

# STAR Students



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# Smith represents Kentucky at National Junior Angus conference



Bryanna Smith, Russell Springs, and Josh Jasper, Nicholasville, representing the Kentucky Junior Angus Association, were among several Angus youth at the 2022 National Junior Angus Association's Raising the Bar conference, March 31 - April 3 in Lubbock, Texas. Seventy-eight juniors from 20 state junior Angus associations participated in the conference, to help youth grow as leaders and explore future college and career opportunities, while networking with peers. Photo by Peyton Schmitt, American Angus Association

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## Extension Notes

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## Crawfish Chimneys in the Lawn

Source: Ric Bessin, UK Extension Entomologist

A common request in the spring is how to get rid of crawfish that are making unsightly mud chimneys in lawns. Crawfish can be common in lawns and other low-lying areas where the water table is close to the surface. A single crawfish can dig a burrow that can extend several feet deep, and there may be dozens near a low spot in a lawn or near ponds and creeks.

Fortunately, crawfish and the chimneys they create do not hurt plants or turf. They don't feed on plants or roots and are considered detritus feeders; some are carnivorous. But spring is when they are spawning and cleaning out and enlarging their burrows. The burrows with their chimneys are, however, unsightly and cause increased wear on mowing equipment. A practical way to deal with the chimneys is to rake them out or wash them away before mowing, but this can be time consuming. Here are some other strategies that may or may not work:



Figure 1. Crawfish chimneys are unsightly, but not harmful (Photo credit: Chazz Hesselein, Alabama Cooperative Extension System, Bugwood.org).

- Try to lower the water table or direct drainage away from the area to promote drier soil conditions. This can make the area much less favorable for crawfish; however, this can be expensive and may not be effective during periods of regular heavy rains.

- Pesticides and other chemicals are not recommended. As crawfish are associated with high water tables, there is a high risk that anything put into the burrow may contaminate the water table. There are no pesticides labeled for crawfish control by the EPA or for use in Kentucky. There are no chemical treatments of any type that can be discussed or recommended.

- Trapping of crawfish can reduce their numbers in an area. There are commercial crawfish traps, and some designs can be used for trapping on lawns. Generally, these are baited with pet foods or putrefied meat and need to be checked regularly and bait replaced as needed. Keep in mind that these baits will also attract raccoons, opossums, and other wildlife, as well as cats, so they need to be anchored to the ground with lawn staples or stakes.

While there is no silver bullet to control crawfish in lawns, the problem is usually seasonal. When the drier months of the summer arrive, the problems should diminish.

### Announcements

Celebrating Russell County Women in Agriculture Meeting – May 26, 6:00 PM at the Russell County Extension Office.

Topics: Worm Composting, Succulent Gardens

The Russell County Extension Office will be closed May 30 for Memorial Day.

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## KENTUCKY LIVESTOCK AND GRAIN MARKET REPORT

### KENTUCKY DAILY GRAIN PRICES bids for next day

Corn #2 Yellow - Louisville (7.97-8.00) Pennyrile (7.60-7.470)  
Soybeans #1 Y - Louisville (16.08) Pennyrile (16.22)  
Wheat #2 SRW - Louisville (NA) Pennyrile (10.34-10.39)

### WEEKLY FEED INGREDIENT WHOLESALE PRICES, \$ PER TON Owensboro, KY

Soybean Meal 48% .....442.80  
Soybean Hulls .....220.00

AUCTION			
	This Week	Last Reported 5/4/2022	Last Year
Total Receipts:	555	609	673
Feeder Cattle:	496(89.4%)	555(91.1%)	530(78.8%)
Slaughter Cattle:	50(9.0%)	48(7.9%)	79(11.7%)
Replacement Cattle:	9(1.6%)	6(1.0%)	64(9.5%)

Special Note: Updated narrative only, no data change:  
Revised heifer group price:

Compared to last Wednesday: Feeder steers and bull calves sold 8.00-10.00 higher. Feeder heifers sold 4.00-6.00 higher. There was strong demand for those calves that were weaned and in favorable condition. Slaughter cows and bulls traded 6.00-8.00 higher on all classes. Supply included: 89% Feeder Cattle (46% Steers, 41% Heifers, 13% Bulls); 9% Slaughter Cattle (91% Cows, 9% Bulls); 2% Replacement Cattle (80% Bred Cows, 20% Cow-Calf Pairs). Feeder cattle supply over 600 lbs was 28%.

