

Survey shows 70% of farmers cannot afford fertilizer to make it through year

By Tom Latek
Kentucky Today

LOUISVILLE, Ky. (KT) – An overwhelming majority of America’s farmers who responded to a nationwide survey by the American Farm Bureau Federation say they cannot afford to purchase enough fertilizer to get them through the year.

Conducted April 3-11, the survey shows 70 percent of respondents say fertilizer is so

expensive that they will not be able to buy all the fertilizer they need. More than 5,700 farmers, both Farm Bureau members and non-members, from every state and Puerto Rico took the survey, including Kentucky. Farm Bureau economists analyzed the results in the latest Market Intel.

The analysis reveals that almost 8 in 10 farmers in the southern U.S. say they can’t afford all needed supplies this

year, followed by the Northeast and West at 69 and 66 percent, respectively, compared to 48 percent of the farmers in the Midwest.

Just 19 percent of farmers in the South prebooked fertilizer purchases in advance of planting season. In the Northeast, only 30 percent of farmers prebooked, followed by 31 percent in the West, and 67 percent in the Midwest.

The conflict in the

Middle East sent fertilizer and fuel prices soaring. The closure of the Strait of Hormuz is keeping critical fertilizer supplies and crude oil from reaching global markets, putting a squeeze on supplies around the world.

“Spring planting decisions depend heavily on access to fertilizer and diesel fuel, both of which have been impacted by geopolitical risks that have disrupted global markets,” the Market

Intel states. “Since the escalation of tensions in the Middle East, nitrogen fertilizer prices have risen more than 30 percent, while combined fuel and fertilizer costs have increased roughly 20 to 40 percent. Urea prices have increased by 47 percent since the end of February, marking the largest month-to-month percentage increase in the price of urea. These increases are occurring when many producers were already facing tight

margins for many consecutive years.”

Many of the farmers surveyed said they will forego applying fertilizer this spring in hopes that prices will return to an affordable level later in the growing season.

According to the survey, 94 percent of respondents reported their financial situation has worsened or remained the same since last year, while only six percent reported improvement.

Diamond Landscapes expands into residential market in Nicholasville

By Christopher Brown
The Jessamine Journal

NICHOLASVILLE, Ky. — After more than three decades of serving commercial clients across Central Kentucky, Diamond Landscapes is bringing its experience and reputation for quality to homeowners with a new residential services office in Nicholasville.

The company, founded in 1994, began with modest roots. President Chris Trower started the business with a single riding mower, borrowed equipment and a pickup truck. It has since grown from a

one-man operation into one of the region’s premier commercial landscape and snow removal providers, now servicing more than 275 commercial sites and operating a fleet of more than 90 trucks.

Today, Diamond Landscapes is led by Trower alongside General Manager Andrew Cropper and Business Development Manager Joe Grower. Together, the leadership team is guiding the company’s expansion into residential services, a move that reflects both its origins and its future goals.

“We wanted to return to where we started,”

Grower said. “Both Chris and Andrew began in residential landscaping. Bringing that experience back into neighborhoods is something we’re passionate about.”

The new office, located at 101 Springdale Drive just off Harrodsburg Road, positions the company to serve much of Jessamine County, South Lexington and East Versailles. Company leaders say the location offers strong visibility and convenient access for customers seeking high-quality landscaping services.

Diamond Landscapes offers a full range of residential

services, including landscape maintenance, design and installation, turf and plant health care, irrigation maintenance and installation, and general property upkeep. The company also provides design-build services with the option for detailed 3D renderings and scaled landscape plans, giving homeowners a clear vision of their projects before work begins.

In addition to services, the Springdale facility will serve as a hub for bulk landscaping materials. Customers will soon be able to purchase mulch, topsoil blends, rock and other

commonly used materials for do-it-yourself projects, making it a convenient stop for homeowners looking to improve their outdoor spaces.

Company officials say one of the key factors that sets Diamond Landscapes apart is its experienced staff. Its management team alone brings well over 200 years of combined experience in landscape maintenance and design.

