



The Fastest Two Minutes in Sports - The Kentucky Derby! At Churchill Downs!

The 2022 Kentucky Derby will air on Saturday, May 7 from 12 to 2:30 p.m. ET on USA Network and from 2:30 to 7:30 p.m. ET on NBC. Coverage is also available to stream live on [NBCSports.com](https://www.nbcsports.com)

The Briefing – Friday – 5-6-22

The last Briefing was Wednesday – 5-4-22

The Briefing is compiled **2-3 times a week** to provide information to County Commissioners and staff in counties that are members of the Small County Coalition and School Board members, Superintendents, and staff in districts that are members of the Small School District Council Consortium. It is also sent to Professional Colleagues and Associates.

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Important Information and Resource Links

[Small County Coalition Website](#)

[Small School District Council Consortium Website](#)

The Very Quick

The Derby – Predictions and Odds

- Blue Grass Stakes winner **Zandon** will break from the No. 10 post in the **148th Kentucky Derby** as the favorite with 3-1 opening odds.
- 7-2 **Epicenter** is starting in the third post and 8-1 **Messier** is in post No. 6.

Related: [What to know about the 2022 Kentucky Derby](#)

Below are the post positions for the 2022 Kentucky Derby, including current odds as of May 2.

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| 1. Mo Donegal (10-1) - | Trainer: Todd A. Pletcher - | Jockey: Irad Ortiz Jr. |
| 2. Happy Jack (30-1) - | Trainer: Doug F. O'Neill - | Jockey: Rafael Bejarano |
| 3. Epicenter (7-2) - | Trainer: Steve Asmussen - | Jockey: Joel Rosario |
| 4. Summer Is Tomorrow (30-1) - | Trainer: Bhupat Seemar - | Jockey: Mickael Barzalona |
| 5. Smile Happy (20-1) - | Trainer: Kenneth G. McPeck - | Jockey: Corey Lanerie |
| 6. Messier (8-1) - | Trainer: Tim Yakteen - | Jockey: John R. Velazquez |
| 7. Crown Pride (20-1) - | Trainer: Koichi Shintani - | Jockey: Christophe Lemaire |
| 8. Charge It (20-1) - | Trainer: Todd A. Pletcher - | Jockey: Luis Saez |
| 9. Tiz the Bomb (30-1) - | Trainer: Kenneth G. McPeck - | Jockey: Brian Hernandez Jr. |

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| 10. Zandon (3-1) - | Trainer: Chad C. Brown - | Jockey: Flavien Prat |
| 11. Pioneer of Medina (30-1) - | Trainer: Todd A. Pletcher - | Jockey: Joe Bravo |
| 12. Taiba (12-1) - | Trainer: Tim Yakteen - | Jockey: Mike Smith |
| 13. Simplification (20-1) - | Trainer: Antonio Sano - | Jockey: Jose Ortiz |
| 14. Barber Road (30-1) - | Trainer: John A. Ortiz - | Jockey: Reylu Gutierrez |
| 15. White Abarrio (10-1) - | Trainer: Saffie A. Joseph, Jr. - | Jockey: Tyler Gaffalione |
| 16. Cyberknife (20-1) - | Trainer: Brad H. Cox - | Jockey: Florent Geroux |
| 17. Classic Causeway (30-1) - | Trainer: Brian A. Lynch - | Jockey: Julien Leparoux |
| 18. Tawny Port (30-1) - | Trainer: Brad H. Cox - | Jockey: Ricardo Santana Jr. |
| 19. Zozos (20-1) - | Trainer: Brad H. Cox - | Jockey: Manny Franco |
| 20. Ethereal Road (30-1) - | Trainer: D. Wayne Lukas - | Jockey: Luis Contreras |

The Quick

U.S.D.A. Rural Development a key component in supporting Rural Development

Recently – the Lakeisha Hood – the State Director for Florida/U.S. Virgin Islands for USDA Rural Development requested that their Major Grant Programs Guide be distributed so that local leaders are aware of the resources that are available to support rural communities with development efforts. Here is an explanation of the USDA Rural Development Office – Contact Information – and – the major programs

- USDA Rural Development is the lead Federal agency helping rural communities grow and prosper. The primary focus of the Agency is to increase economic development and improve the quality of life in rural places and small towns. The agency provides loans, grants and technical assistance to build critical infrastructure like broadband, water systems, and hospitals. Our programs expand access to e-connectivity, electric, and transportation infrastructure, and support business growth, healthcare, education, housing, and other community essentials.

