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If there is one thing that we have learned in 2020, it is that many things are out of our control. This includes the cattle markets, which have been volatile during the first half of the year. However, there are some simple practices

## Three ways to improve your calf prices

that you can implement on the farm to make your cattle operation more profitable. Here are three ideas from UK Ag Economist Kenny Burdine to help you improve your calf prices.

**Number one** is to focus on uniformity. The number of calves you sell at one time, which is known as the lot size, has a huge impact on price. Groups of five to 10 calves will significantly outsell groups of one to three calves, provided that everything else is consistent. To help ensure more of your calves are sold together, you need to establish a tight calving season. A tighter calving season allows you

to produce calves that are similar in size, type and quality.

**Number two** is plan to sell weaned or preconditioned calves. Calves that are weaned and have had some health treatments almost always outsell freshly weaned ones. If you are a smaller producer, Certified Preconditioned for Health, also known as CPH, sales provide you with an opportunity to sell preconditioned calves in a co-mingled sale. This allows you to gain the financial benefits from larger lot sizes and a uniform health program.

**Number three** is to avoid bull discounts. Price data consistently shows

that steers outsell bulls at feeder cattle auctions. Over the last decade, a 550-pound steer has outsold a 550-pound bull calf by more than \$11 per cwt. This equals about \$60 more a head. Even if bulls weigh more at weaning, it is very difficult for them to make up the difference in value at the market. Plus, implanting steers offers an opportunity to get improved weight gains and steer prices

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**Coreopsis**

Also known as "tickseed" or "tickweed," this perennial herb is native to almost all of North America. It does very well against drought and diseases, and fertilizing is not needed. It grows to about 12 inches tall, with bright yellow flowers that attract bees and butterflies all summer long. After the first hard frost, cut the plants down to soil level and cover with a 1-inch layer of mulch to protect the plant over the winter. - Brenda Weaver

Sources: www.gardenguides.com, www.gardeningknowhow.com



**Window Strikes**  
One way to prevent birds from flying into windows is to place strips of tape or streaks of soap at least 1-inch wide and 10 inches apart on the outside of your window. Vertical lines work best. This helps break up the reflection, so birds are less likely to hit the glass.  
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## Wishing Well®

8	3	5	2	5	8	6	7	2	8	2	4	6
E	L	F	M	O	D	T	L	A	U	K	B	U
7	3	4	2	8	4	3	7	2	8	3	4	5
I	E	E	E	C	O	A	F	A	A	R	R	R
2	4	6	8	3	6	4	3	8	2	8	6	2
C	I	R	T	N	N	G	N	I	H	O	O	I
6	4	7	2	7	2	6	7	4	6	4	7	6
N	I	E	L	I	D	C	S	N	H	A	B	A
4	5	7	5	6	7	3	8	5	6	5	8	3
L	G	O	E	R	U	E	N	A	M	H	P	W
8	5	2	8	7	3	2	3	5	8	3	7	3
A	E	H	Y	N	S	A	K	A	S	I	T	L
7	5	3	7	2	7	2	3	8	7	8	2	8
I	D	L	F	P	U	P	S	O	L	F	Y	F

HERE IS A PLEASANT LITTLE GAME that will give you a message every day. It's a numerical puzzle designed to spell out your fortune. Count the letters in your first name. If the number of letters is 6 or more, subtract 4. If the number is less than 6, add 3. The result is your key number. Start at the upper left-hand corner and check one of your key numbers, left to right. Then read the message the letters under the checked figures give you.

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## CryptoQuip

This is a simple substitution cipher in which each letter used stands for another. If you think that X equals O, it will equal O throughout the puzzle. Solution is accomplished by trial and error.

Clue: Y equals W

KU RIRVPJMNP YRVR GM QFKA F

JEABZ MU YRKQZG, YMEXN GZFG

JVKAQ ED FXX BXMDRV GMQRGZRV?

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## CryptoQuote

AXYDLBAAXR  
is LONGFELLOW

One letter stands for another. In this sample, A is used for the three L's, X for the two O's, etc. Single letters, apostrophes, the length and formation of the words are all hints. Each week the code letters are different.

KJ MLF OYIN NL XP HLEP

ZELWFVNKBP, NDPI RNYEN YN

NDP RNYEN: CPN NDPEP LI

NKHP. — EKVDYEW XEYIRLI

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## Church News

Mail announcements to The Estill Tribune, 6135 Winchester Road, Irvine, KY 40336 Call (606) 723-5012; Fax to (606) 723-2743; or E-mail it to <News@EstillTribune.Com>

Call for an appointment

### St. Elizabeth Special Message

A message Concerning St. Elizabeth Basement Sales

The Pandemic continues. We continue to be open by appointment only. We are waiting for your call: 606 723 8216! We continue to have new things come in. So you may enjoy shopping.

