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Mercer County Young Farmer of 2022 is Zac Lewis

Zac Lewis has been selected as Mercer County Farm Bureau's Young Farmer of the Year. Zac is married to Kristyna Coslow Lewis, a full time portrait photographer and realtor, and they have two children, Lochlan and Ramsey.

Zac is a 2007 graduate of Mercer Co. Senior High School where he was an active member & received numerous awards. While still in high school, Zac leased his first farm on his own from Mr. James Wheeler, buying and selling steers and heifers. He also continued to help on his family farm with his Dad, brother and uncle while also working at Tuggle Feed and for Ricky Keller's Custom Hay Service. Zac has been mostly involved in hay production and cattle and thankful to be able to work beside these men that instilled farming values and knowledge in him as a young farmer.



Today, Zac and his brother Zane own Lewis Livestock, partner on a Cow/Calf operation and also have partnerships with Jimmy McGlone and their Dad as well. Currently the operation consists of weaning calves and backgrounding them several months to ensure healthy calves before selling. They produce both grass and alfalfa hay off of multiple farms in Mercer County as well.

In addition to managing his own operation, Zac started as a parts employee at the local John Deere Dealership in January of 2014, eventually became the parts manager and is now the Store Manager at Meade Tractor in Danville. Zac has also served as an officer on The Mercer County Cattleman's Association Board. Both Zac and Kristyna were active FFA members/Officers, both were raised on the farm and in church. Their family currently attends Mt. Pleasant Church. Kristyna worked for UK College of Agriculture Cooperative Extension Service from 2005-2013 before going full time with Kristyna Coslow Photography, LLC. This is her 19th year of Photography and she still incorporates the farm life in many of her sessions as well. Zac also has assisted Kristyna in owning and operating The Farmstead at Shawnee Springs Wedding Venue, a Kentucky Proud Venue; until selling in February of this year. Their son, Lochlan, is following in the tradition and is regularly found bottle feeding calves, helping feed, being the gate getter, lining up bales and most recently learning to drive a John Deere on his own while baling hay. Lochlan also has 2 first calf heifers that he just bought and currently has the family freezer full from a Longhorn steer that he raised for meat since he was 5. As most farming families do, Zac and Kristyna's lives revolve around cattle, hay season and the weather. They're blessed to be able to sustain this way of life even in the troubles that face farmers today.

KENTUCKY FARM BUREAU MISSION STATEMENT

Farm Bureau is a voluntary organization of farm families and their allies dedicated to serving as the voice of agriculture by identifying problems, developing solutions, and taking actions which will improve net farm income, achieve better economic opportunities, and enhance the quality of life for all.

COMMUNITY AG NEWS



Mercer County Conservation District at 227 Morris Drive in Harrodsburg has **for rent** five no-till seed drills, four 10ft. Haybuster drills plant cool season grasses. The 10ft. Truax drill plants native warm season grasses. Drills rent for \$6.50 per acre or a minimum of \$65 plus a \$36 delivery fee. Also, the district has one Broyhill 200 gallon power take-off sprayer. **This is for ROUNDUP spray only.** The 300 gallon Best Way sprayer will be used for **2-4D spray only.** Both sprayers will rent for \$50.00 per day, and a \$36.00 delivery fee. The Grass Works Weed Wiper rents for \$75.00 per day, plus \$36.00 delivery fee, and the John Deere 2-row Corn Planter rents for \$70.00 first day, \$50.00 additional days plus \$36.00 delivery fee. The Wheatheart Post Driver rents for \$200.00 per day or \$275.00 per weekend. Contact Equipment Manager, Johnnie Bailey at 859-613-2668 or 859-613-4377 to schedule delivery. The district also offers a Tree Rebate Certificate. The purpose is to provide all Mercer County tax payers a way to improve their properties and promote conservation in the county area, to promote local business with

nurseries in the Mercer County area that has a direct link to conservation, and provide a method of increasing the tree population in Mercer Co. and aid in the county being greener. Each landowner can receive 50% of cost of tree (**with \$75.00 cap**). The trees can be purchased from Reynolds Nursery at 219 Kirkwood Road, Salvisa, Ky 40372 or Garden Scapes Garden Center in Harrodsburg. Call the conservation office at 859-734-4326 ext. 8111 and speak with Linda for more information. The district will be taking State Cost-share applications beginning October 3, 2022 to be considered during the January 2024 ranking period. Call Linda or Brandon at 859-734-4326 Ext. 3 for more information.



