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Mercer County Agriculture Community Coming Together to Help Western Kentucky Farmers



Mercer County Cattlemen's Association, Mercer County Farm Bureau, Fort Harrod Back Country Horsemen, and several local farmers donated almost \$8,600 to purchase farm supplies to those affected by the devastating tornadoes in western Kentucky. Many thanks to Johnson Farm Supply, Southern States Harrodsburg, and Ace Hardware Harrodsburg, who provided discounts on products being purchased. Thanks to Jamie DeHart, Zack Ison, Cary King and Linda McClanahan for delivering the items. Donations were delivered to Caldwell County and Muhlenberg County.



KENTUCKY FARM BUREAU MISSION STATEMENT

Farm Bureau is a voluntary organization of farm families and their allies dedicated to serving as the voice of agriculture by identifying problems, develop solutions, promote economic success, and enhance the quality of life for all.

HELPFUL INFORMATION

Mercer County Conservation District Programs to Assist the Community



The conservation district will have its annual spring tree seedling giveaway approximately March 25 for all Mercer County landowners. In addition, don't forget to get your Tree Rebate Certificate. Each landowner can receive 50% of the cost of a tree (with \$50 cap). Trees must be purchased from Reynolds Nursery or Garden Scapes. For more information call Linda at the local Conservation Office at 859-734-4326 ext. 3. The Mercer Co. Conservation District, along with the Mercer Co. Extension Service, pays 100 % of the cost for soil testing. Call Johnnie Bailey, Equipment Manager, at 859-613-6889 for equipment rental. Equipment includes 4-Haybuster No-till drills, 1-Truax No -till drill, 1 - Grass Works Weed Wiper, 1 - Wheatheart Post Driver, 1- John Deere Corn Planter, 1-200 gal Round-up sprayer, 1-300 gal 2-4D sprayer. There is a continuous State Cost-share sign-up. Applications are normally cut-off Sept. 30 of each year. Landowners can receive up to \$20,000.00 at a 75% cost-share rate for practices completed. For more information call Linda at 859-734-4326 Ext. 3.

Planning a Vacation? Check Out These Farm Bureau Member Discounts

Save 15% on the best available room rates at **Great Wolf Lodge** in Mason, Ohio. Visit my.kyfb.com.

GET 10% off the regular rate for lodge or cottage accommodations at Kentucky State Parks. Show Farm Bureau membership card at time of registration. Visit parks.ky.gov.

Participating **Choice Hotels** give KFB members **20% off**. KFB members will receive up to **20% off** the best available rate at participating **Wyndham Hotels**. Visit my.kyfb.com.

Enterprise Rent-A-Car, Budget Rental Car and Avis Rent-A-Car give KFB members special discounted rates. Visit my.kyfb.com.

KFB Members save at Biltmore in the mountains of Asheville, NC. Go to biltmore.com/farmbureau. Promo code: farm.

Winter Safety Tips

- Remove the garden hose from the outside water faucets and insulate
- Know where your main water shut off-valve is located along with your water meter and insulate your water meter
- Turn hot & cold water taps to a trickle during extreme cold temperatures
- Have your gas furnace or stove inspected by a licensed professional yearly



College Scholarships Available due January 28, 2022

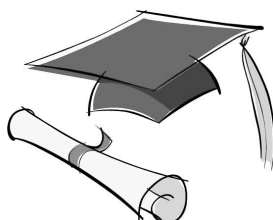
\$1,000 Charlie Ison Scholarship

For several years, Mercer County Farm Bureau has awarded \$1,000 to a selected Mercer County senior each year to help pay for their college. Applications are available from high school counselors at MCSHS and Burgin and at the local Farm Bureau offices. One application makes a student possibly eligible for the county scholarship as well as over 30 state-wide Kentucky Farm Bureau scholarships for high school seniors.