[Link to U.S.D.A. Florida Office Contacts](#)

U.S.D.A. has published a document

[U.S.D.A. Rural Development Major Grant Programs](#)

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DACS Fresh From Florida Launching “Free Seed” Vegetable Garden Program

The Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services is launching a new program entitled “[The Unity Gardens Initiative](#)”. The project is intended to promote community gardens, a collaborative effort where neighbors share the responsibilities and the harvest of a communal vegetable garden. Eggplant, corn, sweet peppers, cucumbers, zucchini, and three different varieties of tomato seeds will be available as will a Florida Vegetable Gardening Guide.

The Florida Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services will be distributing free seed packets through 59 IFAS offices. The IFAS sites will serve as local pickup spots. A list of participating IFAS offices, scattered in counties across the state, is [available online](#).

Headlines from Around the State

FlaPol: Ashley Moody announces Walgreens settles for \$680M, concluding historic opioid litigation in Florida

Politico: Mystery solved? Florida reveals why it rejected math books over critical race theory

Herald: Reviewers of math textbooks make comments on race, climate change, Federalist Papers

Sun-Sentinel: Florida no longer a haven for abortion access: 'We cannot rest on any amount of protection that exists today'

WUSF: Abortions are on the decline, so far, in Florida this year, according to state data

NBC: Anti-abortion Latinos look forward to future without Roe v. Wade

The Hill: Gaetz faces backlash for over-educated women remark

Times: DeSantis signs bill creating resiliency office to address flooding, sea-level rise

FlaPol: Victims of Communism Day legislation on Gov. DeSantis' desk for signature

FlaPol: Lawmakers send Gov. DeSantis gas tax relief, Tool Time holiday in sweeping tax package

FlaPol: Gov. DeSantis gets second look a juvenile expunction bill

FlaPol: Bill guarding police GPS data reaches Gov. DeSantis' desk

WLRN: 'Married to the Mouse' author says DeSantis-Disney dispute likely to end in 'therapy,' not 'divorce'

FlaPol: Al Lawson, Duval Democrats plan weekend legislative session debrief

FlaPol: Charlie Crist offers up federal solution for homeowners insurance reform

FlaPol: Tampa was told it was under federal investigation at the end of 2021. The City Council just found out

WLRN: Palm Beach County school district gets fourth police chief in a year

Times: Florida school districts set tax votes for August amid criticism

Herald: Four years after fatal collapse, Florida unveils design for a new FIU pedestrian bridge

Herald: Florida sheriffs preparing court fight with Miami-Dade County over police power grab

Times: How Florida space launches and FAA staff shortages are affecting Tampa's airport

CBS 4: Cape Coral Art Teacher Fired For Letting Students Paint LGBTQ Flags To Express Their Sexuality

Herald: Large dead shark hanging from rafters of Florida high school prompts investigation

WLRN: Small island wins big in state resilience grant awards

Sun-Sentinel: Will the nearly \$1 billion County/City Hall plan be saved? A new deadline approaches

News Herald: Bay County to repave 132 miles of roads damaged in Michael's wake. Is yours on the list?

