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Ellis next Executive Director of KY Soybean

The Kentucky Soybean Association and Kentucky Soybean Promotion Board have selected Niki Ellis as their next Executive Director. Ellis will officially begin the role on Jan. 1, 2027, following an intentional transition period designed to position her, the staff team, and farmer leaders for success.

Ellis will succeed Debbie Ellis, who has provided nearly 40 years of service to Kentucky Soy. The transition marks a significant moment for the organizations, building on a strong foundation of farmer leadership, an experienced staff team, and a clear strategic direction.

The soybean checkoff plays a critical role in supporting Kentucky soybean producers through investments in research, promotion, education, and market development. Effectively managing these producer-funded dollars requires a strong understanding of finance, budgeting, and accountability to ensure every investment provides meaningful value to farmers. Leadership of the checkoff requires balancing long-term strategic priorities with responsible financial stewardship, while ensuring that producers can see the impact of their contributions.

“We were looking for someone who understands farmer-led organizations, can build strong relationships, and has the vision to continue strengthening Kentucky Soy’s leadership in the state and at the national level,” said Fred Sipes, Chairman of the Kentucky Soybean Promotion Board. “Niki brings that combination. She understands agriculture, has experience working with producer-led boards, and brings a strong record of leadership and collaboration. We are excited about what she will bring to Kentucky Soy while building on the strong foundation already in place.”

Ellis currently serves as the Chief Executive Officer of the Kentucky Pork Producers Association, where she oversees strategy, governance, finance, communications, advocacy, and operations. Her experience includes representing Kentucky agriculture before the Kentucky General Assembly, Congress and federal agencies; guiding board strategy and producer-funded investments; and building partnerships among commodity organizations, universities, agribusinesses and government agencies.

A fourth-generation Kentucky farmer, Ellis has spent her career working with producer-led agricultural organizations. Before joining Kentucky Pork Producers, she served as Director of Education for the Kentucky Cattlemen’s Association. She has also held leadership roles at the national and regional levels, including founding the Southeastern Pork Alliance, a six-state collaboration designed to strengthen organizational capacity while maintaining each state organization’s autonomy.

“I am honored by the opportunity to



Submitted

NIKI ELLIS

serve Kentucky soybean farmers and work alongside the farmer leaders and staff who have built such a strong organization,” Ellis said. “Agriculture has always been more than a career for me; it is something I care deeply about. I am excited to build on the strong foundation of the soybean checkoff and continue putting farmers’ investments to work in meaningful ways. I look forward to listening, learning and serving while working alongside our farmer leaders to create measurable value through research, market development, education and partnerships that strengthen demand and improve opportunities for Kentucky farm families. Together, we will ensure every checkoff dollar is focused on moving Kentucky soybeans and Kentucky agriculture forward.”

Ellis brings significant experience in agricultural policy and industry representation. She has advocated for producer priorities with state and federal policymakers and served on national committees addressing research, leadership development, long-range strategy, and other issues affecting production agriculture. Her experience also reflects a commitment to collaboration across Kentucky agriculture and to maintaining a strong producer voice at both the state and national levels.

“Advocacy is an important part of the Association’s work, and Niki brings both experience and strong relationships to that role,” said Jonathan Reynolds, President of the Kentucky Soybean Association. “We look forward to her helping strengthen the voice of Kentucky soybean farmers in policy conversations in Frankfort and Washington, D.C.”

Ellis earned a Bachelor of Science in Career and Technical Education from the University of Kentucky.

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, **SEPTEMBER 17, 2026**, at the hour of 10:00 a.m., and being more particularly described as follows:

1) 33 Hill Street, Hodgenville, KY 42748
Deed Book 229, Page 426; PVA MAP #: 029-03-07-030
PHH Mortgage Corporation v. Tracy Sue Thurman, et al.
Civil Action No. 26-CI-080

AAt 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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Sale of Surplus Property

The La Rue County Water District #1 will be accepting sealed bids for a 2017 Chevrolet Silverado, 4WD, approximately 223,000 miles, VIN# 1GCNKNH8HZ202135. The 2017 Chevrolet Silverado will be sold as is.

The 2017 Chevrolet Silverado may be observed only, without operating, at 421 Strange Road, Hodgenville, KY 42748. For more information and to view the 2017 Chevrolet Silverado, call 270-491-5248 or email laruewater@laruecountywater.com

Sealed bids will be accepted until Monday, September 14, 2026 at 4:00 P.M. EST. The La Rue County Water District #1 reserves the right to reject any and all bids.

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The LaRue County Water District #1 will be accepting sealed bids for a 2025 Chevrolet Silverado K1500 RST, 4WD, approximately 33,500 miles, VIN# 2GCUKEED8S1194272. The 2025 Chevrolet Silverado K1500 RST will be sold as is.

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Plant Pansies in the Fall

Your spring display of pansies will be even more spectacular if you set out plants in early fall. This gives plants

time to become well established before cold winter weather. Fall planting will reward you with three seasons of colorful blooms. You should have some

blooms from now until Christmas and again from late February to late March, depending on winter and spring weather. The peak show will be from about mid-April to mid- to late-spring. Summer heat causes a decrease in flower production and size as plants start to decline in mid- to late-June.

Few flowers can match the pansy for diversity in colors. The standards are combinations of yellows, blues and bronzes with black and white markings that resemble a face. However, also look for nearly solid whites, yellows, blues and some

maroons that are almost red. Most varieties will do well in Kentucky.

For best results, plant pansies in a well-drained soil in full sun to partial shade. Plants put in partial shade generally will produce flowers later into the spring; but will produce fewer blooms. Keep plants well-watered, but not too wet.

Avoid excess fertilizer in the fall, especially nitrogen, because it produces rapid, succulent growth that is less winter hardy. Too much fertilizer also results in excessive foliage at the expense of flower production. A few applications of a soluble fertilizer at planting and several weeks later will get pansies through the fall and winter. Fertilize with a soluble plant food again in mid-March as the plants begin to resume active growth. Put a mulch of straw, bark or other organic matter around pansies to conserve soil moisture and prevent alternate freezing and thawing of soil during the winter that can lift plants out of the ground.

As winter weather approaches, you will

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A Helpful Tool for LaRue County Schools Families

CALEB PHELPS

There is a lot to keep up with during the school year. Between grades, lunch menus, days off, forms and school events, parents may not always know where to look first.

A good place to start is the LaRue County Schools website.

One of the most helpful resources on the homepage is the school calendar. It gives families a look at holidays, breaks and other days when students will not be in school, making it easier to plan ahead.

It is important to remember, though, that the calendar can change during the year. Inclement weather and other unexpected events sometimes affect the school schedule, so it never hurts to check the website again before making plans.

The homepage also includes an "Our Schools" section with each school's principal, address, phone number and office hours. If a parent needs to call the school or send something through the mail, that information is easy to find. Each school also has its own website with additional information.

The "Departments" menu at the top of the page opens the door to even more resources.

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