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Perhaps slipping under our radar is a situation in which our food security could be eroded because of two primary factors. First, mounting regulations are making it more difficult to farm. Second, China and some other nations are expanding their agricultural base by buying land and boosting other resources.

I can't help but worry about the future when considering the steady stream of constraints that have been placed on our farmers. The latest is the EPA's effort to expand Clean Water Act regulations on pesticide applications. This issue could broaden EPA oversight to virtually any area that pools water for any length of time.

And then there's the federal court ruling that makes spray nozzles a point source of pollution; the threat of "cap-and-trade" legislation that would hit us hard economically; continuing attacks on animal agriculture; and a general trend of broadening the scope of government regulation in many areas that impact farm families.

Farmers used to be comfortable with the government's watchdog role but now it's out of hand. The regulatory burden is getting heavy. In my view that's a legitimate threat to future growth.

The vast majority of farms and ranches in the United States are family-owned. Unlike a huge corporation, they cannot offset costs simply by passing it along to their customers.

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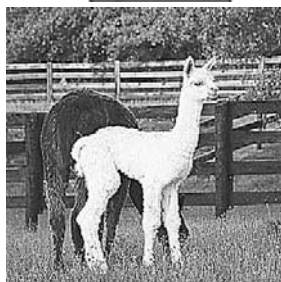
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Despite a sluggish U.S. economy characterized by lagging new job creation, the prospects for college graduates in agriculture are bright! A recent U.S. Department of Agriculture study noted that there will be 54,000 jobs for graduates with college degrees in agriculture and related fields between now and 2015. However, the number of expected graduates in agriculture nationally is expected to fall short of the jobs available. Nearly three out of four of the jobs are expected in business and science occupations; 15 percent in agriculture and forestry production; and 11 percent in education, communication and government services.



In most states, agricultural majors comprise less than five percent of the student body. But the UK College of Agriculture has more than 2,300 students in traditional agricultural disciplines and the School of Human Environmental Sciences. Collectively, the College represents slightly over 11 percent of the total undergraduate student body at UK, far exceeding the enrollment mix at most other Colleges of Agriculture nationally. There are more than 1,300 undergraduates currently in the traditional agriculture fields of Animal and Food Science, Pre-Veterinary Science, Plant Sciences, Horticulture, Entomology, Biosystems Engineering, Agricultural Economics, Agricultural Biotechnology, Community and Leadership Development and Forestry.

Two fast growing agricultural programs in percentage terms at UK are Ag Education and Equine Science and Management. Agricultural Business (Agricultural Economics) has the largest number of majors closely followed by Animal and Food Sciences - both fields were mentioned in the USDA report. At UK, the interest and enrollment in agriculture continues to grow. For example, freshman enrollment in the UK College of Agriculture will be up more than 10 percent compared to last year. So despite economic distress in the U.S. it is a good time to be majoring in agriculture!

DR. LARRY JONES
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Champion ham brings record \$1.6 million!!!!

It happened again!!!

For the second straight year the winning bid for the Grand Champion Country Ham at KFB's State Fair breakfast fetched a record bid, with Republic Bank and Dr. Mark Lynn & Associates agreeing to contribute \$800,000 each, comprising a record \$1.6 million.

That smashed the \$1.3 million record set last year by Republic Bank and Proof on Main.

Broadbent B&B Foods had the champion ham for the fifth time in seven years, weighing 16.05 pounds. The winning bid, therefore, amounted to \$100,000 per pound of ham. The money goes to the charity of the bidder's choice. As a result, the KFB breakfast has helped raise more than \$5.6 million for charities during its 47-year history. Over the past 10 years the average price has been a whopping \$462,048.

The first year, 1964, saw the ham go for \$124.

Republic Bank Chairman Bernard Trager and Dr. Mark Lynn, owner of Dr.

Miss Kentucky Djuan Trent of Berea displayed the champion country ham from Broadbent's B&B Foods in the customary group photo that follows the auction. Steering the winning bid were (left) Bernard Trager and Tom Fangman of Republic Bank and Dr. Mark Lynn and his wife, Cindy. From left on the back row are KFB Commodities Director Susan Tanner, Executive VP David S. Beck, Beth Drennan of Broadbent's, auctioneer Matt Ford, Ag Commissioner Richie Farmer, KFB Second VP Eddie Melton, Governor Steve Beshear, Ronny Drennan of Broadbent's and KFB President Mark Haney.

Bizer's Vision World, agreed to share the price after many rounds of spirited bidding before a packed crowd of about 1600.

As always, the event drew a host of political figures and news media seeking interviews in regard to political races and issues. Featured speakers included Governor Steve Beshear, U.S. Senator Mitch McConnell, Louisville Mayor Jerry Abramson and Agriculture Commissioner

Richie Farmer.

Abramson, the long-time Louisville mayor serving a final term, presented KFB President Mark Haney with a plaque proclaiming Farm Bureau Day. He noted how the "buy local" trend has underscored the importance of Kentucky farmers.

"We don't need to buy our tomatoes from Mexico. We don't need to buy our apples from New Zealand or our beef from Texas," Abramson said.

Governor Beshear pledged that despite tough economic times in Frankfort, he would continue to support the agricultural development fund which has proved to be so successful in reshaping the state's farm economy during tobacco's decline.

As is his custom at KFB events, Senator McConnell was quick to point out how he shares the organization's position on virtually all major issues. "You have principled positions that share the view of most Americans," he said. "When I think of the organizations that stand up for what's great about America, I think of Kentucky Farm Bureau."

The Senate Minority Leader also praised KFB for its successes “not only for agriculture but for all of Kentucky.”

The lunch crowd was treated to a performance by the champion gospel quartet; Allegiance Quartet, from Edmonson County. Whitley County got the “top county” award for sending the most people the most total miles.

Earlier, in the South Wing, an exhibit by Allen County was judged best in the Pride of the Counties display sponsored by KFB Insurance. More than 60 exhibits from counties and/or communities throughout the state were involved in the Pride of the Counties section.

KFB Insurance Company was among a group that purchased the grand champion steer at the 4-H and FFA Sale of Champions. The steer was exhibited by Taylor Stevenson Tolle of Spencer County 4-H.



