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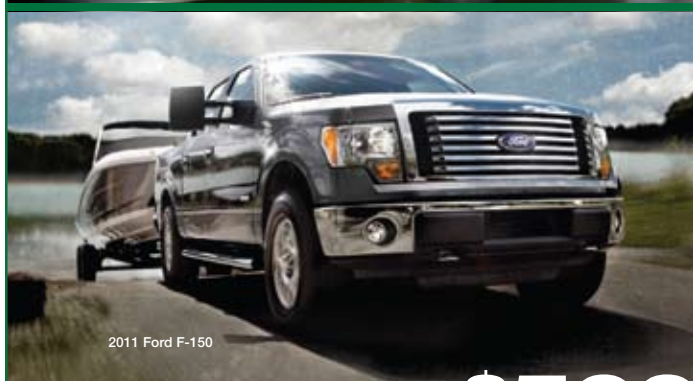


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the Kentucky State Fair is fast approaching with the KFB staff making preparations for an exciting 11 days of showcasing Kentucky agriculture. Although the fair offers more attractions than ever before, agriculture continues to be the foundation. We're especially pleased that the State Fair Board continues to designate the second Thursday as "Farm Bureau Day."



The fun-filled day (August 25) begins with the annual Kentucky Country Ham Breakfast. Farm Bureau members and guests from throughout the state fill the banquet hall for a hearty breakfast, a program and then the auction of the grand champion country ham. Last year, the champion ham from Broadbent B&B Foods fetched a record \$1.6 million, with Republic Bank and Dr. Mark Lynn & Associates sharing that bid.

We're excited about the prospects for this year. And the best part is that all proceeds go to the charity of the bidder's choice.

The breakfast also features some good old fashioned politicking. Several of our political leaders are among the featured speakers while the audience is filled with state legislators and a variety of government officials from the local, state and federal levels.

The breakfast is synonymous with Kentucky Farm Bureau, but is just the start of a very eventful day. Our gospel quartet contest follows the auction while the judging takes place for the top exhibit in the "Pride of the Counties" section of the South Wing. KFB coordinates this popular attraction promoting communities and tourist attractions.

We also have a booth in the South Wing to greet fairgoers with giveaways and some friendly conversation.

At midday the activity shifts to our picnic in the air-conditioned comfort of the South Wing. That evening, Farm Bureau will be among the bidders for some of the animals in the 4-H and FFA "Sale of Champions" in Newmarket Hall. That's always an exciting event.

Our staff works very hard to assure that our members and guests enjoy the day. The Kentucky State Fair not only brings out the best in agriculture, but in Farm Bureau, as well.

MARK HANEY

PRESIDENT

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Producing a bounty of U.S.-grown food to sell and share beyond our borders remains a matter of deep pride to America's farmers and ranchers. A growing body of evidence suggests, however, that Americans who do not farm or ranch really don't give a rip that America's farmers and ranchers are striving to feed the world.



In this age of engagement-based communication, it is vital that each precious minute farmers and ranchers have to connect with other American eaters is appealing and meaningful. Frankly, farmers talking about American agriculture's ability to feed the world no longer fits that category.

The first challenge to the wisdom of feed-the-world talk came last year from the Center for Food Integrity. Influential consumers were asked to rank 17 specific issues related to our nation and food. The item ranking last in importance, by far, was the United States having enough food to feed people in developing countries.

While that result cracks open a door of skepticism, it does not stand alone. Work by the Illinois Farm Families coalition found that of a list of 10 compelling facts about farmers, facts related to productivity and feeding the world ranked near the bottom in terms of making people feel more positive about farmers.

The time has come for farmers and ranchers to reframe their conversations with consumers. Keep it real. There must be a focus on issues vital to consumers, such as their desire to choose nutritious, safe food produced in a responsible manner.

There is no doubt; we are facing an urgent new reality related to how farmers engage with eaters. What makes it so hard to swallow is the knowledge that many farmers and ranchers consider it their professional, moral obligation to produce food for all people who need it. In fact, it borders on a divine mission.

While the fact that American farmers are incredibly productive is indeed worthy of pride, beyond the farm gate it is likely to resonate with less appeal than an empty lunchbox. Consumers hunger for real, compelling dialogue with farmers about how they are working conscientiously to produce high-quality food. Give them what they crave.

MACE THORNTON

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KFB DAY AT FAIR

KFB Day at the State Fair is Thursday, August 25 with a full schedule of activities for members.

The 48th Annual Kentucky Country Ham Breakfast and Auction, a perennial sellout, will be held in South Wing Conference Center, beginning at 7:30 a.m. The grand champion country ham will be auctioned with proceeds donated to charity. Last year's champion ham from Broadbents B&B Foods fetched a record \$1.6 million from co-winning bidders Republic Bank and Dr. Mark Lynn and Associates (owner of Dr. Bizer's Vision World). In its history the auction has raised more than \$5.6 million for charities.