#### FEEDER CATTLE

STEERS - Medium and Large 1-2 (Per Cwt / Actual Wt)				
Head	Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price
1	225	225	192.50	192.50
3	305-310	307	195.00-200.00	196.68
2	380	380	190.00	190.00
7	356	356	214.00	214.00
5	451-495	462	165.00-170.00	168.53
32	460-495	479	202.00-208.50	207.38
8	470-492	486	190.00-191.00	190.25
5	500-547	536	180.00	180.00
28	505-546	531	190.00-196.00	194.22
17	570-596	592	170.00-183.50	179.94
2	552	552	150.00	150.00
5	557	557	194.00	194.00
4	620-640	629	180.00-185.00	182.99
11	650-690	662	163.00-178.00	172.42
3	715-745	725	149.00-153.00	151.63
2	757	757	161.50	161.50
61	811	811	151.00	151.00
3	910-930	917	108.00-119.00	111.72

#### HEIFERS - Medium and Large 2-3 (Per Cwt / Actual Wt)

Head	Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price
1	335	335	145.00	145.00
3	385-397	393	135.50-147.50	139.42
1	430	430	150.00	150.00
1	455	455	147.50	147.50
3	555-595	568	140.00-141.00	140.35
3	720-722	721	107.50-114.00	109.66

#### BULLS - Medium and Large 1-2 (Per Cwt / Actual Wt)

Head	Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price
2	230	230	207.50	207.50
2	260-265	263	187.50-195.00	191.21
1	360	360	181.00	181.00
5	405-445	413	185.00-190.00	186.08
2	410	410	156.00	156.00
18	451-495	474	167.00-180.00	173.58
2	467	467	149.00	149.00
4	550-585	571	161.00-175.00	166.88
2	620-630	625	142.00-154.00	148.05
1	685	685	141.00	141.00
6	700-740	711	134.00-149.00	137.45
1	795	795	120.00	120.00
2	905-940	923	112.00-113.00	112.51

#### STEERS - Medium and Large 2-3 (Per Cwt / Actual Wt)

Head	Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price
2	460-495	478	142.00-150.00	145.85
3	555-580	563	155.00-160.00	158.28
1	735	735	140.00	140.00

#### BULLS - Medium and Large 2-3 (Per Cwt / Actual Wt)

Head	Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price
1	395	395	150.00	150.00
1	420	420	167.50	167.50
2	460-490	475	142.00-152.50	147.08
3	550-597	581	146.00-154.00	151.48

#### HEIFERS - Medium and Large 1-2 (Per Cwt / Actual Wt)

Head	Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price
2	235	235	195.00	195.00
2	320	320	157.50-161.00	159.25
2	310-345	328	185.00-186.00	185.53
3	350-380	370	169.00-174.00	170.58
11	360-391	378	179.00-187.00	183.77
10	405-445	432	164.00-177.00	166.76
5	440	440	180.00	180.00
21	455-495	479	157.00-169.00	162.51
17	450-480	474	170.00-174.00	172.77
17	505-545	530	138.50-152.00	145.28
28	500-535	532	157.50-164.00	157.87
3	587-590	588	147.00-152.00	150.33
25	552-568	558	157.00-163.00	161.66
4	615-642	634	138.00-144.00	142.50
6	606	606	155.00	155.00
8	656-690	665	129.00-146.00	137.28
6	710-730	713	120.00-136.00	131.94
1	760	760	117.00	117.00
2	837	837	123.50	123.50
1	1025	1025	84.00	84.00

#### BULLS - Large 1-2 (Per Cwt / Actual Wt)

Head	Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price
1	480	480	106.00	106.00
2	560	560	104.50	104.50
1	845	845	96.00	96.00

#### SLAUGHTER CATTLE

COWS - Breaker 75-80% (Per Cwt / Actual Wt)				
Head	Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price
9	1195-1525	1377	82.50-88.00	85.34
5	1240-1795	1439	91.00-102.00	96.16
4	1220-1405	1275	76.00-79.50	78.03

#### COWS - Boner 80-85% (Per Cwt / Actual Wt)

Head	Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price
6	1035-1260	1107	71.00-77.50	74.26
3	1010-1165	1113	82.00-86.00	84.30
3	1045-1120	1080	65.00-66.00	65.32

#### COWS - Lean 85-90% (Per Cwt / Actual Wt)

Head	Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price
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