Above Right: The Champion Gospel Quartet, Allegiance Quartet, performed at the picnic. The group from Edmonson County consists of (from left) Daniel Bolton, Rusty Vertrees, Aaron Renfro and Shaun Stice.

Below Right: Senator Mitch McConnell had high praise for KFB, saying the organization “has principled positions that reflect the view of most Americans.” He also complemented President Mark Haney (left) and Executive Vice President David S. Beck (right) for “effective leadership.”



KFB President Mark Haney presented the award for best exhibit at the Pride of the Counties section to a pleased group from Allen County. That's Second VP Eddie Melton to the right of Haney with KFB Insurance Company CEO Brad Smith at the center in the back row with VP of Operations Steve McCormick to the right of Smith.

They're truckin'



Aaron and Ashley Reding of LaRue County received a new Dodge Truck as one of their awards for being named the nation's Outstanding Young Farm Family in AFBF's 2009 contest. The backseat of their spacious Dodge Truck will be occupied by Kaitlyn, Andrew and Adam.

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The Lee Robey Family of Logan County won both the Kentucky Dairy Production Award and the Proficient Producer Award as part of the annual Recognition Dinner which is co-sponsored by KFB. Here, Lee Robey accepts the awards from KFB Director Terry Rowlett (right) and Jim Sidebottom of the Kentucky Dairy Development Council. Robey Dairy had a rolling herd average of more than 27,000 pounds.

Roadside Markets Tour

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ore than 40 participants of KFB's Certified Roadside

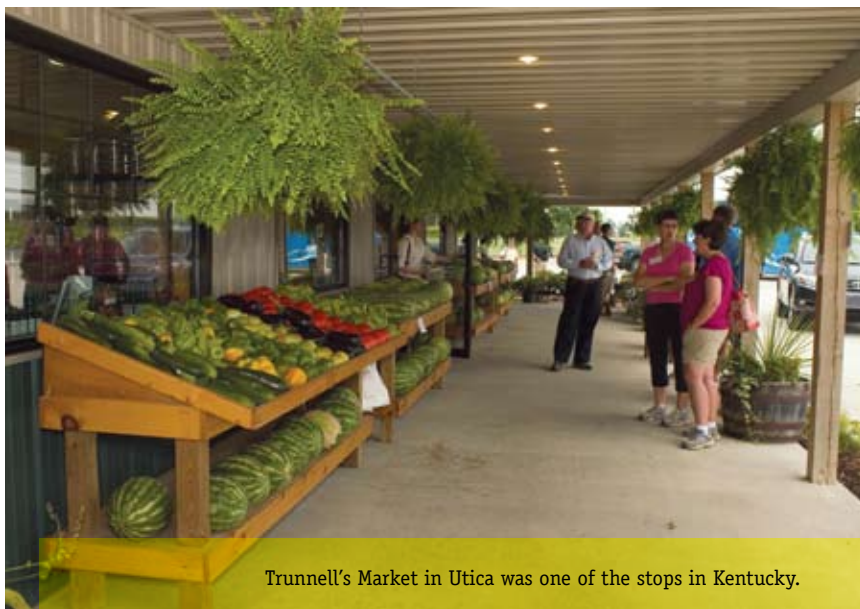
Farm Markets Program went on this summer's tour which featured markets in west Kentucky, southern Illinois and the St. Louis metro area. Stops included produce markets, a vineyard, two orchards, a greenhouse and a meat producer.

Two Kentucky businesses were visited: Trunnell's Market in Daviess County and Little Kentucky Smokehouse in Union County. At Trunnell's, owner Kevin Trunnell explained how the business went from a roadside stand of corn based on the honor system of payment to a large on-site facility with a wide variety of products.

Little Kentucky Smokehouse has become a huge success, producing thousands of hams for WalMart, as well as other meat products. The business also includes Jim David Meats market and Fresh Meal Solutions. Owners Jimmy and Linda Baird gave the tour, which was the last stop before the return to Louisville.

KFB President Mark Haney, who operates an orchard and roadside market facility in Pulaski County, described the experience as "very beneficial in giving our members ideas for improving their businesses and better connecting with their customers."

Jeremy Hinton, who has an orchard in LaRue County,



Trunnell's Market in Utica was one of the stops in Kentucky.

said "it is always good to have an opportunity to visit other markets. I appreciate the variety of stops to both small and large markets."

Many of the market operators in KFB's Roadside Markets Program have participated in the tours which have become an annual event on KFB's agenda. Such markets and agritourism ventures have exploded in Kentucky because of the state's agricultural development initiative fueled by Tobacco Settlement Funds. The Kentucky Department of Agriculture and Farm Credit Services joined KFB in sponsoring the tour.

The group paused for a photo during a night's stay at a State Park Lodge in Illinois. That's KFB President Mark Haney in the center and Commodities Director Susie Tanner to the right of him. Program Coordinator Kara Keeton is at right, holding her son Jake.





A pple(s) of their eye

Reed Valley Orchard knows how to lure customers

Article and Photos By Walt Reichert

Above: Dana and Trudie Reed inspect blackberries bound for a winemaker.

When your orchard is in an out-of-the-way spot, at the end of a long, gravel lane, across the creek and up the hill, you've got to work at luring your customers. But give them trees brimming with bright red and golden apples, offer them homemade fruit pies, let them sample the jams and jellies, and here they come.

Dana and Trudie Reed have been luring customers to their 50-acre U-pick orchard and farm market in Bourbon County near Paris for more than 20 years by offering fresh, locally-grown fruit and homemade products customers can see, touch and smell growing on trees, canes and vines.

The Reeds offer customers about 50 varieties of apples they can pick right off the tree, fruit that starts ripening in June and lasts until nearly Thanksgiving. Then there's 12 to 15 varieties of peaches,

European and Asian pears, and European and Japanese plums. And blueberries, blackberries and raspberries. And in the farm market, which the Reeds have expanded four times, customers come from Lexington and several surrounding counties to buy fresh, homemade half-pies made with whatever fruit is coming in at the time, along with Kentucky-made jams, jellies, honey, and ice cream. And some of Reed Valley Orchard products make their way into local stores, and even into the dining halls at the University of Kentucky.