The annual Gospel Quartet Contest will begin shortly following the breakfast and will be held on the South Wing stage. The winning group will represent Kentucky in the National Quartet Contest.

The Farm Bureau picnic begins at noon in the South Wing.

KFB Insurance Company sponsors the popular "Pride of the Counties" section of the South Wing, where local organizations promote their cities and counties with lively displays. A winning display is named each year during a ceremony at 11 p.m. on KFB Day. KFB Insurance also participates in the FFA/4-H Sale of Champions that afternoon in Newmarket Hall.

The Kentucky State Fair gates will open daily at 7 a.m., with exhibits open from 9 a.m. to 10 p.m. Adult admission to the fair is \$8 in advance and \$10 at the gate. Children ages 3-12 and seniors age 55 and up will be admitted for \$4 in advance or \$6 at the gate. There also is an \$8 parking charge per vehicle.

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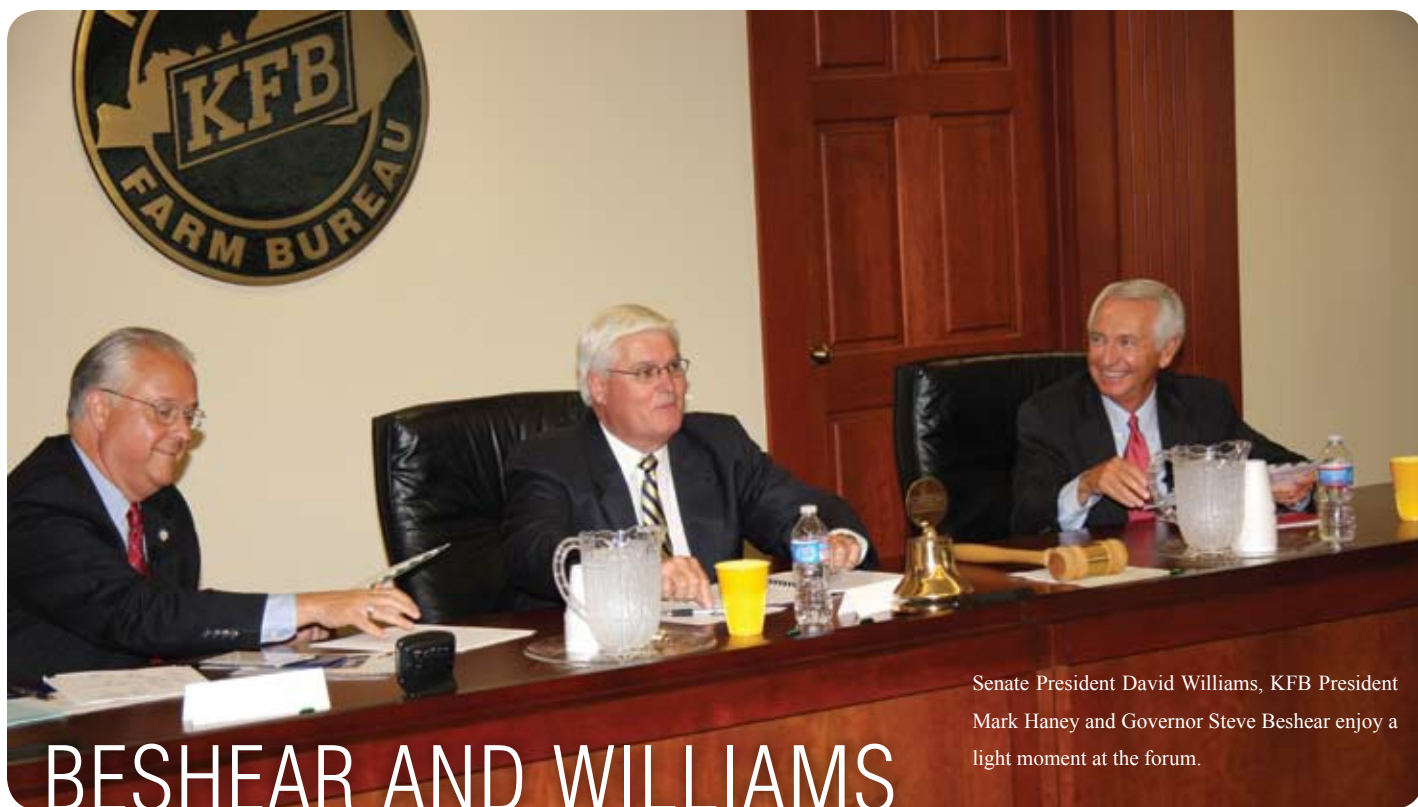
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Senate President David Williams, KFB President Mark Haney and Governor Steve Beshear enjoy a light moment at the forum.

BESHEAR AND WILLIAMS MEET WITH KFB DIRECTORS

Governor Steve Beshear and his challenger, Senate President David Williams, voiced strong support for agriculture and appreciation for KFB during a “Measure the Candidate” meeting with KFB’s Board of Directors.

