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We urge you to become familiar with what we stand for and what we do! Visit kyfb.com.

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Our member services program also includes more than 20 businesses that provide discounts on products or services. By utilizing these benefits, you'll more than offset your annual membership fee. I urge you to review this special section to see how a Kentucky Farm Bureau membership is a great value!

Your membership also supports Kentucky Farm Bureau Federation, a non-profit grassroots organization with a mission to serve our farm families and improve the quality of life for all Kentuckians. This also should be of interest to you because agriculture has a direct impact on everyone. To find out about our policies, programs and achievements, go to our web site at kyfb.com.

Whether it is advocating public policies that boost our farm economy, providing insurance coverage on your property, conducting youth leadership development programs or supporting community projects -- service is what Kentucky Farm Bureau is all about. We've embraced a slogan -- "Big on Commitment" -- to underscore our devotion to serving our members. This commitment has enabled us to grow our membership for 48 consecutive years. We are very proud of that accomplishment because it affirms that we're on the right track.

Thanks for your membership. We stand ready to be of service.

MARK HANEY

PRESIDENT

KENTUCKY FARM BUREAU

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The past couple of years have been especially challenging, but we have emerged strong. In less than five months, three major weather catastrophes hit Kentucky -- the remnants of Hurricane Ike, an incredibly damaging ice storm and then a third major storm system. All told, there were approximately 165,000 catastrophe claims the last two years and we paid more than \$500 million from all the storms.

While this certainly impacted all of us, our Companies and our members weathered the catastrophes. Despite having to address this record number of claims plus a tough economy, we maintained a sound financial standing. The Kentucky Farm Bureau Mutual Insurance Company continues to hold an A+ rating from A.M. Best, which provides the public with financial strength ratings for insurance companies. These ratings are a good guideline for consumers looking for stable providers.

Our team of dedicated professionals is very thankful for the nearly 500,000 member families who choose to do business with the Kentucky Farm Bureau Insurance Companies. We take Our Commitment to the Member Relationship very seriously and look forward to serving the insurance needs of our members for years to come.

BRAD SMITH

**CEO AND EXECUTIVE VP
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Where your food dollar goes:



New book examines food prices

The volatility of food prices has a far-reaching effect, impacting consumers, farmers, many types of businesses, commodity traders and even government policymakers. The prices you pay at the supermarket depend on everything from the weather in Iowa and Brazil to the types of fuel used in cars in London and Los Angeles. Economic growth in China can affect the price of a pizza in Chicago.

Understanding why food prices rise and fall can help us anticipate and react to future market developments. It also can help us make better decisions as a society about how to feed and fuel the planet.

In a fascinating new book, leading agricultural economist Patrick Westhoff gives an inside look into what really causes large swings in food prices and what factors are likely to cause them to rise and fall in the future. *The Economics of Food: How Feeding and Fueling the Planet Affects Food Prices* (FT Press, ISBN-13: 9780137006106, \$25.99) is a must read for agricultural interests, as well as consumers interesting in learning about the world's most vital industry.

"On top of biofuels, it's also weather, income growth, exchange rates, energy prices, government policies, market speculation — a wide variety of factors that come together to affect prices," Westhoff says. "Food prices touch every

part of society, and consumers from all walks should understand how the basic economics behind them work."

Westhoff teaches agricultural economics at the University of Missouri and is affiliated with the Food and Agricultural Policy Institute there. He formerly served as an economist for the U.S. Senate's Agriculture Committee and is regarded as an expert on farm policy issues.

His book addresses critical questions about the future of food-related industries and tackles issues including:

- The basics of agricultural economics — for everyday consumers to policymakers
- How the weather affects food harvests and prices around the globe
- How government food policies affect your bottom line
- The effect of oil prices on food prices, as we move toward increased biofuel production

Westhoff untangles these complex global relationships among food, energy and economics and helps readers come to their own conclusions about the future of food. He walks through several, very possible scenarios for the future, offering insights that will become indispensable to consumers, commodity traders and policymakers alike.



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Roadside Markets flourishing in Kentucky

Article and Photos By Kara Keeton

Kentucky Farm Bureau's Certified Roadside Market Program hit a milestone this year, enrolling 109 markets from throughout the state. Designed to help farm families and agribusinesses with the promotion, marketing and advertising of their products, the program has expanded steadily over the years in tandem with a diversification of the state's agriculture industry.

Today's program boasts a wide array of markets with greenhouses, wineries, livestock operations, fiber mills, Christmas tree farms and daylily farms, along with the traditional orchard and vegetable operations.

The program is administered through KFB's Commodity Division. Following are capsules of a few of the participating markets:

DOUBLE HART FARMS

Double Hart Farms in Corbin has been a member of the Certified Roadside Market program since 1999. Yet, owner and operator Gerald Hart has been growing and selling vegetables at his farm long before he became a Roadside Market member. Over the years he has expanded his production season by incorporating greenhouses into his operation. Today Hart has seven greenhouses where he is able to start his tomatoes and other crops early to provide his customers with fresh produce before his vegetables in the field are ready. Hart grows a wide variety of fresh produce including: onions, tomatoes, cucumbers, green beans, strawberries, squash, watermelon, and more. Customers can stop in at the market, which was originally a small motel run by his parents, to pick up fresh produce or get out on the farm to pick their own strawberries, green beans, and more. To find out what is in season at Double Hart Farms call (606) 523-0465.



