



Hardin County Provides Dead Stock Pickup and Disposal Program

For the 7th consecutive year, Hardin County Government is providing the “Dead Stock Collection and Disposal Program” for 2009/2010. This program provides pickup of fallen stock to all residents within Hardin County at no cost to the owner. This environmentally sound program is very important to insuring the continued protection of our valuable water supply.

The hauler selected for this fiscal year is DARS, Inc. DARS, located in Winchester, Kentucky, began providing service in Hardin County on July 1, 2009 and will continue through June 30, 2010. They may be contacted toll free at 1-888-744-1186. Generally, the program is the same as last year, but there have been a few changes, so please review the following flyer for details.

For Pickup
Call DARS, Inc
Toll free at
1-888-744-1186

During the past year, there have been significant changes with the disposal requirements for rendering companies. All rendering companies must comply with the new law 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 56% increase from last year in the cost of this program to the County.

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. This year the cost of the program is \$37,500.00, with the anticipated grant paying \$7,500.00 and the County paying the remaining \$30,000.00. The County is currently working with the Hardin County Agricultural Development Council and has secured a \$5,226.00 grant from the Kentucky Agricultural Development Board to assist in the funding of this program. It is anticipated the grant will be supplemented up to \$7,500.00 within the next few months.

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



The Hardin County Animal Disposal Program (July 1, 2009 – June 30, 2010)

Hardin County contracted with DARS, Inc. for fallen animal pick-up services.

**Participants should call DARS, 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.
- The resident will be required to provide DARS, 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.
- **DARS will pickup dead stock within 48 hours of notice.** DARS will use its 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