A large contingent of news media was on hand at KFB’s state office as the meeting marked the first time the two appeared jointly at an event during the general election campaign. The meeting was followed by separate news conferences for the candidates.

KFB President Mark Haney described it as “a great day” for the organization.

“This underscores our organization’s considerable standing in the public policy arena,” Haney said. “It’s a testament to our grassroots foundation that candidates for our state’s top political office were willing to sit down with our leaders for a lengthy discussion about issues important to farm families and rural communities. They obviously recognize the value of a good relationship with the farm community.”

Both Beshear and Williams come from rural communities – Beshear from Dawson Springs in West Kentucky and Williams from Burkesville in Southern Kentucky.

In his opening remarks, Beshear

described the farm community as “the heart and soul of Kentucky” and recounted how he had worked closely with KFB during his term. He recalled that as a state legislator in 1979 he voted for passage of House Bill 44, a crowning achievement for KFB that has kept property taxes at reasonable levels by limiting rate hikes.

Williams quickly noted that he is a Farm Bureau member and later stated that he regards a strong agriculture industry “as a matter of national security.” He recalled familiarizing himself with KFB’s policy book when he first ran for the state legislature. He said he continues to keep abreast. “I’d be willing to take a pass-fail test on your policy book,” he said, smiling.

Both candidates pledged continued support for the agricultural development program that over the past 10 years has invested hundreds of millions of dollars of Tobacco Settlement funds into Kentucky agriculture. They also agree with KFB policy calling for the development of biofuels and other energy projects involving the utilization of farm products.

Governor Beshear promised that if re-elected, he would include in his executive budget funding for reconstruction of the Breathitt Veterinary Center in

Hopkinsville. That is a KFB priority issue.

The candidates voiced opposite positions in regard to the state’s tax system.

Williams repeatedly called for overhauling the state’s tax code while Beshear said on several occasions that the National Tax Foundation has given Kentucky a favorable rating for “tax environment.” The governor said he was not advocating any broad-based tax increases; Williams also decried tax increases and vowed to put together a commission to recommend reforms to the state’s tax system.

KFB policy on taxes states: “Kentucky’s tax policies should be based on public need and sound economic principles. Kentucky taxes should be apportioned equitably among the citizens.”

Both men said they favored including equine production items for a sales and use tax exemption. Currently, equine is not eligible for an exemption while other facets of animal agriculture receive it. KFB policy supports the exemption for equine.

The meeting ended with Haney giving each candidate an issues questionnaire to complete for publication in the October issue of KFB News. Their answers also will be posted on KFB’s web site.

YOUNG FARMER SUMMER OUTING

CLOCKWISE FROM CENTER SHOT: The group checked out the rolled hay for the Jersey herd at O'Bryan Dairy Farm in Bullitt County. Second from left is Paul O'Bryan.

KFB Second Vice President Fritz Giesecke said federal regulatory proposals present a potential hindrance to farm production.

Indiana FB President Don Villwock told the young farmers that Farm Bureau offers "a tremendous experience."

Children got to pet some calves at O'Bryan Farm. From left are Hannah Brown, Julia Serasi, Laura Serasi and their mother, Marla Serasi. The Serasis are from Mercer County.

Two busloads of young farm families visited O'Bryan Dairy Farm.

KFB's popular summer outing for young farm families expanded to a two-state event this year in a partnership with Indiana FB. Nearly 500 people were on hand at Louisville's elegant Seelbach Hotel for a weekend of fun mixed with the business of discussing some pressing policy issues and conducting the first rounds of the "discussion meet."

It took 10 buses to transport the young people around the Louisville area for a series of five tours of agricultural enterprises. The choices included cattle, dairy, horse, tobacco and grain farms along with agribusinesses such as Consolidated Grain and Barge in Jeffersonville, Indiana and the Jim Beam Distillery in Nelson County, which is a significant market for corn. The sites included nine in Kentucky and six in southern Indiana.

On the opening day, tours were provided to popular destinations such as Churchill Downs, the Louisville Slugger Museum, Frazier International History Museum and Louisville Glassworks.

Indiana FB Bureau President Don Villwock and KFB Second Vice President Fritz Giesecke were the featured speakers



at an "Eggs and Issues" breakfast. With different slants, the two FB leaders put the importance of the young farmer program into perspective.

Villwock recalled that he first became involved with FB after agreeing to serve on his county's young farmer committee. That role exposed him to the organiza-

tion's work at the state capital, and he was duly impressed. That convinced him that he made the right decision in saying "yes" to a leadership role with the organization, he said.

"We've been saying 'yes' ever since," Villwock said, referencing his wife, Joyce.

"There are many great things about Farm Bureau," he continued, "but perhaps most of all it bonds you with people like yourself who are going through similar experiences. It's just a tremendous experience. You make lifelong friends."