"When we started this, we didn't know if customers would come here because we're way out," Trudie said. "But we said 'Let's try it anyway.'"

Getting started

Both Dana and Trudie Reed grew up in

the orchard business. Dana is a fourth-generation fruit grower whose family sold raspberries in Massachusetts during the Depression to make ends meet. Trudie's father raised an orchard in Johnson County, Kentucky, where she and her mom peddled apples locally.

"A lot of the customers didn't have money and one time we got a goat for

ing berries. Strawberries they didn't like.

"There's so much disease in strawberries in Kentucky," Dana said. "And that down-on-the-ground picking, well, we were just never comfortable with strawberries."

But blackberries worked and now they have an acre of that bramble, selling it U-pick, in their pies and to a winemaker,

Suncrisp is one of about 50 varieties of apples grown at Reed Valley Orchard.

Laura Newman is the Reed's piemaker. Reed Valley Orchard offers fresh pies in blueberry, apple, peach and blackberry.



some apples," Trudie remembers. "That goat was a mess, ate the clothes off the line and everything. My dad told my mom to never take a goat again and next time just give them the apples."

Dana and Trudie met and married in Lexington where they worked in a feed and fertilizer factory. They bought a 160-acre farm between Paris and Cynthiana and decided to go back to their roots and try fruit business.

"We grew up in the fruit business but really didn't know what we were doing, what the climate here would be and what would grow," Dana said. They credit southern Indiana fruit grower Ed Fackler with mentoring them during those years in the late 1980s when they were just getting started.

"He's the one suggested we try Asian pears," Dana said. "They've been really good for us."

The Reeds started with the pears, apples, peaches and plums initially selling the fruit at the Lexington farmers market. Then they were able to get their fruit into the Randall's supermarkets in Lexington until that chain sold out to Kroger in the 1990s.

But by then the Reeds had developed a clientele who were willing to make the drive from Lexington and surrounding cities to the orchard to pick their own fruit.

"We've stayed with the U-pick even though it's been up and down for many producers," Dana said. "But for the most part, it's been steady for us."

In the early 1990s, the Reeds started try-

ing who orders so much they have to keep some frozen while they accumulate enough to sell.

"We're up to three freezers now," Dana said.

Reed Valley Orchard also grows and markets raspberries – red and black – and blueberries are becoming popular with the U-pick customers, Trudie said.

"The customers like it because they can pick it off the plant and eat it right there – there's nothing {sprays} on them," she said.

After wrangling through yards of red tape and numerous phone calls, the Reeds eventually got the University of Kentucky to buy their blueberries, which they use in cooking.

"It was a lot of trouble getting in," Trudie said. "But now they've become a good customer."

The Reeds said they tried raising some of the tree crops organically and found it next to impossible.

"It just doesn't work in Kentucky," Dana said. "The customers ask for it, but when we grew it, they just wouldn't buy it because of the appearance."

Growing the market

To keep the customers coming down the lane, Trudie and Dana said they continuously experiment with the latest varieties of fruit. Reed Valley Orchard belongs to the Midwest Apple Improvement Association.

"We're always looking out for better products, varieties that taste better and are more disease resistant," Dana said.

"We want to get better at what we do, more efficient, because our costs keep going up."

The couple also continues to offer the fruit in value-added products, such as pies, jams and jellies. With the help of financing from the state's Agriculture Development Fund, the Reeds have expanded the farm market store four times since it was initially opened. Many of the products now sold there, if not grown on the farm, are produced by other Kentucky farmers and include ice cream from Valentines, local honey and baked goods.

Reed Valley Orchard also markets products on Facebook. Customers who are "friends" get messages when particular fruits or varieties are ripening. A message in late July told customers "There are plenty of peaches. Come on down." Trudie said she updates the Facebook message at least every other day.

In the future, the Reeds say they want to capitalize on the trend toward eating healthier and more locally. Trudie said it would be her dream to grow, harvest and mill the whole wheat flour on the farm that goes into the pies their customers love. And they are offering customers more jams and jellies made without sugar.

"We're getting older, and we're interested in healthy eating too," Trudie said. "And the customers appreciate knowing where what they eat came from. They like that anything they see to eat in this room they can go outside and pick it themselves."



Article and Photos By Walt Reichert



THE FEIGHTNER FAMILY FROM ELSMERE, KY., PICKED GREEN BEANS AT BENTON FARMS.

THE FOURTH GENERATION OF BENTONS LIVE AND WORK ON BENTON FARMS IN WALTON. FROM LEFT, MARY, JOSH AND J. C. BENTON.

family from nearby Elsmere stopped by to pick green beans. Family members visiting from Ocala were in tow.

Watching the Feightner family children hop from the beans over to the blackberries, Mary said many of the farm's customers come for the farm experience as well as the fresh produce.

"When they walk back there, they see a real working farm," she said. "It becomes kind of an addiction."

First to diversify

J. C. Benton, who will be 78 in September, inherited what is now Benton Farms from his father, who bought the land about 70 years ago. For years, the Bentons operated a typical beef cattle and tobacco farm, raising and showing prize-winning Santa Gertrudis cattle. Mary said the farm was the first in Boone County to diversify from tobacco and cattle in the late 1980s, moving into Christmas trees and pumpkins. They quickly dropped Christmas trees.

"You just had to depend too much on mother nature," Mary said.

As the pumpkin patch grew, the Bentons decided there, too, they relied too much on the whims of mother nature and installed irrigation to make sure they had pumpkins available for the growing number of school groups that came to the farm on educational field trips. To give the kids a true taste of a diversified farm, the Bentons keep a cow and calf, sheep, chickens, a horse and

It's early afternoon on Benton Farms near Walton, and J. C. Benton is preparing to start his insect and tick control program. But he doesn't adjust a spray nozzle; he opens a gate to a pen and allows about 100 polka dot colored guineas to forage for bugs in the 15-acre pumpkin patch.

"We used to have ticks all of the time," J. C.'s daughter, Mary, said. "But since we got the guineas, we never find one."

