



Farm News

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**Rotational Grazing
Means More Money**

Rotating livestock on pastures improves a grazing system and increases income. Rotating can be as simple as closing gates. The manager should determine when animals graze a field instead of running over the entire farm. All grass needs a recovery time, and rotation between fields allows grass to re-grow between grazing cycles.

The cheapest feed on a livestock farm is the feed animals harvest for themselves. Nutrients harvested by grazing cost less than half as much as nutrients harvested and fed as stored feed like hay or grain.

Improving a grazing system increases pasture utilization and fertility, as well as forage quality and yield. Rotational grazing can increase pasture utilization by at least 10%. Depending on the forage, rotating results in pasture use of 60% or more, compared to use of 50% or less when pasture is continuously grazed.

Nutrient cycling reduces the need for fertilizer on grazed pastures. Less than 10% of the forage's phosphorus and potassium are

removed by livestock; they return most of it as dung and urine. Phosphorus and potassium levels tend to rise near shade, water and gate areas.

Nutrient removal is much less when pasture is grazed than when it is used to make hay. Thus, starting a good rotational system reduces fertilizer topdressing needed compared to making hay.

Forage quality improves when pasture areas rest between grazings. Animals allowed continuous access to a pasture trample and defecate on significant amounts of forage. These areas often grow up, becoming more mature and lower in quality.

Rotating puts livestock on pasture when the forage is at or near its peak nutritive value. Rotated pastures have higher digestibility because forage is kept in a vegetative and growing stage with less dead and over-mature material, compared to continuously grazed pastures. Animals tend to select only the best and leave the worst.

Rotational grazing systems also

allow use of species that are more productive and responsive to management including alfalfa, native warm season grasses, and red clover. Different species enable farmers to improve the seasonal supply of forage, grow more forage and grow better quality forage. Using these species also can reduce hay harvest costs.

For more information on rotational grazing, contact the Rockcastle Co. Extension Service at 256-2403.

Project Graduation News

The Committee would like to inform the public of our last fundraiser. Saturday, May 13, their will be a Golf Tournament at the Cedar Rapids Country Club, 10 a.m. in the morning for Project Graduation Class of 2000. The entry fee will be \$25 and \$10 of this fee goes to the Project Graduation Fund. Everyone is welcome to come on out and support this cause. The end of our project is close and we would like to thank all those that helped support this wonderful drug/alcohol free celebration for the "Class of 2000 seniors."

REVIVAL

Wed., May 10 - Sun., May 14
7 p.m. Nightly

Grace Baptist Church

Wednesday - Ed Drummond
Thursday - Jim Muncy
Friday - Sean Madden
Saturday - Bob Jones
Sunday - Luke Lykins

Special Singing Nightly
Pastor: Bro. Raymond Offutt
Everyone Welcome




Four lucky children won Easter baskets at McDonald's in Mt. Vernon, after an Easter Egg Hunt was held on Thursday, April 20th. The Easter Egg Hunt consisted of two age groups, ages 0-6 and 7-12. The prizes were given to the child in each group that got the most eggs and the child in each group that got the prize egg. In the top photo were the winners in the 0-6 age group: from left, Natalie Singleton and Johnathon Blackburn. Bottom photo, winners in the 7-12 age group, from left: Crystal Bonnett and Kayla Fredrick.

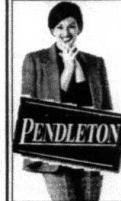
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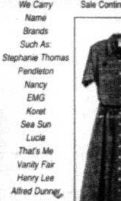
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PPG Industries, Inc. is expanding their automotive replacement windshield fabrication facility in Berea, KY. The site's increased capacity will require hiring approximately 100 additional employees by year-end. These employment opportunities are all salaried positions that also offer a nationally competitive benefit package which includes:

- Savings Plan with a 401 k feature and up to 6% company investment match ranging from \$.50 to \$1.25
- Medical, Dental, Rx Drug, Vision Care, Life Insurance and other coverages
- Retirement Plan

Pittsburgh, PA headquartered PPG Industries, Inc., is a Fortune 500 company having facilities within the United States as well as worldwide. If you are interested in working in an empowered, team-oriented environment, you should apply for one or more of the following positions:

Operation Support

(Ninety-five (95) Openings)

This position is responsible for the manufacture, inspection, and packaging of windshields. Incumbents work fixed 12-hour shifts, 36 hours one week and 48 hours (8 hours of overtime pay) the next week, on a repeating two-week schedule that requires working alternate weekends and provides 7 days off out of every 14 days. These openings offer a starting monthly salary of \$1,878.93 (\$10.84 hr.) that reaches \$2,331.33 (\$13.45 per hr.) after 6-months (increases over 2 years). A high school diploma or equivalent is preferred. Incumbents must be willing to work overtime and any shift. Interested candidates should register for a testing session at their local Department For Employment Services' (DES) office by May 19, 2000. Please reference job number KY6309007 at DES. Applications will be completed at each testing session. In addition, applications for this position will continue to be taken at the plant from 8:00 am to 4:00 pm, Monday through Friday after May 19.

Operations Engineer

This position is primarily responsible for, but not limited to, the development and implementation of engineering projects to increase the effectiveness of the process; managing plant programs supporting research projects; initiating and following-up on customer requests; establishing and/or conducting process training; and ensuring the optimum and safe utilization of capital and human resources. The incumbent will normally work a Monday through Friday, day shift schedule. Candidates must have at least a bachelor's degree in engineering. Related experience is preferred. Compensation is based on level of experience. Interested candidates should forward a resume to the Employee Services Department at PPG Industries, 2290 Menelaus Road, Berea, KY. By May 19, 2000.

Administrative Assistant

This Human Resources clerical position is primarily responsible for, but limited to, the administration of benefit programs, payroll processing, and data base maintenance. The incumbent will normally work a Monday through Friday, day shift schedule. Candidates must have at least a high school diploma and a minimum of three years related experience. Good computer skills are also a must. Compensation is based on level of experience. Interested candidates should complete an application at the plant between the hours of 8:00 am and 4:00 pm by Friday, May 19, 2000. PPG Industries is located at 2290 Menelaus Road, Berea, KY.

Accounting Associate

This position is primarily responsible for, but not limited to, production reporting, inventory control & transfers, product costing, journal entries, and account reconciliation. The incumbent will normally work a Monday through Friday, day shift schedule. Candidates must have at least a high school diploma and one to two years of related experience is preferred. Good computer skills are also a must. Compensation is based on level of experience. Interested candidate should complete an application at the plant between the hours of 8:00 am and 4:00 pm by Friday, May 19, 2000. PPG Industries is located at 2290 Menelaus Road, Berea, KY.