Villwock had kind words for KFB, saying "there's no better partner for Indiana Farm Bureau than Kentucky Farm Bureau."

Giesecke urged the young farmers to engage in the battle to ensure that government regulations don't hinder the agriculture industry's ability to produce for the world marketplace. The Hart County cattleman lamented a situation where mounting federal guidelines make it more dif-

ficult to produce food and fiber.

"Our hands are being tied by regulations," Giesecke said. "It's our job to feed a growing population .. we must have the tools to fulfill this obligation."

Villwock and KFB National Affairs Director L. Joe Cain told the young farmers that several radical regulatory proposals were posing potential problems for farmers. Among the list is a requirement that those who put a tractor on the road be required to have a Commercial Drivers License (CDL), plus environmental guidelines relative to dust and farm chemical emissions.

Villwock drew some chuckles by quipping that regulatory policy makers in Washington "unfortunately don't know they're crazy."

After several rounds of competition the "final four" emerged for the Discussion Meet finals to be held at KFB's annual meeting in December. The finalists are Curt Divine of Union County, Jonathan Shell of Garrard County, Sierra Enlow of LaRue County and Kirby O'Donoghue of Breckinridge County.

Also announced were the finalists for the Outstanding Young Farm Family award: Michael and Nora McCain of Washington County, Joel David and Carrie Cook of Simpson County and Jerry and Brandi Whitaker of Henry County. The winner will be announced at the Young Farmer luncheon at the annual meeting.

Scholarship recipients Brandon Griffin of Lincoln County and Katie Dalton of Russell County were introduced at the breakfast.



2011 SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS

More than 200 Kentucky students were chosen to receive college scholarship grants totaling \$269,100 from county and state programs administered through the KFB Education Foundation and by individual county Farm Bureaus.

The scholarships, offered annually, were awarded to recipients who displayed the greatest levels of academic excellence, involvement in extracurricular activities, leadership abilities and financial need. Scholarship sponsors and the recipients are:

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Emerald Adams, Leslie County High School

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Awarded to students of farm families attending a Kentucky college or university.
• Ezekiel Green, Graves County High School; Kimberlie Moore, Livingston Central High School

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

Awarded to a non-traditional student who is interested in pursuing a four-year course of study at a Kentucky college/university.

- Andrew Bell, LaRue County

KFB Young Farmer Scholarship – \$2,000

Awarded to a college upperclassman for the 2011-12 school year. Student must be attending a Kentucky college/university and majoring in agriculture or a related field.

- Brandon Griffith, Eastern Kentucky University

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Boone County FB Scholarships – \$1,000 each

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- Jason Frilling, Verona

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- Amanda Cape and Valerie Terry, Bullitt Central High School; Helen Heines, North Bullitt High School; Evan Young, Bullitt East High School

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- Levi LaCoursiere, University of Kentucky

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- Katherine Hicks-Chambers, Simon Kenton High School

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- Robyn Estes, Logan County High School

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Magoffin County FB Scholarships – \$1,000 each

- Lindsay Arnett, Haley Isaac, Haley Joseph and Leeanna Patrick, Magoffin County High School

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- Duncan Taylor, Union County High School

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- Marissa Cooke, Warren East High School

Washington County FB Scholarships – \$500 each

- Ashley Smith, Washington County

High School; Amber Fields, University of Kentucky; Sarah Teater, St. Catherine College

Webster County FB Scholarship – \$500

- Taylor Berry, Webster County High School

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- Tyler Jones, Whitley County High School

Woodford County FB Scholarships – \$2,000 each

- Elisabeth Cox, Woodford County High School; James Perry and Callie Thomas, University of Kentucky

MEAT MATTERS . . .



KFB's Executive Committee recently toured the Marksbury Farm meat processing facility in Garrard County to learn about the company's innovative approach to processing and marketing locally-raised beef, chicken and pork. Here, Marksbury Farm partner John-Mark Hack shows a beef roast to (from left) Eddie Melton, Fritz Giesecke, Mark Haney and David S. Beck.