Getting rid of ticks and bugs without chemical sprays is important on Benton Farms because the pumpkin and vegetable patches have become a mecca for school groups taking tours and picking pumpkins. The kids get a pumpkin, watch sheep shearing, see calves, chickens and horses and tour the farm on a hayride.

"When we started out our first year {in the early 1990s}, we had one small hay wagon and about 200 kids come out," Mary said. "Now we run three sets of double wagons to hold all of the kids."

While the school tour crush comes in late September through October, the locals have learned that they can come to Benton Farms during the summer to pick sweet corn, tomatoes, green beans and berries.

On a late July afternoon, the Feightner

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a pig. The Bentons put in herb gardens where the children can touch and smell plants next to bathrooms they installed with child-high sinks that can accommodate school groups.

Mary said Children's Hospital sends out groups of kids to the farm occasionally "because they know we will take care of them."

"We also keep the barns clean to make the farm as kid-friendly as possible."

Groups that come in the spring do not get a pumpkin, of course, but a pumpkin plant the kids can take home and put in their own gardens.

Benton Farms lure school kids from the surrounding counties in Kentucky and from the Cincinnati area.

The number of kids coming to the farm peaked at about 7,000 per year in 2005, Mary said, when high fuel prices led schools to cut down on the number of field trips they allowed teachers to make.

"We have some teachers who still come here as their only field trip," Mary said. "But we've dropped down to about half the number we had coming out in 2005."

To boost the numbers coming out to the farm in the fall, the Bentons this year started a Free Farm Day program which they held in late July. Families came out, the kids could fish for free, take a hayride, visit the animals and watch sheep shearing.

"We're trying to grow our base for October," Mary said.

Mary said the best advertising for the farm comes from word-of-mouth, but she also maintains a website, www.benton-familyfarms.com, and keeps the telephone answering machine up-to-date on what is available for U-pick.

The future

The Bentons have plans to keep growing and provide job opportunities for the fourth-generation to live on the land. The family now provides all of the farm labor with the exception of hiring a couple of college students who work there during the summer months.

The Bentons are building a new barn to replace three that over the years have been downed by wind, lightning and fire. Mary said they haven't decided yet what the new barn will hold.

They also plan to build a new lake for fishing and will offer a place for customers to bring and run their dogs.

"One thing I see in the future is having

'dog days' on the farm," Mary said.

They also plan to expand the guinea patrol. Mary said that since the publication of a book called "Gardening with guineas," she constantly gets requests for guineas from customers for the birds, and she plans to fire up a 500-egg incubator next year and hatch more of the feathered bug zappers to sell to customers.

And the Bentons will also try growing some more traditional farm crops, including more alfalfa hay for the many horse owners in the area who demand good quality forage.

The Bentons also hope to hold more birthday parties and corporate parties, and this fall will host their first wedding on the grounds.

What the Bentons will not do, Mary said, is follow what she calls the "agritainment" route to luring city dwellers.

"We're going to remain a working farm because that's what we are, a family farm," she said.

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KFB Directors Wilkinson, Barnett appointed to animal care commissions

KFB Director Danny Wilkinson of Adair County was appointed by Governor Steve Beshear to be the organization's representative on the new Kentucky Livestock Care Standards Commission which will establish animal care guidelines for the state. Meanwhile, Director Alex Barnett of Harrison County was appointed to represent KFB on the Kentucky Equine Health & Welfare Council.

As chairman of KFB's Animal Care Issues Task Force, Wilkinson played a key role in the development of legislation creating a system for setting animal care standards. A longtime swine producer who also raises cattle, Wilkinson has become well known as an effective advocate for Kentucky's livestock industry.

"Danny was the logical choice to represent us on this important commission," said KFB President Mark Haney. "He is extremely knowledgeable and passionate about the issues we must address. And of course, he has extensive experience in both the swine and cattle businesses."

Haney noted that Barnett was a good choice for the equine committee because he is knowledgeable about both the thoroughbred and standardbred industries, as well as government operations and the regulatory system.

Wilkinson is chairman of KFB's Swine Advisory Committee. Barnett, who has family in both the thoroughbred and standardbred industries, is chairman of KFB's Equine Advisory Committee. He's also the Harrison County Judge-Executive.

Legislation creating a system for setting livestock care standards was a top KFB priority for the 2010 session. House Bill 398 created the 16-member commission which was recommended by the KFB task force which Wilkinson chaired. The 16-member group also includes the State Veterinarian, the Commissioner of Agriculture and the chairs of the House and Senate Agriculture Committees.

The commission has the authority to recommend standards to the State Board of Agriculture. The legislation also

included an important provision which prohibits local governments from enacting ordinances against animal agriculture that are more stringent than state standards.


Other appointments to the Livestock Standards Commission are:

Darrell L. Link, the Grant County Judge-Executive. He represents the Kentucky County Judge-Executive Association. Charles Townsend, of Russellville, representing the Kentucky Veterinary Medical Association. Warren G. Anderson, of Hustonville, who works for the Danville Advocate-Messenger. He represents citizens at large. Brenda F. Paul, of Paris, representing beef producers.

Robert A. Leer, of Paris, representing sheep and wool producers. John S. Medley Jr., of Springfield, representing pork producers. Joe Ramsey, of Lexington, representing equine producers. Bill G. Sammons, of Guthrie, representing poultry producers.



Third District Congressman John Yarmuth chats with Jefferson County FB President Tommee Clark and VP Larry Butler during a visit with area Farm Bureau members at Ms. Clark's farm. Despite a heat index exceeding 100 degrees, Congressman Yarmuth spent over an hour discussing issues such as health care reform, estate taxes, farm labor, trade and farm policy.



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ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETINGS

The annual meetings of KFB's advisory committees are in full swing as the groups review the status of their respective areas of concern and consider policy recommendations to forward to the Resolutions Committee. Following are brief summaries from recent meetings:

NATURAL

RESOURCES: This committee met at the Kentucky Division of Conservation in

Frankfort before touring UK's research farm in Woodford County to see some projects relative to animal waste handling and controlling runoff.

