



YOUTH AGRICULTURAL INCENTIVES PROGRAM (YAIP)

The Youth Agricultural Incentives Program was established to facilitate a growing need for a specialized program that would benefit youth ages 9-18 actively engaged in agriculture.

The focus of the program will be on youth developing agricultural projects, as well as strengthening partnerships with school ag programs, Cooperative Extension, and 4-H/FFA organizations.



HIGHLY RECOMMENDED INFORMATIONAL MEETING TO BE HELD ON JANUARY 6, 2025 AT 6:00PM AT THE EDMONSON COUNTY LIONS CLUB.

APPLICATIONS WILL BE AVAILABLE AT THE EDMONSON COUNTY EXTENSION OFFICE OR DOWNLOADED FROM THE WEBSITE.

PROGRAM APPLICATION WINDOW: JANUARY 5- JANUARY 30, 2026.

GUIDELINES

- Maximum award amounts will be established once all completed applications have been reviewed and approved applications tallied.
- Reimbursements shall not exceed 50% of the total project cost for all eligible expenses.
- (50/50 cost-share program)
- Projects must be complete with all requirements met before funds can be disbursed.
- Youth must have a mentor for the program: (Extension agent, 4-H FFA leader, or Ag Teacher)
- Parent/Guardian permission required for those under age 18.
- Completed applications must be turned into the Edmonson County Extension Office by close of business (4:00pm) on January 30.**

Applicants are only eligible to receive funds in one of the following programs per program year: CAIP, Next Generation Beginning Farmer, or Youth Agricultural Incentives Program.



Agriculture Diversification

- Greenhouse
- Horticulture
- Wildlife Management
- Hydroponics & Aquaponics
- Value-Added & Marketing
- Technology-Computer Software



Animal Production*

- Beef
- Dairy
- Equine
- Goat
- Sheep
- Rabbit
- Swine
- Poultry
- Bees
- Livestock Barn



Forage Improvement

- Seeding
- (Based on 2024 CAIP approved seed list, soil test required)



Showmanship*

- Beef
- Dairy
- Equine
- Goat
- Sheep
- Rabbit
- Swine
- Poultry



Country Ham Project

- Ham Purchase
- Project Supplies
- Cost of participation in 4-H Country Ham Project

*Specific investment area requirements

Contact Bridgett Poteet (Program Administrator) for questions at the information below.

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New Kentucky Laws Impact Taxes, Consumer Data, and Vape Retailers

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Kentuckians entered 2026 under a series of new state laws that took effect on January 1, bringing major changes to taxes, consumer data protections, and the regulation of tobacco and vapor products.

House Bill 1 lowers the state's individual income tax rate from 4 percent to 3.5 percent, continuing a multi-year effort to reduce personal income taxes in Kentucky. This new law is expected to leave more money in residents' pockets and, therefore, encourage economic growth. However, critics caution it will reduce recurring revenue available for schools, healthcare, and other public services. Once fully implemented, it is estimated the individual income tax rate cut will reduce state revenue by hundreds of millions of dollars annually.

House Bill 15 establishes the Kentucky Consumer Data Protection Act, which gives residents new rights over how businesses collect and use their personal information. Kentuckians can request access to their personal data, correct inaccuracies, delete information, and opt out of targeted advertising, data sales, and certain types of profiling. The law applies to companies that conduct business in the state or target state residents and meet specific data-use thresholds. Enforcement authority rests solely with the Kentucky Attorney General, who can impose penalties on companies that fail to comply after a chance to cure violations.

Senate Bill 100 creates a licensing system for retailers of tobacco, nicotine, and vapor products under the Department of Alcoholic Beverage Control. Licensed retailers are required to comply with new rules and face expanded oversight and penalties for violations. The law also prohibits the sale of nitrous oxide by licensed tobacco and vapor retailers and directs funds toward youth education programs focused on the health risks of vaping.

These laws represent a significant policy shift across the Commonwealth for Kentuckians in 2026. As the state moves forward with the new laws, legislatures will monitor the impact on revenue, compliance, and public programs in the months ahead.

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kids' program.

A major contributor to the expanding reach of summer meal programs across the Commonwealth is the widespread availability of SUN Meals to Go, a grab and go option which allows rural families the flexibility to pick up multiple days' worth of meals to eat off-site or at home. Local school districts and community organizations serving as program sponsors in 113 of Kentucky's 120 counties served over 9.1 million SUN Meals to Go during summer 2025, representing 83% of all summer meals served in the state.

"Children who depend on school lunch and breakfast can now access healthy summer meals in every Kentucky county," said Cathy Gallagher, Summer Food Service Program Manager, Kentucky Department of Education. "My

staff and I are honored to help many school districts and other organizations close the hunger gap so that children are supported. This helps ensure that kids return to school healthy and ready to learn at the end of summer."