We have lots of clothing for all ages, especially lots of children's

clothing. During August we have A SPECIAL!

Anyone shopping for children's clothing, may get up to five outfits FREE, for each child.

So just make that call 606 723 8216 for an appointment.

You can come Monday thru Saturday between 9:00 and 5:00, but by appointment only.

Sunday, August 23rd @ 11:00am

### Wisemantown United Methodist

The Wisemantown United Methodist Church will continue to have a drive-in service on Sunday, August 23, 11 a.m. Persons attending may stay in their vehicles and listen at 107.9 FM or sit

in the open air pavilion and wear a mask. Seating will be physically distanced.

"The Greatest Commandment" will be the sermon title based on Matthew 22:34-40.

## Rinse & Return Program offered to farmers Sept. 8<sup>th</sup>

The Rinse and Return Plastic Pesticide Container Recycling Program will be offered once again in Estill County this fall. This Kentucky Department of Agriculture program collects triple-rinsed, plastic pesticide containers for recycling. All farmers are encouraged to participate. Please remember, pesticide containers must be triple-rinsed, label packets removed, and no lids should be present. All containers received will be inspected.

The 2020 Rinse and Return collection date is Tuesday, September 8th, 10:00 a.m. to noon at the Estill County Extension Office, 76 Golden Court (off Stacy Lane) in Irvine. For more information, call 723-4557.

## Puzzle Answers

### BIBLE WORD SEARCH

Answers

L	W	C	F	A	T	H	E	R	Z
B	O	H	W	E	R	O	F	E	B
L	C	R	E	A	T	I	O	N	E
S	O	N	D	E	S	H	O	S	S
E	B	L	E	S	S	I	N	G	I
S	U	S	E	J	H	O	L	Y	A
E	S	M	L	A	E	R	Q	V	R
D	O	O	G	D	L	R	O	W	P
E	L	A	U	T	I	R	I	P	S
S	I	G	H	T	S	I	R	H	C

bring us all closer together?  
If everybody were to gain a bunch of weight, would that answer  
**CryptoQuip**

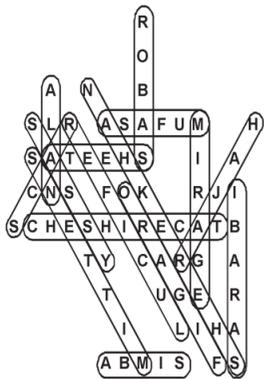
If you want to be more productive, then start at the start: get there on time. — Richard Branson  
answer  
**CryptoQuote**

### Puzzles4Kids

Answer

RASHER	R	SHEAR
GROUSE	O	URGES
DIRECT	C	TIRED
BASKED	K	BEADS
CAMDEN	M	CANED
VELOUR	U	LOVER
PLEATS	S	PETAL
LASSIE	I	SALES
PANICS	C	PAINS

### DISNEY CAT NAMES



### FEAR & KNIGHT



### Even Exchange answers

- Degree, Decree
- Picky, Pinky
- Crutch, Crunch
- Harry, Hurry
- Trace, Track
- Lever, Never
- Butter, Bitter
- Quiet, Quilt
- Scout, Shout
- Polite, Police

### King Crossword Answers

Solution time: 24 mins.



### Letter Box

Solution

N	D	E	C	K	U	P	O	A
U	P	K	O	A	D	C	E	N
O	C	A	E	N	P	D	U	K
K	A	O	D	P	E	N	C	U
E	N	D	U	C	A	K	P	O
C	U	P	K	O	N	E	A	D
P	O	U	N	D	C	A	K	E
A	E	N	P	U	K	O	N	D
D	K	C	A	E	O	U	N	P

### Weekly SUDOKU

Answer

1	8	5	4	3	7	6	2	9
7	4	6	9	2	5	8	3	1
9	3	2	6	8	1	5	4	7
4	7	9	2	1	8	3	6	5
8	6	1	5	9	3	2	7	4
2	5	3	7	6	4	1	9	8
3	9	7	8	5	2	4	1	6
6	1	8	3	4	9	7	5	2
5	2	4	1	7	6	9	8	3

**Bible Trivia Answers**  
"Test Your Bible Knowledge," with 1,206 multiple-choice questions by columnist Wilson Casey, is available in bookstores and online.  
ANSWERS (1) Neither; (2) 3 John; (3) Rivers; (4) Perga-mos; (5) Perga; (6) Solomon

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## Amber Waves



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