KFB staffer L. Joe Cain opened the meeting with an update on the issue of EPA regulation of "point source" pollution, relative to agriculture. Also speaking on the topic were Chris Ragan of the Kentucky Department of Agriculture and Jory Becker of the Kentucky Division of Water. The issue represents the first time agriculture has been listed by EPA for "point source" regulation.

Crystal Renfro of the Division of Conservation and Deena Wheby of the Natural Resources Conservation Service spoke about the new Mississippi River Basin Healthy Watersheds Initiative (MRBI). Key goals are to encourage the use of Best Management Practices in this fragile watersheds, improve wildlife habitat and nutrient management practices, they explained.

Jim Roe of the Division of Water spoke about the water quality monitoring involved with MRBI.

Kim Richardson, Assistant Director of the Division of Conservation, provided updates on several projects, including the water quality cost-share program. The next round of sign-ups are in September and recipients will be selected in November, she said.

Ms. Richardson also noted that the division is faced with budget problems stemming from cuts.



UK's Steve Higgins showed the committee how the composting project works. Incredibly, there was no odor from the mounds of composted animal carcasses.

Dan Fiebert of the Kentucky Division of Fish and Wildlife Resources spoke about the deer and turkey populations. The deer population has remained stable while this spring saw the largest turkey harvest ever recorded, Fiebert said.

He said the Division was willing to help individual farmers with deer and turkey control measures. He also said the elk herd has not moved out of its "zone" in east Kentucky. "We're happy to say they're staying put," he said.

KFB Executive Vice President David S. Beck briefly spoke to the committee, noting the wide range of environmental issues that must be monitored or addressed. He cited the group's "experience and leadership" in serving the organization with such challenges.

Turning to state policy, the committee suggests language recommending that producers become familiar with the details of their Best Management Practices and that they continually update their water quality plans. Another proposal calls for adequate funding for county ditch maintenance programs.

Prior to the UK farm tour the committee watched a slide presentation given by Dr. Steve Higgins of UK's Department of Biosystems and Agricultural Engineering.

During the tour Dr. Higgins explained how the dead animal composting system worked. The group then observed a riparian area along a creek flowing through the farm as Dr. Higgins explained various measures to control field runoff.

KFB Director Larry Thomas of Hardin County is chairman of the Natural Resources Advisory Committee.

TOBACCO: Chaired by KFB Director Scott Travis of Spencer County, this committee met at the E.S. Goodbarn on the UK campus. Prior to the meeting some of the members toured the Kentucky Tobacco Research and Development Center. Afterward there was a tour of the Vaughn

Tobacco Warehouse.

Much of the agenda centered on a discussion about the World Health Organization's effort to convince nations to impose a ban on flavorings in cigarettes. That would, in effect, create the demise of American blend cigarettes that contain burley tobacco.

Roger Quarles, president of the Burley Tobacco Growers Cooperative Association, described the issue as "the greatest threat I've seen in my life" to burley growers. The co-op has been contacting tobacco interests in foreign nations to muster opposition to the WHO proposal. Several groups have adopted resolutions expressing opposition, he said.

KFB National Affairs Director L. Joe Cain gave a report on the WHO issue, the Food and Drug Administration regulatory issue and some farm labor issues. FDA is in the process of developing analytical methods for tobacco product testing but very little information has been released, he said.

"There are a lot of questions as to how that's going to flow," Cain said. "There's a strong focus on the scientific side of this but not so much on the growers' side. The transparency issue is troubling."

"This regulatory environment is scary," added UK tobacco economist Dr. Will Snell. "We don't know what's going to come down the pike. This could be a big hit" on the industry.

Cain said it was highly doubtful that Congress would address immigration reform within the next year or more. He

said the current H-2A program likely would remain intact for at least two years.

Dr. Snell gave a production report for burley and dark tobacco. He noted that domestic burley has lost roughly half of its export market over the past two years and that domestic cigarette consumption has declined by about 50 percent over the past 10 years. Nevertheless, because of tax increases, the value of tobacco product sales last year was a record \$100 billion, but with less than 1 percent of that coming from leaf sales, he said.

KFB President Mark Haney told the committee about his recent testimony to a committee dealing with the FDA regulations.

Council for Burley Tobacco President Todd Clark gave a brief report on the organization, saying it was undergoing a reconstruction.

Quarles, a former president of Scott County FB, gave a report on the Burley Co-Op. He said China has indicated that it will purchase most of the co-op's inventory of the 2008-09 burley crops. The co-op, he added, is trying to promote U.S. burley at international trade shows and also is wanting to gain reforms in the tobacco crop insurance program.

Turning to policy, the committee recommends language expressing opposition to a ban on flavorings in tobacco products. It is suggesting a resolution encouraging FDA to be more open in keeping all parties informed about developments in its process of regulating tobacco products. The group also proposes language supporting the creation of tobacco projects in the state CAPE program which is part of the ag development initiative.

SWINE : This meeting began with a report from Warren Beeler of KDA. He gave updates on the Grain Inspection Packers and Stockyards Administration's (GIPSA) proposed rule for enforcing the Packers and Stockyards Act, noting that the proposal would be detrimental to swine marketing initiatives. He also gave an overview of the National Pork Board's "Operation Main Street" program. As a result of Beeler's report the committee passed a motion recommending that KFB submit written comments on the GIPSA proposal.

Bonnie Jolly gave a report on the Kentucky Pork Producers Association. She noted that a memorial scholarship fund had been established in honor of former

KPPA Executive Director Mike Ovesen, who passed away earlier this year.

State Veterinarian Dr. Robert Stout gave a report on the state's feral swine problem and other issues. UK Swine Production Specialist Dr. Richard Coffey spoke about the current situation with markets and State Division of Water permitting programs.

Committee Chairman Danny Wilkinson, a KFB Director from Adair County, updated the group on the work of KFB's Animal Care Issues Task Force, which he also chairs.

There was a lengthy discussion about developments in establishing Kentucky's Livestock Care Standards Commission. After more remarks from Beeler about the "Operation Main Street" program that develops a network of public speakers for agricultural education and advocacy, the committee voted to encourage such a program in Kentucky.

On policy, the committee proposes several "cosmetic" wording changes plus a declaration of support for the Livestock Care Standards Commission and State Board of Agriculture as they work to establish guidelines.

