

Dear Farmers and Landowners,

The November edition of ***The Dirt*** is here! For all the latest news between issues, please follow the District's Facebook page and visit our website at carrollcountycd.com.

Around the Farm this Month

November always feels like the farm's deep breath. Across Kentucky, the last of the corn and soybeans are coming out of the fields, and many of you are finishing up harvest and putting equipment away for the season. Cattle producers are busy too, weaning calves, checking on hay supplies, and getting herds ready for the colder months. Thank you for all the long days and hard work. It shows in the fields and pastures all around our county.



YAIP Presentation Night

Mark your calendars for the YAIP Presentations on November 5 @ 6pm at the CC Extension Office. Students will give their presentations about their 2026 projects. Come hungry, a meal will be provided. We can't wait to see the hard work of our youth participants!

CAIP Update

Projects for this cycle are well underway, please feel free to reach out to the office with questions about eligible purchases, important dates, etc. Reminder: the CAIP deadline is 12/2/26 @ 4:30pm and NO late projects will be accepted!

Ag Exemption Update

The Kentucky Department of Revenue has added a new way to renew your Ag Exemption number. A paper form is available at the CCCD office and on our website, and you'll find a link in this newsletter, too. CCCD is able to assist producers in completing and submitting the form.

As the holidays come around, we wish you and your families a warm Thanksgiving full of good food, good company, and a little well-earned rest. We're grateful to work alongside you.

Thanks for all you do to care for Carroll County's land and water.

Warmly,

Carroll County Conservation District

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Welcome!

Welcome to the November edition of **The Dirt**, Carroll County Conservation District's newsletter!

As the CAIP program wraps up, please contact the office with any questions regarding eligible items or specific deadlines.

Agency Notes

NRCS - Schedule a visit with the Conservation Technician to assist you wirh goals for your land.

Extension - Prizes for hay contest winners will be awarded at the November Cattlemen's meeting. Contact the Extension Office for soil testing and CAIP educational opportunities.

FSA - Please see full page update for maps for acreage reporting,, reporting deadlines, ARC/PLC, and selected interest rates.



The November CCCD Board Meeting will be held on November 19, 2026 @ 7pm at the CCCD office at 214 Park Ave. Carrollton. Meeting is open to the public.

Program Updates

Kentucky State Cost Share

State Cost Share program applications are being approved by Districts and will be submitted to the state for ranking process by November 15, 2026. Producers will receive a letter upon approval.

CAIP & YAIP

YAIP Project/Paperwork Deadline is **11/4/26 @ 4:30pm**. YAIP Presentations will be held on **11/5/26 @ 6pm** at the Carroll Co. Extension Office. Youth are **required** to give a presentation to receive their reimbursement.

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A paper form is now available to be submitted by email, , fax, or regular mail (email is the preferred method, and the quickest). Producers can pick up a form in person at our office or download here from our website. Instructions are also available on our website site by clicking here for the User Guide. After that, your renewal will come to you in the mail, along with a wallet-sized card you can keep handy.
If you'd like a hand with the form, we're glad to help. Just stop by the office and we'll walk through it together!



Program Spotlight

4-H Blooms, Bugs, and Bites

Join CCCD Admin, Elizabeth Mefford, each month at the Extension office for a Junior Master Gardener Adventure! We are learning all about gardening and conserving for wildlife. Members must be enrolled in 4-H to attend! Contact CC 4-H Agent Kayla Webster to enroll.



Upcoming Events

Please visit https://carrollcountycd.com/upcoming-events to see a full list of opportunities.