COUNTY ANNUAL MEETINGS



ANDERSON COUNTY

Date: October 10, 5:30 p.m.
Place: Eagle Lake Convention Center

BATH COUNTY

Date: September 17, 6:00 p.m.
Place: Ag Meeting Center

BOONE COUNTY

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

BOURBON COUNTY

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

BOYD COUNTY

Date: October 10, 6:30 p.m.
Place: Extension Office

CALLOWAY COUNTY

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

CARROLL COUNTY

Date: September 12, 7:00 p.m.
Place: FB Office

CLAY COUNTY

Date: October 13, 6:00 p.m.
Place: Farm Bureau Building

CLINTON COUNTY

Date: September 8, 6:00 p.m.
Place: Fairgrounds

CRITTENDEN COUNTY

Date: September 8, 6:30 p.m.
Place: Ed Tech Center

ELLIOTT COUNTY

Date: September 24, 4:00 p.m.
Place: High School Cafeteria

FAYETTE COUNTY

Date: October 18, 6:30 p.m.
Place: Masterson Station Park

FLEMING COUNTY

Date: August 12, 6:00 p.m.
Place: County Recreation Park

FRANKLIN COUNTY

Date: October 4, 6:30 p.m.
Place: Extension Office

GRANT COUNTY

Date: September 10, 6:30 p.m.
Place: Farm Bureau Building

GREEN COUNTY

Date: October 6, 6:30 p.m.
Place: High School

GREENUP COUNTY

Date: November 7, 6:00 p.m.
Place: Farm Bureau Meeting Hall

HENDERSON COUNTY

Date: August 13, 4:00 p.m.
Place: Elks Lodge

HENRY COUNTY

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

HOPKINS COUNTY

Date: September 3, 6:30 p.m.
Place: Ballard Convention Center

JACKSON COUNTY

Date: September 19, 6:00 p.m.
Place: Energy Center

LaRUE COUNTY

Date: September 24, 5:30 p.m.
Place: Hodgenville Creekfront

LETCHER COUNTY

Date: September 12, 6:00 p.m.
Place: Extension Office

MAGOFFIN COUNTY

Date: September 19, 6:00 p.m.
Place: Extension Office

MASON COUNTY

Date: October 10, 7:00 p.m.
Place: Extension Office

McLEAN COUNTY

Date: September 10, 5:00 p.m.
Place: High School

METCALFE COUNTY

Date: September 29, 6:00 p.m.
Place: Extension Office

OHIO COUNTY

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

OWEN COUNTY

Date: October 3, 7:00 p.m.
Place: Extension Office

PERRY COUNTY

Date: September 6, 6:00 p.m.
Place: Your Place Restaurant, Vicco

ROCKCASTLE COUNTY

Date: September 16, 7:00 p.m.
Place: Round Stone Elementary School

ROWAN COUNTY

Date: October 4, 6:30 p.m.
Place: FB Office

SCOTT COUNTY

Date: September 27, 6:30 p.m.
Place: Extension Office

TRIMBLE COUNTY

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

WASHINGTON COUNTY

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

WOODFORD COUNTY

Date: September 9, 6:30 p.m.
Place: 1st Christian Church

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DISTRICT POLICY MEETINGS . . .



Participants in the District 8 meeting at the Madison County Fairgrounds read a document relevant to KFB's long-range plan.



Madison County FB President Kevin Fields and KFB Director Terry Gilbert (seated at left) presided over portions of the District 8 meeting. At right is Area Program Director Lynn Parsons.

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The annual series of District Policy Development Meetings were held in July to engage local KFB leaders in a discussion of current policy issues. The agenda also included developing suggestions for KFB's long-range plan.

Staff members from the Public Affairs Division conduct the sessions to provide a framework for policy development at the county annual meetings. All topics are open for discussions but the focus is a close examination of priority issues that emerged from KFB's 2010 annual meeting. This year's list consists of animal disease control, tax reform, the 2012 farm bill, environmental issues, agricultural transportation policy, food safety, livestock marketing and rural representation in the U.S. Congress and Kentucky legislature.

KFB typically receives hundreds of policy recommendations from county Farm Bureaus and 26 advisory committees that deal with farm commodities and other areas that impact farm families. The organization's Resolutions Committee reviews those submissions to ensure that they represent a change from existing policy and are feasible. The ideas then move forward for consideration by delegates to the annual meeting in December.

In recent years all 120 counties have submitted resolutions, a development affirming KFB's commitment to a grassroots system.



BEEF TOUR GOES TO THREE STATES

KFB's John C. Hendricks Beef Tour returned to the Midwest with visits to facilities, farms and other attractions in Nebraska, Iowa and Illinois.

The group of 70 Kentuckians saw some sizeable feedlots, a highly efficient cow-calf operation, some top-notch Angus, Hereford and Shorthorn breeders, a dry mill ethanol plant, a federal animal disease research center in Iowa and a University of Nebraska agriculture research and development center. The farm tours afforded opportunities to witness some award winning conservation and animal waste management practices, as well. And there was plenty of discussion about genetics, an area where Kentucky's cattle industry has made marked improvement in recent years.

Fritz Giesecke, a Hart County cattleman and KFB Second Vice President who chairs the organization's Beef Cattle Advisory Committee, described the tour as "a great learning experience."

"We covered pretty much the whole gamut," he said. "We saw pens of Kentucky cattle in feedlots; it was very beneficial to see how they were performing and hear what the feedlot operators had to say about Kentucky cattle. We saw a lot of similarities among cow-calf operations."

Giesecke added that the diversity of the tour stops made for "a memorable educational experience."

"Research and development is so important to agriculture; it's important that we reinforce our support by observing what's



Photos by Tom Logue

TOP: This group photo was taken at Sauk Valley Angus in Illinois.