FARM LABOR: Paul Schlegel, AFBF's Director of Public Policy, was first on the agenda with an overview of federal issues such as the H-2A program, immigration reform and child labor laws. He outlined how the Obama administration has overturned H-2A program guidelines imposed by the Bush administration and noted that Labor Secretary Hilda Solis, a former California Congresswoman, is not agreeable with Farm Bureau policy on farm worker programs. "To use a basketball metaphor, we're playing an away game," he said. "It's very difficult to go to the (Capitol) hill."

Added requirements have returned the program to a cumbersome situation, he said, and no one knows what lies ahead. "There's a lot of back-and-forth about what they are going to do," he said of the administration.

Several committee members voiced displeasure with the current H-2A situation.

Schlegel said there's a possibility that Congress might revive the "Ag Jobs" Bill that was under consideration last year. AFBF supports the measure.

George Scott and Jeff Gatewood of the Kentucky Education and Workforce Development Cabinet gave reports. Scott said a federal review of Kentucky's pro-

grams was positive. He said the agency will urge the unemployed to be more aggressive in seeking work.

Gatewood reported on the state's H-2A situation. The number of H-2A workers in Kentucky this year is down sharply from a year ago, mainly as a result of a decline in tobacco production. About 95 percent of Kentucky's H-2A workforce is contracted for tobacco, he said.

After a lengthy discussion about H-2A contractual requirements and liability issues, the committee heard from Rick Alexander, Executive Director of the Agriculture Workforce Management Association. He said the H-2A program had become very difficult for employers to utilize and that the DOL's Regional Office in Chicago was difficult to work with. Scott and Gatewood agreed.

The committee reviewed state and national policy positions and had no recommendations for new policy.

KFB Director David Chappell of Owen County is chairman of the Farm Labor Advisory Committee.

FEED GRAINS AND WHEAT: A conference call was held with AFBF staff to discuss various environmental and farm bill issues. Don Parrish, Senior Director for Regulatory Relations, led a discussion on EPA's draft pesticide permitting guidance relative to last year's 6th Circuit Court decision as well as discussing the potential impact Chesapeake Bay regulatory oversight and legislation might have on Kentucky. Mr. Rick Krause, Senior Director for Congressional Relations, provided insight into pending climate change legislation, EPA's recent endangerment finding, and the current EPA discussion on particulate matter rules. Tara Smith, Director for Congressional Relations, provided an overview of the coming farm bill reauthorization debate.

Laura Knoth, Executive Director of the Kentucky Corn Growers Association, provided an overview of EPA's current review of atrazine and the potential impacts of losing this weed control tool.

Bob Finch, Amelia McNeely and Marcinda Kester of FSA gave updates on the ACRE and SURE programs along with a review of CRP. Allan Kyle of KDA reviewed current state guidelines on nutrient management planning, new pesticide bulk containment rules and water issues. KFB Director Tripp Furches of Calloway County is chairman of this committee.

LARRY SMITH,

— “A VERY SPECIAL PERSON,” —

PASSES

Larry R. Smith, a highly popular Area Program Director for Kentucky Farm Bureau, passed away on August 29 following a battle with cancer. The Morgan County native retired on June 1 after learning he had the disease. He served the organization for 37 years

and was known throughout KFB circles for his dedicated service and cheerful personality. He was 62.

“We say farewell to one of our finest ambassadors,” said KFB President Mark Haney. “Larry’s commitment to service was unmatched. He will be greatly missed

by everyone in the organization.”

Smith began his career with KFB at the age of 25 as a field representative. He was promoted to Senior Area Program Director in 2004. In the position he was responsible for coordinating membership and service programs for members in 12 counties in Eastern Kentucky: Bath, Boyd, Carter, Elliott, Greenup, Lawrence, Menifee, Montgomery, Morgan, Powell, Rowan and Wolfe.

Smith also worked with county Farm Bureau officers and directors in his area to set goals and organize effective leadership strategies, and he performed additional training and advisory duties on a statewide basis.

Smith graduated from the University of Kentucky with a B.S. degree in agriculture, taught vocational agriculture and worked for Commercial Bank in West Liberty. He was active in the Mountain Cattleman’s Association and enjoyed




Larry Smith with his mother, Ada, at his beloved campground on his Morgan County farm.

boating, fishing and camping.

A confirmed bachelor, Smith devoted his life to his work, family and small farm in Morgan County. He constructed a campground in a picturesque area of the farm where he often hosted his Farm Bureau friends. He enjoyed cooking for his guests and watching children play in the creek.

“He was a very special person – people would congregate around him because he was simply fun to be with,” said Haney. “He was a great storyteller. He was a very positive person who lifted your spirits. He was incredibly dedicated to his work. He loved working for our organization.”

Smith and colleague Lynn Parsons of Rockcastle County served as staff liaisons for the organization’s ten Area Program Directors.



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ADAIR COUNTY

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

ANDERSON COUNTY

Date: October 11, 5:30 p.m.
Place: Eagle Lake CC

BARREN COUNTY

Date: September 25, 7:00 p.m.
Place: Trojan Academy

BATH COUNTY

Date: September 25, 6:00 p.m.
Place: Ag Center

BOONE COUNTY

Date: September 21, 6:00 p.m.
Place: Extension Office

BOURBON COUNTY

Date: October 14, 6:30 p.m.
Place: Bourbon County Park

BOYD COUNTY

Date: October 15, 6:30 p.m.
Place: Extension Office

BOYLE COUNTY

Date: September 21, 7:00 p.m.
Place: Grow Hall, KSD

BRACKEN COUNTY

Date: October 24, 7:30 p.m.
Place: Watson Community Building

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

CARROLL COUNTY

Date: September 13, 7:00 p.m.
Place: FB Office

CLAY COUNTY

Date: October 14, 6:00 p.m.
Place: FB Office

CLINTON COUNTY

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

CUMBERLAND COUNTY

Date: October 8, 6:00 p.m.
Place: Veterans Memorial Bldg.