University of Kentucky
College of Agriculture,
Food and Environment
Cooperative Extension Service
Mercer County

Mercer County Extension Office EVENTS

October 19, 2022 - BQCA Training

October 20, 2022 - UK Beef Bash

October 25, 2025 - Mercer County Cattlemen's Annual Meeting

November 5, 2022 - Holiday One Stop Shop

December 8, 2022 - Extension Office Open House 3-6 pm

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Statewide Member Benefits

- **Ford Vehicles** - Get \$500 Bonus Cash* toward the purchase or lease of an eligible new 2021/2022/2023 Ford vehicle!
- **Enterprise Rental Car, Budget Rental Car & Avis Rentals** - Receive discounts on car rentals from these companies
- **Quasight LASIK** partnered with KY Farm Bureau to bring members savings of 40% to 50% off the national average price for traditional LASIK.
- **Air Evac Lifeteam**- KY Farm Bureau members receive a \$20 discount off their annual membership.
- **Great Wolf Lodge** - offers Kentucky Farm Bureau members a 15% discount off of their best available room rates!
- Click on Member Benefits at [kyfb.com](https://www.kyfb.com) for more information on these and many other discounts and services!

Our county counts.

Let your voice be heard. Vote.



DEER ARE DEADLY



Each year across the nation white-tailed deer are responsible for tens of thousands of injuries and deaths simply by causing car accidents. More than 47% of all collisions with deer in Kentucky take place during the months of October, November, and December. Buckle up and drive cautiously this fall. Deer can be deadly!



Kentucky Farm Bureau Credit Monitoring Service

With your membership, Identity Theft Consultation & Restoration is included free. There is also a credit monitoring service for \$9.95 monthly for individuals & \$17.95 monthly for a family. Go to <https://www.kyfb.com/federation/programs/member-benefits/identity-theft-protection>.

Another Member Service from Mercer County Farm Bureau



Mercer County Farm Bureau Federation is participating again this year in the Citrus Fruits & Nuts Program. This produce is delivered directly from Florida. Orders must be received by October 24, 2022 at your local Farm Bureau office: Payment can be made when fruit is picked up at the local office. Cash or check payments are accepted. We are unable to process credit cards. Delivery will be made to our Farm Bureau office between December 5-9, 2022. We will call each customer at the time of delivery. **Thanks for your business!** **PLEASE NOTE:** Only the items listed below are available this year.