BRAY ORCHARD & ROADSIDE MARKET

Bray Orchard & Roadside Market in Trimble County has been a Certified Roadside Market member since 2003. Carlos and Jamae Pyles have taken the family's orchard tradition and developed a roadside farm market to provide customers a wide selection of local fresh products. In the summer Bray's has a wide variety of fruits and vegetables in season including: strawberries, grapes, peaches, apples, blackberries, tomatoes, cabbage, green beans, peppers, cantaloupes, sweet corn, watermelons, pumpkins, squash and more. They also carry a selection of trees, shrubs, annuals, perennials, and hanging baskets to brighten up any home garden. In the fall, Bray Orchard is the place to go for hayrides in the pumpkin patch and to find Indian corn, gourds, and other fall decorations. Bray's also carries a selection of jams, jellies, and other value-added products in their market. A visit to Bray Orchard isn't complete without some of Carlos and Jamae's famous homemade ice cream. For information on fruits and vegetables in season at Bray Orchard call (502) 255-3607.



LANMARK FARM

LanMark Farm is located in central Kentucky, nestled in the rolling bluegrass hills of Bourbon County. This working sheep and cattle farm has been a member of the



Certified Roadside Market Program since 2007. Owners Lanette Freitag and her husband Don Bowles renovated a traditional tobacco barn on the farm several years ago to create a working wool mill. LanMark's gift shop in the mill has a wide array of fiber arts, craft supplies, home décor and wearable art products. Visitors can also enjoy tours and classes at the market to learn about wool, from the raw product to the creation of a wearable product. Wool projects are available for all ages. Customers can create a Make it, Take it project or design a unique wool item using the patented FeltLOOM® designed by Don and Lanette. The building is also home of the Kentucky Wool Society, a group of farmers interested in the preservation of farm life. Visit www.lanmarkfarms.com or call (859) 383-4454 to plan your visit.



CHATEAU DU VIEUX CORBEAU WINERY / OLD CROW FARM & WINERY

Chateau du Vieux Corbeau and Old Crow Inn in Boyle County is centered around the Crow-Barbee House (c. 1780), the oldest stone house west of the Alleghenies. Chateau du Vieux Corbeau Winery began operation in 2002 and became a member of the Certified Roadside Market program in 2005. This 27-acre family farm and winery is operated by Andre Brousseau and his daughter Dominique, Kentucky's youngest female winemaker. The farm vineyards feature a white variety called Vidal Blanc, a French-American hybrid, a Norton, an American red grape, and three varieties of seedless table grapes. Customers are welcome to stop by the winery to enjoy a tasting of Chateau du Vieux Corbeau's award winning wines, and to tour the fourteen foot deep wine cellar where the wines are processed, fermented and bottled. Visitors can walk the trails around the farm, occasionally seeing deer, turkey, foxes and other wildlife. Chateau du Vieux Corbeau's vineyard room at the winery is the perfect location for meetings, dinners and catered events. Visit www.oldcrowinn.com or call (859) 236-1775 to schedule a tour.

THE COUNTRY BARN

The County Barn is a greenhouse and fresh produce market located in the heart of Amish and Mennonite farmland in Fairview, just yards from the historic Jefferson Davis Monument in Trigg County. David and Anna Weaver, owners of The Country Barn, have been Certified Roadside Market members since 2001. In springtime Country Barn offers greenhouse-grown tomatoes and a wide array of plants to get the home garden started for the season including: bedding plants, hanging baskets, patio pots and planters, "proven winner" flower selections, 95-100 varieties of perennials, old-fashioned vines, and more. In the summer and fall customers can find an array of fresh vegetables. The Country Barn is known for their selection of over 20 varieties of hot peppers and 50 varieties of heirloom tomatoes.

To find out what is in season at The Country Barn call (270) 885-4843.



TRUNNELL'S FARM MARKET

Trunnell's Market in the Daviess County community of Utica began in 1990 when Kevin Trunnell planted an acre of sweet corn and sold it in his front yard out of the back of his truck. Today, Trunnell's Market offers customers a wide array of fresh produce still grown by Kevin and his father Edward on the Trunnell farm. Along with the fresh produce, customers can find a selection of Kentucky Proud products from fresh milk and cheese to ham and flour at the Farm Market. Trunnell's is focused not only on providing fresh local food to their customers, but also providing opportunities for families and groups to explore the farm, learn about where their food comes from, and to have family fun with the many attractions in the new Family Fun Acre. Visit www.trunnellsfarmmarket.com and become a fan of Trunnell's on Facebook.





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uying nostalgia (and plenty of other stuff) . . .

Article by Walt Reichert
Photos by Kara Keeton

Marla and Steve Carter opened their popular roadside market in 2007.

It is a dreary, cool Sunday in River, Kentucky, a small cluster of houses on U. S. 23 just north of Paintsville. But Steve and Marla Carter, owners of Black Barn Produce, are doing a steady business, selling, of all things, ice cream cones by the double and triple scoop and tomato plants by the dozen.

It would seem there are more people in the store than live in the entire town of River. But Marla said it was a slow day compared to the day before, a sunny Saturday.

"You ought to have seen it yesterday," she said. "You couldn't move in here."

The customers come for the ice cream and tomato plants for their gardens, but they have a dizzying selection of other items to choose from. There are hundreds

of kinds of candies, many reminding customers of the days they bought sweets with a penny. There are jams, jellies, pickles, relishes, salsas, and apple butter; many bear the Kentucky Proud label and are made by local producers. There are Amish cheese, slab bacon, stone ground flour, bulk peas and beans, country ham, spoonbread mix, cider and several kinds of homemade nut butters.

Customers can find old varieties of seeds for planting, including greasy bean, turkey crow and rattlesnake, mountain heirlooms no longer available in most seed catalogs.

