road Department or work site location anywhere in Hickman County. Bidder also agrees to sell the product to any landowner upon whom the county is conducting the pipe installation at the same price the county would be required to pay.

2. Sealed bids for:
Red gravel
9M crushed limestone
Dense grade aggregate # 3 rock
Rip rap – 50#, 150# and 400#

*Bids must be furnished with the following information:

a. Price per ton of rock picked up at terminal
b. Price per ton for rock delivered to Hickman County- if fuel charge is additional, MUST be included in price/ton.

3. Sealed bids for HAULING ONLY of limestone and red gravel to Hickman County Road Department.

4. Sealed bids for "JOB SPECIFIC" – Price per ton to haul and spread of up to 1000-ton red gravel on 3 county roads (River Rd, Island Rd and Wolf Rd) located across the Mississippi River on Wolf Island. NOTE: Job must be completed by October 2025.

Bids are for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2025, and ending June 30, 2026.

Sealed bids will be received in the office of the Hickman County Judge/Executive up to 4:00 p.m. Wednesday, May 21, 2025, at 116 S. Jefferson Street, Clinton, Ky. 42031, and bids will be opened and read at the fiscal court meeting on Thursday, May 22, 2025, at 8:00 A.M.

PLEASE MARK "SEALED BID" ON OUTSIDE OF ENVELOPE.

According to KRS 45A.365, the said award will go to the lowest and best evaluated bid price received. Hickman County Fiscal Court reserves the right to reject any and all bids.

Hickman County Fiscal Court

Please have all submissions turned in to the Times by Monday for lay-up purposes!

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HELP WANTED

The Hickman County Fiscal Court is now accepting applications for a Part-time seasonal Litter Pickup position at the Hickman County Road Department. Full job description and necessary qualifications will be available with application. Applications may be picked up in the office of the Hickman County Judge Executive, at 116. Jefferson Street, Monday through Friday, 8:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. Applications will be accepted until 4:00 p.m. Monday, May 12, 2025. We are an equal opportunity employer.

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Not your normal Days of Our Lives recap will be back next week!

I know there's some folks who want to stab me when the Days of Our Lives column is left out.

Here's a brief glimpse until I can get caught up next week:

E.J. is home from the hospital.

Everybody but Belle still hates him.

He recalls his son Johnny, pointing a gun at him but you don't see any smoke or hear a pop.

Bo Brady is about to die for the 70th time.

Steve "Patch" Johnson, with his one good eye, will try to save Bo.

Phillip Kiriakis, who just has one leg, was ordered out of the office he shared with Xander now that Xander knows he's a liar and no count.

E.J. has the winning bid on Gangerene (Katerine? Kit Kat?) at the win a date hospital fundraiser. He gives the prize to his brother Chad.

NOTICE TO CUSTOMERS OF KENTUCKY UTILITIES COMPANY

RECOVERY BY ENVIRONMENTAL SURCHARGE OF KENTUCKY UTILITIES COMPANY'S 2025 ENVIRONMENTAL COMPLIANCE PLAN

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that in an April 30, 2025 Application, Kentucky Utilities Company ("KU") is seeking approval by the Kentucky Public Service Commission ("Commission") in Case No. 2025-00105, pursuant to Kentucky Revised Statute 278.183, of an amended compliance plan ("2025 Plan"). (Collectively, KU's Application and supporting testimony and exhibits are KU's "tariff filing.") If approved, KU will begin recovering capital costs associated with a new pollution control facility in the 2025 Plan under KU's existing Electric Rate Schedule ECR (also known as the Environmental Surcharge tariff) through an increase in the environmental surcharge on customers' bills beginning in December 2025.

KU filed an application with the Commission on February 28, 2025, in Case No. 2025-00045 seeking approval to construct a selective catalytic reduction system at the Ghent generating station to reduce nitrogen oxide (NOx) emissions, which are a precursor to ozone. In Case No. 2025-00105, KU is seeking an order approving the 2025 Plan to recover the costs of this new pollution control facility through its Environmental Surcharge tariff. This project will help ensure ongoing compliance with regulations issued under the federal Clean Air Act as amended, including the National Ambient Air Quality Standards for ozone.

