

## New book helps parents calculate child support

October 26-31 is Child Support Enforcement Awareness Week

**PADUCAH** — A valuable new book helps take the mystery out of determining the child support payments that affect the lives of thousands of Kentucky children. *Child Support in Kentucky: Calculating the Payments*, written by Cynthia E. Sanderson of Paducah, brings clarity to Kentucky's child support law. Sanderson, an attorney, whose practice focuses on family law, provides an easy-to-follow formula that will guide Kentucky parents in determining how much child support they can expect to pay or receive.

"There is a lot of confusion about how child support is calculated," Sanderson said. "As a result, many Kentucky fathers pay too much or receive too little. My ultimate goal in writing this book is a better life for Kentucky fathers. In 1996, Kentucky adopted a child support law that contains a mandatory guideline for determining child support. Although the guidelines are

## KENTUCKY AFIELD

Kentucky Department of Fish & Wildlife Resources

Toll-free number available — checking the deer you harvest on your own land is as simple as picking up the phone.

New this hunting season is a toll-free number for landowners, tenants and their agents to use for deer harvest reports. Just call 1-888-852-3280 and follow the directions.

Although landowners and tenants are not required to check deer they harvest on their lands, they are strongly encouraged to do so. Harvest check numbers help wildlife biologists determine a more accurate harvest count. This count is very important in managing Kentucky's deer herd.

**Watch Out For Deer**

Deer, deer mating season, is now peaking in Kentucky. During this season, which runs from late October through November, the drive to mate, rather than common sense, dictates deer behavior. This means deer won't be looking both ways before they cross the road. So it's good idea to exercise extreme caution while driving.

Even after taking these precautions, it's sometimes impossible to avoid an accident. Deer-vehicle accidents usually happen when a deer enters the side of a moving vehicle or jumps out in front of a vehicle. Drivers and you cannot stop the animal, and more than you may lose control of the vehicle could end up damaged.

If you are involved in a deer-vehicle accident, contact a local law enforcement officer or local conservation officer, or call the Kentucky Department of Fish and Wildlife Resources at (502) 644-3176. Your report will help the state's deer program coordinator keep track of such mortalities and better plan deer management.

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## State food prices below national average

Grocery prices in Kentucky have leveled off this year, bucking a national trend of rising costs, according to Farm Bureau's quarterly market basket survey.

Farm Bureau's October report on the average total cost for 40 popular food items showed a slight increase from July, but a 1.2 percent decline from last January, when a record was set for the 18-year-old survey.

The October average of \$76.19 for the 40 items was 59 cents, or 0.8 percent, lower than the previous report in July. However, it was 21 cents lower than January's record of \$76.43, a figure that marked two consecutive years of higher prices. That streak ended last April and since then there's been little change in the market basket average.

Kentucky's stability is in contrast with the national picture, where government reports are predicting a 2 to 3 percent rise in grocery prices this year. The American Farm Bureau's survey of grocery prices in 35 states concurs with the forecast, showing average price increases for each quarter of this year. AFBR's most recent report, in September, had the highest average price in the survey's eight-year history.

The survey is revealing that Kentuckians are seeing stable prices on dairy products and produce, plus only mild fluctuations in beef costs. Over the past six months, the average total cost for the 14 dairy and produce items surveyed is virtually unchanged. Meanwhile, the average cost for the five beef products has

climbed by only 2.5 percent following a five percent decline for the first quarter of the year.

According to industry reports, a good growing season in the southern states has made produce plentiful in Kentucky supermarkets, thereby tempering price increases. Declining costs of milk and cheese are cited as an unusual surge in farm milk production in Kentucky this summer.

Normally, Kentucky's retail milk prices rise in the summer because the hot weather causes its cows to produce less milk, thereby forcing manufacturers to have milk trucked in from northern states. But this year's mild summer in Kentucky, farm milk production actually increased.

Moreover, a nationwide glut of milk has reduced farm milk prices to the lowest levels in

	July 1997 Average Price	Oct. 1997 Average Price
Ground Beef, lb.	1.27	1.21
Rib-Eye Steak, lb.	5.80	5.62
T-Bone Steak, lb.	6.09	5.86
Sirloin Tip Roast, lb.	2.24	2.28
Chuck Roast, lb.	1.84	1.91
Center Cut Pork Chops, lb.	3.26	3.12
Sliced Bacon, lb.	2.23	2.19
Roll Sausage, 2 lb.	4.28	4.65
Whole Smoked Ham, lb.	1.88	2.04
Pork Spare Ribs, lb.	1.93	2.02
Whole Fryer, lb.	.90	.89
Cut-Up Fryer, lb.	2.80	2.73
Chicken Breasts, lb.	2.04	2.22
Grade A, Ex. Lg. Eggs, doz.	.90	1.04
Grade A, Lg. Eggs, doz.	.72	.94
Whole Milk, Gallon	2.35	2.17
2% Milk, Gallon	2.23	2.17
Cottage Cheese, 16 oz.	1.46	1.55
American Cheese, 24 Slices	2.80	2.73
Mild Cheddar Cheese, lb.	3.27	3.10
Butter, lb.	1.93	1.96
Oleo Margarine, lb.	.63	.58
Vanilla Ice Cream, 1/2 Gal.	2.06	2.06
Frozen Corn, 10 oz.	.93	.84
Idaho Potatoes, 10 lb.	2.44	3.04
Cucumbers, each	.50	.49
Red Delicious Apples, lb.	.90	1.04
Lettuce, head	1.01	.98
Bell Peppers, each	.56	.51
Tomatoes, lb.	1.18	1.24
White Bread, lb.	1.18	1.15
Whole Wheat Bread, lb.	1.62	1.47
Self-Rising Corn Meal, 5 lb.	1.37	1.70
All Purpose Flour, 5 lb.	1.51	1.35
Corn Oil, 32 oz.	2.21	2.21
Vegetable Oil, 32 oz.	2.01	1.89
Canned Tomatoes, 16 oz.	.70	.64
Dill Pickle Slices, 16 oz.	1.51	1.67
Soy Sauce, 5 oz.	.77	.88
Potato Chips, 8 oz. twin	1.67	1.71
TOTAL MARKET BASKET	75.60	76.19

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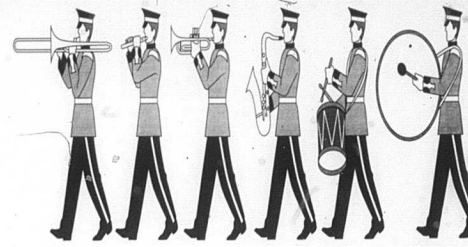
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