

Analyzer helps producers improve management, funding access

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The University of Kentucky Beef Extension Team has enhanced its Beef Systems Analyzer, an online management tool designed to help producers strengthen their operations through targeted, research-based recommendations.

Supported by funding from the Kentucky Agricultural Development Fund (KADF), the Beef Systems Analyzer evaluates key management areas — such as nutrition, forage, health, genetics, reproduction and general practices — and generates customized recommendations based on producer input.

“Using logic-based modeling, the analyzer asks farmers a series of questions about their management and marketing, then uses these inputs to provide the most critical management changes to improve their operation,” said Darh Bullock, beef Extension

specialist with the UK Martin Gattton College of Agriculture, Food and Environment. “With every recommendation, producers receive videos and fact sheets to help them implement these practices. Our goal is to improve the efficiency, productivity, profitability and safety of beef operations across the state.”

Beginning in 2026, producers who complete the program can now earn one hour of educational credit toward the County Agricultural Investment Program (CAIP), making the tool more valuable than ever for farmers seeking cost-share opportunities. The platform also includes a registration system to support county agriculture and natural resources (ANR) Extension agents and improved database functionality to help manage compliance, storage and program reporting.

“Educational credits are required for recipients of CAIP funds to facilitate adoption of improved, science-based or sustainable practices that

enhance farm management, production and marketing,” said Brandon Sears, ANR agent at the Madison County Extension office. “This mandatory, minimum one-hour of training — covering topics like best management practices or technical skills — must be approved by a county ANR Extension agent to validate the investment of public funds.”

To receive CAIP educational credit, producers must register on the website, complete the Best Management Practices Analyzer and one additional analyzer of their choice, and watch the instructional video provided in the program. After completion, participants may print, download or email

their certificate directly from the system. County ANR Extension agents will also have access to certificates through the registration platform and must approve them before credit is awarded.

“The system is designed so that producers will not be overwhelmed with a long list of tasks,” Bullock said. “Instead, it offers a manageable set of recommendations. Once farmers complete a set of tasks, they can resume the analyzer for additional insights. Like most software, the best way to learn is simply to use it, and we welcome feedback that can help us continually improve the program.”

The renewed push to

promote the Beef Systems Analyzer comes as UK Beef Extension encourages more producers to adopt management practices that increase operational sustainability. Though the software has been available for several years, its official use as a CAIP educational tool represents a significant new opportunity for farmers looking to access funding for improvements on their operations.

“This free online tool helps producers identify practices

to boost efficiency and profitability,” Bullock said. “By pairing personalized recommendations with supporting resources, the analyzer makes improvement more achievable for operations of all sizes.”

Interested producers can visit the Beef Systems Analyzer website for additional information. Assistance is also available through local ANR Extension agents. For technical support, users may contact Darh Bullock at dbullock@uky.edu.



With a design inspired by two high school students, Kentucky has issued a new Friends of Agriculture license plate.

Agriculture license plate available for any vehicle

BY ERA STAFF

Kentucky drivers can show their appreciation for the state's agriculture community with a new license plate.

The “Friends of Agriculture” special license plate is available for all vehicles.

“This new plate allows everyone to showcase their appreciation for farming and all it brings to this state and community,” Commissioner of Agriculture Jonathan Shell said in an announcement issued by his office. “It’s a simple way to show your pride and enthusiasm for the agricultural lifestyle.”

The new plate was made possible through House Bill 157, which was sponsored by Reps. Ken Upchurch, Adam Moore and Mitch Whitaker, passed during the 2025 legislative session. The bill expanded the eligibility for an agriculture special license plate. Before its passage the previous agricultural special license plate was only applicable for those with a qualified farm vehicle.

The Friends of Agriculture plate does not replace the farm plate. The new plate is an additional way for individuals to show their pride in Kentucky agriculture, but don't qualify for the farm plate.

FFA and 4-H members from across the state submitted designs for the new plate. The final plate design features a scenic rolling hills farmland highlighted with an image of the flag of the United States in the corner.

The design was inspired by the submitted artwork from two students, Caden Penn, a sophomore and FFA member at Crittenden County High School, and Alyssa Woodard, a sophomore and FFA and 4-H Club member of Henderson County High School. Each student received a \$250 award for their submission.

The purchase and renewal of the special license plate include a \$10 fee that will go into the Ag Tag fund and be divided equally among Kentucky 4-H, Kentucky FFA and the Kentucky Department of Agriculture, organizations that provide for Kentucky's agricultural future.