BOTTOM: Van Meter Feed yard in Guthrie Center, Iowa.

going on," he said.

KFB added the tour to its annual agenda in response to the heightened interest in beef cattle production in Kentucky. The industry has progressed here as a result of the historic agricultural development initiative fueled by tobacco settlement funds.

Cargill Animal Nutrition and Farm Credit Services joined KFB in sponsoring the tour dedicated to the memory of John C. Hendricks, the KFB First Vice President who passed away last year.

KFB HOLDS TEACHER WORKSHOPS TO PROMOTE AGRICULTURE EDUCATION

About 450 teachers from schools in 60 counties participated in this summer's series of regional teacher workshops coordinated by KFB to promote agriculture education. The purpose is to make teachers aware of the various resources available for use in the schools. Most of the materials are geared toward elementary school students; nearly all of the workshop participants teach at that level. This year's agenda focused on two highly popular programs: The "Agriculture Adventures: Kentucky" program available through the Owensboro Museum of Science and History, and the "Kentucky Proud Lessons" promoted through the Kentucky Department of Agriculture. The teachers also were exposed to a variety of other materials which will enable them to effectively use agriculture as a theme for teaching basic subjects like science and math. They receive professional development credits.

At right, Having students grind wheat by hand is one of the exercises used in the "Agriculture Adventures" program. During this demonstration at a regional teacher workshop in Lexington, instructor Cheryl Bersaglia had Paint Lick Elementary School teachers Heather Akers (left) and Carolyn Noe show how it's done.

Opposite page at right, Jefferson County teachers Carolyn Gilliland and Janet Reusch explain a soil science teaching exercise "Diary of a Worm" during one of the workshop sessions.



Above, teachers examine the educational materials on display at the Lexington workshop. Opposite page left, Judy Hayden conducted a session on the "Kentucky Proud Lessons" of which she is among the authors. Mrs. Hayden teaches elementary school in Daviess County and has received several awards for her work in agriculture education, including KFB's Public Relations Award. At right, with the program's display as a backdrop, Cheryl Bersaglia conducted a session on "Agriculture Adventures: Kentucky."



KFB leaders celebrate FFA milestones

KFB President Mark Haney and Executive Vice President David S. Beck participated in a ribbon-cutting ceremony for the dining hall renovation at the Kentucky FFA Leadership Training Center in Hardinsburg. The ceremony was part of the 75th Anniversary celebration of the training center which has expanded over the years to accommodate more than 2,000 young people at summer camps each year.

The 61-year-old dining hall underwent a much needed renovation under state funding which KFB strongly supported. The financial support included Agricultural Development Funds approved by the Kentucky Agricultural Development Board.

First Lady Jane Beshear was on hand to speak to the young people, FFA officials and special guests, as well as to cut the ribbon. She told the hundreds of FFA members that “you are part of not only the heritage of agriculture, but the future of agriculture.” She praised the FFA program for “combining technical training with the development of personal skills” to produce leaders.

KFB received praise for its on-going support of the FFA Organization. During his remarks at the anniversary program, State FFA Treasurer Nolan Mills asked the audience to applaud KFB for its lobbying efforts on behalf of the dining hall project.

Another featured speaker was Steve Meredith who, while serving from the Hardin County chapter, was elected national FFA President for 1984-85. Both his father and his son have participated in FFA, he noted.

Meredith spoke about the

leadership center’s history and growth, saying progress was made because “word got out this is a wonderful educational opportunity.”

“This is a place where dreams are born,” Meredith said. “The future of Kentucky agriculture depends on human capital -- that capital is in the classrooms.”

GOAP Executive Director Roger Thomas also took part in the ribbon cutting. Other attendees included KFB Director Pat Henderson of Breckinridge County and State Senator Dennis Parrett of Hardin County.



TOP: First Lady Jane Beshear led the ribbon-cutting for the dining hall project. Other participants included (from left) GOAP Executive Director Roger Thomas, State FFA President Kendall Mallory, KFB Executive Vice President David S. Beck, FFA VP Chelsea Daugherty and Bruce Harper of the Kentucky Department of Agriculture.

BOTTOM: The dining hall at the Kentucky FFA Leadership Center.

New law creates third weight class for farm vehicles

a new state law creates a third weight class for registered farm vehicles to ensure that Kentucky farmers are not improperly ticketed and taxed when operating their farm vehicles in other states. The new law took effect on March 16, when Governor Steve Beshear signed Senate Bill 79, sponsored by Senators Joey Pendleton, Dennis Parrett and Mike Wilson. KFB strongly supported the measure.

At issue is the International Fuel Tax Agreement (IFTA), which applies to vehicles of certain designs and characteristics, including a gross vehicle weight or registered weight "exceeding 26,000 pounds."

