



Hello ##[Name | First]##,

June is here, gardens are bountiful, days are at their longest and the OAK Team has much to share.

June ushers in a season of **on-farm educational activities** across the Commonwealth. The opportunities to gather and learn from Kentucky's farmers and growers start tomorrow, June 4th, at [Lazy Eight Stock Farm](#) in Paint Lick, KY. Scroll down to check the full Field Day schedule and plan to register for one or many! Immediately following tomorrow's Field Day, join the OAK Team at an [informal social gathering](#) at Nightjar, in Berea, Kentucky from 4:30-7:30pm ET. It will be a perfect time to meet old friends and make new connections.

**Do you know how OAK staff support farmers and growers?**

**Sarah Geurkink, Organic Production Specialist**, provides technical production assistance to farmers. Both beginning and experienced farmers are encouraged to [reach out](#) for one-on-one assistance.

**Mad Marchal, Conservation Outreach Coordinator**, is available to [answer questions](#) about on-farm conservation and guide farmers/landowners through the process of seeking and receiving financial support for their specific farm goals.

**Kenya Abraham, Organic Transition Program Manager**, answers farmers' organic certification and transition questions, supports their certification journey and prepares them for success. Reach out via [email](#).

OAK's programs and support do not require OAK Membership, but **your membership directly supports this work and the food and farming landscape across the region**. If you have let your membership lapse or have never taken the plunge to join OAK, now is the time! [Join OAK or renew your lapsed Membership here](#). OAK is growing and working for a healthier future, join us. Be part of this community, working to nourish Kentucky.

Long days and full plates for Kentucky's food and farming community lie ahead in these busiest of summer months.

Warmly,  
Robin Verson  
Membership and Communications Coordinator



*OAK's technical assistance and farmer education program staff at Elmwood Stock Farm exploring conservation practices and learning about their cover crop and conservation crop rotations. Seen here with farmer, Mac Stone; NRCS State Grazing Specialist, Adam Jones and an impressive cover crop stand.*

Between farm visits and outreach events, OAK's field staff gathered for a full day of professional development training on climate-smart practices. Adam Jones from USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) Kentucky led the OAK group through tools and practices to support farmers and field staff in the development of prescribed grazing and cover crop plans. We walked the pastures at Elmwood Stock Farm identifying grasses and forbs, discussing considerations for stocking rates and identifying management strategies farmers can use to improve forage quality over time. If you are curious about pasture condition and tools that help identify areas for management adjustments, check out the [NRCS Guide to Pasture Condition Scoring](#). Prescribed grazing is one of the practices OAK's Climate-Smart project supports with technical and financial assistance. To learn more about how to get involved, visit the project webpage.

[Learn More](#)

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## A Common Language for Measuring Farm Sustainability

OAK's Climate-Smart Team had the pleasure of spending time with leadership from the [Sustainable Food Trust](#) (SFT) recently. Adele Jones, Executive Director, and Patrick Holden, Founder and CEO, visited Kentucky from the United Kingdom to discuss the [Global Farm Metric](#) (GFM), a 'common language' for measuring farm sustainability and a globally harmonized framework that takes a holistic approach to measuring sustainability on farms. Over the past 2.5 years, OAK has worked with SFT to translate the GFM for application in the US and to develop the Farm Sustainability Assessment Tool (F-SAT), now available for farmers to use in Kentucky through OAK's new climate-smart project. OAK staff enjoyed diving into the details of the GFM, walking the fields at Rootbound Farm to see the tool in action and connecting with leaders in human health, ecosystem services and true-cost accounting from the [Envirome Institute](#) and the [True Cost Accounting Accelerator](#). Later that day, OAK's Executive Director, Brooke Gentile, joined a group of 11 panelists to discuss a shared, new vision of health in Kentucky that values farm-level ecosystem services, farm worker health and high-quality food grown and raised on Kentucky farms.



## Farmer Profile: Aaron and Irina Lange, Foxfire Farm

Foxfire Farm in Casey County officially launched as a business in 2022, but the roots of its existence are deep and wide - drawing on generational knowledge, supported by evolving farming systems and connected to a web of farmer mentors and partners.