EDMONSON COUNTY

Date: September 25, 4:00 p.m.
Place: HS Auditorium

ELLIOTT COUNTY

Date: September 21, 6:30 p.m.
Place: High School Cafeteria

FAYETTE COUNTY

Date: September 12, 3:00 p.m.
Place: Masterson Station Park

FLOYD COUNTY

Date: October 8, 7:00 p.m.
Place: State Park Lodge

FRANKLIN COUNTY

Date: October 11, 6:30 p.m.
Place: Extension Office

GARRARD COUNTY

Date: September 30, 6:30 p.m.
Place: Forks of Dix River Baptist Church

GRANT COUNTY

Date: September 18, 7:00 p.m.
Place: FB Office

HARRISON COUNTY

Date: September 23, 6:00 p.m.
Place: Extension Office

HART COUNTY

Date: September 25, 7:00 p.m.
Place: (not set as of press time)

HENRY COUNTY

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

JACKSON COUNTY

Date: September 20, 6:00 p.m.
Place: Jackson Energy Farm

JEFFERSON COUNTY

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

KENTON COUNTY

Date: September 28, 6:30 p.m.
Place: Simon Kenton High School

LAUREL COUNTY

Date: October 12, 5:45 p.m.
Place: FB Office

LAWRENCE COUNTY

Date: October 19, 6:00 p.m.
Place: Front Porch Restaurant

LOGAN COUNTY

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

MAGOFFIN COUNTY

Date: September 14, 6:00
Place: Extension Office

MARION COUNTY

Date: October 11, 7:00 p.m.
Place: Masonic Temple

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Date: October 11, 7:00 p.m.
Place: Extension Office

McCRACKEN COUNTY

Date: September 18, 6:00 p.m.
Place: St' John's KofC Hall

McCREARY COUNTY

Date: September 23, 6:00 p.m.
Place: Ole Country Café

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Date: September 15, 6:00 p.m.
Place: FB Office

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Date: September 13, 6:00 p.m.
Place: Extension Office

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Date: September 23, 6:00 p.m.
Place: Extension Office

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Date: October 12, 7:00 p.m.
Place: Civic Center

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

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Date: October 4, 6:00 p.m.
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Date: September 25, 6:00 p.m.
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Date: September 7, 6:00 p.m.
Place: Janet Smith Agency

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Date: September 16, 6:00 p.m.
Place: Landmark Motel Restaurant

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Date: October 14, 6:30 p.m.
Place: Southwestern HS

ROBERTSON COUNTY

Date: September 18, 6:00 p.m.
Place: Deming High School

ROCKCASTLE COUNTY

Date: September 17, 6:00 p.m.
Place: Roundstone Elem. School

ROWAN COUNTY

Date: October 5, 6:30 p.m.
Place: FB Office

RUSSELL COUNTY

Date: September 10, 6:00 p.m.
Place: Veterans Fairgrounds

SCOTT COUNTY

Date: September 14, 6:30 p.m.
Place: Extension Office

SHELBY COUNTY

Date: October 7, 6:30 p.m.
Extension Office

SPENCER COUNTY

Date: September 27, 7:00 p.m.
Place: Middle School

TAYLOR COUNTY

Date: October 4, 6:00 p.m.
Place: Middle School Cafeteria

WASHINGTON COUNTY

Date: October 7, 6:30 p.m.
Place: Extension Office

WAYNE COUNTY

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Beef exports are booming

Export trade is “booming” for beef, according to USDA’s Livestock, Dairy, and Poultry Outlook. U.S. beef exports in 2010 are forecast at 2.19 billion pounds, up 13 percent from 2009 levels. Japan and South Korea are adding the most momentum to exports. Growth in the third and fourth quarters of 2010 is anticipated at 17 percent for Japan and six percent for South Korea, year-over-year. The second quarter ended with 585 million pounds of beef exported, nearly 18 percent above the same quarter last year. In the third quarter, 580 million pounds of beef are forecast to be exported. In general, strengthening economies in Japan and South Korea and a relatively weak U.S. dollar have resulted in market growth. Exports to Japan through June demonstrated a solid 24 percent growth year-over-year (104 percent for South Korea); USDA expects the percentage growth will be equally strong into the second half of the year. U.S. beef exports for 2011 are forecast to decline six percent from 2010 due to lower beef production as the U.S. cattle herd declines.

Broiler production trending upward

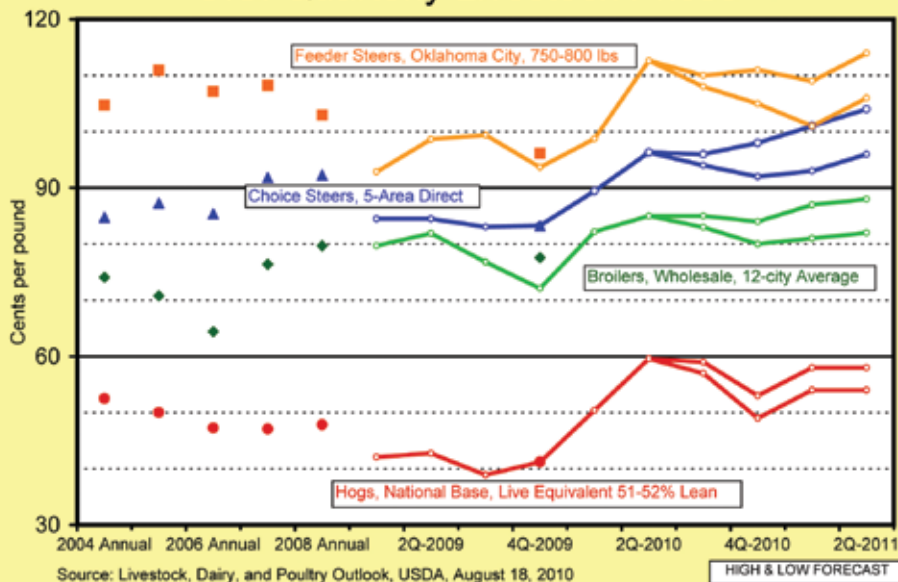
Broiler meat production during April-June 2010 totaled 9.2 billion pounds, up 2.7 percent from a year earlier. This is the second consecutive quarter of year-over-year production increases which followed five quarters of production declines. Growth of broiler meat production is expected to be 3.2 percent in the last half of 2010. Production increases have resulted primarily from higher average broiler weights; the first-half 2010 average was 5.65 pounds, up 1.6 percent from first-half 2009. Increased production is expected to place some downward pressure on broiler prices as inventories build.