Kentucky exempts registered farm vehicles from IFTA taxes. But because Kentucky had just two farm vehicle weight classes for registration purposes – the

lesser being zero to 38,000 pounds – some other states deemed any Kentucky registered farm vehicle to be at least 38,000 pounds and thus subject to IFTA taxation when being operated within their borders.

"The intent of this new law is to protect the interests of our hard working Kentucky farm families," said Governor Beshear.

"Many Kentucky farmers have been improperly cited and even fined in other states because of an unrealistic weight classification," said Sen. Pendleton, of Hopkinsville. "Our intention with Senate Bill 79 was to make absolutely clear which vehicles are subject to IFTA taxation and which are not."

The new law created a weight classification of zero to 26,000 pounds. Other classifications are now 26,001 to 38,000 pounds and 38,001 to 80,000 pounds.

Vehicles registered in the new weight class do not meet the IFTA definition of a "qualified motor vehicle" and thus are not subject to IFTA taxation in other states.

Owners of vehicles registered as zero to 38,000 pounds on or after March 16, 2011, but which actually were 26,000 pounds or less, can have their registration updated without an extra state fee. That is done at the county clerk office at which the vehicle was originally registered.

Also under SB 79, planting and harvesting season is deemed to be year-round for purposes of operating farm vehicles on highways, rather than from March 1 through Nov. 23, and farm equipment can be transported from dealership to dealership on an annual overweight/over-dimension permit, as opposed to needing individual trip permits.

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Wheat exports down; Domestic use is up

Total U.S. wheat use for 2011/12 is forecast by USDA at 2,397 million bushels, down 26 million bushels from 2010/11. Projected use is lower because exports are expected to drop more than domestic use increases. Food use is projected at 945 million bushels, up 15 million from 2010/11, reflecting an expected decrease in the average flour extraction rate from the high rates of the past two years and increasing consumption from a growing population. Feed and residual use is projected at 220 million bushels, up from the 135 million bushels projected for 2010/11 as high corn prices and a rebound in SRW wheat production are expected to encourage more wheat feeding this summer. Exports are projected at 1,150 million bushels, down 136 million from 2010/11. Exports are down because of less HRW wheat supplies, higher domestic milling demand, and more competition from the Black Sea area.

U.S. Catfish: Output down

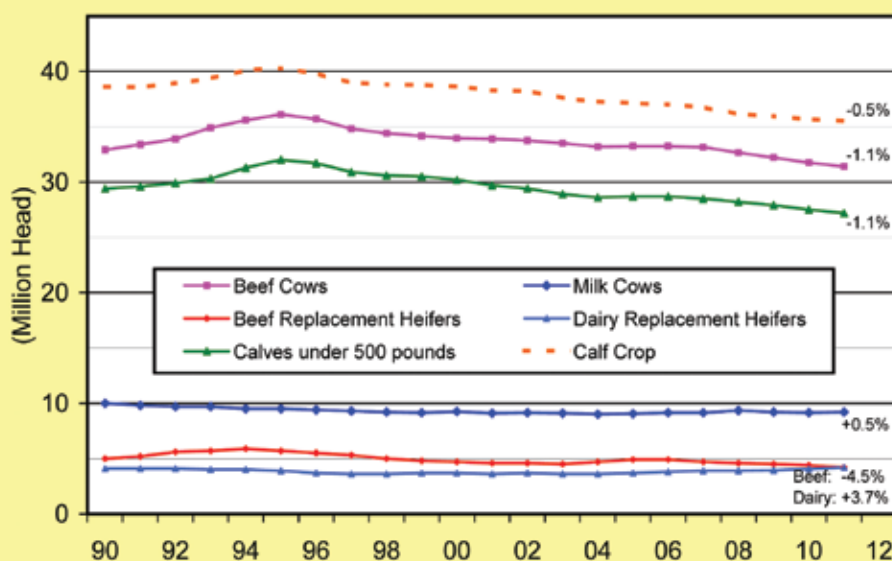
Farm-raised catfish processed during June 2011 totaled 24.3 million pounds round weight, down 37 percent from June 2010, according to USDA. The average price paid to U.S. producers was \$1.23 per pound for June 2011, up 6.2 cents from May 2011 and 44.5 cents above June 2010. Net pounds of processed fish sold during June 2011 totaled 12.4 million pounds, down 35 percent from a year earlier. The ending inventory increased nine percent from May 31 but was down 49 percent from a year ago. The total fresh and frozen average price received by processors for June 2011 was \$3.46, up 95 cents from a year ago. Reports also showed an increase in imports from a year earlier.