Aaron Lange and his wife Irina formed Foxfire Farm on land that the Lange family has nurtured and cultivated since 1991. Aaron was born on the ridgetop farm and worked with the land under his parents Jerome and Paula Lange's stewardship. He left home to study at Berea College, where completion of the pre-med program deepened his understanding of the complexity and beauty of the natural world. Aaron's personal agricultural studies have allowed him to encounter new teachers and mentors, including farmers employing different styles and systems than his family used. Aaron returned to the farm after college and assumed a portion of the family land to try his style of organic farming with reduced tillage and bio-intensive practices, using cover crops, integrating livestock and developing and maintaining standardized, permanent beds in field blocks to allow for intentional crop rotations.

Irina volunteered on the family farm and worked alongside the Langes. She and Aaron formed their own family, welcoming their son Jonathan in 2022, just as the couple reached majority management of the farm. Irina and Aaron share most of the responsibilities on the farm, including crop production, livestock management, marketing, sales and herding their growing toddler.

Foxfire Farm now cultivates 2.5 acres of low-till certified organic greens, herbs, roots and diverse vegetables. They sell their produce through a wide array of markets, including a local CSA program, farmers markets, restaurants, groceries and wholesale buyers.

Visit Aaron and Irina's Foxfire Farm at their upcoming Farmer Field Day!



## Farmer Field Day: Innovating Generational Farming Practices with Ecological Approaches and System Efficiencies

Foxfire Farm, Liberty KY -- June 18, 2024 -- 9 am - 12 pm ET

Join this OAK Field Day with Aaron Lange as he shares Foxfire Farm's 2.5-acre certified organic vegetable fields, covered production and greenhouse, highlighting: three-year crop rotations integrated with cover crops and grazing sheep; high tunnel and field production for year-round harvest; reduced tillage using standardized beds, mulching and soil-building techniques and harvest and packing efficiencies for reduced time and labor. Aaron will provide demonstrations and specific crop examples of harvest techniques, wash-pack systems, crop transitions and bed-flipping. He'll also share his experience building and balancing multiple market channels, including community-supported agriculture (CSA), farmers' markets, retail outlets and deliveries. [Grow Appalachia](#) and the U.S. Department of Agriculture's (USDA) National Institute of Food and Agriculture provided support for this Field Day.

[Register Here for June 18 Field Day at Foxfire Farm](#)

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# 2024 OAK FARMER FIELD DAYS

**June 4**  
Paint Lick, KY

**Reduced Tillage, Cover Crops, and Crop Rotations on an Organic Vegetable Farm – Lazy Eight Stock Farm**

**June 18**  
Liberty, KY

**Generational Farming with Ecological Approaches: Sheep, Vegetables and Cover Crops – Foxfire Farm**

**July 9**  
Berea, KY

**Building a Small-Scale Family Farm One Year at a Time – Wolf Gap Gardens**

**September 5**  
Rhodelia, KY

**Perennial Possibilities and Annual Rotations – Barr Farms**

**September 12**  
Lexington, KY

**Exploring the Ecosystems of Community and Conservation – Seedleaf's Headwater Farm**

**September 23**  
Campbellsburg, KY

**From the Soil Up – Rotational Grazing and Pasture Improvement – Valley Spirit Farm**

**October 10**  
Bowling Green, KY

**Soil Health, Farmer Health and Community Health – Apostles Garden**



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All farmers and ag professionals are welcome!

## OAK 2024 Conference Recordings

Register Today for Farmer Field Days

OAK is excited to release a second batch of 2024 Conference Recordings, available for public viewing for the first time on OAK's website.

- KEYNOTE: Organic Farmer Panel: Adopting Practices, Increasing Resilience and Strengthening Systems in Our Organic Farming Community
- Foundations of Regenerative Grazing: Ecosystem Function and the Tool of Livestock (Pre-Conference Workshop)

### Do you need Conservation Support on your farm?

- Mad Marchal, OAK's Conservation Outreach Coordinator, is available to answer questions surrounding on-farm conservation and help guide farmers/landowners through the process of seeking and receiving support for their specific farm goals. This service is available for ALL Kentucky farmers, growers and landowners interested in conservation support, regardless of OAK membership, certified organic or commercial farming status.
- Addressing the Use of Plastics in Organic Agriculture
- Are Tomatoes Worth It? Evaluating Profitability in High Tunnels, Crop by Crop
- The Black Farmer Blight and Planting Seeds of Solutions
- Finding the Funding That Fits: A Forum for Farmers
- Organic Strawberries: Propagation to Market

NEW: Mad is now scheduling 30-minute calls with farmers to answer questions and craft a suggested plan with clearly-marked steps that enable the farmer to better understand and engage with Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS)'s conservation programs and on-the-ground conservation.

