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2025 Ag Expo

The planning committee has worked hard to make the 51st Annual Ag Expo a program and networking opportunity you won't want to miss. The doors open next Wednesday, January 29 at 7:30 a.m. for the industry trade show.

The educational program begins at 8:30 a.m. with the grain market outlook presented by Dr. Grant Gardner, Extension Grain Marketing Specialist. Others on the program include Dr. Carl Bradley, Extension Soybean Disease Specialist discussing SCN and Red Crown Rot risks in continuous soybeans, and Dr. Greg Halich on grain crop profitability in 2025. Dr. Dan Quinn, Purdue University Extension Specialist for Corn will talk about his research in corn response to seed and foliar applied nitrogen-fixing bioinoculant products in corn. The lunch speaker is Paul Bertels, a senior agricultural consultant with Farmgate Insights, LLC, and former VP with the National Corn Growers Association. He will speak on the potential that sustainable aviation fuel has for corn and soybean demand and explain the competition corn and soybeans have in other feedstocks approved for SAF in the United States. Complete agendas with sponsors are available on my website at <https://daviess.ca.uky.edu/Ag-Expo-2025>.

Daviess County Agricultural Hall of Fame

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Daviess County is home to generations of agricultural affiliated people and businesses who were, or are leaders in their farm, family, and community. In 2022, the Daviess County Agricultural Hall of Fame was created to honor those people and businesses.

The mission of the Daviess County Agricultural Hall of Fame is to recognize visionaries, founders, servants, and innovators of agriculture in Daviess County. The Agricultural Visionaries Committee has submitted two inductees for the third class.

Business - People involved in successful agricultural business management/ownership, which served to improve the lives and opportunities for farm families in the region. This year's inductee is Bob Baker of Kentuckiana Livestock Market. Bob Baker was one of the founders of Kentuckiana Livestock Auction Market. He was born in Owensboro and served in World War II. The Kentuckiana Livestock Corporation started with Bob Baker, Charles Bennett of Henderson, Richard Robertson of Owensboro, and Jack Haynes of Rockport. Bob Baker, President of the new farmer-owned firm said that the movement of cattle and hogs had been away from Owensboro. Ground was broken for the still-operating livestock market near Moseleyville on June 7, 1963 with nearly 100 livestock breeders from Kentucky and Indiana on hand. Construction was quickly completed and the first sale was held August 14 of that same year! Almost 1,200 head of livestock were sold that day. It was the first livestock auction of its kind in Daviess County Since 1939.

Service — People who led successful careers in the agricultural service sector whose efforts improved lives and opportunities for farm families in the region. This year's inductee is Lee Roy Walker. Lee Roy Walker began his career on Owensboro's "Tobacco Row" when he was 13 years old working for \$.10/hour at the Center Brick Warehouse. As an adult Lee Roy

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worked as a tobacco grader and buyer for A.C. Monk Tobacco operating and managing tobacco warehouses in North Carolina and Georgia before eventually becoming an owner in several Owensboro warehouses. From 1981 to 1997, Lee Roy was President of the Owensboro Tobacco Board of Trade. Under his direction, he proposed a plan to increase the number of buyers in the Owensboro market. His guidance led to an improved schedule allowing each warehouse to sell every day. The plan received approval by the USDA making Owensboro the sixth largest market in Kentucky. When Lee Roy retired in 1997, he was named Chairman Emeritus in honor of his long service in tobacco. Even after his retirement, he remained a source of advice and support to tobacco farmers and tobacco auction warehouse personnel.

All are welcome to attend a public reception to honor their contribution to agriculture next Tuesday, January 28, from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. in the Agriculture Hall of Fame gallery at the Owensboro Museum of Science and History, downtown Owensboro.

Private Pesticide Applicator Training

There will be a private pesticide applicator training next Thursday, January 30 at 6:00 p.m. at the Daviess County Extension Office. There will be a private pesticide applicator training next Friday, January 31 at 8:30 a.m. at the Mclean County Extension Office.

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