



Dear Farmers and Landowners,

The October edition of ***The Dirt*** is here, and we're right in the thick of harvest season across Carroll County.

Around the Farm this Month

October has producers busy with corn and soybean harvest, fall calving season, hauling grain, and getting equipment turned around between fields. As the weather cools, it's also a great window for seeding cover crops and wrapping up fall soil testing before the ground gets too cold to work.



Farm and Family Field Day

Mark your calendars for the Farm and Family Field Day on **October 3 at 10:30am** at the Hackett Farm. It's a great opportunity to connect with local ag resources, see no-till and drone demonstrations, tour cattle facilities, engage kids in ag activities. Join us for a morning out on the farm with the family!

CAIP & YAIP 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.

We're excited for YAIP Presentation Night! The event will be held on Thursday, **November 5 @ 6pm** at the Carroll Co. Extension office...supper will be served. This event is required for reimbursement for student participants.

Reminder: the CAIP deadline is **12/2/26 @ 4:30pm** and the YAIP deadline is **11/4/26 @ 4:30pm**. No late projects will be accepted.

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

Warmly,

Carroll County Conservation District

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The Dirt



Landowner News

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Welcome!

Welcome to the October edition of **The Dirt**, Carroll County Conservation District's newsletter! As CAIP & YAIP projects are ongoing, please don't forget your education requirement. Contact CCCD or Extension with questions about educational programming!

Agency Notes

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

Extension - HAY CONTEST

Please contact Isaac D'Souza, Carroll County ANR Agent, to schedule your sample Oct 12-16. Prizes will be awarded. Winners announced at the November Carroll County Cattlemen's meeting.

FSA - Base allocation process is complete. Producers can now begin to make elections and enroll for the 2026 crop year from September 16 through December 11, 2026 and for the 2027 crop year from November 2 through March 15, 2027. See more details on page



The October CCCD Board Meeting will be held on October 15, 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 available and accepted during business hours. Applications must be received by **October 1 @ 11:59pm**. This is the final ranking for 2026. Please contact us to discuss goals and apply!

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.

CAIP Project/Paperwork deadline is **12/2/26 @ 4:30pm**.





Did you know?

- Kentucky ranks 9th in the nation for overall hayu production and holds a top spot for non-alfalfa hay production.
- Hay is the 6th leading agricultural commodity in the state, generating upwards of \$326 million in value.
- Farmers harvest close to 2 million acres of hay across the Commonwealth each year.
- Abundant forage makes it easy to feed livestock, helping Kentucky rank 1st in beef production east of the Mississippi River..
- Most of Kentucky's output is grass and grass-clover mix hay, featuring fescue, orchard grass, and bluegrass. Alfalfa serves as the primary cash hay crop.



Program Spotlight Extension Hay Contest

Sampling will be performed by Ag Agent during weekdays from Oct. 12 - Oct. 16. Call 502-732-7030 to schedule. Hay must be grown and stored in Carroll County by the farmer entering the contest. Hay will be graded on Relative Feed Quality (RFQ). Prizes sponsored by United Citizens Bank & Trust.



Upcoming Events

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

- Farm Field Day - Oct. 3, 10:30am, Hackett Farm
- Hay Contest - Carroll Co. Extension, Oct. 12-16
- KY Watershed Network Summit - Berea College, Oct. 14-15
- Flower Bulbs - CC Extension Office, Oct. 27 6pm
- KY Grazing Conference - Elizabethtown, KY Oct. 28; Winchester, KY Oct. 29
- YAIP Presentation Night - CC Extension Office, November 5 6pm



Sellers Community Garden



CC 4-H Blooms, Bugs, & Bites



CCMS 5th Grade Field Trip



CC Out of the Darkness Walk

Outreach

Farmer Mental Health Outreach at the CC Out of the Darkness Walk



**Carroll County
Conservation District**

Carroll Co. Conservation District is proud to partner with
Carroll Co. Cooperative Extension to present

FARM FIELD DAY

October 3, 2026  **10:30am-2:00pm**

Hackett Farm, 8385 Hwy 36 E., Sanders, KY 41083



BQCA Training



Drone Demonstration



No-Till Demonstration



Soil Health Demo



4-H Activities



Food and More!

Please call 502-732-7030 by **9/25** to register and be eligible for Door Prize!



EDEN SHALE OPEN HOUSE

October 17 • 10 AM ET

400 Eden Shale Road Owenton, KY

Topics Include:

Virtual Fencing Demonstration

Manage Invasive Species Via Drone Spraying

Ellen Crocker University of Kentucky





KENTUCKY STATE
UNIVERSITY

Land Grant Program

Kentucky State University SMALL FARMS CONFERENCE

Farmers First: Driving Profitability and Innovation for Small Farms

Register Here



NOVEMBER 17TH – 19TH, 2026

Harold R. Benson Research and Demonstration Farm
1525 Mills Lane, Frankfort, KY 40601



11/4/26

ATTENTION YAIP PARTICIPANTS!!

YAIP DEADLINE IS QUICKLY
APPROACHING!! PLEASE
CONTINUE TO WORK ON YOUR
PROJECTS AND EDUCATION!
PRESENTATIONS HELD **11/5/26**
6PM AT EXTENSION OFFICE!!

TRICK OR TRAIL

WEAR
YOUR
COSTUMES!



October 30th, 2026
TRICK OR TREATING • GAMES • FOOD TRUCKS

6:00PM – 8:00PM

Located at General Butler
State Park – Front Entrance



FSA News - ARC/PLC

Agricultural producers can now begin enrolling in the Agriculture Risk Coverage (ARC) and Price Loss Coverage (PLC) programs, which the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) recently updated to include more than 30 million new base acres. This expansion, the first in 20 years, was made possible by the Working Families Tax Cuts Act and is part of USDA's efforts to put Farmers First.

Now that the base allocation process is complete, producers can make elections and enroll for the 2026 crop year from September 16 through December 11, 2026, and for the 2027 crop year from November 2 through March 15, 2027. Because eligible acres exceeded the nationwide 30-million-acre cap, USDA's Farm Service Agency (FSA) is applying an across-the-board, prorated reduction of 3.69% to all newly allocated base acres.



AG SALES TAX EXEMPTION RENEWAL

Kentucky Dept. of Revenue is renewing **ALL** agriculture exemption numbers this year. Here's what every farm should know:

RENEWAL CHECKLIST

- Receive PIN letter from KY DOR via USPS (if you haven't received yours, verify your address is correct at mytaxes.ky.gov or 502-564-5170)
- Set up a user account at mytaxes.ky.gov
- Follow the instructions in your PIN letter to link your Ag Exemption ID
- Log back in after 3-5 business days to download and print your renewal certificate



Important!

All ag exemptions will expire on December 31, 2026. Renewals must be completed online prior to that date to be valid for 2027 and will need to be renewed every 4 years going forward.

CONTACT US IF YOU NEED ASSISTANCE WITH THIS PROCESS

502-732-6098 x4
214 Park Ave, Carrollton, KY
carrollcountycd.com

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



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