“We’ve spent years building a knowledgeable team,” Grower said. “That experience allows us to deliver a level of professionalism and quality that customers

can rely on.”

Looking ahead, the company aims to build strong relationships within the Nicholasville community while continuing to grow its residential presence. Leaders say their focus remains on customer service and a passion for landscaping, values they believe will drive continued success.

Diamond Landscapes offers free estimates for residential services. Homeowners can learn more or request a quote by visiting dlresidential.com or calling 859-455-8501. The Nicholasville office is open to customers at 101 Springdale Drive.

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Other costs as stated in the actions referenced. The sale of said property will be subject to the following terms and conditions: At the time of sale the successful bidder shall either pay full cash or make a deposit of 10% of the purchase price with the balance on credit for 30 days. If the purchase price is not paid in full, the successful bidder shall be required to execute a bond at the time of sale with sufficient surety approved by the Master Commissioner prior to the sale to secure the unpaid balance of the purchase price. The bond shall be for the unpaid balance of the purchase price and bear interest at the rate the judgment bears, from the date of the sale until paid, and shall have the force and effect of a judgment. If the purchaser fails to pay the deposit or post a sufficient bond, the property will immediately be resold. The purchaser shall be required to assume and pay all taxes and assessments upon the property for the current tax year and all subsequent years. The sale of the real estate shall be made subject to such right of redemption as may exist in favor of the United States of America or the defendant(s), and all zoning and building regulations, restrictions, ordinances, easements, covenants, and rights-of-way, of record, or otherwise. The property shall be sold “As Is” “Where Is” and without warranty. Risk of loss shall pass to the purchaser upon execution of bond of sale or payment of the purchase price in full whichever occurs first. Possession of the real property will be given to the purchaser upon confirmation of the report of sale by the Jessamine Circuit Court, full payment of the purchase price plus any interest due, and delivery of a Commissioner’s Deed to the purchaser. The property addresses contained herein are for convenience only. All properties will be sold pursuant to the legal description contained in the actions referenced herein. Further information regarding these sales, past sales, upcoming sales and FAQs can be found at www.JessamineMC.com.
SALE 1 - 100 Lindsey Drive, Nicholasville, 24-CI-698 Judgment amt. \$135,133.19, Parcel ID# 057-40-24-020.00
SALE 2 - 1689 Marble Creek Lane, Nicholasville, 25-CI-725 Judgment amt. \$52,143.66, Parcel ID# 098-00-00-021.00
SALE 3 - 125 Christopher Drive, Nicholasville, 25-CI-527 Judgment amt. \$182,347.56, Parcel ID# 046-40-32-019.00
SALE 4-124 Courtney Drive, Nicholasville, 26-CI-007 Judgment amt. \$93,170.48, Parcel ID# 046-30-19-011.00
Ellen L. Miller, Master Commissioner
102 West Maple Street
Nicholasville, KY 40356

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****NOTICE OF ELECTION****
The Jessamine County Fire District is seeking nominees for one (1) citizen elect position to the Board of Trustees. In accordance with KRS Chapter 75.031, the interested person(s) shall be citizens of the Commonwealth of Kentucky, attained the age of eighteen, are property owners who own real or personal property which is subject to fire protection tax pursuant to KRS 75.040, who personally reside in the district, and are not active firefighters. This position shall be elected by the property owners of the district subject to fire protection tax pursuant to KRS 75.040 and shall have attained the age of eighteen. Nominees shall return a letter of interest to the Secretary of the Board, Jon Sallee, no later than 4:00pm on Friday, May 8th, 2026. Letters may be dropped off or mailed to the Jessamine County Fire District at 1310 South Main Street in Nicholasville, KY 40356. Elections will be conducted in accordance with KRS 75.031 on Saturday, June 27th, 2026.

