

Travelin' the Bluegrass

Public Affairs Program

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Week of 12 / 21 / 20

December 25, 2020

Christmas time with family is always a great part of many holiday celebrations. Show host Alan Watts visits with his wife and daughter, Susan and Jennie Watts, to share what Christmas means to them. He also talks...

December 24, 2020

Christmas is a special time to celebrate with family and friends. On this edition of the show host Alan Watts talks with Edge Media...

December 23, 2020

One of the big questions each Christmas is will Santa Claus' reindeer be able to make their worldwide flight pulling a sleigh filled with...

December 22, 2020

USDA Undersecretary Bill Northey says he was pleased with the work of the Farm Service Agency in getting two major assistance programs in place...

December 21, 2020

A mother's love of Christmas has turned into one of Kentucky's newest agritourism destinations. Jessica Anderson talks about The Reindeer Farm, how she and...

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December 18, 2020

American Farm Bureau President Zippy Duvall says although the COVID-19 pandemic forced many at the national headquarters to work from home, the organization has...

December 17, 2020

Kentucky Agriculture Commissioner Dr. Ryan Quarles told Kentucky Farm Bureau during their annual meeting this month that agriculture has experienced challenges in 2020 but...

December 16, 2020

A used equipment dealership in Hopkinsville is helping farmers across the state and country find tractors and equipment to sustain their operation. We meet...

December 15, 2020

The top Certified Crop Adviser in the state will be recognized at the Kentucky Commodity Conference in January. University of Kentucky Agriculture Extension Agent...

December 14, 2020

The National Farm Machinery Show is on for 2021, but it will take place more than a month later than normal. Kentucky Venues President...

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December 11, 2020

A Garrard County farmer and her family are making their place in agriculture through the equine and livestock industries. We meet Rachel Ball, learn...

December 10, 2020

American Farm Bureau Chief Economist Dr. John Newton says 2020 had it's share of lows and highs. Newton talks about the agriculture economy, some...

December 9, 2020

An animal health company is developing technology to help livestock farmers to better monitor their animals on the farm. Dr. Jason Nickell from Merck...

December 8, 2020

Two brothers from Gallatin County are making their place in agriculture with vegetable crops. Taylor Jones talks about their vegetable growing operation, what they...

December 7, 2020

The United States has made progress with the USMCA and other trade agreements around the world. Secretary of Agriculture Sonny Perdue discusses the USMCA...

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December 4, 2020

A Gallatin County farmer and his brother make their living raising a variety of traditional and specialty crops on their farm. We meet Taylor Jones, learn about his farming operation, his experience with industrial hemp, some of...

December 3, 2020

The state of agriculture across the United States is relatively good despite a trade war and the COVID-19 pandemic. Secretary of Agriculture Sonny Perdue talks about agriculture, the trade war, farm income, and the role of assistance...

December 2, 2020

Although the Kentucky Farm Bureau Annual Meeting will be virtual this year, there will still be several critical policy issues to debate. President Mark...

December 1, 2020

Kentucky Farm Bureau's Annual Meeting will join many others across the state and nation in a virtual format. President Mark Haney talks about the...

November 30, 2020

The average cost of the 2020 Thanksgiving meal was slightly lower than in previous years. American Farm Bureau Economist Dr. John Newton, who is...



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November 27, 2020

A Grayson County farmer says finding labor for the farm is always a struggle, but he enjoys being with his family every day on...

November 26, 2020

Butterball Turkey Talk Line experts field a variety of interesting calls each year from consumers around the country. Nicole Johnson shares two of her...

November 25, 2020

A Caldwell County wife, mother, and farmer is sharing her story with lung cancer to encourage awareness and others to get screened. We meet...

November 24, 2020

Eight Kentucky County Fairs will make improvements this year thanks to the latest round of County Fair Grants from the Kentucky Department of Agriculture....

November 23, 2020

A Grant County farmer says he enjoys the diversity that the livestock operation offers on their family farm. We meet Mark Kinsey, learn about...

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November 20, 2020

University of Kentucky Ag Equine Programs will host its 10th annual UK Equine Showcase virtually through four sessions over four dates in January and February...

November 19, 2020

With Thanksgiving just a week away the Butterball Turkey Talk-line is up and ready to help cooks across the country. Turkey talker Nicole Johnson...

November 18, 2020

A young man from Louisville is creating a buzz in his neighborhood with his growing bee-keeping hobby and was the winner of the Bayer...

November 17, 2020

A Spencer County Farm Bureau Agent says he is happy to be playing a role in agriculture through his business and the interests of...

November 16, 2020

A second round of grant money is available to help Kentucky meat processors make expansions and improvements to handle increased demand. Kentucky Agriculture Commissioner...

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November 13, 2020

A Fleming County farmer says some of the biggest struggles on the farm include managing the cost of inputs and still making a profit,...

November 12, 2020

Union County FFA member Mallory White is celebrating her national win with her proficiency contest entry detailing her partnership on the family farm. White...

November 11, 2020

The North American International Livestock Exposition is in full swing at the Kentucky Exposition Center in Louisville. Kentucky Venues Director of Expositions Bobby Bell...

November 10, 2020

Kentucky Agriculture Commissioner Dr. Ryan Quarles says some important changes recently approved by the Environmental Protection Agency will allow farmers to resume using Dicamba...

November 9, 2020

The University of Kentucky College of Agriculture is hosting a five-week series of webinars focused on crop protection. U.K. Plant Pathologist Dr. Kiersten Wise...

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November 6, 2020

A Franklin County farmer says she and her husband enjoy the beef cattle operation on their farm, with plans to grow the operation...

November 5, 2020

The North American International Livestock Exposition kicks off today at the Kentucky Exposition Center in Louisville. Kentucky Venues Director of Expositions previews the events...