- YAIP Presentation Night - CC Extension Office, November 5 6pm
- KSU Small Farms Conference - KSU Research & Demo Farm November 17-19, 2026
- Tobacco History Program - Carroll County Public Library, November 19 6pm

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Halloween Downtown



4-H Blooms, Bugs, & Bites

Outreach



4-H Homeschool Soil Health Program



CCPL Trick or Trail

Farm & Family Field Day



FSA News

Maps for Acreage Reporting Are Available

Maps are now available at the Carroll County FSA Office for acreage reporting purposes. If you wish to receive your maps by e-mail, please call our office or email kycarrollt-fsa@one.usda.gov

Please see the following acreage reporting deadlines:

- December 15, 2026- fall seeded crops (wheat, rye, oats barley, etc. Report 2026 seeded crops for 2027 harvest)
- January 2, 2027- Honey, Maple Sap
- January 15, 2027- Peaches, Canola

In order to maintain program eligibility and benefits, you must file timely acreage reports. Failure to file an acreage report by the crop acreage reporting deadline may cause ineligibility for future program benefits. FSA will not accept acreage reports provided more than a year after the acreage reporting deadline.

Producers are encouraged to file their acreage reports as soon as planting is completed.

ARC and PLC Working Families Tax Cuts Act Improvements

The Working Families Tax Cuts Act (WFTCA) strengthens ARC and PLC beginning with the 2025 crop year, including higher statutory reference prices and improvements to the effective reference price calculation. Additionally, for the 2025 crop year only, producers automatically receive the higher payment rate of either ARC or PLC, regardless of their program election. The WFTCA also increases the ARC and PLC payment limit from $125,000 to $155,000, starting with the 2025 crop year with annual adjustments based on inflation. The payment limit for the 2025 crop year is $160,000.

The following 11 crops in Kentucky triggered a PLC payment for the 2025 crop year: barley, canola, corn, dry peas, grain sorghum, oats, rice-long grain, seed cotton, soybeans, sunflower seed, wheat.

Producers receiving ARC and PLC payments are reminded that this does not account for payment limitation reductions and the 5.7% sequestration rate required by statute that will be applied to all ARC and PLC payments. ARC-County (ARC-CO) payments are based on county-level revenue and therefore trigger at the county level. FSA will issue payments to eligible producers as calculations are completed.

Also, the ARC and PLC election and enrollment period for the 2026 crop year opened Sept. 16 and runs through Dec. 11, 2026, and for the 2027 crop year from Nov. 2, 2026, through March 15, 2027. The WFTCA added an additional 30 million new base acres to farms nationwide. Because eligible acres exceeded the nationwide 30-million-acre cap, FSA applied an across-the- board, prorated reduction of 3.69% to all newly allocated base acres. In Kentucky, 1,062,011 additional base acres were added. These additional base acres impact ARC and PLC starting with the 2026 and future crop years, further improving the farm safety net.

Through annual election and enrollment on covered commodities, ARC and PLC protect producers from substantial declines in crop prices or revenues. PLC provides income support when the effective price for a covered commodity falls below its effective reference price. ARC provides income support when actual crop revenue falls below a guaranteed level. Depending on the coverage elected, ARC protection is based on either county-level revenue or the revenue of an individual farm.

Producers with questions about ARC or PLC enrollment or 2025 crop year payments should contact their local FSA county office.

Selected Interest Rates for October

Farm Operating Loans - Direct	**5.375%**
Farm Ownership Loans - Direct	**6.250%**
Farm Ownership Loans - Direct Down Payment, Beginning Farmer or Rancher	**2.250%**
Emergency Loans - Amount of Actual Loss	**3.750%**
Farm Storage Facility Loans (7 years)	**4.750%**
Commodity Loans 1996-Present	**5.250%**
90-Day Treasury Bill	**3.875 %**

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REMINDER

CAIP Program Deadline

12/2/26 @ 4:30pm

NO late projects will be accepted!



Tobacco History

SHOW & SHARE

PRESENTATION



Explore the History of Agriculture in Carroll County

Did you know...Carroll County was one of the largest producers of tobacco in the world?

Join the Carroll County Public Library and the Carroll County Extension Office to hear from fellow community members as they share their experiences working in tobacco from the field to the auction house. See tools of the trade on display and learn more about the not-so-distant history of tobacco in Carroll County.

JOIN US

Wednesday

November 19, 2026 | 6 - 8 PM

CCPL COMMUNITY ROOM

CARROLL COUNTY Cooperative Extension

CARROLL COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARY

CARROLLTON, KY

This event is **FREE** and open to all. Contact us at information@carrollcountypubliclibrary.org or 502-732-7020

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