

Stockyard Report

Federal-State Market News Farmers Stockyards Flemingburg, KY Monday, October

Cattle Receipts: 730: Total receipts for the week: 1298: (Compared to last week) Slaughter cows: 1,002-00 higher, feeder steers steady to 2.00 higher, feeder heifers

12 percent very short, 35 percent short, 51 percent adequate, and 2 percent overabundant. Days suitable for fieldwork averaged 5.6 out of a possible six days. Primary farming activities included harvesting soybeans, sowing winter wheat and stripping tobacco.

Tobacco: As of Sunday, October 22, burley tobacco was 17 percent striped. This compared to 18 percent last year and a five year average of 18 percent. Tobacco stripping was well underway with good quality reported by most producers. A few reports of houseburn in early stripped tobacco were received. Condition of the stripped tobacco was reported as 3 percent poor, 23 percent fair, 55 percent good, and 19 percent in excellent condition.

Corn: Ninety percent of the corn crop was harvested as of Sunday, October 22. This compares to 97 percent of the previous year, and 86 percent for the five-year average. Reports of excellent yields continued, however, some unharvested corn was beginning to fall down.

Soybeans: The soybean crop continued to yield well. Fifty-five percent of the State's soybeans were harvested. This compared to 72 percent last season, and exceeded the 5 year average of 52 percent. Some farmers reported harvesting was limited to the afternoon hours due to high moisture in the morning hours.

Other Crops: Winter wheat seeding was 69 percent complete as of Sunday, October 22. This compared to 60 percent for both 1999 and the five year average. Condition of the crop was rated at 2 percent poor, 20 percent fair, 66 percent good, and 10 percent excellent. Kentucky farmers continued to report excellent conditions for the state's livestock with most areas still having abundant pasture. Ninety-seven percent of farmers expect local hay supplies to be adequate for the winter.



Jarrod Clark, the son of Carlisle Mayor Ronnie Clark, helps the family hand out Trick-or-Treat candy during Halloween Tuesday night.

Ag News

Above normal temperatures prevailed throughout the state last week with many areas beginning several days with fog. Temperatures averaged 62 degrees for the week which was five degrees above normal. Precipitation averaged 0.27 inches for the week which was 0.4 inches below normal. Topsoil moisture as of Friday, October 20, was rated 1.1 percent very short, 32 percent short, 55 percent adequate, and 2 percent surplus. Subsoil moisture was rated

Managing your medication is confusing but necessary

Keeping track of medications can be very confusing, but it is just as important as what they cost. The elderly have six times more hospitalizations from adverse reactions to drugs than the general population. Patients should feel comfortable enough with their family physicians to have frank discussions about their prescriptions. For example, if a patient cannot afford to have a prescription filled, he or she must tell the physician. It is important for the

patient's primary care physician, such as the family physician, to know all medications being taken. Since there may be several physicians prescribing, the patient should take all prescriptions to doctor visits. A schedule of medications is helpful to ensure that they are taken at the right time and in the right amount. Calendar pads and pill dispensers can be helpful. Elderly patients and caregivers should keep a list of the name, both generic and brand, of

each prescription, the reason for taking it, how much and how often to take it, special instructions and possible side effects. Managing medicines does not have to be difficult. Talk to your family physician about your medications. For more information or to find a family physician or pharmacist, call the Kentucky Academy of Family Physicians at 602-451-0370 or toll-free at 888-451-0370.

Campaign Info Made Easy

(NAPS) - What's your vote? Is finding out about a political candidate easier now that computers and the Internet Superhighway? Or are voters finding it hard to visit spots on the Internet campaign trail? With 122 million Americans online this year compared to 37 million in the last presidential election, the Internet can be a critical tool when it comes to finding election information. But first you may need to know how to find that information. Through a free public service effort by RealNames Corporation, you can use Internet Keywords to avoid the hassle of finding candidates' sites on the Web. Internet Keywords eliminate the other confusing punctuation and symbols contained in Web addresses and replace them with a simple name, also known as an Internet Keyword. Voters who want to use the Web to learn more about a political candidate can simply type that candidate's name, which is an Internet Keyword, to go directly to the campaign's official site. The Internet Keywords have been established for every candidate in the fall's presidential, senatorial, congressional and gubernatorial races. Why is RealNames doing this? To help voters sort through the confusion and misdirection on the Web. Since voters started using Internet Keywords to find campaign-related Internet sites, hits for Microsoft, Internet Explorer browser (version 3.0 and higher) address line or into your favorite search engine, and go directly to his official site. "The campaign of the 21st century is all about finding newer, better ways to make direct connections between voters and candidates," said Mike Pawdzick, senior media consultant for the New York senate campaign of Rick Lazio. "Internet Keywords can guarantee a clear path through the misinformation minefield."

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