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May Cattle on Feed Down 3 Percent

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USDA-NASS released the May Cattle on Feed report last Friday, providing us with the fifth data point of the year for cattle on feed numbers. According to the report, the number of cattle and calves on feed in feedlots with a capacity of 1,000 or more head was 11.6 million on May 1, 2023, 3.4 percent lower than the previous year. Overall, except for cattle placement numbers which we will discuss shortly, there were no major surprises in the report. Everyone expected the report stick with the trend we have observed all year, declining cattle numbers across the board.

Overall, the United States cattle on feed inventory was 97% of the previous year. Most states showed a decrease in cattle on feed inventories compared to May 1, 2022. Feedlot inventories in Texas and Oklahoma were 96% and 91% of the previous year, respectively. Kansas feedlot inventories were 2% lower compared to last year. Cattle on feed inventories were 5% lower in Nebraska and 2% higher in Iowa. This year cattle on feed numbers are averaging 4% below last year's inventories. Until now, feedlot inventories set the stage for grilling season beef production. Most recently, in the May WASDE, USDA expects second-quarter and third-quarter beef production to decline by 7% and 4%, respectively.

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Use of Aeration and Water De-stratification Devices in Recreational Ponds

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Pond Stratification

During winter, reduced solar heat cools air temperatures which lower water temperatures in ponds. Accept for periods of occasional ice cover, water in southern ponds are well mixed by wind and rain from the late fall through the spring months. During this time, constant water mixing results in relatively uniform water temperatures throughout the ponds' water column.

Water "stratification" will occur in some ponds during the warm weather months. This process begins when sunlight warms the waters near the pond's surface during spring and summer. With increasing depth, this warming influence is diminished due to the loss of the sun's energy as light penetrates into the water column and is absorbed. This allows cooler waters to accumulate throughout the summer months at depths where sunlight is not present. Depleted dissolved oxygen conditions may result in deep waters due to the absence of oxygen producing plants and algae that can not survive without sunlight. Organic matter will accumulate and decompose on the pond bottom which consumes even more oxygen. These cooler waters will remain near the pond bottom until they are displaced by sinking surface waters made colder from lower air temperatures, wind or heavy rains.

Pond "Turnover"

Pond turnover is a term used to describe the sudden mixing of stratified waters in a pond. This process will frequently occur during the summer or the first cool days of fall. Water that has sat near the pond bottom throughout the warm summer months will be forced to the surface when surface waters become cooler than the deeper water. Dissolved oxygen may be depleted throughout the entire pond provided there is a large enough volume of oxygen deficient water present. The sudden mixing of these waters may cause an algal bloom die off, a fish kill, or both.

To read more click **HERE**.

Reports of True Armyworm in Hay in Central and Western Kentucky

Dr. Ric Bessin, Entomology Extension Specialist, University of Kentucky

This past week, there were a few reports of large numbers of armyworms in hay fields collecting on equipment as the fields were being cut. This is a different species from the fall armyworm that had an outbreak in soybeans, alfalfa, and pastures two years ago. In general, true armyworm, also know just as armyworm, tends to be more of a spring pest of grasses and corn. Fall armyworm, as its name implies is more of a late season pest beginning mid-July until frost.

Habits & Description

Infestations usually first develop in fields of small grains or other grasses. In conventional tillage systems, partially-grown larvae can migrate into corn fields from grassy waterways or wheat fields; damage is usually first noticeable around the field margins adjacent to these areas. The name armyworm derives from its behavior of migrating in large numbers into fields similar to invading armies. In no-till or reduced tillage corn crops, infestation may cover the entire field. In these systems, eggs may be laid on grasses within the field prior to planting and herbicides may force armyworms to feed on corn as the weeds or cover crop dies. Cool, wet spring weather usually favors armyworm development.

The armyworm has a greenish brown body with a thin stripe down the center and two orange stripes along each side. The head is brown with dark honeycombed markings. Armyworm overwinters as partially grown larvae in grasses or small grain fields in Kentucky. When warm spring temperatures return, armyworm feeding resumes. Armyworms may move onto corn during this period. When feeding is completed, larvae pupate just below the surface of the soil. Adults of the first generation emerge in April and May and feed on nectar for 7 to 10 days before beginning to lay eggs. There are three to four generations per year in Kentucky.

As with fall armyworm, true armyworm usually feeds at night preferring to feed on the succulent leaves in the whorl first. During the day, armyworms are found in the soil or underneath ground cover. Ragged leaf feeding on leaf margins in the spring and early summer is consistent with armyworm feeding.

Monitoring & Management

In hay fields and pastures, treatments for armyworm is based on monitoring. As with fall armyworm, true armyworm often hides under debris on sunny days, so monitoring is best done in the late afternoon or early evening. The same threshold is used for both true armyworm and fall armyworm: 2 to 3 per square foot. Materials listed for fall armyworm control in ENT-17 are also effective against true armyworm.

June Grazing Tips

Clip Pasture for weeds and seedheads as needed.

Use portable fencing to increase paddock numbers to allow longer recovery periods.

When present, crabgrass and johnsongrass can provide high quality summer grazing.

Begin grazing native and warm season grasses at 18-20" and stop at 8-10".

Doing Fecal Flotations for the Identification of Intestinal Parasites of Poultry

June 6, 2023 3:00 PM EST

Often poultry owners think they have to routinely treat their flocks for intestinal parasites, but properly managed flocks should not have intestinal parasite problems. Flocks should only be treated if they are infested. A fecal flotation can help identify an intestinal parasite problem. Dr. David Frame, DVM from Utah State University, will be discussing how a fecal flotation is done and how to identify the intestinal parasite if present.