"People see these old seeds and remember them," Steve said. "That's what many of them grew up with."

Then there are the country living items, including cast iron cookware, apple peel-

ers, nutcrackers, grain grinders, and food mills.

If the selection inside isn't enough, during the season the front of Black Barn Produce becomes a produce stand, where the sweet corn, tomatoes, cucumbers and

"I spend a lot of time talking to customers who see something that reminds them of their childhood or someone who isn't here anymore."

other vegetables produced by local growers meet eager customers.

"When we first opened, we sold about 1,200 items," Steve said. "Now, we've expanded to about 9,000 items. We pretty much try to carry anything the customers ask for."

Steve and Marla opened Black Barn

Produce in 2007 after both retired from the garden center at Lowe's.

"We both wanted to try running a little country store, something like you might see in the Gatlinburg area," Steve said.

They opened the store in what had been a barn that housed Marla's father's logging trucks. Marla grew up on land next door to the barn, an area that boasts the nearby grave of Jenny Wiley, famous captive of Indians as well as the world's longest plastic suspension bridge.

Steve raised the roof of the barn and built shelves to accommodate the hundreds of cans, jars and baskets. They built a greenhouse for growing and holding high quality plants in 2008 and in the same year, added another 1,000 square feet of space to accommodate a gift shop that sells many Kentucky-made crafts. The rocking chairs gracing the front of the barn, for example, are made by craftspeople in Kentucky.

"We try to seek out Kentucky-grown

and Kentucky Proud products whenever possible," Steve said.

In the summer, the front of the barn opens, and locally grown produce hits the stands, including some grown in the Carter's own garden nearby.

While Black Barn Produce may sell nostalgia, the Carters market products in a thoroughly modern fashion. The market has a website, www.blackbarnproduce.com (listen for the Green Acres theme) and at last count, the Carters had 1,700 friends on Facebook.

"When we get something in we put out the word on Facebook," Marla said. "It really brings them in."

The Carters also joined KFB's Certified Roadside Markets program and are part of the Johnson County Agritourism Loop.

But while the marketing techniques are modern, the sense of the past keeps customers coming through the door, Marla said.

"I spend a lot of time talking to customers who see something that reminds them of their childhood or someone who isn't here anymore," she said.

Black Barn Produce is among KFB's Certified Roadside Markets.



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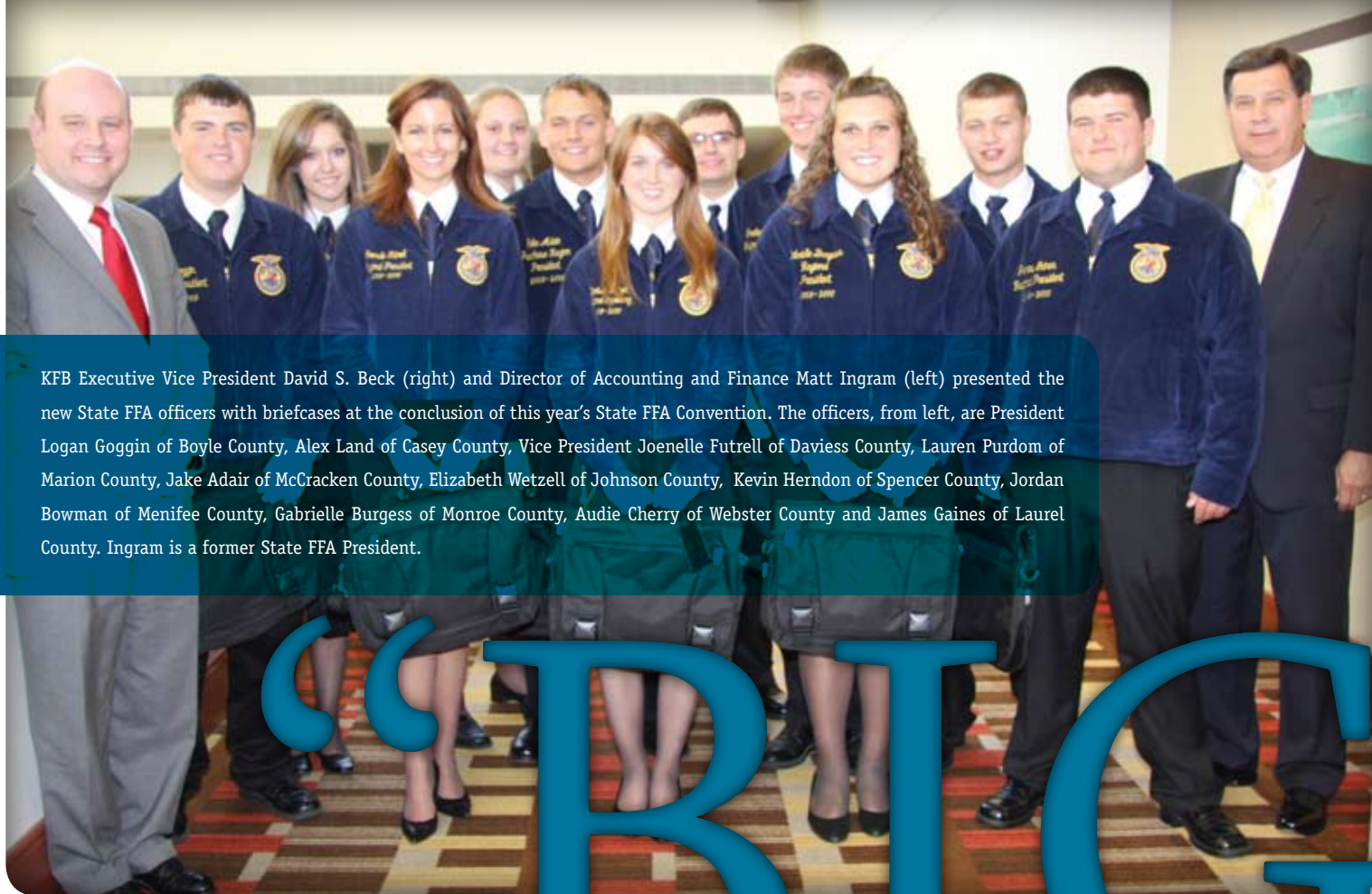
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KFB Executive Vice President David S. Beck (right) and Director of Accounting and Finance Matt Ingram (left) presented the new State FFA officers with briefcases at the conclusion of this year's State FFA Convention. The officers, from left, are President Logan Goggin of Boyle County, Alex Land of Casey County, Vice President Joenelle Futrell of Daviess County, Lauren Purdom of Marion County, Jake Adair of McCracken County, Elizabeth Wetzell of Johnson County, Kevin Herndon of Spencer County, Jordan Bowman of Menifee County, Gabrielle Burgess of Monroe County, Audie Cherry of Webster County and James Gaines of Laurel County. Ingram is a former State FFA President.