Productivity gains in hogs

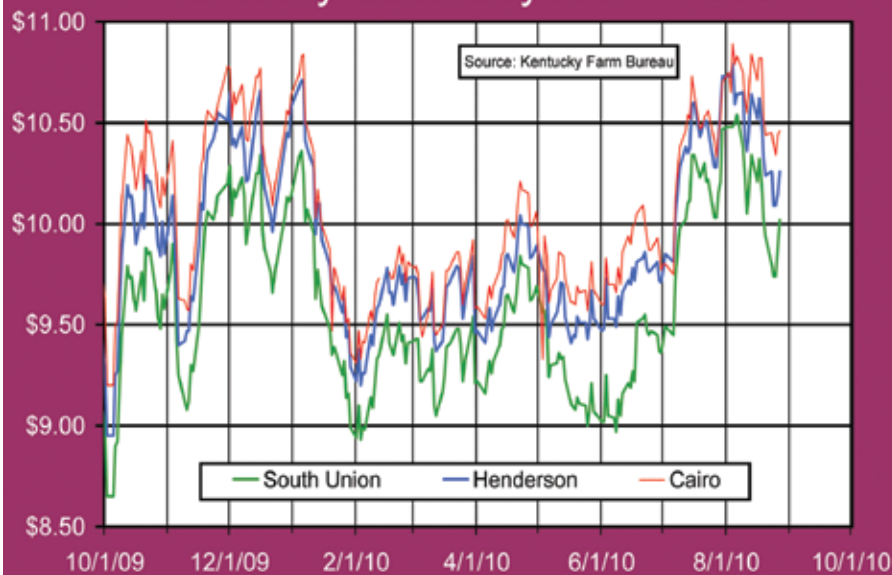
Total U.S. burley production is forecast at 189 million pounds, 12 percent below last year. Burley growers plan to harvest 91,300 acres, down 10 percent from 2009 and the lowest burley tobacco acreage on record. Yields were expected to average 2,070 pounds per acre, down 39 pounds from last year. Kentucky’s burley tobacco production was forecast at 136.5 million pounds, down 15 percent from 2009. The state’s burley acreage was estimated at 65,000 acres, down 10,000 from 2009. Yield was projected at 2,100 pounds per acre, down 50 pounds from 2009.

Kentucky’s production of dark fire-cured tobacco was forecast at 28.9 million pounds, down nine percent from 2009. Dark air-cured tobacco production in Kentucky was forecast at 13.9 million pounds, up one percent from 2009.

U.S. Quarterly Livestock Prices



Kentucky Cash Soybean Prices



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AFBF backs legislation on pesticide permitting

AFBF strongly supports a bill by Sens. Blanche Lincoln (D-Ark.) and Saxby Chambliss (R-Ga.) that aims to clarify that additional permits are not required for pesticide application in accordance with the Federal Insecticide, Fungicide and Rodenticide Act.

AFBF President Bob Stallman said the bill remedies the harmful effects of a court decision that puts farmers at risk of unnecessary and burdensome regulation. "This legislation does nothing more than clarify what has been the situation for nearly 40 years – that lawful application of pesticides under the Federal Insecticide, Fungicide and Rodenticide Act (FIFRA) does not trigger regulatory requirements in other programs," Stallman said.

"Congress must step up and take action to clarify the questions raised by a flawed court ruling that, if left to stand, will have ramifications for farmers and ranchers around the country. Farmers know the label on each chemical they use is the law of the land and that they must use chemicals properly. Having additional regulations and bureaucratic red tape will not improve food safety or the environment. We commend the senators for their leadership on this important issue."

KFB leaders selected for other key positions

KFB Directors Bige Hensley of Clay County and Carroll Amyx of Wolfe County have been appointed by Governor Steve Beshear to the Forestry Best Management Practices Board. Hensley was reappointed to a term that will expire in April, 2013. Amyx was selected for a term that expires in April, 2014. The two also serve on KFB's Forestry Advisory Committee, with Hensley as chairman and Amyx the vice-chairman.

Also, McLean County FB President Gerry Hayden was elected chairman of the Kentucky Soybean Promotion Board and LaRue County FB Vice President Aaron Reding was elected secretary/treasurer. Hayden is a long-time Farm Bureau leader. His wife, Judy, is a past winner of KFB's Public Relations award for her work in agricultural education.

Reding holds this year's AFBF Young Farmer and Rancher Achievement Award. He and his wife, Ashley, were selected as the 2009 KFB Outstanding Young Farm Family.

David M. Williams II, a KFB Insurance Agent in Daviess County, was appointed to the Kentucky Fish and Wildlife Commission. Williams, who also farms in Ohio County, is active with Ducks Unlimited.

Fact sheets available on GIPSA proposal

The American Meat Institute has added a new resource page to <http://www.meatami.com/> to keep its members, policymakers and the press informed about the proposed Grain Inspection, Packers Stockyards Administration rule that attempts to change dramatically the way livestock are procured and marketed in the U.S.

The page includes three new fact sheets: "Ten Key Facts About the Proposed GPS Rule," "Case Studies in the Potential Consequences of the Proposed GPS Rule" and "Competition in the Livestock and Meat Industry: What the Courts Have Said." The page also includes government documents, testimony, producer group comments on the rule, press releases and news stories, media coverage, blog posts and links to additional resources. To access the page, go to the "Hot Topics" box on AMI's homepage.

KACAA donation honors John Hendricks

The Kentucky Association of County Agricultural Agents has donated \$1,500 to the John C. Hendricks Beef Tour. The group approved that at its annual summer meeting in honor of Hendricks, the former KFB First Vice President who passed away earlier this year and was instrumental in establishing the Beef Tour for Kentucky cattle producers.

Kevin Lyons, the agent in Monroe County, serves on KFB's Board of Directors as a representative of the extension agents.



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