Through the years, Kentucky's farm license plate, through a \$10 voluntary donation, has raised millions for the Ag Tag fund and agricultural endeavors. 4-H councils used Ag Tag dollars to provide 4-H camp scholarships and travel for life-

changing educational experiences to enable local 4-H youth to grow as leaders and engaged citizens. FFA chapters used the money to meet the greatest needs in their community, such as FFA jackets for students in need or helping cover travel costs to leadership events.



LEGAL NOTICE

PUBLIC NOTICE
OLDHAM COUNTY PLANNING & ZONING COMMISSION
TUESDAY, March 24, 2026 at 9:00AM

The following item has been scheduled for Public Hearing by the Oldham County Planning and Zoning Commission to be held on **Tuesday, March 24, 2026**. The Commission Meeting will be held on the second floor of the Oldham County Fiscal Court Building, 100 West Jefferson Street, La Grange, Kentucky.

DOCKET PZ-26-004 – An application has been filed by Michelle & Klaus Doran for a Waiver of Section 280-150(3): Parking Lot Layout and Design on property located at 2101 & 2201 Fendley Mill Rd., La Grange. The property is 60.79-acres and zoned AG-1, Agricultural District and CO-1, Conservation District.

Detailed information is on file in the office of the Oldham County Planning and Zoning Commission, Fiscal Court Building, 100 West Jefferson Street, Suite 3, La Grange, Kentucky and may be examined during regular business hours (8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.).
RYAN FISCHER, DIRECTOR
OLDHAM COUNTY PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT



LEGAL NOTICE

DESTRUCTION OF SPECIAL EDUCATION RECORDS OF STUDENTS PREVIOUSLY ENROLLED IN SPECIAL EDUCATION SERVICES IN THE OLDHAM COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS

The Oldham County Public Schools intends to destroy personally identifiable special education related information relative to any student previously enrolled in a special education program whose date of birth is in the year 2005.

The above mentioned records will be destroyed after May 22, 2026. Prior to this, former students (now emancipated adults) or parents (continuing to serve as legal guardian) may obtain a copy of any special education records that have been obtained or previously used in special education programming by sending a written request for records to Jennifer Hallas, Director of Exceptional Children Services, Oldham County Board of Education Annex, 1900 Button Lane, LaGrange, KY 40031. Include the following information: student's full name, current address, last address while enrolled in the Oldham County Schools, date of birth, date of graduation, and program completion or withdrawal from the Oldham County Public Schools.

Cumulative records of grades, attendance and other school information is kept on file permanently. The above notice of destruction of records refers only to special education records.

If you have any questions about this notice, please contact the ECS Department, Oldham County Board of Education, 222-3737, extension 138 or 140.

The Carroll County Public Library is accepting resumes for an enthusiastic, service-oriented Library Director to oversee all library operations for a regional community of nearly 11,000, with a staff of 10-12 people. Essential management duties include planning and implementing programs to support the library's goals and objectives, fiscal accountability, and public relations while representing the library on a local and state level. The Director reports to and serves as a professional/technical advisor to the Library Board of Trustees on policy, finances, planning, library performance and law affecting libraries.

Successful candidates will have a master's in library information science (MLS) or related college degree and KDLA approved certificate with a minimum of three (3) years' experience in library management and a strong commitment to intellectual freedom and Freedom to Read. Salary range is \$50,000-\$70,000, (depending on education and experience) with a generous benefits package.

Candidate should consider relocating in the Carrollton/Carroll County area. Resumes with salary request and names and contact information for three (3) professional references, should be sent by March 31, 2026, to Board President, Greg Goff, 136 Court St. Carrollton, KY 41008 or emailed to employment@carrollcountylibrary.org