KFB is “BIG on Commitment”

KFB's “Big on Commitment” slogan holds just as true in service to Kentucky's youth as with farm families and insurance clients. The organization has a long and proud history of supporting youth development programs and educational opportunities. Thousands of Kentuckians have benefited from the experiences and assistance provided by a variety of programs and activities.

KFB is a strong supporter of FFA, 4-H and Vocational Agriculture. A canvass of KFB's local and state leaders undoubtedly would reveal that most of those individuals were involved in one, if not all, of those organizations, as well as with KFB's youth development programs.

The most traditional activity is the “Outstanding Youth” program which originates within the county Farm

Bureaus. Students ages 15-18 compete at local, district and state levels and are judged on academic and extracurricular achievements along with personal interviews and prepared comments related to agriculture or Farm Bureau.

KFB's Institute for Future Agricultural Leaders (IFAL) is a five-day summer leadership conference that exposes students to college life and explores different career fields in agriculture. Held at UK and Murray State University, IFAL features leadership development classes, speakers, team building recreation, fellowship and tours of agricultural facilities.

The Leadership Enhancement for Agricultural Development (LEAD) program is for a selected number of young members, many of whom are professionals working within the industry. This

program focuses on political involvement, effective communication, personal development and Farm Bureau involvement. More than a hundred outstanding young men and women have participated since the program's inception in 1998.

The college scholarship program has distributed more than \$1.7 million to needy students during its 57-year history.

Seventy-two Kentucky students were chosen this year to receive grants totaling \$107,300 from county and state scholarship programs administered through the KFB Education Foundation. More than 550 high school seniors applied for these scholarships.

2010 scholarship sponsors and the recipients are as follows:

Sam Moore Scholarship – \$4,000

Sponsored by the former KFB President,

this is awarded to a student attending a Kentucky college or university and pursuing a four-year degree in animal health/veterinary technology or a related field.

- Elijah Ernst, of LaRue County High School, plans to attend Western Kentucky University to study pre-veterinary medicine and become a veterinarian. He is the son of Bob and Sharon Ernst of Buffalo.

Leadership in Agriculture Scholarships – \$3,000 each

Awarded to two students of farm families attending a Kentucky college or university.

- Casey McGowan, of Russell County High School, plans to attend Lindsey Wilson College to major in political science and become a lawyer. She is the daughter of Jackie McGowan of Jamestown.

- Rachel Parsley, of Warren East High School, plans to attend Western Kentucky University to major in elementary education and become an elementary teacher. She is the daughter of Andrew and Karen Parsley of Oakland.

Paul D. Everman Fund for Lifetime Learning Scholarship – \$3,000

In honor of the former Executive Vice President of KFB Federation, this is awarded to a non-traditional student who

Awarded to a college upperclassman for the 2010-2011 school year. The student must be attending a Kentucky college or university and majoring in agriculture or a related field.

- Grant Mackey is a student at the University of Kentucky majoring in plant and soil science and plans to pursue a career in production agriculture.

Louis F. Ison Memorial Scholarship – \$1,000

in honor of the former KFB President, this is awarded to a full-time student pursuing a graduate degree at the University of Kentucky College of Agriculture.

- Jennifer Whittle is currently enrolled in the University of Kentucky College of Agriculture and pursuing a master's degree in career, technical and leadership education.

KFB Mutual Insurance Company Scholarships – \$2,000 each

- Ethan Hamblin, of Buckhorn High School in Perry County, plans to attend Berea College to major in education and business and become a college professor. He is the son of Kevin and Valerie Hamblin of Gays Creek.

- Lauren Younger, of Belfry High School in Pike County, plans to attend the University of Kentucky to major in communication disorders and become a speech pathologist. She is the daughter of Betty Annette Younger of Forest Hills.

KFB Insurance Agents Association Scholarship – \$2,000

- Erin Waggoner, of Russellville High School, plans to attend Western Kentucky University to major in mathematics and pursue a career in secondary education. She is the daughter of Clay and Paula Waggoner of Russellville.

KFB Federation Scholarships – \$1,000 each

- Julie Rehkamp, of Boone County High School, plans to attend Morehead State University to major and pursue a career in elementary education. She is the daughter of William and GERALYN Rehkamp of Florence.

