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Rebuild of UK Research Center begins

BY KATIE PRATT
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The rebuilding of the University of Kentucky Research and Education Center in Princeton has begun.

The UK College of Agriculture, Food and Environment is working with the university's insurance adjusters to determine the extent of the damage to facilities and equipment after the center took a direct hit from an EF-4 tornado Dec. 10. UK officials expect 49 of the center's 58 buildings to be a complete loss.

"We are humbled by the

outpouring of support from across the local, state and national agricultural communities," said Nancy Cox, dean of CAFE and UK vice president for Land-Grant Engagement. "We are moving forward and plan to build back a state-of-the-art research and education facility to continue advancing agriculture."

Crews are now demolishing the remains of the center's main building. The demolition process is expected to take at least four months.

UK officials are beginning to reach out to their equipment suppliers to replace

damaged equipment. This process is expected to take some time as well.

"Since they are used for research, nearly every piece of equipment we had was a prototype, so we cannot replace them by going to a commercial dealer and picking one out off a lot," said Chad Lee, director of the UK Grain and Forage Center of Excellence located at the center. "We are contacting the companies that we purchased these pieces of equipment from to see how they can be replaced."

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UK photo

The University of Kentucky is beginning to rebuild its Research and Education Center in Princeton.

Injured horseman happy to pay back help received

BY BECKY NEWELL
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Two years to the date after a horse wreck that broke AQHA Professional Horseman Bradley Boyd's pelvis in three places and laid him up for three months, Bradley and wife Rachel found themselves in the position to pay back the help they received.

On Dec. 10, 2021, a tornado ran a 3/4-mile-wide swath for 200 miles through western Kentucky, just miles from where the Boyds live near Princeton.

After the storm, the Boyds started checking on friends, family and neighbors. Like Bradley and Rachel, most all of their neighbors didn't have any major damage. But as their network of friends started checking on other friends, they started hearing about horse operations that weren't as lucky.

Besides two housing subdivisions, many horse farms were completely demolished, and the animal loss — cattle, horses, other livestock and wildlife — was staggering.

"One place had a pasture of 30 head of cattle and two deer that were killed just



Contributed/Bradley Boyd

AQHA Professional Horseman Bradley Boyd's barn was transformed into a feed and farm supply store after the Dec. 10, 2021, tornado that ripped through western Kentucky.

by a lightning strike," said Bradley Boyd.

"Rachel and I started brainstorming what people would need: feed for horses, cattle, dogs and cats; rakes, pitchforks, feeders and buckets, fencing supplies. There is just a lot of stuff

people don't think about needing right away," he said.

"Within 24 hours, my neighbor Don Campbell, who is a Thoroughbred owner and trainer, and I had talked to Chauncey Morris at the Kentucky Thoroughbred Association and

Laura Wohler with Gallery Racing, who will get you anything you need, and we had 80 tons of feed and 21 tons of alfalfa pellets. Eleven semitrailers came in with 90 round bales, 40

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Disaster jobless deadline extended

BY TIMES LEADER STAFF

Storm victims in 16 Kentucky counties now have until Jan. 28 to apply for Disaster Unemployment Assistance, according to the Kentucky Office of Unemployment Insurance.

The agency received approval from the U.S. Department of Labor on Friday to extend the deadline for individuals impacted by the storms that occurred overnight on Dec. 10 to apply for DUA benefits.

Individuals in the following 16 Kentucky counties who wish to apply for DUA benefits must submit an application to OUI no later than Jan. 28: Barren, Caldwell, Christian, Fulton, Graves, Hart, Hickman, Hopkins, Logan, Lyon, Marion, Marshall, Muhlenberg, Ohio, Taylor, and Warren.

Individuals are eligible to apply for DUA if they became unemployed as a direct result of the severe storms, straight-line winds, flooding and tornadoes. Those who

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OBITUARIES

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WEATHER OUTLOOK

Today: Sunny. High 50, low 33.

Thursday: Partly sunny. High 47, low 30.

Friday: Partly sunny. High 45, low 31.

Saturday: Chance of rain/snow. High 39, low 20.

Sunday: Sunny. High 37, low 25.



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Before I formed you in the womb I knew you, before you were born I set you apart; I appointed you as a prophet to nations.

- Jeremiah 1:5 NIV

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