## OAK Conference 2025: Call for Session Proposals

OAK invites interested speakers to submit a proposal for the 14th Annual Farming Conference in Frankfort, Kentucky, from January 23-25, 2025. OAK seeks engaging session and workshop proposals relevant to Kentucky's organic and regenerative agriculture community. The audience will include hundreds of farmers and growers of all experience levels and farm types, ag professionals, researchers, local food advocates and allied organizations aligned in the theme, "Grounded in Organics: From Soil to Market!" Proposals are accepted until July 19, 2024.

**14TH ANNUAL  
OAK CONFERENCE**

**Grounded in Organics:  
From Soil to Market**

 **JANUARY 23-25, 2025  
FRANKFORT, KY**

**Submit a Proposal at  
oak-ky.org/session-proposals**

Learn More and Submit a Proposal

## Get Organic Production Technical Assistance From OAK

In May, our Organic Production Specialist (Sarah) traveled to several farms: learning from and with amazing Kentucky producers; advising on irrigation best practices; troubleshooting pests, disease and fertility issues; and collecting plant and soil samples to submit to labs. Sarah also fielded text messages, email inquiries, pictures and progress reports from growers.

Do you need production assistance? Reach out! **OAK can answer quick questions, make referrals to relevant specialists or programs, help with sourcing inputs and more.** Visit [oak-ky.org/production-consultation](https://oak-ky.org/production-consultation) or email [sarah@oak-ky.org](mailto:sarah@oak-ky.org).



*OAK's Organic Production Specialist traveled to Barr Farms to follow up on previous production assistance and help with the first in-season tissue and soil sample collection.*

## Policy Updates

### **Farm Bill Reauthorization Proposals Emerge from Senate and House Agriculture Committees**

The Senate Agriculture Committee and the House Agriculture Committee released their respective versions of the Farm Bill in May. Markups are happening now and then the two committees will have months of meetings to reconcile their versions of these 1000 page documents into a unified Farm Bill. Read the [National Sustainable Agriculture Coalition's \(NSAC's\) analysis](#) of the Senate Agriculture Committee's Farm Bill draft that shows momentum toward a bipartisan farm bill reauthorization with Chairwoman Debbie Stabenow's (D-MI) release of a detailed section-by-section description of its farm bill reauthorization proposal. The Rural Prosperity and Food Security Act framework charts a path for completing a farm bill this year. The [National Sustainable Agriculture Coalition \(NSAC\) also shared an in-depth analysis](#) of the House Agriculture Committee's version of the bill, the Farm, Food, and National Security Act, and found that the bill fails to take meaningful steps toward a more fair, resilient and equitable food and farm system. A [summary statement from the Organic Trade Association](#) and [another from the National Organic Coalition](#) similarly share that the House draft fails to adequately address the forward-looking critical needs of the organic sector, thereby missing a significant

opportunity to bolster rural economies and support farmers seeking to participate in this rapidly expanding market.

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## Opportunities, the Latest News & Calls to Action

### Organic Certification Cost Share Program

Organic Certification Cost Share Program (OCCSP) is available for operations submitting applications or renewing certification. OCCSP provides cost share assistance to producers and handlers of agricultural products who are obtaining or renewing their certification under the [National Organic Program](#) (NOP). Certified operations may receive up to 75 percent of their certification costs paid during the program year, not to exceed \$750 per certification scope. The deadline to apply is October 31, 2024. Some certifiers process cost share requests through the certification application, others do not. If your certifier does not process certification cost share then you can apply for cost share through your local USDA Farm Services Agency office. Learn more [here](#), and contact your certifier or [local FSA office](#) for details.