- Jena Patterson, a homeschooled student in Bourbon County, plans to attend either the University of Kentucky or the University of Louisville to major in pre-veterinary biology and become a veterinarian. She is the daughter of Greg and

Leigh Patterson.

- Joshua Henderson, of Boyle County High School, plans to attend the University of Kentucky to major in pre-medical studies. He is the son of Paul and Anne Henderson of Danville.

- Jennay Dugan, of Breckinridge County High School, plans to attend Western Kentucky University to major in nursing and become a registered nurse. She is the daughter of Jack and Melonie Dugan of Garfield.

- Heather York, of Caldwell County High School, plans to attend Murray State University to major in animal/equine science and become a breeding manager. She is the daughter of Tony and Linda Green and James York of Fredonia.

- Michael Orr, of Murray High School in Calloway County, plans to attend Centre College to major in biology and become a veterinarian. He is the son of Scott and Michelle Orr of Murray.

- Samuel Bell, of Cumberland County High School, plans to attend the University of Kentucky to major in chemical engineering and become a pharmacist. He is the son of Annette and Lindsey Bell of Burkesville.

- Joenelle Futrell, of Daviess County High School, plans to attend the University of Kentucky to double-major in animal science and political science to pursue a career in agricultural law or as a veterinarian. She is the daughter of Ann Futrell of Philpot.

- Macaulay Minton, of Fulton County High School, plans to attend Centre College to major in government and become a lobbyist. He is the son of Marcia Minton of Hickman.

- Macy Pike, of Garrard County High School, plans to attend the University of Kentucky to major in pre-chemical engineering and become a pharmacist. She is the daughter of Brad and Teri Pike of Lancaster.

- Brennan Dobson, of Green County High School, plans to attend the University of Kentucky to major in chemical engineering. He is the son of Dwayne and Tina Dobson of Magnolia.

- Janna Imel, of Greenup County High School, plans to attend the University of Louisville to major in political science and become a lawyer. She is the daughter of Kenneth and Pamela Imel of Greenup.

- Caleb Givan, of Central Hardin High School, plans to attend Eastern Kentucky University to major in criminal justice

to youth

is interested in pursuing a four-year course of study at a Kentucky college or university.

- Rhonda Savage, of Hickman County, plans to attend Kentucky State University and pursue a bachelor's degree in general studies.

Young Farmer Scholarship – \$2,000

Awarded to a college upperclassman for the 2010-2011 school year. The student must be attending a Kentucky college or university and majoring in agriculture or a related field.

- Chelsey Pickens is a student at the University of Kentucky majoring in agriculture education and plans to become either a teacher or extension agent.

Young Farmer Scholarship – \$1,000

and pursue a career in law enforcement. He is the son of Kirby and Carla Givan of Eastview.

- Brenda Patel, of Corbin High School, plans to attend Georgetown College to major in pre-medical studies and become a surgeon. She is the daughter of Dinesh and Parul Patel of Corbin.

- Kellie Owen, of LaRue County High School, plans to attend the University of Kentucky to major in agriculture education and become an agriculture teacher. She is the daughter of David and Mary Owen of Magnolia.

- Alyssa Estes, of Lee County High School, plans to attend Eastern Kentucky University to major and pursue a career in nursing. She is the daughter of O.C. and Sheila Estes of Beattyville.

- Caliesha Comley, of Madison Central High School, plans to attend Georgetown College to major in commerce, language and culture. She is the daughter of Donald Comley and Lavonna Renfro of Richmond.

- Jeremy Swiney, of Magoffin County High School, plans to attend the University of Kentucky to major in biology and become an orthopedic surgeon. He is the son of Jerry and Debra Swiney of Salyersville.

- Elizabeth Brooks, of Mercer County High School, plans to attend Centre College to major in biochemistry and molecular biology and become a pediatrician. She is the daughter of Paul and Theresa Brooks of Harrodsburg.

- Jessica Crowell, of Mercer County High School, plans to attend Vanderbilt University to major in biology and become a physical therapist. She is the daughter of Alan and Lorrie Crowell of Salvisa.

- Andrew Grace, of Muhlenberg County High School, plans to attend the University of Kentucky to major in biosystems engineering and become an engineer. He is the son of Paul and Barbara Grace of Greenville.

- Lauren Renaud, of North Oldham High School, plans to attend Vanderbilt University to major in molecular biology and become a geriatrician. She is the daughter of Terry and Daphne Renaud of Prospect.

Allen County Farm Bureau Scholarship – \$1,000

- Janie Pruitt, of Allen County-Scottsville High School, plans to attend

Western Kentucky University to major in engineering and become a mechanical engineer. She is the daughter of Charles and Brenda Pruitt of Scottsville.

Boone County Farm Bureau Scholarships – \$1,000 each

- Jonathan Brigham, of Larry A. Ryle High School, plans to attend the University of Kentucky to major in pre-medicine biology and become a cardiothoracic surgeon. He is the son of John and LaTanya Brigham of Walton.

- Lee Pinkston, of Larry A. Ryle High School, plans to attend the University of Kentucky to major in business management and become either a business manager or a lawyer. He is the son of Jeff and Jeanine Pinkston of Union.

Boone County Farm Bureau / Todd Ryan Memorial Scholarship – \$1,000

- Anna Faine is a current student at the University of Cincinnati majoring in International Business.

Bullitt County Farm Bureau Scholarships – \$2,000 each

- Emily Gentry, of Bullitt East High School, plans to attend Bellarmine University to major in physics and become an engineer. She is the daughter of Steve and Michelle Gentry of Mt. Washington.

- La Vella Hall, of Bullitt East High School, plans to attend Western Kentucky University to major in photojournalism and become a photojournalist. She is the daughter of Kevin and Sarah Hall of Mt. Washington.

