

# Farm and Home

## It's settled: Kentuckians can legally hunt and fish on their own land

Reversal from AG ends both the debate and need for a license

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In an about-face, Kentucky Attorney General Russell Coleman's office says Kentuckians can legally hunt and fish on their own farmland without a license even if their residence is elsewhere in the state.

The opinion, published in early February, ends the AG's efforts to unseat the chair of the state's wildlife management board.



In December, the AG's office demanded the resignation of Kentucky Fish and Wildlife Commission Chair Chuck Meade, saying he did not meet a requirement that members of the commission must have had hunting and fishing licenses

for five consecutive years at the time of their nomination. The office had launched an investigation into Meade's eligibility to serve after receiving a citizen's complaint.

Meade argued in response that he was exempt from the

requirement for the years he did not purchase a license when he hunted only on his family's Lawrence County farmland, pointing to the farmland license exemption.

Aaron Silletto, an attorney in the attorney general's office, wrote in response that Meade had to live on the farmland to be eligible for the exemption. Silletto pointed to attorney general opinions from the 20th century.

Silletto's interpretation of the law raised hackles among hunters and anglers across the state who said it was in conflict with how the law had long been understood and enforced.

Sen. Gary Boswell, R-Owensboro, requested the opinion that Coleman released Wednesday. It points to feedback from the Kentucky Department of Fish and Wildlife

Resources, or KDFWR, the state's wildlife management agency, that stated the department has previously interpreted the exemption to apply to "bona fide" farmland owners "without regard to whether such owners physically resided upon the farmland."

"While the interpretation of statutes is ultimately a question of law for Kentucky courts, the manner in which KDFWR has historically construed the exemption is not contrary to the plain language of the licensure exemption statute," Coleman wrote in his opinion.

Coleman wrote that while Kentucky residents who own farmland are not required to get a license, the opinion was "not intended to discourage owners of farmland from voluntarily purchasing hunting and fishing licenses" given that

license sales were a "critical source of support" for KDFWR.

"As someone who grew up hunting with my dad on his Logan County farm, I'm proud to stand up for the rights of all sportsmen," Coleman said in a press release. "Kentucky is home to some of the finest natural and wildlife resources in the world, and I encourage every Kentuckian to responsibly enjoy them while supporting critical conservation and preservation efforts."

Doug Ramey, president of the League of Kentucky Sportsmen, which represents thousands of hunters across the state, told the Lantern he was glad Coleman was "open minded enough" to revisit the interpretation of the license exemption.

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## Nourishing your heart is as important as listening to it

With February being American Heart Month, now is a perfect time to learn about ways to lower your risk of developing heart disease. One of the best ways to do this is by following a heart-healthy diet.

The Dietary Approaches to Stop Hypertension (DASH) diet and the Mediterranean diet are widely accepted by scientists as being good for your heart.



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Both emphasize whole grains, fruits, vegetables, legumes, seafood and lean meats, and fewer fatty foods and sweets. Both the DASH and Mediterranean diets also encourage followers to incorporate physical activity and movement into their day. In addition to being heart-healthy, both diets may help you lower your risk for developing type 2 diabetes and some cancers.

The Mediterranean diet

has been named one of the best diets in the world on numerous occasions. It gets its name from its origins in countries like Greece and Italy that border the Mediterranean Sea. It focuses on using food to build the foundation for a healthy lifestyle, rather than focusing on restrictions or following a strict diet.

Another important component of the Mediterranean way of eating is to enjoy as many meals as possible with others in social settings. In addition

to being a heart-healthy diet, studies strongly suggest that individuals who follow the Mediterranean diet have lower levels of LDL "bad" cholesterol, lower blood pressure, weight loss or weight maintenance, improved eyesight and brain function, increased joint relief from rheumatoid arthritis, and may live longer.

The DASH diet is designed to help people lower their blood pressure. In addition to consuming nutrient-dense foods, it focuses on lowering

sodium intake and adding potassium-rich foods, like fresh fruits and vegetables.

By following the DASH diet, you may be able to lower your blood pressure by a few points within a couple of weeks. Long-term followers have been able to lower the top number of their blood pressure, also called systolic blood pressure, between eight and 14 points, which reduces their risk for heart disease. The diet is also consistent with recommendations for lowering your risks for osteoporosis and

stroke.

For more information on ways to eat healthy, contact the LaRue County Extension Office of the University of Kentucky Cooperative Extension Service at 270-358-3401.

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Public Meeting Notice

Central Kentucky Community Action Transportation Services (CKCATS) is conducting a meeting to identify unmet public transportation needs in the region. Following the meeting all needs will be assessed and potential funding sources reviewed. Where possible the needs identified will be used to develop FY 2027 Transit Grant applications, however, preparing a request does not guarantee that service will be provided. To thoroughly access the needs of the region a public Coordinated meeting has been scheduled for 1:00 p.m. EST on February 25th, 2026, at Central Kentucky Community Action Council, INC., 328 Hood Avenue, Lebanon, Kentucky. If you have questions regarding this public input, or would like to submit written comments to attend, please contact Kerri Taylor at (270) 692-9313.

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### FARM CALENDAR

#### PRIVATE APPLICATOR TRAINING

Tuesday, February 24 at 10 a.m. at the LaRue County Extension Service. Registration is required. Call 270-358-3401 to register.

#### PRIVATE APPLICATOR TRAINING

Tuesday, February 24 at 5:30 p.m. at the LaRue County Extension Service. Registration is required. Call 270-358-3401 to register.