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### NOSB: Request For Applications to fill FIVE Board Vacancies - due June 28

The National Organic Standards Board was established to assist in developing standards for substances to be used in organic production and to advise the Secretary on the implementation of the Organic Foods Production Act of 1990. Through this Notice, the Agricultural Marketing Service (AMS) is requesting nominations to fill the following vacancies:

- One individual who owns or operates an organic farming operation or employee of such individual;
- Two individuals who own or operate an organic handling operation or employees of such individuals;
- One individual who owns or operates a retail establishment with significant trade in organic products or employees of such individuals; and
- One individual with expertise in areas of environmental protection and resource conservation.

Appointees will serve a five-year term beginning January 2025 and ending January 2030. Additionally, AMS seeks applications for a pool of candidates that the Secretary of Agriculture can draw upon as replacement appointees if unexpected vacancies occur. <https://www.ams.usda.gov/rules-regulations/organic/nosb/nomination-process>

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### KY Fruit and Vegetable Conference 2025 Call for Proposals



The 2025 Kentucky Fruit & Vegetable Conference Planning Committee is seeking proposals for educational presentations. They welcome ideas for mini-sessions, full sessions, short courses, and more. **They are especially interested in presentations from local growers.**

Session topics should be highly focused for produce growers in Kentucky. Topics can address production methods, research results, business management strategies, and best practices. Specific content requests in recent years include: Variety Trials, Novel Crops for Kentucky, Social Media Strategies, Crop Rotation, Post-harvest Handling, Urban Farming, and High Tunnel Production. This event historically has an attendance of 600 participants including growers, exhibitors, speakers, organizational representatives, and governmental agencies, with more than 70 educational sessions, grower roundtables, and a trade show. In 2025, the conference will be in Lexington at the Marriott Griffin Gate.

They encourage you to consider submitting a proposal to share your knowledge, passion, and innovation with others! **Deadline to submit proposals: July 1, 2024.** Multiple submissions are allowed.

Presentation date and time will be confirmed with speakers by September 1, 2024.

Conference dates are Jan. 6-7, with Sunday, Jan. 5 reserved for short courses and pre-conference sessions and Monday – Tuesday the main educational program.

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/25FVCallforProposals>

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## Educational & Farming Support

### In-person Events Throughout the Region

#### **Develop Hands-On SKILLS at Salamander Springs Workshop with Susana Lein**

**Monthly Workshops, June - September, 2024 - Berea, KY**

These on-farm workshops are for anyone wanting to get firsthand experience with permaculture principles and methods on the ground, will include hands-on practicums and intensive education in principles, methods and materials, timing, hard lessons learned...not to be missed! [Learn more and register here.](#)

#### **Conservation Field Day**

June 7, 2024, 9:30 AM - 2:30 PM

Louisville, KY

Join the Kentucky Ag Development Advocacy (KADA) for an exciting event focused on promoting agricultural conservation practices! KADA is partnering with NRCS, Common Earth Gardens, and Refugee Bowling Green to provide beginning farmers and conservation enthusiasts a farmer field day filled with interactive activities. Lunch provided.

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/nrcs-ag-conservation-equity-tickets-888306969057>

#### **Electric Fencing Installation and Troubleshooting School**

June 12, 2024, 9am-4pm CT

Morganfield, KY

This workshop will start at the Butler County Extension Office in Morganfield with two presentations on the theory and principles of electric fencing and system layout and installation. Following lunch, the workshop moves to the host farm, H & S Dairy, for the hands-on portion of the school. Hands on demonstrations will include using fault finders to find shorts, optimizing grounding systems, making good connections, using polywire for rotational stocking, installing electrical offsets on new and existing fencing, and much more! <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/electric-fencing-for-serious-grazers-installation-and-troubleshooting-tickets-852483379737>

### **Agrarian Voices Series: Summer 2024**

June 13, 20, 27; July 11, 18 - Zoom and in-person meetings

Join Dr. Leah Bayens of the Berry Center Farm and Forest Institute in an extended study of Wendell Berry's iconic book, *The Unsettling of America: Culture and Agriculture*. Retrace the story of this land's unsettling and the resulting agricultural, ecological, and social calamities. Join with friends and neighbors, near and far, to consider the roots of current challenges and the threads of the past that help make it possible to farm in full health through land-settling cultures, parity-based economies, and kindly-use communities. Along the way, explore how The Berry Center translates this book's lessons into its own guiding principles. *Reduced-rate scholarships are available to farmers and to residents of Henry County* <https://www.berrycenterfarmandforest.org/homecoming>

### **Black Soil KY inaugural conference, "The State of The Soil"**

Appalachian Rose Farm in Rogers, Kentucky

September 8-11, 2024

**Registration will close on Monday, July 1, or when capacity is met.**

This conference will be an opportunity to hear from industry professionals to learn more about how we can build an intersectional and equitable food system. We have a highly curated lineup of experts who are bringing their skills, experience, and passion for moving our food system on a local, national, and global scale forward.

