

Weather Record							
Date	9-8	9-9	9-10	9-11	9-12	9-13	9-14
High	84.6	85.8	86.3	82.1	82.2	76.5	79.4
Low	59.2	60.8	62.5	68.6	67.3	67.3	63.5
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Reporting period for each day runs from midnight to midnight. Statistics from Kentucky Mesonet's Bengal Station.

Corona Cow Days 2020



Although Cow Days 2020 is canceled due to the coronavirus, Virtual Cow Days will continue throughout the month. Many fun items are available at www.CowDays.org. Above, Conleigh Cecil and Will Stearman show off their Cow Days Masks and their 2020 Stuff-A-Cow masked cows. Masks show the Corona Days 2020 logo, featuring a masked cow and the line “The Cow Days That Never Happened,” along with the Rotary International symbol on a soft, breathable blue fabric. Masks are available for \$7. A Stuff-a-Cow Kit can be purchased for \$25 and includes everything needed for a cute cow, as pictured above, including a 2020 Cow Days bandana. Additionally, a 2020 Corona Cow Days button is available. Shipping is \$4 for each item, OR, order and pick up locally at the office of Nancy Stearman. An order form is on page 2B.

A look at Cow Days history



Green County Public Library
Laura Johnson

Cow Days won't be held this year, but is surely on the minds of many. Usually the days leading up to the third weekend in September are packed with a flurry of activity for vendors, business owners, and students. It is a local tradition with a long history in our community.

The first Cow Days was October 16, 1928; 92 years ago. It was actually called Jersey Day.

It all began when the county 4-H agent proposed to hold one day in October for a junior club exhibit day to show off their animals: Jersey heifers, pigs and hogs, and poultry. To make the day a big success, the storeowners in Greensburg thought it would be a good idea to have a big prize giveaway. They all went together and



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bought a purebred Jersey cow in Bowling Green. For several weeks, everyone who bought a dollar's worth of merchandise from one of their stores would get a ticket. The ticket was that person's chance to win the cow on Jersey Day. Even though the event was offi-

cially called Jersey Day, some newspaper ads called it the Give-away Day or Cow Day.

When the big day arrived, the rain was coming down, but people still came to our little town from all over – an estimated threetofourthousand. Some were in cars, buggies, wagons, and

even on horseback. There were some people so sure they would win that cow that they brought a rope to walk him home with.

A woman named Ethel Shively was the lucky winner of the first Jersey cow.

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