- Brittany Haynes, of Bullitt East High School, plans to attend Bellarmine University to major in elementary education and become a physical therapist. She is the daughter of Leo and Janet Haynes of Mt. Washington.

- Cody Bohn, of Bullitt East High School, plans to attend Western Kentucky University to major in business management and become a marketing specialist. He is the son of Joey and Teresa Hutchins of Mt. Washington.

Christian County Farm Bureau Scholarships – \$1,000 each

Paige Joiner, of Christian County High School, plans to attend Hopkinsville Community College and Murray State University to major in accounting and become an accountant. She is the daughter of Wendell and Donna Joiner of

Hopkinsville.

- Cara Moore, of Heritage Christian Academy, plans to attend Harding University to major in biology and become a dentist. She is the daughter of Duane and Mary Ann Moore of Hopkinsville.

- John Orem, of Hopkinsville High School, plans to attend Murray State University to major in agricultural economics and work in the agricultural industry running a family farm. He is the son of Hugh and Lacy Orem of Pembroke.

- Brandon Stanley, of Christian County High School, plans to attend Murray State University to major in pre-veterinary medicine and become a large animal veterinarian. He is the son of Jurild and Lisa Stanley of White Plains.

Crittenden County Farm Bureau Scholarships – \$1,000 each

Robert Clark, of Crittenden County High School, plans to attend Lindsey Wilson College to major in criminal justice and pursue a career in law enforcement. He is the son of Vince and Alicia Clark of Marion.

- LaShea Loveless, of Crittenden County High School, plans to attend Bluegrass Community College and the University of Kentucky to major in psychology and become a lawyer. She is the daughter of Larry and Cindy Loveless of Sturgis.

- Charles Owen, of Crittenden County High School, plans to attend Eastern Kentucky University to major in political science and history and become a high school teacher. He is the son of Darin and Angie Owen of Marion.

Hopkins County Farm Bureau Scholarships – \$2,000 each

- Hannah Dockery, of Hopkins County Central High School, plans to attend Lindsey Wilson College to major in secondary education and become a high school English or health and physical education teacher. She is the daughter of Andrew and Melissa Dockery of Dawson Springs.

- James Lester, of Madisonville North Hopkins High School, plans to attend Transylvania University. He is the son of Tim and Angie Lester of Madisonville.

- Mattie Russell, of Hopkins County Central High School, plans to attend Western Kentucky University to major

and follow a career path in photojournalism. She is the daughter of Julie Jones of Nebo.

Knott County Farm Bureau Scholarship – \$1,000

- Alyssa Howard, of Knott County Central High School, plans to attend Eastern Kentucky University. She is the daughter of Douglas and Priscilla Howard of Topmost.

Laurel County Farm Bureau Scholarships – \$2,400 each

- Hillary Root, of North Laurel High School, plans to attend Eastern Kentucky University to major in occupational science and become an occupational therapist. She is the daughter of Keith and Cheryl Root of London.

- Thomas Walden, of South Laurel High School, plans to attend Transylvania University or Georgetown College to major in medicine and become a cardiologist. He is the son of Elizabeth Walden of London.

McCracken County Farm Bureau Scholarships – \$1,000 each

- Kelsey Champion, of Lone Oak High School, plans to attend the University of Kentucky to major in nursing and become either a nurse or orthopedic surgeon. She is the daughter of Blake and Kim Champion of Paducah.

- Katie Yates, of Lone Oak High School, plans to attend University of Kentucky to major in chemical engineering and become a biopharmaceutical engineer. She is the daughter of Bobby and Karen Yates of Paducah.

McLean County Farm Bureau / Jack Taylor Memorial Scholarship – \$1,000

- Hart Jones, of McLean County High School, plans to attend Kentucky Wesleyan College to major in psychology and become a clinical psychologist. He is the son of DeWayne and Paula Jones of Calhoun.

Mercer County Farm Bureau Scholarship – \$1,000

- Emily Keller, of Mercer County High School, plans to attend University of Kentucky to major in agriculture education and become an agriculture teacher. She is the daughter of Ricky and Liz Keller of Harrodsburg.

Monroe County Farm Bureau Scholarships – \$1,000 each

- Lauren Burgess, of Monroe County High School, plans to attend the University of Kentucky to major in agriculture education and become an agriculture teacher. She is the daughter of Todd and Kerrie Burgess of Gamaliel.

- Megan Copass, of Monroe County High School, plans to attend Western Kentucky University to major in agriculture and become a farm accountant. She is the daughter of Mark and Tonya Cherry and Brad Copass of Fountain Run.

Oldham County Farm Bureau Scholarship – \$2,000

- Jared Dabbs, of Oldham County High School, plans to attend the University of Louisville to major in pre-medicine studies and pursue a career in the healthcare industry. He is the son of Steve and Terese Dabbs of LaGrange.

Oldham County Farm Bureau College Student Scholarship – \$3,000

- Jessica McCall is currently attending Murray State University and majoring in animal health to become a large animal veterinarian or veterinary technician. She is the daughter of Michael and Cheryl McCall of Crestwood.

Russell County Farm Bureau Scholarship – \$1,000

- Katie Dalton, of Russell County High School, plans to attend Western Kentucky University to major in agriculture business or agriculture education and become an agriculture teacher or land appraiser. She is the daughter of Neal and Johnna Dalton of Russell Springs.

Shelby County Farm Bureau Scholarships – \$1,000 each

- Travis Adams, of Shelby County High School, plans to attend Centre College or Washington and Lee University to major in international relations and pursue a career in foreign services. He is the son of Steve and Michelle Adams of Shelbyville.