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ELECTION
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PUBLIC NOTICE
REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL
The Housing Authority of Nicholasville, Kentucky, is seeking proposals from qualified firms for property, general liability, workers compensation, auto, cyber, criminal and public officials’ liability insurance for the 12-month period beginning July 1, 2026. Proposal documents may be obtained beginning April 9, 2026, at 601 Broadway Street (859-885-4324) Monday – Friday from 8:00am until 4:00pm. The Authority’s single-source contact in the above matters is: Ms. Sandra Horton Executive Director Nicholasville Housing Authority 601 Broadway Nicholasville, KY 40356 nicholasvilleha@windstream.net

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Apr. 9, 16, 23 and 30, 2026
RFP/INSURANCE

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PUBLIC NOTICE
CASE NUMBER 26-P-54
NOTICE is hereby given that Angela Hampton has qualified as Executrix of the estate of Nannie Belle Hampton, deceased of Jessamine County, Kentucky on February 23, 2026. All persons having claims against the said estate are requested to present the same properly proven as required by law to the aforesaid Angela Hampton, 560 Green Valley Drive, Lexington, KY 40511 or to her, attorney, Jonathan Hall, 710 E. Main Street, Lexington, KY 40502 no later than August 23, 2026.

Doug Fain
Jessamine County Circuit Clerk
Jessamine Journal:
Apr. 16, 2026
EST/HAMPTON, N.

PUBLIC NOTICE
CASE NUMBER 26-P-83

NOTICE is hereby given that Gregory Lynn Horsman has qualified as Executor of the estate of Beatrice Marie McKenzie, deceased of Jessamine County, Kentucky on March 26, 2026. All persons having claims against the said estate are requested to present the same properly proven as required by law to the aforesaid Gregory Lynn Horsman, 452 Southpoint Drive, Lexington, KY 50515 or to his, attorney, Derek D. Humfleet, P.O. Box 54654, Lexington, KY 40555 no later than September 26, 2026.

Doug Fain
Jessamine County Circuit Clerk
Jessamine Journal:
Apr. 16, 2026
EST/MCKENZIE, B..

PUBLIC NOTICE
CASE NUMBER 26-P-90

NOTICE is hereby given that William Gerry Graham has qualified as Executor of the estate of Marshall D. Graham, deceased of Jessamine County, Kentucky on March 26, 2026. All persons having claims against the said estate are requested to present the same properly proven as required by law to the aforesaid William Gerry Graham, 103 Muir Field Drive, Nicholasville, KY 40356 or to his, attorney, Kimberly Barnard Ostroske, 310 E. Main Street, Wilmore, KY 40390 no later than September 26, 2026.

Doug Fain
Jessamine County Circuit Clerk
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EST/GRAHAM, M.

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PUBLIC NOTICE
CASE NUMBER 26-P-00067
NOTICE is hereby given that Therrol Horton has qualified as Executor of the estate of Patricia Leighty, deceased of Jessamine County, Kentucky on March 19, 2026. All persons having claims against the said estate are requested to present the same properly proven as required by law to the aforesaid Therrol Horton, 112 Lindsey Drive, Nicholasville, KY 40356 or to his, attorney, Adam Zeroogian, 114 N. Main St., Nicholasville, KY 40356 no later than September 26, 2026.

Doug Fain
Jessamine County Circuit Clerk
Jessamine Journal:
Apr. 16, 2026
EST/LEIGHTY, P.

PUBLIC NOTICE
CASE NUMBER 26-P-79

NOTICE is hereby given that Roger Todd Drury has qualified as Executor of the estate of Tony Wayne Drury, deceased of Jessamine County, Kentucky on March 26, 2026. All persons having claims against the said estate are requested to present the same properly proven as required by law to the aforesaid Roger Todd Drury, 144 Delmar Dr., Nicholasville, KY 40356 or to his, attorney, John Edwards Reynolds, 203 W. Maple Street, Nicholasville, KY 40356 no later than September 26, 2026.

Doug Fain
Jessamine County Circuit Clerk
Jessamine Journal:
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EST/DRURY, T.