Eligibility requirements include:

1. Membership in Mercer Co. Farm Bureau
2. A Minimum 3.5 GPA or 23 ACT Score
3. Graduating High School Senior

Applicants are not required to be active in agriculture or farming. Winners are selected by Kentucky Farm Bureau in Louisville.



\$1,000 Bill Waggener YOUNG FARMER Scholarship

This will be the 10th year for the Mercer County Farm Bureau Young Farmer Scholarship. This scholarship is designed to be awarded to a Mercer County student who is pursuing a college degree in Agriculture. Applicants are required to be a graduating high school senior from a member household and hold a minimum GPA of 2.5. This scholarship requires a separate application from the Charlie Ison Scholarship.

The application is available from the high school counselors, the MCSHS website, or the Mercer County Farm Bureau office on Morris Drive. Contact Beth Kelly at Farm Bureau for more details, or email Beth at Beth.Kelly@kyfb.com for a copy of either of these scholarship applications.



Mercer County Farm Bureau *Local Membership Discount Program*

The Mercer County Farm Bureau Federation has partnered with several local businesses to offer significant discounts to our members. Please give the merchant your member number on your membership card in order to take advantage of the valuable discounts listed at kyfb.com/mercer.

Farm Bureau – it pays to be a member!

2021 Mercer County Farm Bureau Federation Board Chili Supper

Board members and insurance agent Libby Stocker, raised money for the Harrodsburg Herald Love Tree on November 13, 2022, at the Mercer County Extension Office. We were able to raise over \$2,000 to assist 3 families with 9 children in need. Thanks to The Fort Harrod Back Country Horsemen and everyone else for contributing to this effort!





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Food Check-Out Week

Food Check-Out Week is a national campaign led by the American Farm Bureau Federation commemorating America's healthy, nutritious, abundant, & affordable food supply. Mercer County Farm Bureau will hold events to help heighten awareness of these aspects of our food supply & help bring thanks and recognition to the farmers. Americans currently spend, on average, just over 10% of their disposable, personal income for food—THE LOWEST IN THE WORLD. Applying that statistic to the calendar year means the average household will have earned enough disposable income to pay for its annual food supply in about 7 weeks. In recognition of this, Kentucky Farm Bureau is celebrating February 20-26, 2022, as Food Check-Out Week.

Kentucky Farm Bureau Federation's

5th District Director, Zack Ison

Mercer County native Zack Ison was elected as a director to the Kentucky Farm Bureau Federation 5th District at the 102nd State Annual Meeting in December. Zack has served as a director on the Mercer County Farm Bureau Board for over 15 years. Past positions Zack has held with Mercer County Farm Bureau has been president, vice-president, young farmer committee chair along with serving on various other committees. He has served on the Kentucky Farm Bureau Federation Policy and Development Resolutions Committee for the past 3 years. Zack is excited to "represent the thoughts and opinions of the people in the 11 counties in the district at the state and national levels". He said "he wanted the opportunity to tell the story of agriculture, because if I don't, someone who doesn't know anything about farming will be making the decisions for us". He believes "that the agriculture community has to speak up". Zack has served on many local boards including the Mercer Co. Conservation Board, the Farm Service Agency, the Mercer Co. Extension Board and the Mercer Co. Youth Investment Board. Zack is continuing his family's legacy with Kentucky Farm Bureau. His grandmother Alma Ray Ison had the first membership with Kentucky Farm Bureau.



Zack Ison
Kentucky Farm Bureau
Federation Director

Some Important Dates to Remember . . .

- KY Cattlemen's Annual Meeting, Jan. 13-14, Lexington
- Mercer Co. Cattlemen's Educational Meeting, Jan. 24
- KFB Young Farmer Leadership Conference, Jan. 21-22
- Ag Expo, January 26 in Owensboro
- College Scholarship Applications due Jan. 28
- KFB Food Check-Out Week, Feb. 20-26
- KFB State Women's Leadership Conference, March 4-5
- KY Ag Literacy Week, March 20-26



Mercer County Farm Bureau Office