- Zack Hammond, of Shelby County High School, plans to attend the University of Kentucky to major in biosystems engineering. He is the son of William Cecil and Julie Hammond of Shelbyville.

- Derek Slucher, of Shelby County High School, plans to attend the University of Kentucky to major in horticulture and

become an extension agent. He is the son of Donald and Patsy Slucher of Waddy.

Trigg County Farm Bureau Scholarship – \$500

- Austin Hart, of Trigg County High School, plans to attend the University of Kentucky to major in civil engineering and become a highway engineer. He is the son of Jimmy Hart of Cerulean.

Warren County Farm Bureau Scholarships – \$4,000 each

- Katelyn Sams, of Greenwood High School, plans to attend Western Kentucky University to major in agriculture and become an agriculture educator. She is the daughter of Jonathan and Darla Sams of Woodburn.

- John Swack, Jr., of Greenwood High School, plans to attend Western Kentucky University and pursue a career in ministry. He is the son of John and Julie Swack of Bowling Green.

Warren County Farm Bureau / R.O. Buchanan Scholarship – \$4,000

- Brandon Gabbard, of Warren Central High School, plans to attend Western Kentucky University to major in agriculture and pursue a career in agribusiness. He is the son of Kenny and Debbie Gabbard of Bowling Green.

Webster County Farm Bureau Scholarships – \$500 each

- Ashley Barnhill, of Webster County High School, plans to attend Western Kentucky University to major and pursue a career in agricultural education. She is the daughter of John and Mary Barnhill of Providence.

- Joshua Duckworth, of Webster County High School, plans to attend Henderson Community College and the University of Kentucky to major in pre-veterinary medicine and become a veterinarian. He is the son of Joseph Duckworth of Slaughters.

Whitley County Farm Bureau Scholarship – \$3,000

- Anthony Baird, of Whitley County High School, plans to attend the University of Louisville to major in biology and become an anesthesiologist. He is the son of Anthony and Tammie Baird of Williamsburg.

Cultivating

Kentucky National Guard Unit helps farmers in Afghanistan



Agricultural specialist Major Marion "Tobey" Peterson meets with village leaders to discuss an irrigation project.

tarian missions in convoys of massive, armored vehicles called MRAPs (short for Mine-Resistant, Ambush-Protected), with gunners manning machine guns and automatic grenade launchers in the turrets. "Kentucky has had their hand in this fight from the beginning," says ADT commander Colonel Mike Farley, a University of Cumberland graduate from Corbin, who brought his apple-orchard experience to this most unique battle. Kentucky was among the first five states to deploy ADTs to Afghanistan. Col. Farley's team is the first of five Kentucky ADTs committed to the mission.

Bagram Air Field, Afghanistan -- It's a story as old as Kentucky frontiersmen: farmers laying down their plows to bear arms for their country. The Kentucky National Guard Agribusiness Development Team (ADT) is a small, elite unit of citizen-soldiers, many with agricultural backgrounds, who are on a mission to improve the lives of impoverished Afghan farmers in insurgency-plagued central Afghanistan. As part of the U.S. counterinsurgency strategy, the ADT intends for their agricultural programs to help bond the Afghan people to their government and reduce the Taliban insurgency. Think of the Kentucky Agribusiness Development Team as a kind of Peace Corps with guns.

Headed up by twelve officers, the 63 men and women of the ADT are from both the Kentucky Army and Air Force National Guard. The unit includes about a dozen agricultural specialists, led by Lt. Colonel Ruth Graves, who is from Franklin, Kentucky, where she has a 600-acre farm. The balance of the team includes a headquarters staff and substantial security platoon. Facing a ubiquitous and unpredictable Taliban threat, the team is heavily armed, traveling on their humani-

This team of extreme ag agents has a rough territory to cover: more than 9,000 square miles of dun-colored mountains, rugged arable valleys and sere ranges that sprawl over four provinces. Parwan Province surrounds the enormous Bagram Air Field, where the ADT is based. Panjshir Province includes the legendary valley where tribesmen resisted both the Soviet army and the Taliban. Bamyan Province is the homeland of the Hazarans, descendants of Genghis Khan's Mongol armies, and the locale of the monumental carved 6th-century Buddha statues that the Taliban destroyed. Kapisa is a mountainous province that is about half-controlled by the Taliban. The ADT works with a welter of oft-squabbling tribes, which includes Pashtun, Hazaran, Tajik, Uzbek, Qizilbash and other groups. Nomadic Kuchis, infamous for their independent ways, add further spice to the mix.

The ADT agricultural development mission is critical to the counterinsurgency. About 85% of the Afghans are dependent on farming for their livelihoods. Typical Afghan farmers are trying to sustain enormous families with food grown on about a half-acre to an acre of ground, often using beasts of burden to pull wooden plows. In this calorie-defi-

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By Douglas Wissing

risky ground

cient land where people often slowly starve in the winter, the per capita income is about \$400 a year.

The ADT projects range from vineyard, woodlot and orchard development to honey bees, poultry, agricultural equipment, greenhouses, food storage and irrigation projects. Lt. Colonel Carney Jackson, a University of Kentucky veterinarian from Richmond, is leading efforts to improve veterinary practices in this land of gaunt cattle, goats and sheep. The ADT has incorporated their broad range of projects into the Circle of Life, which they envision as a comprehensive village sustainment program that can support five to six thousand people. The Circle of Life includes wells, micro-dams and irrigation, as well as Afghan-appropriate programs to increase yields with such techniques as improved seed cleaning, grape-arbor trellising and fruit-tree pruning. The Kentuckians are also providing assistance with high-value Afghan crops that include saffron and pomegranates — a far fling from the crops of the Bluegrass State. Projecting forward to when the Afghans can create a surplus, the ADT is also pioneering cool storage units: Amish-style root cellars. Sometimes it seems like the ADT is helping Afghan farmers move from 13th-century techniques to those of the late 19th. Though antiquated by American standards, the improved farming techniques are sustainable in this poor land, and can have an immense positive impact.

