

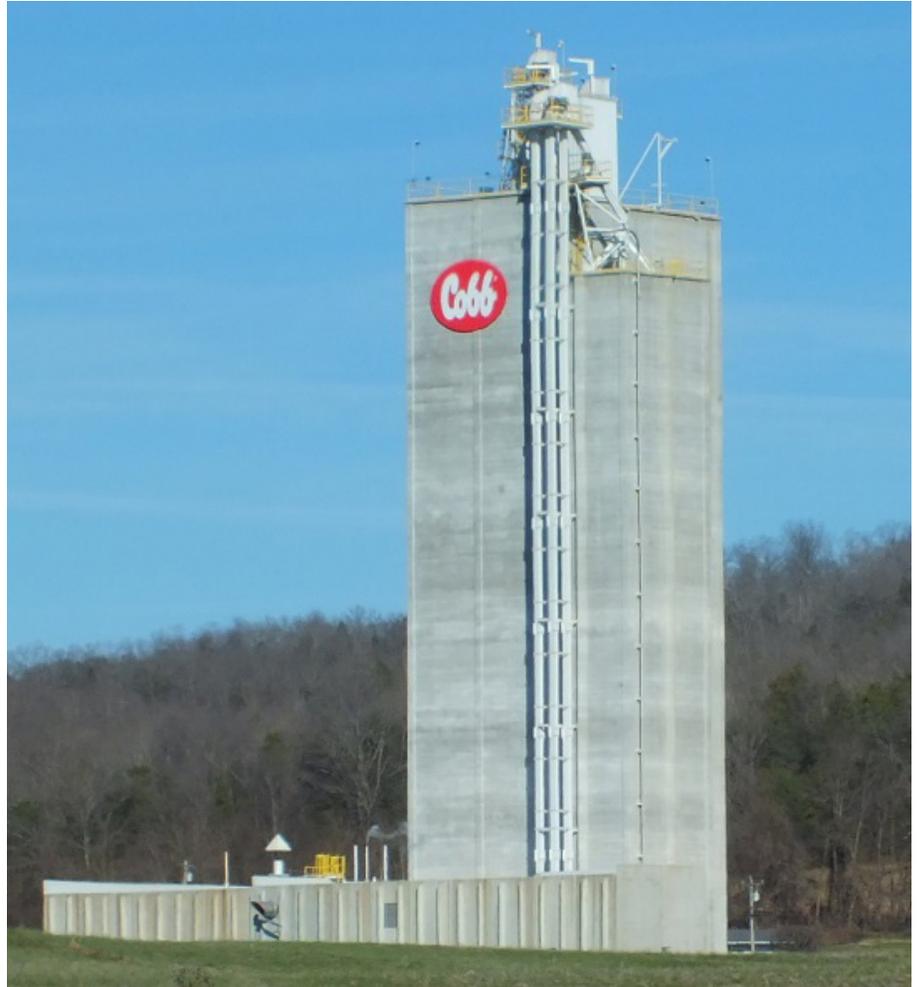
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**When you support  
Extension,  
agricultural  
businesses  
expand, new jobs  
are created and  
farmer's incomes  
are improved.**

# COOPERATIVE EXTENSION EXTENDING KNOWLEDGE *Changing Lives*



*In 2015, Cobb-Vantress Inc. opened their business in Albany, Kentucky resulting in higher prices and reduced costs for southern Kentucky corn producers.*

## **Extension's Commitment to Economic Development Benefits Corn Growers**

*Wayne and Clinton County Extension Agents efforts resulted in a \$15 million feed mill and southern Kentucky corn producers experienced and increased income of \$1 million for the region.*



**Corn ranks 1st in Kentucky's crop receipts and 13th in corn production nationally. In 2012, there were 27,313 jobs related to corn production in Kentucky.**

*Kentucky Agricultural Fact  
Kentucky Farm Bureau*

Extension agents promote business development and expansion in Kentucky by providing research based information and understanding their county resources. Cobb-Vantress Inc. was seeking a location for a poultry feed mill. The Wayne County Agent for Agriculture and Natural Resources provided farm production data, sources of natural gas, routes for transportation and developed community support. While Wayne County did not have the ideal location, the county agent was able to find one in neighboring Clinton County.

Cobb-Vantress Inc. built a \$15 million facility in 2014 in Albany, Kentucky (Clinton County) employing 15 people. The company began purchasing corn from local growers in January 2015. Annual purchase of corn is estimated at 1.4 to 1.6 million bushels. For 2015, the few facility's corn prices were a \$0.40 per bushel premium or \$70 per acre more than other markets. This equates to an increase of \$1,040,000 additional income to local corn producers. Southern Kentucky corn producers enjoy the higher prices and are hauling their corn shorter distances, saving time, fuel and money.

Kentucky Extension continues to provide farmers with researched based information and educational programs to maximize yields while minimizing expenses and impact on the environment.



*During an average year, approximately 70 million bushel of corn is fed to livestock, 47million bushel of corn is used for food and spirits, and 12 million bushel of corn is processed into fuel ethanol in Kentucky.*



*In addition to increased prices, southern farmers saved time and fuel cost.*

Extension agents and specialists are actively seeking ways to improve the economic opportunities and develop of communities and the well-being of individuals and families of Kentucky.