LEGAL NOTICE

NO. 23-CI-00315 **OLDHAM CIRCUIT COURT**
CURTIS HAM **PLAINTIFF**
VS
JASON MUDD, ET AL. **DEFENDANTS**

COMMISSIONER SALE
VALERIE L. SHANNON, MASTER COMMISSIONER

**** SALE WILL BE HELD AT THE OLDHAM COUNTY COURTHOUSE LOCATED AT, 100 W. MAIN STREET, LA GRANGE, KY 40031****

Per Judgment in Oldham Circuit Court, Master Commissioner will sell at 10:00 am on **MARCH 31, 2026**, at public auction to the highest bidder at the Oldham County Courthouse, Oldham Co., Ky., the property described as: Property Address: 3111 Thoroughbred Circle, La Grange, KY 40031; Deed Book 1011, Page 366; PARCEL ID: 41-06A-03-213. Terms are 10% & bond per KRS 426.705, the unpaid portion of the purchase price bears interest at the rate of (12%) percent per annum from the date of sale, balance due in 30 days from date of sale. Property is indivisible; sold free & clear of all liens encumbrances & interest of the parties except: A) All current real estate taxes and all taxes due thereafter, for which the purchaser shall not have a credit against the purchase price; B) Easements, restrictions, stipulations and agreements of record; C) Assessments for public improvements levied against the property; D) Any facts which an inspection and accurate survey of the property may disclose. Successful bidder shall carry fire and extended insurance coverage on improvements from the date of sale pursuant to Judgment and Order of Sale. However, neither the Plaintiff, its Counsel, the Court, nor the Commissioner, shall be deemed to have warranted title to any purchaser. **Amt to be raised-\$36,755.95. Hon. J. Shannon Bouchillon, Plaintiff's Atty.** Valerie L. Shannon, Master Commissioner, Post Office Box 54, LaGrange, Kentucky 40031; (502) 222-9898.

ALL SALES WILL BE CONDUCTED PER KENTUCKY SUPREME COURT ADMINISTRATIVE PROCEDURES AND CDC GUIDELINES
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PUBLIC NOTICE

OLDHAM COUNTY BOARD OF ADJUSTMENTS AND APPEALS
THURSDAY, MARCH 19, 2026 - 9:00 AM

A Public Hearing of the Oldham County Board of Adjustments and Appeals will be held on **Thursday, March 19, 2026, at 9:00 am**. The Public Hearing will be held on the Second Floor of the Oldham County Fiscal Court Annex Building, 100 West Jefferson Street, La Grange, Kentucky.

OC-26-001 – Administrative Hearing on the Revocation of a Previously Issued Conditional Use Permit at 1112 Evondale Way, Goshen.

OC-26-010 – An application has been filed requesting a Conditional Use Permit, a Sign Height Variance, and Setback Variance for two Digital Signs for property located at 2812 S. Hwy 393, Buckner.

OC-26-011 – An application has been filed requesting a Conditional Use Permit for Cemeteries, Mausoleums, and Crematories- Pet Crematory, and Variance of Section 260-080, building setback requirements, for property located at 1060 D.W. Griffith, La Grange.

OC-26-012 – An application has been filed requesting an Update to a Previously Issued Variance for property located at 1106 Hwy 22, Crestwood.

OC-26-013 – An application has been filed requesting an Update to a Previously Issued Conditional Use Permit for property located at 5998 Pleasant Colony Ct., Crestwood.

OC-26-014 – An application has been filed requesting a Location Variance for property located at 5601 W. Hwy 42, Goshen.

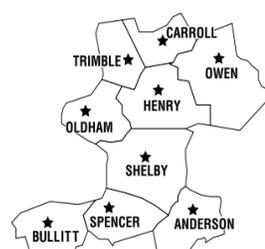
OC-26-015 – An application has been filed requesting a Conditional Use Permit for a Home Occupation- Dog Grooming for property located at 4740 Bennett Ln., La Grange.

Detailed information is on file in the office of the Oldham County Planning and Zoning Commission, Fiscal Court Building, 100 West Jefferson Street, Suite 3, La Grange, Kentucky and may be examined during regular business hours (8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.).

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PUBLIC PREVIEW: SUNDAY, MARCH 15TH 2-4PM EASTERN, OR BY APPOINTMENT.

TERMS: A 10% BUYERS PREMIUM WILL BE ADDED TO THE FINAL BID TO DETERMINE THE FINAL SALES PRICE. THE WINNING BIDDER SHALL PUT DOWN AT THE CONCLUSION OF THE AUCTION 10% OF THE TOTAL SALES PRICE (BID PRICE PLUS THE BUYER'S PREMIUM) AS A DEPOSIT THAT WILL BE HELD IN THE AUCTION COMPANY'S ESCROW ACCOUNT UNTIL CLOSING. THE WINNING BIDDER SHALL BE PREPARED TO CLOSE ON THE REAL ESTATE WITHIN 30 DAYS AFTER THE AUCTION DATE (04-21-26).

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