Register in advance for this webinar:

<u>https://uky.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_gK6Wldn1RSuj-J3qPOoFMQ#/registration</u>

Dates to Know

June

1st- Hay Quality 101 Field Day at RCARS, Jackson KY.

3rd- Kentucky Sheep & Wool Producers Field Day at Winding Creek Farms 801 Muse Hollow Road, Tompkinsville, KY 42167.

7th- Electric Fencing for Serious Graziers

7th-8th- KATS Drone Pilot Certification Prep Course

13th-17th- Boyle County Fair

15th- KSU Third Thursday Thing

29th- Pest Management Field Day (Grain Crops IPM) at UKREC (Princeton)

<u>July</u>

13th- KATS Spray Clinic

20th- KSU Third Thursday Thing

25th- UK Corn, Soybean, Tobacco Field Day at UKREC Farm, Princeton,

Kentucky

29th- Kentucky Woodland Owners Short Course in Boyle/Casy Counties.





2023 Pest Management Field Day at the UKREC Farm June 29, 2023

Location: 1205 Hopkinsville St., Princeton, KY 42445
Time: 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. CDT — Sign-in begins at 8 a.m. CDT



Pre-registration is highly recommended by June 22, 2023 by either scanning QR Code, clicking web link, or by telephone.

https://uky.az1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV 4PjveAuq6mK9rXU
Or contact the UKREC at (270) 365-7541, ext. 22569.

Topics and Speakers

Palmer amaranth and Waterhemp control Travis Legleiter

Weed Control in early planted soybean

Weed Control in corn

Italian ryegrass Research Update

Herbicide Resistant Johnsongrass JD Green

Weed Management utilizing cover crops Erin Haramoto

Corn Disease Research Update
 Kiersten Wise

Entomology Research Update
 Raul Villanueva

Continuing Education Units for Certified Crop Advisors and Kentucky pesticide applicators available

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Upcoming Shows

June 7- Building Community Forest Networks, What's Bugging My Tree?

June 14- Timber Treatments for Birds, Food Plot Program

June 21- Pollinator Month, Tree of the Week June 28- Spotted Lantern Fly, Tree of Heaven, Citizens Science Opportunity

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2023 Beef IRM Calendars

2023 Beef IRM calendars are here. These calendars are a helpful tool to help manage your herd. Each month provides timely tips and recommendations.

Pick up at Boyle County Cooperative Extension Office (99 Corporate Drive, Danville, KY 40422. Call (859)236-4484 to confirm availability!



THIRD THURSDAY THING

Every third Thursday of the month, January through November, at 10 a.m. ET

- January 19: USDA Farm and Home Leans | Natural Resource Management-

February 16: Organie Agriculture

March 16: Small Ruminanto

April 20. Post Centrel | NRCS Programs

May 19: Aquaculture

June 15: Farmers Markets | Juneteenth Celebration

July 20: Fencing | Pastured Poultry

August 17: Sustainable and Organic Agriculture

September 21: Pawpaw
October 19: Small Ruminants

November 16: Small Farms Conference

Join us in person at the Harold R. Benson Research and Demonstration Farm or online at YouTube.com/kysuag/live

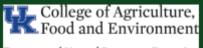


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Field Session Locations (9:30 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.):

July 15 - Pennyrile State Forest (Christian County - Central time)

July 29 - Elk Caves Farm (Boyle/Casey counties - Eastern time)

Register at https://wosc.ca.uky.edu/

Recipe



Oven-Fried Fish Fillets

- · 1 pound fish fillets
- · 2 tablespoons lemon juice
- · 2 tablespoons vegetable oil
- ¼ cup shredded parmesan cheese
- ¼ teaspoon dill weed · ¼ teaspoon salt
- ¼ teaspoon pepper
- 2 cups cornflake-type cereal, crushed

Preheat oven to 350 degrees Fahrenheit. Grease a 13x9 baking dish. Cut fillets into serving pieces, if necessary. In a small bowl, combine lemon juice and vegetable oil. In a separate small bowl, mix Parmesan cheese, dill weed, salt, and pepper. Dip each fillet into lemon juice mixture. Lay in baking dish, sprinkle with cheese mixture, and coat with crushed cereal. Bake uncovered for 20 to 30 minutes or until fish flakes easily.

Yield: 4 servings

Adapted from "Fish and Game Cookbook* by Bonnie Scott, Copyright 2013, Bonnie Scott

Calories 2	200	
% Daily Value		
Total Fat 6g	8%	
Saturated Fat 1g	5%	
Trans Fat 0g		
Cholesterol 80mg	27%	
Sodium 330mg	14%	
Total Carbohydrate 12g	4%	
Dietary Fiber 0g	0%	
Total Sugars 1g		
Includes 0g Added Sugars	0%	
Protein 24g		
Vitamin D 1mcg	65	
Calcium 97mg	8%	
Iron 6mg	35%	
Potassium 449mg	10%	

Soil Testing

Just a reminder Boyle County Extension Office offers **FREE** soil testing to anyone in the county up to 40 samples per person per year. For soil sample bags or more information call the Boyle County Extension Office at (859)236-4484.

Dead Animal Removal

The Boyle County Conservation District and the Boyle County Fiscal Court sponsors the removal of deceased animals in Boyle County. If you have a deceased animal call (859) 238-1137, Monday through Friday from 8:00 am to 4:30 pm. The deceased animal needs to be in an accessible area for pick up.



Be sure to follow the **Boyle Co. Agriculture & Natural Resources on** Facebook to stay up to date on events, classes and surveys.



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