You can find the link to register here: <https://www.blacksoilky.com/product/the-state-of-the-soil/453>

### **2024 Midwest Mechanical Weed Control Field Day**

September 11, 2024

MEIGS Horticultural Research Farm 9101 S 100 E Lafayette, IN 47909

[Purdue University's MEIGS Horticultural Research Farm](#) in Lafayette, Indiana will be the host site for the 2024 Midwest Mechanical Weed Control Field Day (MMWCFD). MMWCFD connects farmers, machinery manufacturers, and the allied trades for a single day event that draws farmers from all over the Midwest. MMWCFD is THE place to see weeding tools. The morning features a trade-show where companies can connect one-on-one with farmers, and educational sessions, and the afternoon features field demonstrations in vegetable and row crops. [Find out more and register here.](#)

### **Third Thursday**

Don't forget, the monthly Third Thursday workshops can be viewed in-person at the [Harold R. Benson Research and Demonstration Farm](#) or streamed live at [www.youtube.com/kysuag/live](http://www.youtube.com/kysuag/live).

## **Virtual Events**

June 13, 2024, 1-2pm ET

Join Savanna Institute, Delta Institute, and Nathan Aaberg of The Land Connection for the last installment of **The Agroforestry Series!** This capstone webinar will feature successes from three years of work in Illinois and Wisconsin focused on agroforestry outreach, a live Q+A to answer any lingering questions about agroforestry basics, programs, incentives, and support, and information on how to find resources and support in the future.

[Please use this link to register for free.](#)

### **Webinar: USDA Conservation Efforts Support Pollinators, Agricultural Production Nationwide**

June 20, 2024, 2-3 pm ET

Dr. Elissa Olimpi will share findings on the value of pollinator practices applied through voluntary conservation programs including the Natural Resources Conservation Service's Environmental Quality Incentives Program and Conservation Stewardship Program and the Farm Service Agency's Conservation Reserve Program. This free, one-hour Conservation Outcomes Webinar will answer a

suite of questions addressed in a recent study conducted by Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University (Virginia Tech) in collaboration with USDA's Conservation Effects Assessment Project, including on the effectiveness of these programs in supporting pollinators and strategies to increase benefits. <https://conservationwebinars.net/webinars/usda-support-pollinators>

**FACT** has weekly, relevant free webinars.  
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## Resources and Funding for Farmers

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**USDA Commits Greater Conservation Assistance for Producers Transitioning to Organic Production**  
On April 10, 2023, the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) announced details about its \$75 million investment in conservation assistance for producers transitioning to organic production. The Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) is dedicating financial and technical assistance to a new organic management standard and partnering with new organic technical experts to increase staff capacity and expertise. NRCS will dedicate \$70 million to assist producers with a new organic management standard under the Environmental Quality Incentives Program (EQIP). This program is for farmers who are beginning or in the process of transitioning to organic certification. OAK is in conversation with NRCS Kentucky and will work to communicate with farmers about the opportunity to apply for this new Organic Management Practice when it is available. Stay tuned for more info in upcoming e-newsletters and a webinar this fall! Click here to access a factsheet on certified organic production created by NRCS-Kentucky  
<https://drive.google.com/file/d/1lomJSqOY20mOYKQWrLXblSef9e7HPcZT/view>

### **\$1 Billion Available to Help Farmers Invest in Renewable Energy**

U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) Secretary Tom Vilsack announced that USDA is accepting applications starting on April 1 for \$1 billion in grants to help agricultural producers and rural small businesses invest in renewable energy systems and make energy-efficiency improvements. USDA is making the \$1 billion in grants available under the [Rural Energy for America Program \(REAP\)](#), with funding from President Biden's landmark Inflation Reduction Act, the nation's largest-ever investment in combating the climate crisis. For additional information on application deadlines and submission details, see page 19239 of the March 31 [Federal Register](#).

