

Quarles: Grilling Kentucky Proud burgers in honor of Beef Month



Nathan Lawson, left, a Kentucky Beef Farmer and Ryan Quarles, Kentucky Agriculture Commissioner, enjoy some Kentucky Proud beef at an event in Lexington.

With more than a million beef cows, Kentucky boasts the largest beef cattle inventory east of the Mississippi River and the eighth-most in the nation as the state celebrates Beef Month. "With the weather warming, I urge Kentuckians to join me by throwing some locally-

sourced burgers on their backyard grills in honor of May as beef month," Agriculture Commissioner Dr. Ryan Quarles said. "Beef is not only good for you as part of a healthy, balanced diet, but buying Kentucky Proud beef is good for the state's economy, keeping your

hard-earned money right here at home." Kentucky is home to 38,000 beef cattle producers according to the National Agricultural Statistics Service. The Commonwealth is 14th in the nation for the total number of beef cows and calves with an inventory of 2.13 million

Beef is important to Kentucky's economy with over half of our farms raising cattle

head as of January 1. Kentucky produced more than 594 million pounds of beef last year valued at over \$648 million. Beef cattle sales accounted for more than \$692 million in cash receipts to Kentucky producers in 2019 and gross income of over \$703 million. Barren County reigns as the top county in Kentucky in the total number of cattle and calves, as well as

beef cows. Madison and Pulaski counties follow in the rankings for cattle and calves. The counties flip-flopped in beef cows, with Pulaski in second place and Madison third. The Kentucky Department of Agriculture helps producers find new markets for their cattle, conducts beef cattle shows, tracks market prices, and pro-

tests Kentucky's herds from disease. To find out more about the Department's services, go to www.kyagr.com. Consumers can locate Kentucky Cattleman's Ground Beef burgers, made with locally-sourced beef raised by Kentucky producers at Kroger stores across the state. To find local beef near you, visit kyproud.com/beef.



Virtual Summer Reading offered

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The Green County Public Library is gearing up for their first virtual Summer Reading Program.

This year's theme, Imagine Your Story, will be celebrated with fairy tale associations in the crafts and virtual programs. Craft packets will be made for each individual and a time will be arranged for pick up at the library.

This program is free for everyone of all ages, with a Green

County Public Library card call the library at 270-932-7081.

Out of county residents who do not pay Green County taxes will be asked to pay an out of county or individual fee to register for a library card; patrons can then subsequently register for Summer Reading.

All virtual programs are free and available for anyone to watch on the library's Facebook and Instagram. To register for Summer Reading, call the library,

email greencounty-publiclibrary@gmail.com, or message them on Facebook with the name, age, address, and phone number of everyone who would like to participate.

The library is currently receiving messages and phone calls Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, and Friday from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. until June, in which Monday's hours will change to 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Patrons are also currently able to make requests for items to

pick up at the library by contacting them with requests and a time will be scheduled for pick up.

CLERK'S OFFICE ANNOUNCES CHANGES EFFECTIVE MAY 18

The Green County Clerk's office remains closed to walk-in transactions except for vehicle transfers, land researches and recordings.

Call 270-932-5366 or 270-932-7718 and someone from the clerk's office will unlock the front door of the courthouse so you may have access to these services.

For all other transactions and procedures the restrictions announced by the Governor's Executive Order 2020-215 are still in place. The drop box at the front of the courthouse remains in use.

We will continue to follow the Governor's Orders and do our best to ensure the health and safety of our staff and the community.

Thank you!

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REMEMBER TO PAY CEMETERY DUES

Donate annually to the maintenance fund.

A well-maintained cemetery is a reflection of local pride.

You may contact a local funeral home for details.

A Record-Herald public service message.



NOTICE FROM GREEN COUNTY CLERK IN REGARDS TO 2020 PRIMARY ELECTION

There will be a few changes to how the upcoming June 23rd primary election will be conducted due to COVID-19. The option to vote an absentee ballot will be expanded to include every voter. Here are the ways you can vote by absentee:

Absentee by mail: You can contact my office by phone (or email) to request an absentee application. We will then mail you the application to sign. Once you mail us the application back, we will mail you the ballot.

Absentee by drive-up: For this election, you can pull up into the courthouse parking lot and call us to request an absentee. We will bring you the application to sign, then bring you the ballot and envelope. Once you have it filled out and placed into the secured envelope, we can pick it up from your vehicle.

Absentee by pick-up: For this election, you can also call us to have your application ready and you can pick it up and sign it at our window. We will then give you the ballot and envelope. Once you fill it out and put it in the secured envelope, you can then drop it back off with us at the window.

Absentee online: For this election, you can apply for an absentee ballot using the State Board of Elections online portal. This portal will be available starting May 22nd. Once you put all of your info into the portal and submit it, my office will then mail you your ballot within 3 days. If you choose this option, you will not have to sign an application. This will be the quickest option.

Absentee in-person: Starting June 8th, you can vote absentee in the office by appointment only. When you call us to make your appointment, we will tell you a time to be here to vote and we will have your application ready for you to sign at that time as well. Voting equipment will be sanitized between each voter.

Voting on Election Day: PRECINCTS WILL NOT BE OPEN AND RESULTS WILL NOT BE SEPARATED BY PRECINCT. The only place to vote on Election Day will be the COURTHOUSE. This polling location will still be open from 6am-6pm on June 23rd, but voting by absentee will be the best option.

In order to avoid having a large crowd on Election Day, we encourage everyone to take advantage of the expanded absentee options. This will help prevent long wait times and a large crowd at the one polling location. If you have questions, please give us a call!

Thank you!

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