November 4, 2020

Kentucky was well-represented at the National FFA Convention that was held last week in a virtual format. State Agriculture Education Consultant Matt Chaliff talks...

November 3, 2020

Kentucky 4-H, FFA, and the Kentucky Proud program split more than \$600,000 in donations from the Kentucky Ag Tag Program. Agriculture Commissioner Dr. Ryan...

November 2, 2020

November and December are the worst months for deer collisions on Kentucky roadways. Bluegrass Triple-A spokesperson Lynda Lambert talks about the deer collisions, how...



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October 30, 2020

A Fayette County farmer says labor and the bottom line are two of the major concerns he has in his farming operation. We meet...

October 29, 2020

There's gold in Kentucky's hills, gold as in maple syrup, that is. Though many think of maple syrup as a New England product, Kentucky...

October 28, 2020

Kentucky Commissioner of Agriculture Dr. Ryan Quarles recently served as chairman of the Tri-National Accord. Quarles says the major focus was the implementation of the United States, Mexico, and Canada trade agreement that was signed by all...

October 27, 2020

U.K. Extension Forage Specialist Dr. Chris Teutsch says the annual Fall Grazing Conference sponsored by the University of Kentucky College of Agriculture will be a three-day virtual event this year. Dr. Teutsch says the conference, that will...

October 26, 2020

The University of Kentucky College of Agriculture, Food and Environment will host Experience Equine Week November 2-6 for high school students and their families interested in learning more about its equine science and management undergraduate degree program....

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October 23, 2020

Reaching the last mile in Kentucky is the focus of Kentucky Farm Bureau's broadband and internet expansion initiative. Kentucky Farm Bureau President Mark Haney talks about the need to continue expanding the internet to all homes, farms,...

October 22, 2020

The University of Kentucky has organized five webinars on field crop protection topics that will be hosted through the Southern Integrated Pest Management Center starting on November 10....

October 21, 2020

A central Kentucky food processor is searching for more farmers to help supply the demand for grass-fed beef and other meat products. Farmer Todd Clark, who works with procurement for Marksburg Farm Market, says after farmers meet...

October 20, 2020

A Fayette County farmer is producing beef that winds up on the shelves of a popular grocery market, with other products from his farm heading to farm markets in central Kentucky. Todd Clark talks about what he...

October 19, 2020

Secretary of State Michael Adams is predicting more than seventy percent of Kentuckians will vote during this election season. Adams is encouraging voters to return paper absentee ballots or vote using one of the early voting machines...

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October 16, 2020

On this week's farmer spotlight we travel to eastern Kentucky to make a stop in Elliot County where we meet John Skaggs. We visit with John about his family farm, talk about the history, what they raise...

October 15, 2020

On this edition of Travelin the Bluegrass Uncut we visit with a dairy producer from Ohio, who judged at the Kentucky State Fair in August, says working with youth dairy shows across the country has a special...

October 14, 2020

On this edition of Travelin' the Bluegrass Uncut BASF Agronomist, Greg Stapleton talks about the research, what they learned, and how a year like 2020 will benefit farmers....

October 13, 2020

The United States Department of Agriculture's Rural Development Agency is providing grant money across the state to help with energy efficiency and infrastructure projects. Kentucky Director Hilda Legg talks about the grants, types of projects funded and...

October 12, 2020

On this edition of Travelin' the Bluegrass Uncut Daviess County farmer Daniel Hayden talks about providing a window into the world of animal agriculture on the poultry farm he owns and operates....



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October 9, 2020

A south-central Kentucky farmer says he enjoys meeting new farmers across the country when he travels. We meet Cumberland County farmer Kim McCoy, learn...

October 8, 2020

Now is the time for beef cattle farmers to prepare to feed and maintain their cattle herd during the winter months. University of Kentucky...

October 7, 2020

Applications are being accepted for the second round of the Coronavirus Food Assistance Program, better known as CFAP. Kentucky Agriculture Commissioner Dr. Ryan Quarles...

October 6, 2020

The North American International Livestock Exposition will take place this year, with the format modified from normal years due to COVID-19. Kentucky Agriculture Commissioner...

October 5, 2020

Nearly fifty displays made out of hay are scattered throughout Todd County as part of the annual Bale Trail. Todd County Chamber of Commerce...



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October 2, 2020

Despite challenging market times, A Crittenden County farmer says he enjoys the agriculture life because no two days are ever the same. We meet Shane Wesmoland, learn about the farming operation he is involved with, discuss the...

October 1, 2020

One of the shops inside Bluegrass Stockyards is The Local Connection. We talk with Manager Elizabeth Buckles, find out about what she sells in the shop, how she tell the farmer's story, the increase in demand during the COVID-19 pandemic, and how the shop is helping meet the demand for locally grown food.

September 30, 2020

The new Bluegrass Stockyard in Lexington is a state-of-the-art livestock marketing facility with a glimpse into the past for those who grew up with the former stockyard in downtown Lexington that was destroyed by fire. Chief Operating Officer Jim Akers talks about Bluegrass Stockyard, the cattle handling facilities, what they do, the shops located inside the facility, and their mission to serve farmers.

September 29, 2020

BASF and Murray State University are partnering to provide a location for some of the latest research in corn, wheat, and soybeans. We talk with BASF Field Representative Rocky Napier about the partnership with Murray State, the history of research on the farm, how it benefits farmers and students, and find out how their field days changed this year.

September 28, 2020

Most in agriculture know Mark Haney as Kentucky Farm Bureau President but may not know about the family farm he and his brother and their families operate near Nancy, Kentucky. We talk with Mr. Haney about Haney's Appledale Farm, what they grow, their country store, and their business since COVID-19.