

## Hardin County Provides **Dead Stock Pickup and Disposal** Program

The "Dead Stock Collection and Disposal Program" provides pickup of fallen farm stock to all residents within Hardin County. This environmentally sound program, provided by Hardin County Government at no cost to the resident, is very important to insuring the continued protection of our valuable water supply.

To Schedule <u>Pickup</u> **Call Bluegrass** Recycling Service Inc. Toll free at 1-888-744-1186

The hauler selected for this year is Bluegrass Recycling Service Inc., located in Winchester, Kentucky. They may be contacted toll free at 1-888-744-1186. You may note that this is the same company who provided pickup services to Hardin County last year, so in general, the program is the same as last year, but you are encouraged to review the following flyer for details.

> As you are aware, there have been significant changes with the disposal requirements for rendering companies. As of 2008, all rendering companies must comply with the federal regulation 21 CFR 589.2001 entitled "Cattle materials prohibited in animal food or feed to prevent the transmission of bovine spongiform

encephalopathy." These regulations have significantly increased the cost in rendering the stock, resulting in a significant increase in the cost of this program to the County. Fortunately, the County was able to continue the contract with Bluegrass Recycling Services, Inc. for this year at no increase in cost. The County also continues to work with the local agricultural office to secure a grant from the Kentucky Agricultural Development Fund to assist in the funding of this program.

Through the years, the costs to provide this service have continuously increased. When County Government introduced this program in 2003/2004, the cost to Hardin County was \$10,000.00 per year with a state grant paying an equal amount. Over the years, the available state grant funds have declined and are currently \$7,500 annually. Last year the Hardin County Farm Bureau also contributed \$1,000 to the cost of this service. We appreciate their contribution to this valuable program and look forward to continued support. This year the cost of the program is \$48,000.00, with the grant paying \$7,500.00.

We invite you to utilize the program again this year and to share the enclosed information with others who may have need for it.



## The Hardin County Animal Disposal Program

Hardin County contracted with Bluegrass Recycling Service, Inc. for fallen animal pick-up services.

## Participants should call Bluegrass Recycling Service, Inc. 1-888-744-1186 for pick-up.

## **Program Guidelines**

- Animals will be picked up **without charge** to the resident.
- The program is for residents of Hardin County for pickup within the boundaries of the County. Commercial Facilities are not included.
- The resident will be required to provide to Bluegrass Recycling Service, Inc. the following information for reporting purposes: name, address, and type of animal.
- Service is available from 7:00 AM to 5:00 PM Monday through Friday, excluding holidays.
- Bluegrass Recycling Service, Inc. will pickup dead stock within 48 hours of notice. They will use their best effort to pickup the animal the same day as they receive notice of the pickup if possible.
- The service includes the removal of dead stock including cattle, horses, ostrich, llamas, goats, and sheep.
- Animals for pickup must be accessible by a public roadway.
- Animals must be located on the property at a location that is a gravel, blacktop, or concrete area and in a manner that they may be picked up without interference of fences, buildings, or the like.
- If live animals are located in the same area where the dead animal is located, then the owner will be required to provide assistance.

For more information contact the Judge/Executive's Office at 270-765-2350