PUBLIC NOTICE
CASE NUMBER 26-P-89

NOTICE is hereby given that Jay R. Garrett has qualified as Executor of the estate of Thomas F. Garrett, deceased of Jessamine County, Kentucky on March 26, 2026. All persons having claims against the said estate are requested to present the same properly proven as required by law to the aforesaid Jay R. Garrett, 119 Orchard Court, Nicholasville, KY 40356 or to his, attorney, Derek D. Humfleet, P.O. Box 54654, Lexington, KY 40555 no later than September 26, 2026.

Doug Fain
Jessamine County Circuit Clerk
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PUBLIC NOTICE
CASE NUMBER 26-P-59
NOTICE is hereby given that Thomas Edward Fouts has qualified as Executor of the estate of Anna Loretta Fouts, deceased of Jessamine County, Kentucky on June 25, 2026. All persons having claims against the said estate are requested to present the same properly proven as required by law to the aforesaid Thomas Edward Fouts, 197 Chardonay Ct., Winchester, KY 40391 no later than August 25, 2026.

Doug Fain
Jessamine County Circuit Clerk
Jessamine Journal:
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PUBLIC NOTICE
The Nicholasville Planning Commission will meet in Regular Session at 5:00 p.m. on Tuesday, April 28, 2026, in the Community Room of the Nicholasville Police Department, 717 North Main Street, Nicholasville, Kentucky. The agenda will include the following:

ZONING MAP AMENDMENT
The corner of Howard Street & Elizabeth Street. Zone Map Amendment from B-2 to I-1(Light Industrial District) for approximately 2.06 acres. PVA Parcel #056-00-00-005.31. Requested by J-Cat Group LLC, Versailles, KY.

The corner of Bret Lane & Imperial Way. Zone Map Amendment from R-1F & R-3 to R-1T (Townhouse Residential District) & R-3 (Multi-Family Residential District) for approximately 3.19 acres. PVA Parcel #057-00-00-020.12. Requested by JOCO Construction, Nicholasville, KY.

LAND SUBDIVISION
The corner of Howard Street & Elizabeth Street. Request for approval of Final Development Plan/Preliminary subdivision plat, consisting of approximately 2.06 acres, PVA Parcel #056-00-00-005.31. Requested by J-Cat Group LLC, Versailles, KY.

The corner of Bret Lane & Imperial Way. Request for approval of Final Development Plan/Preliminary subdivision plat, consisting of approximately 5.38 acres, PVA Parcel #057-00-00-020.12. Requested by JOCO Construction, Nicholasville, KY.

E Brannon Road, Brannon Crossing Lot 16B. Request for approval of Final Development Plan, consisting of approximately 1.25 acres, PVA Parcel #067-00-00-001.42.

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Requested by Brandon Greene, Lexington, KY 40511.

101-127 Grinder Court. Request for approval of preliminary Subdivision Plat, consisting of approximately 0.6044 acres, PVA Parcel #047-30-13-026.00. Requested by Commonhealth Properties, Nicholasville, KY 40356.

101 Providence Way. Request for approval of Final Development Plan/preliminary Subdivision Plat, consisting of approximately 7.14 acres, PVA Parcel #067-00-00-007.01. Requested by Dustin Mattingly, Nicholasville, KY 40356.

Canter Lane. Request for approval of preliminary Subdivision Plat, consisting of approximately 73.42 acres, PVA Parcel #067-00-00-179.00. Requested by EMG Acquisitions, LLC, Lexington, KY 40502.

880 Sulphur Well. Request for approval of preliminary Subdivision Plat, consisting of approximately 15.85 acres, PVA Parcel #058-00-00-028.00. Requested by William Tood Goodlett, Wilmore, KY, 40390.

STAFF ITEMS
Zoning Text Amendment

A copy of these applications, plats, zoning regulations, and amendments is available for public view in the Staff Offices of the Nicholasville Planning Commission, 517 North Main Street, Nicholasville, Kentucky. (Office hours 8:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m., Monday through Friday)

John Quinn, Chairperson
Nicholasville Planning Commission

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