#### BULL VALUE ASSESSMENT PROGRAM

February 26 & March 5 at 6 p.m. at the Hardin County Extension Service. Must attend both sessions. \$25 fee. A meal will be provided. Register by visiting [uky.az1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV\\_eA8Ks6Kq84QNcxM](http://uky.az1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_eA8Ks6Kq84QNcxM) or call/text 270-765-4121.

### FCS CALENDAR

#### THIRD THURSDAY WITH THE LARUE COUNTY EXTENSION HOMEMAKERS

Thursday, February 19 from 10 to 11:30 a.m. at the LaRue County Senior Citizen Center. Join us for live entertainment with Brian David Collins. Call 270-358-3235 to reserve lunch.

#### LARUE COUNTY COMMUNITY BABY SHOWER

Saturday, February 21 from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. at LaRue County Extension Service. Open to any current pregnant or one-year post-partum women. Door prizes will also be given out.

#### OPEN SEW

Monday, February 23 at 10 a.m. at the LaRue County Extension Service.

#### HOMEMAKER LESSON - "GARDENING SAFELY"

Wednesday, February 25 at 10 a.m. at the LaRue County Extension Service.

#### FRIENDS & FAMILY HOMEMAKER CLUB

Thursday, March 5 at 1 p.m. at the LaRue County Extension Service.

#### QUILT CLUB

Wednesday, March 11 at 10 a.m. at the LaRue County Extension Service.

## Bull Value Assessment Program drawing close

The LaRue County Extension Office is inviting cattle producers to participate in an upcoming Bull Value Assessment Program designed to help farmers make more informed and profitable bull-buying decisions. The program is designed for both new and experienced cattle producers who want to sharpen their selection skills and better evaluate their investment.

With bull prices and input costs continuing to challenge farm budgets, selecting the right herd sire has never been more important. This two-session program will provide practical, hands-on education focused on evaluating bull value beyond the sale price.

The program will be held on February 26 and

March 5, beginning at 6 p.m. each evening at the Hardin County Extension Office, 111 Opportunity Way, Elizabethtown, KY.



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A meal will be provided at each session. Participants must attend both sessions to complete the program. The registration fee is \$25 per person.

Session one, scheduled for February 26, will focus on the fundamentals of bull selection. Topics will include key factors to consider when purchasing a bull, understanding breeding soundness exams, tools for selecting bulls that fit your operation, and managing bull nutrition and health. Participants will gain a clearer understanding of how genetics, structural soundness and herd goals impact long-term profitability.

Session two, on March

5, will feature a mock auction exercise and post-auction discussion. This interactive format will allow producers to apply what they learned in the first session to real-world buying scenarios. Attendees will evaluate bulls, discuss value differences and work through decision-making strategies that can help prevent costly purchasing mistakes.

A quality herd bull influences calf performance, replacement females and overall herd productivity for years. Investing time in understanding bull value can pay dividends through improved weaning weights, reproductive efficiency and marketability of calves.

Producers interested in attending are encouraged to register early. To sign up or for more information, call the LaRue County Cooperative Extension Office at 270-358-3401.

#### LARUE COUNTY MASTER COMMISSIONER'S NOTICE OF SALE

By virtue of Judgment and Order of Sale entered in the LaRue Circuit Court in the case listed below, the Commissioner will sell the following property located in LaRue County, Kentucky at the front door of the LaRue County Courthouse, 209 W. High Street, Hodgenville, Kentucky on Thursday, **FEBRUARY 26, 2026**, at the hour of 10:00 a.m., and being more particularly described as follows:

##### 1) 1504 Bardstown Road, Hodgenville, KY 42748

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Mortgage Research Center, LLC D/B/A Veterans United Home Loans, A Missouri Limited Liability Company v. The Unknown Heirs of Linda Hall, et al.  
Civil Action No. 25-CI-172

At the time of the sale, the successful bidder shall either pay full cash or make a deposit of 10% of the purchase price with the balance on a credit for 30 days. In the event the successful bidder desires or elects to credit the balance, he or she will be required to post bond and furnish an acceptable surety thereon. The down payment, in addition to either a letter of credit or acceptable surety, must be produced at the time of the sale. (The necessary surety form can be obtained at the Master Commissioner's office.) Said bond and/or letter of credit shall be for the unpaid purchase price and bear interest at the judgment rate from the date of sale until paid. The Surety **MUST BE PRE-APPROVED** by the Master Commissioner's office no later than 12:00 noon on the Friday immediately preceding the sale date to secure the unpaid balance of the purchase price. In the event the successful bidder is the plaintiff, then in lieu of the deposit the plaintiff shall be allowed to bid on credit up to the judgment amount.

The purchaser will be responsible for taxes for the year of the sale. The Master Commissioner will make a good faith effort to obtain and pay all taxes or assessments upon the property for prior years; however, this cannot be guaranteed.

The purchaser may take possession of the property pursuant to the terms of the judgment. If the judgment does not make provision for possession, the purchaser may seek possession of the property through the court system after payment of the full purchase price. The Master Commissioner does not have ability to grant access to or possession of the property, and therefore makes no representation or warranty of any kind as to the condition of the property.

The Master Commissioner does not obtain a title search or investigate for further liens on 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. The plaintiff, the Court, and the Commissioner shall not be deemed to have warranted title to any purchaser. The property is sold subject to the Judgment and Order of Sale in each case which should be reviewed carefully prior to purchase.

The property shall otherwise be sold free and clear of any right, title, and interest of all parties to the action and of their liens and encumbrances thereon, excepting easements and restrictions of record in the LaRue County Court Clerk's Office and such right of redemption as may exist in favor of the United States of America or the defendant(s).

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