Long standing gaps in local access to U.S. Department of Agriculture summer meal programs in Caldwell and Green counties were closed in 2025 when Caldwell County schools and Feeding America Kentucky's Heartland Food Bank became summer meal sponsors. No Kid Hungry, KDE and the Kentucky Kids Eat Program of Feeding Kentucky provided support to these partners in their expansion and delivery of much-needed SUN Meals to Go service in rural communities.

Public libraries played pivotal roles

in summer meal availability in as many as a third of Kentucky counties. The Lawrence County Public Library returned as a sponsor, and many other libraries also served as meal sites. Public libraries in Green and Casey Counties, in particular, where no summer meals were available in 2024, played key roles in closing gaps for summer meal service in 2025.

"Without access to school meals, summer can be the hungriest time of year for kids across the Commonwealth. Closing the gap in local access to summer meals among Kentucky counties is a perfect example of how local school districts, community organizations such as food banks and public libraries, our Kentucky Department of Education and anti-hunger organizations

like Feeding Kentucky and No Kid Hungry can work together to reduce food insecurity when school is out of session," said John Cain, Kentucky Kids Eat Program Director, Feeding Kentucky and Co-Manager, No Kid Hungry Kentucky.

MASTER COMMISSIONER'S SALE

BY VIRTUE OF A DECREE AND ORDER OF SALE OF THE EDMONSON CIRCUIT COURT, the Master Commissioner will sell at public auction the real property in the following actions on **Tuesday, January 27, 2026**, about the hour of **10:00 a.m., outside the Edmonson County Courthouse, Brownsville, Kentucky**. Said property shall be sold to collect the amounts hereinafter set forth, together with interest and the costs of the action, and upon the following terms and conditions (unless otherwise stated).

- The purchasers will be required to pay ten percent (10%) down the day of sale in the form of cash or personal check and post bond on the remainder with the balance due in thirty (30) days. Pursuant to KRS 426.705 the bond shall bear interest at the rate the Judgment bears, until paid in full. It is the intention of the office of the Master Commissioner to close within thirty (30) days, but if a holiday falls within the thirty days, or if there are other circumstances beyond our control, the closing may take extra time. The buyer should be aware that they have the option to pay the balance to stop the interest from accruing or the interest will accrue on the unpaid balance.

The Master Commissioner will retain a lien on the property sold to secure the sale price. **If the purchaser elects to post bond, he/she will be required to provide sufficient surety, such as a letter from their bank or a bank representative signing for them at the time of the sale. Please contact the Master Commissioner's Office prior to the sale with questions regarding approved surety at 270-842-0614.**

- The property is sold subject to the following:
 - State, county, city, and school taxes payable for the entire year of 2025 and all taxes due thereafter.
 - Easements, restrictions, and covenants of record.
 - Assessments for public improvements levied against the property.
 - Any facts which an inspection or accurate survey of the property may disclose.
- The property shall otherwise be sold free and clear of any and all right, title, and interest of all parties to this action and of their liens and encumbrances thereon except such right of redemption as may exist in favor of the United States of America or the defendants. **Also, the Master Commissioner does not obtain a title search or investigate for further liens on the properties listed below nor conduct or authorize a survey of the property. The purchaser is responsible for title searches and/or any additional liens not named in the Judgment and Order of Sale and for the results of any good and accurate survey of the property.**
- For a more particular description of these properties, refer to the file on record at the Edmonson Circuit Clerk's Office. Deeds and Wills referenced are of record in the Office of the Edmonson County Court Clerk.
- The Master Commissioner does not have access to the properties listed below and therefore makes no representation or warranty of any kind as to the conditions of these properties.

SALE No. 1

PENNYMAC LOAN SERVICES, LLC VS. PHILLIP GOSSETT, et al, pending in the Judgment and Order of Sale in Edmonson Circuit Court, Div. 5, 25-CI-108, to collect \$206,984.64, interest at a rate of 6.75% per annum until paid.

2824 Jock Rd.

Map Code: 036-00-00-076.01

Christina E. Carr, Attorney for Plaintiff

SALE No. 2

BANK OF EDMONSON COUNTY VS. DELORAS J. WILSON, et al, pending in the Judgment and Order of Sale in Edmonson Circuit Court, Div. II, 25-CI-128, to collect \$32,050.71, interest at a rate of 10.125% per annum until paid.

156 B St.

Map Code: 101-00-02-027.00

Timothy E. Bridgeman, Attorney for Plaintiff

SALE No. 3

PENNYMAC LOAN SERVICES, LLC VS. AMBER N. YATES, et al, pending in the Judgment and Order of Sale in Edmonson Circuit Court, Div. I, 23-CI-19, to collect \$136,004.36, interest at a rate of 4.625% per annum until paid.

308 Caneyville Rd.

Map Code: 009-00-00-020.01

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