The estimated total capital cost of this new pollution control facility is \$152.3 million. Additionally, KU is requesting recovery of future incremental capital and operation and maintenance expenses associated with this new pollution control facility. KU is also asking to recover the cost of publishing this customer notice through the Environmental Surcharge over 12 months and to have Environmental Surcharge recovery of future Commission-approved administrative expenses, including customer notice costs.

Beginning in December 2025, the initial bill impact for KU's Group 1 customers is estimated to be a 0.01% increase with a maximum increase of 0.81% in 2029. Group 1 includes Rate Schedules Residential Service (RS), Residential Time-of-Day Energy Service (RTODE), Residential Time-of-Day Demand Service (RTODD), Volunteer Fire Department Service (VFD), All Electric School (AES), and all Lighting Rates (i.e., LS, RLS, LE, and TE).

RS and VFD customers using 1,085 kWh/month could expect a monthly increase of \$0.01 up to \$1.09. RTODE customers using 1,043 kWh/month could expect a monthly increase of \$0.01 up to \$1.14. RTODD customers using 987 kWh/month could expect a monthly increase of \$0.02 up to \$1.80. AES customers using 25,620 kWh/month could expect a monthly increase of \$0.30 up to \$24.28. LS and RLS customers could expect a monthly increase of \$0.00 up to \$0.12. LE customers using 2,473 kWh/month could expect a monthly increase of \$0.02 up to \$1.59. TE customers using 147 kWh/month could expect a monthly increase of \$0.00 up to \$0.15.

Beginning in December 2025, the initial bill impact for KU's Group 2 customers is estimated to be a 0.01% increase with a maximum increase of 1.10% in 2029. Group 2 includes Rate Schedules General Service (GS), General Time-of-Day Energy Service (GTODE), General Time-of-Day Demand Service (GTODD), Power Service (PS), Time-of-Day Secondary Service (TODS), Time-of-Day Primary Service (TODP), Retail Transmission Service (RTS), Fluctuating Load Service (FLS), and Outdoor Sports Lighting Service (OSL).

GS customers using 1,657 kWh/month could expect a monthly increase of \$0.03 up to \$2.41. GTODD customers using 19,652 kWh/month could expect a monthly increase of \$0.31 up to \$25.26. PS-Secondary customers using 30,434 kWh/month could expect a monthly increase of \$0.39 up to \$32.35. PS-Primary customers using 35,028 kWh/month could expect a monthly increase of \$0.45 up to \$36.82. TODS customers using 189,538 kWh/month could expect a monthly increase of \$1.54 up to \$126.82. TODP customers using 1,242,574 kWh/month could expect a monthly increase of \$8.25 up to \$678.42. RTS customers using 7,387,224 kWh/month could expect a monthly increase of \$38.91 up to \$3,199.31. FLS-Transmission customers using 44,229,667 kWh/month could expect a monthly increase of \$237.46 up to \$19,525.53. OSL-Secondary customers using 4,627 kWh/month could expect a monthly increase of \$0.17 up to \$13.87.

The Application described in this Notice is proposed by KU, but the Commission may issue an order resulting in an environmental surcharge for customers other than the environmental surcharge described in this Notice.

Comments regarding KU's 2025 Plan and Application may be submitted to the Commission through its website or by mail to the Public Service Commission, Post Office Box 615, Frankfort, Kentucky 40602.

Any person may submit a timely written request for intervention to the Public Service Commission, Post Office Box 615, Frankfort, Kentucky 40602, establishing the grounds for the request including the status and interest of the party. If the Commission does not receive a written request for intervention within thirty (30) days of the initial publication of this Notice, the Commission may take final action on the Application.

Any person may examine KU's tariff filing at the Commission's offices located at 211 Sower Boulevard, Frankfort, Kentucky, Monday through Friday, 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., or through the Commission's website at <http://psc.ky.gov> or KU's website (<http://www.lge-ku.com>) after KU makes its tariff filing on April 30, 2025. KU has requested a deviation from the requirement to make the tariff filing available at its office at One Quality Street, Lexington, Kentucky 40507. If the Commission denies that request, KU will make the tariff filing available at its office upon request by any person.