There is a major focus on education, with the ADT agricultural specialists training Afghan extension agents to further train Afghan farmers — “training the trainers,” in military jargon. There’s also a major push to “put an Afghan face” on development work, with the ADT endeavoring to partner with Afghan provincial ministries, particularly the Department of Agriculture, Irrigation and Livestock (DAIL).

However, with widespread corruption in Afghanistan, working with the Afghan government can be a frustrating job. “What government?” Col. Farley asked as he talked about tribal conflicts that play out in government offices, ghost employees who only show up for paydays, and

officials lacking even basic organizational skills.

But in spite of the dangers and the challenges, the Kentucky farmer-soldiers persist in their complicated mission to win the hearts and minds of Afghan farmers. It is a constant battle. Col. Farley says, “We ask ourselves, ‘How can we be smarter?’ We’re just trying to be smarter.”

About the Author: Douglas Wissing is an award-winning journalist and author. He is working on a book about development and counterinsurgency in Afghanistan. You can view some of his work at www.douglaswissing.com.



Two Kentucky National Guard Agribusiness Development Team security soldiers stand guard in Parwan Province. In the background, a walled farm compound serves as a home and fort for an Afghan family.

KFB television show nominated for award

KFB's television program "Bluegrass & Backroads" once again has been nominated for a regional Emmy® Award from the National Academy of Television Arts and Sciences (NATAS). This prestigious awards program recognizes the finest television and media professionals in the nation and bestows the highest possible honor to its winners.

KFB video producers Bob Shrader and Matt Hilton produce the show, which captured two of the awards last year. "Bluegrass and Backroads" also has been recognized for excellence by the American Farm Bureau Federation.

The 2010 Emmy® Award-nominated story is a seven-minute feature on the

Lexington-based North American Racing Academy (NARA). Created by Hall-of-Fame thoroughbred jockey Chris McCarron, NARA is the first training facility in the United States designed to help riders master the skills needed to succeed as a jockey.

"Bluegrass & Backroads" is a weekly program aired regionally in most Kentucky television markets and nationally via satellite on RFD-TV through Dish Network, DirecTV and several major cable outlets. For a complete list of the stations and schedule on which "Bluegrass & Backroads" airs, or to view the Emmy®-nominated segment and other episodes streaming online, visit kyfb.com/federation.



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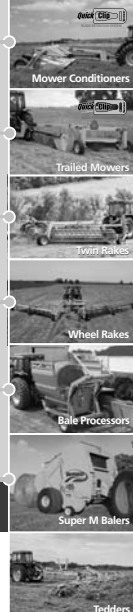
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KFB President Mark Haney was among those who spoke at a bill signing ceremony at the Kentucky Horse Park for House Bill 398, which creates a system for establishing livestock care standards in Kentucky. Once established, the system will give consumers greater confidence in the food supply while enhancing the integrity and credibility of the livestock industry, Haney said. The bill creates a 16-member Livestock Care Standards Commission with the authority to recommend standards for the proper care of livestock and poultry. The state's agricultural and veterinary communities embraced the measure as a means to assure the public that farmers continue to treat their animals humanely.

Also pictured, from left, are Governor Steve Beshear, Agriculture Commissioner Richie Farmer, State Representative Don Pasley, State Senator Joey Pendleton and Dr. Doug Byars of the world-renown Hagyard-Davidson-McGee Associates equine veterinary practice. House Agriculture Committee Chairman Tom McKee is behind Haney.

COUNTY ANNUAL MEETINGS

ADAIR COUNTY

Date: September 21, 7:00 p.m.
Place: Cranmer Dining Hall

BULLITT COUNTY

Date: September 11, 6:00 p.m.
Place: Extension Office

CAMPBELL COUNTY

Date: September 11, 5:00 p.m.
Place: Alexandria Community Center

CHRISTIAN COUNTY

Date: July 8, 6:00 p.m.
Place: W. Ky Fair, Convention Ctr.

CLINTON COUNTY

Date: September 9, 6:00 p.m.
Place: Fairgrounds Bldg.

DAVIESS COUNTY

Date: August 7, 4:00 p.m.
Place: Panther Creek Park

HENRY COUNTY

Date: September 9, 7:30 p.m.
Place: FB Office

LEWIS COUNTY

Date: August 1, 12:30 p.m.
Place: Ruggles Campground

McLEAN COUNTY

Date: August 14, 5:00p..
Place: High School

OHIO COUNTY

Date: August 12, 6:30 p.m.
Place: Extension Building, Hartford

OLDHAM COUNTY

Date: August 12, 7:00 p.m.
Place: LaGrange Office

OWEN COUNTY

Date: October 4, 6:00 p.m.
Place: Extension Office

PENDLETON COUNTY

Date: September 25, 6:00 p.m.
Place: FB Building

PERRY COUNTY

Date: September 7, 6:00 p.m.
Place: Janet Smith Agency

TRIMBLE COUNTY

Date: August 19, 7:00 p.m.
Place: Extension Office

UNION COUNTY

Date: July 29, 6:00 p.m.
Place: Fairgrounds

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