Hay Acreage for 2011 is low

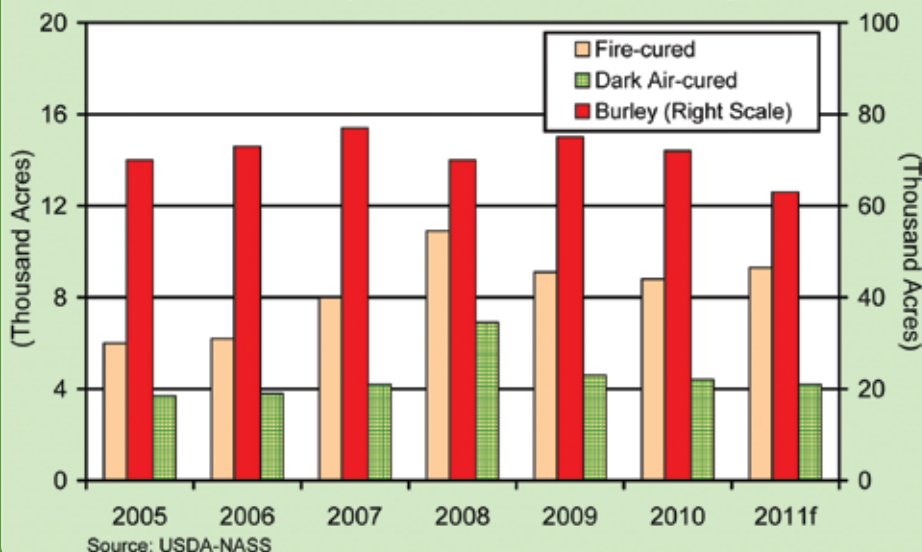
The USDA forecasts 2011 harvested acres of all hay at 57.6 million, down 2.3 million from last year. This is the lowest all hay area on record going back to 1919. Harvested area of alfalfa and alfalfa mixtures is forecast at 19.3 million acres, down 627,000 from 2010. Area for harvest of all other types of hay is expected to total 38.3 million acres, down 1.6 million acres from 2009. Harvested area for alfalfa and alfalfa mixtures is the lowest since 1949 and for all other hay is the lowest since 2000. At five-year average yields, all hay production would be 138 million tons, down seven million from 2010 and the lowest since 1988.

Kentucky's alfalfa hay acreage was estimated at 250,000 acres, an increase of 20,000 from the 2010 crop. All other hay acreage was estimated at 2.10 million acres, a decrease of 200,000 acres from last year

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AFBF "Farm Facts" book available

The 2011 Food and Farm Facts book and map poster, produced by AFBF's Public Relations Department, is now available. Color photographs and charts/graphs are used to illustrate interesting facts about agriculture's shrinking environmental footprint, retail food costs, food consumption and safety and historical highlights. A map poster that shows where major crops and commodities are grown is included with each book.

Order the 32-page book and related products (including educator's guides developed by the American Farm Bureau Foundation for Agriculture) online at <http://farmfacts.fb.org> or <http://agfoundation.org>. Credit card payments are accepted. State and county Farm Bureaus may be billed for orders.

Applications available for veterinary grants

KFB's Education Foundation is offering financial assistance to qualified veterinary graduates who have school loans to be repaid. The Kentucky Large/Food Animal Veterinary Incentive Program is now soliciting applications from eligible veterinarians, vet technicians and technologists.

The program encourages veterinary school graduates to pursue a career with large/food animals. Several areas of Kentucky do not have a local veterinarian to attend to cattle, horses or other farm animals, making this incentive program vitally important to Kentucky's livestock industry.

For those graduates who choose to pursue a veterinary career that devotes at least 50 percent of its time to large/food animals, a judging committee will select three individuals who are in their first, second or third year of practice post-graduation. Selected incentive program recipients will be announced in January of 2012 and may receive up to \$18,000 over three years for payment toward outstanding school loans.

To qualify for the program, applicants must have either a degree in veterinary medicine from an accredited college or university, or have completed an accredited two-year veterinary technician or four-year technologist program. Veterinarian applicants must also be accredited by the USDA-APHIS.

Applications can be downloaded from kyfb.com/federation/kentucky-ag at any time, but must be postmarked for submission by December 1 to: Scholarship Coordinator, KFB Education Foundation, P.O. Box 20700, Louisville, KY 40250-0700.

AFBF cites flood of environmental regulations

Congress must help alleviate the burden of an ever-increasing array of federal environmental regulations on agriculture, Arizona Farm Bureau President Kevin Rogers told a Congressional committee. Representing AFBF, Rogers told the House Subcommittee on Environment and the Economy that the breadth and extent of the regulatory challenges facing U.S. agriculture are tremendous.

Rogers cited a broad range of issues, including: Clean Air Act requirements, Clean Water Act permitting and other requirements, restrictions on pesticides and other farm inputs and regulatory burdens involving both crops and livestock operations."

While not all regulations can be quantified, some can, explained Rogers, and some are substantial. He said Congress (not the Environmental Protection Agency) should determine how to regulate greenhouse gases; should adopt language that would prevent EPA from regulating agricultural dust and should approve H.R. 2458, which would provide a realistic interval for updating national ambient air quality standards (NAAQS).

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