### **Silvopasture and Forest Farming Support / Funds Available**

The Catalyzing Agroforestry Grant Program is focused on implementing silvopastures and forest farming practices through direct support payments and will assist producers in designing appropriate projects using technical assistance and science-based planning strategies. The ultimate goal of the

effort is to increase ecosystem sustainability and diversity by scaling up agroforestry practices. The Appalachian Beginning Forest Farming Coalition (ABFFC) project will provide up to \$1500/acre for silvopasture implementation and up to \$1000/quarter acre for forest farming implementation depending on project scale and scope. To enhance shared learning, producers who receive support will share successes and lessons-learned with their peers and other interested stakeholders. Minority, female, Indigenous, LGBTQ+, and/or socially disadvantaged farmers are highly encouraged to apply. <https://www.appalachianforestfarmers.org/emef>

### **Slow Food Bluegrass Garden Grant**

**Deadline:** ongoing

**Link:** <http://www.slowfoodbluegrass.org/gardens>

Slow Food Bluegrass micro-grants support groups in Kentuckiana who foster education about and access to good, clean, fair food. Special priority is given to limited resource communities and to projects that demonstrate a strong buy-in from participants. Grants range from \$500 - \$1,000 and may be awarded throughout the year. If you have any questions or need assistance, please reach us at [slowfoodbluegrass@gmail.com](mailto:slowfoodbluegrass@gmail.com).

### **KSU Small Scale Farm Grant**

**Deadline:** The 1st day of every other month

**Funding Amount:** Up to \$5,000 for farmers, \$15,000 for groups benefiting multiple farmers

**Eligible Entities:** Kentucky farmers and Kentucky agriculture groups including farmers markets

**Link:** <https://www.kysu.edu/academics/college-accs/school-of-ace/co-op/small-scale-farm-grant-program.php>

**Overview:** The KSU Small Scale Farm Grant is designed with the small operation farmer in mind. This grant application is relatively simple to complete and the funds can be used to purchase needed equipment related to the proposed project. To qualify, applicants must be producing a value-added product, be an organic farmer, and/or be an aquatic farmer. Farmers markets are often eligible. Previously approved projects have included canning equipment, a walk-in cooler, a water line to a hoop house, a root cellar, a cool-bot for vegetables, and a trailer for keeping meat cool and recently added farmer education assistance with a maximum of \$500.

### **Kentucky Proud Promotional Grant**

**Deadline:** On-going

**Funding Amount:** Up to 10% annual gross farm income, max at \$8,000 per year; \$1 for \$1 match

**Eligible Entities:** Kentucky farmers and agribusinesses

**Link:** <http://www.kyagr.com/marketing/grants.html>

**Overview:** The Kentucky Proud Promotional Grant is a cost share program to help Kentucky farmers and agribusinesses pay for advertising and marketing expenses. The award amount is based on 10% of direct farm impact; for a farmer it would be 10% of their total farm gross sales. The applicant must be a registered member of Kentucky Proud to apply and use the Kentucky Proud logo/brand in marketing efforts paid for with program funds. Examples of fundable items include TV ads, radio ads, web expenses, hats, t-shirts, demos, sampling, labels, packaging, tradeshow, UPC, and bar codes. This is a great program that helps promote our local farms!

### **ON-Farm Energy Efficiency Incentives Program**

**Deadline:** Applications are accepted year round

**Funding Amounts:** 50% cost share - up to a \$10,000 incentive, plus \$150 for an approved third party energy audit

**Eligible Entities:** Kentucky farmers with a gross farm income of at least \$25,000

**Find out more here:** <https://mtassociation.org/energy/funding-farm-energy-projects/>

**Overview:** The Kentucky Agricultural Development Fund offers an On-Farm Energy Efficiency Program to help Kentucky farmers with energy projects. These cost share funds are available to increase on farm energy efficiency and to support renewable fuel production projects. The applicant is required to

have a third party energy audit completed. This program can be combined with the USDA-NRCS Rural Energy for America Program (REAP) to get up to 75% of a total project cost covered.

Many thanks to [KCARD](#) for promoting many of these grant opportunities. Did you know KCARD can also answer questions about funding programs and help you prepare an application?

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