News Herald: Formula for disaster: Bay County families feel the strain as baby formula shortages worsen

DBNJ: Deltona's acting city manager gets 20 weeks' severance added to contract

FlaPol: Personnel note: Florida Chamber advances strategic plan with three high-level hires

FlaPol: Personnel note: Former DBPR head Halsey Beshears joins Spiritus Law as top lobbyist

Politico: Florida Republicans won't let go of Disney's campaign cash

Herald: Coming Supreme Court ruling on abortion raises stakes in Rubio-Demings Senate race

FlaPol: 'Charlie is uniquely suited for this moment': Fentrice Driskell backs Charlie Crist for Governor

FlaPol: 'Problem solving, not partisan food fights': Eileen Higgins launches campaign for CD 27

Capitolist: Miami-Dade Commissioner Eileen Higgins joins CD-27 race: 'The incumbent congresswoman has voted against the best interest of the people'

FlaPol: Sheriff Chad Chronister backing Jackie Toledo in CD 15

FlaPol: Lauren Book plans debut in the new Senate District 35 with park celebration

FlaPol: Alexis Calatayud receives endorsement from would-be Senate colleague

FlaPol: Ardian Zika won't seek third term in Florida House

Times: Pasco state Rep. Ardian Zika says he won't run for a third term

FlaPol: David Richardson suspends HD 106 bid, eyes Miami-Dade County Commission

Herald: Donald Trump dives into Miami-Dade politics with a county commission endorsement

FlaPol: Donald Trump endorses Kevin Marino Cabrera for Miami-Dade Commission

FlaPol: Cory Mills promises to help media 'shed some real tears'

FlaPol: SeaWorld follows Disney playbook, posting solid theme park recovery numbers

FlaPol: Court records: understaffed nursing homes sidestep admissions ban

FlaPol: Commissioners OK redfish regulation overhaul at FWC meetings

FlaPol: FWC approves rule to rebuild cobia off Atlantic Coast

Times: Florida's child support carousel exhausts parents, costs kids

WLRN: Eviction filings are up sharply as pandemic rental aid starts to run out

NBC 6: "It's Unfair": South Florida Homeowners Worry About Impact of Rising Property Insurance Premiums

Times: Miami group buys Clearwater hotels, converting them to workforce apartments

My News 13: Report: Orlando ties for the country's second-worst affordable housing shortage

My News 13: Orange County tourism tax income breaks records

WUSF: Florida raised the starting salary for teachers, but longtime educators say they face stagnant pay

WLRN: South Florida's only historically Black university on track to return to good standing with accreditor

WLRN: Inmates owe millions as Miami-Dade jails charge for room and board

News Herald: Voting activists launch statewide election integrity campaign to help inmates charged

CBS 4: US Coast Guard's Priority Number 1: Save Lives Off Florida Straits

Times: Florida prepares to resume manatee rescue efforts this winter

Times: Florida's Shark Lady is now on a Forever stamp

Upcoming Meeting of State Associations

- June 8-10 - [FSBA/FADSS Annual Summer Conference](#) – Tampa
- June 9 - Small District Breakfast – Annual Joint Business Meeting of the FSBA Small District Council and the SSDCC
- [June 28 - July 1 –](#) [FAC Annual Conference - Small County Coalition Annual Meeting - Orlando](#)
- June 29th - The Small County Coalition will meet for breakfast on Wed.

On the Docket

FRIDAY, MAY 6, 2022

- **CLINICAL LAB PANEL:**The Florida Board of Clinical Laboratory Personnel will meet. (Friday, 9 a.m., Hilton Garden Inn; 11400 Marbella Palm Court, Orlando.)
- **ORTHOTISTS BOARD:**The Florida Board of Orthotists and Prosthetists will meet. (Friday, 9 a.m. Call-in number: 1-866-899-4679. Code: 825536197)
- **DEFENSE ATTORNEY HONORED:** The Florida Association of Criminal Defense Lawyers will hold a ceremony to dedicate its headquarters to past President Jerry Berry, a criminal-defense attorney from Naples. (Friday, 11:30 a.m., Florida Association of Criminal Defense Lawyers, 1419 North Bronough St., Tallahassee.)