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Turner and University of Kentucky Celebrate Topping Out of Agricultural Research Facility

The state-of-the-art facility will advance the University's agricultural research and student learning.



July 16, 2025 – **Turner Construction Company** and the **University of Kentucky** celebrated the topping out of the University's **Agricultural Research Facility**, signifying the completion of vertical construction on the \$184 million project.

Once complete, the 235,000-square-foot facility will serve as a hub for cutting-edge agricultural research and student learning. The building will feature laboratory teaching spaces, faculty offices, rooftop greenhouses, a separate teaching greenhouse, and a 250-seat auditorium designed to foster academic collaboration and innovation.

"This is a significant achievement for a project that only began deep foundations in November," said [David Opalka](#), Vice President & Construction Executive at Turner Construction Company. "Our project team has overcome the challenging winter bringing creative solutions to deliver this milestone. We appreciate the partnership with our design partner **BHDP Architecture**, and the University of Kentucky for their continued trust in Turner to deliver transformative spaces."

The Agricultural Research Facility is the latest in a longstanding partnership between Turner and the University of Kentucky, comprising more than 30 completed projects.

Completion is scheduled for late 2026.

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