2022 CITRUS FRUIT PROGRAM ORDER FORM

MEMBER ORDER FORM Due 10/24/2022

MEMBER NAME _____

ADDRESS _____

CITY _____, KY _____ PHONE (____) _____

EMAIL _____ SIGNATURE: _____

Singles	# Cases	Description	Case Price	Single Price	Total Price
		<u>Clementines</u> ; Sunkist 1/2 bushel	\$46.00		
		<u>1/5 bushel Clementines</u> ; Sunkist	\$22.00		
		Navel Oranges; 4/5 bushel	\$42.00		
		<u>2/5 bushel</u> Navel Oranges	\$25.00		
		10 Pounds Navel Oranges	\$18.00		
		Red Grapefruit; 4/5 bushel	\$34.00		
		<u>2/5 bushel</u> Red Grapefruit	\$21.00		
		Hamlin Oranges 4/5 bushel	\$31.00		
		<u>2/5 bushel</u> Hamlin Oranges	\$20.00		
		Grand Slam Gift Box; 2/5 bushel	\$31.00		
		Holiday Gift Box; 2/5 bushel	\$31.00		
		Premium Gift Box; 2/5 bushel	\$31.00		
		Mixed Citrus Box; 2/5 bushel	\$33.00		
		Apple/Pear Combo; 2/5 bushel	\$31.00		
		Pineapples; <u>Del Monte</u> Gold 8/per tray	\$25.00		
		Pear Box; 2/5 bushel	\$35.00		
		Peanut Gift Pack; 6 packs per case	\$78.00	\$13.00	
		Chocolate Nut Gift Pack; 6 packs per case	\$82.00	\$13.75	
		Gourmet Honey Roasted Mixed Nuts; 6/30 oz tins per cs	\$84.00	N/A	
		Caramel Corn with Nuts; 6/20 oz tins per case	\$60.00	N/A	
		Harvest Mixed Nuts; 12/16 oz cans per case	\$88.00	N/A	
		Whole Cashews; 12/16 oz cans per case	\$127.00	\$10.75	
		Mixed Nuts; 12/16 oz cans per case	\$96.00	\$8.00	
		Pecan Halves; 12/16 oz bags per case	\$136.00	\$11.50	
		Milk Chocolate Pecans; 12/12 oz cans per case	\$100.00	\$8.50	
		Southern Fried Skinless Peanuts; 12/16 oz <u>cns</u> per cs	\$51.00	\$4.25	
		Brittle Bites; 12/12 oz cans per case	\$57.00	\$4.75	
		Honey Roasted Pecans; 12/8.5 oz cans per case	\$93.00	\$7.75	
		Butter Toffee Peanuts; 12/12 oz cans per case	\$57.00	N/A	
		Chocolate Covered Peanuts; 12/12 oz cans per case	\$63.00	\$5.25	
		Honey <u>Krunch</u> Peanuts; 12/12 oz cans per case	\$51.00	N/A	
		Almonds, Roasted and Salted; 12/9 oz cans per case	\$64.00	\$5.50	
			Total Price		



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Vice President: Glenn Devine
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Treasurer: Bill Waggener
Asst: Treasurer: Zack Ison

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Gary Brown	Pat Keller
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Jamie DeHart	Mike McRay
Jason Devine	Grant Mims
Martina Devine	Beth Mobley
Aaron Harlow	Kendra Rowland
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PAY YOUR ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP DUES WITH MEMBERSHIP EASYPAY®

Enroll simply by visiting the local office or register online at kyfb.com/easypay. When your 2023 membership is due, it will be deducted from your bank account via Electronic Funds Transfer (EFT). No check to write, no stamps to buy, no envelope to mail.

PUTTING THE FOCUS ON FARMER HEALTH

Help and Hope Are Right Here

Debt, extreme weather, unstable prices, and isolation have created a storm of stress for the people who feed the rest of us. We see you, we appreciate you, and we are here to help. If you or someone you know is feeling depressed or overwhelmed or is struggling with their mental well-being, please don't hesitate to reach out. Call 988 or text KY to 988 or chat at 988lifeline.org.

SIGNS OF STRESS

- **PROBLEMS SLEEPING**
- **FEELING THE 'WEIGHT OF THE WORLD'**
- **SENSE OF CONSTANT UNEASINESS**
- **HAVING TROUBLE CONCENTRATING**
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Protect Your Health

You know how important it is to take care of yourself physically. Well, it's equally important to take care of your mental health – particularly in times like these.

Some Important Dates to Remember . . .

- ♦ Signed fruit order must be placed by October 24, 2022-Expected delivery date is Dec. 5-9
- ♦ District 5 quarterly meeting will be on November 3, 2022 at 6:00 p.m.
at Anderson County High School.
- ♦ Kentucky Farm Bureau Annual Meeting will be held November 30-December. 3, 2022 at the Galt House, 140 N. 4th St., Louisville.

