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Mercer County Farm Bureau 2023 Scholarship Winners

Ashlee Keeling, daughter of Sheri & Chris McCarty, of Harrodsburg, & a senior at Mercer County Senior High School, is the recipient of the Bill Waggener Young Farmer Scholarship for \$1,000 from Mercer County Farm Bureau. This scholarship is one of over 300 college scholarships worth a total of over \$450,000 that the Mercer County Farm Bureau, the Kentucky Farm Bureau Education Foundation, & numerous other individual county Farm Bureau organizations awarded this year to deserving students from across the state. Ashlee plans to attend Murray State this fall to pursue a degree in Pre-Vet/Vet-Tech.



Madelyn Goodlett, daughter of Miranda & David Goodlett of Salvisa & a senior at Mercer County Senior High School, is the recipient of the Charlie Ison Scholarship for \$1,000 from Mercer County Farm Bureau. This scholarship is one of over 300 college scholarships worth a total of over \$450,000 that the Mercer County Farm Bureau, the Kentucky Farm Bureau Education Foundation, and numerous other individual county Farm Bureau organizations awarded this year to deserving students from across the state. Madelyn plans to attend Campbellsville University this fall to pursue a degree in Elementary Education.



Mercer County Farm Bureau celebrated Ky Ag Literacy Week and National Agriculture Day by reading the American Farm Bureau Book of the Year, *I Love Strawberries* by Shannon Anderson. Kentucky Farm Bureau Insurance Agents Libby Stocker and Beth Wall, Mercer Co. Farm Bureau Federation Secretary Beth Kelly, Linda McClanahan, Mercer Co. Extension Agent for Agriculture & Natural Resources, Deanna Ashmore, Mercer Co. 4-H Assistant, read to over 800 students.



COMMUNITY AG NEWS



Mercer County Conservation District on 227 Morris Drive phone number is 859-734-4326 extension 3. The District has a continuous sign-up period for the **State Cost-share Program**. At the present time, applications will be taken through 9/29/2023. This is a 75% cost-share program with landowners receiving up to \$20,000 for practices completed. Call Linda Lake, Adm. Secretary or Brandon Campbell, Soil Conservationist for more information. The District also has four Haybuster No-Till Seed Drills for rent. The Truax drill will plant native warm-season grasses. The drills rent for \$6.50 per acre or a minimum of \$65 plus a \$36 delivery fee. The District also has one Broyhill 200-gallon sprayer with power takeoff for use **free of charge** with a \$36 delivery fee. The district has one 300 gallon Best Way power take off sprayer for **2,4-D spray** only which controls thistles and broadleaf weeds, and one 200 gallon Broyhill sprayer for **ROUNDUP** USE. Both sprayers rent for \$50 per day and a \$36 delivery fee. The GrassWorks Weed Wiper rents for \$75.00 per day with a \$36 delivery fee. The 2-row John Deere corn planter rents for \$70 the first day, \$50 additional days, plus a \$36 delivery fee. The Wheatheart post driver rents for \$200 per day and \$275 per weekend. Contact Equipment Manager Johnnie Bailey at 859-613-6889 for scheduling of this equipment. Remember the **TREE REBATE CERTIFICATE** where the District continues to give Mercer County landowners up to \$75 if you purchase trees from Reynolds Nursery.

Kentucky Farm Bureau Depredation Sub-Permit Application Program

Kentucky Farm Bureau has received a limited statewide depredation permit that allows for a limited number of black vulture "takes" where black vultures are depredating livestock. Interested livestock producers may request a sub-permit application by emailing Renee Carrico at renee.carrico@kyfb.com or calling 502-495-5137. You can also stop by the local offices and pick up an application.



Any livestock producers experiencing severe depredation from black vultures is encouraged to apply for an individual migratory bird depredation permit from the U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service. Producers can not apply for both a KFB permit and a separate individual permit

Mercer County Farm Bureau Board members Bill Waggener and Jimmy Howard passed away on March 21st. Mr. Waggener was a board member for over 50 years. Bill was very involved in the community, including the Kentucky Army National Guard, Mercer County Planning and Zoning, Mercer County Fiscal Court Magistrate, Mercer County Farm Bureau, Habitat for Humanity, Ag Credit Board, The Gideons International, FFA, 4-H Council and Burgin Baptist Church. Jimmy was also very involved in the community. He was a Member of the Mercer County Farm Bureau for over 20 years and he had served in the Kentucky Army National Guard, was a member of the Mercer County Cattlemen's Association and was a Deacon at Mt. Pleasant Church. Both were lifelong farmers. Bill and Jimmy made an impact on so many and will be missed.

James Wm. (Bill) Waggener

October 2, 1937-March 21, 2023



Jimmy Gill Howard

Feb. 18, 1953-March 21, 2023





Mercer County is home to many farmers who sell their products directly to consumers. It is great to know exactly where your food is being grown or raised. Kentucky farmers provide us with safe and affordable food. Please feel free to contact them directly. If you would like to be added to this list, please contact Beth at 734-4341.

Meat, Fruits, Vegetables, Honey and Flowers

Baxter's Beef

Reiss Baxter

270-300-2351

baxtersfarmky@gmail.com

Breezy Corner Farm

Jamie & Megan DeHart

Farm raised premium beef

859-265-0561

breezycornerfarm@hotmail.com

Facebook: Breezy Corner Farm

C & D Farms

Charlie and Derek Baker

Farm raised beef

859-812-0052 or 859-812-0105

Salt River Beef

Ken Ball

859-913-3003

saltriverfarm@hotmail.com

Bishop Farm & Produces

Jill & Clay Bishop

859-583-1167

jbishop@roadrunner.com

Corn, mums & pumpkins

Devine's Farm

Glenn & Martina Devine

623 Talmage Mayo Rd

859-613-5066

info@devinescornmaze.com

Strawberries, corn, green beans,

Pumpkins, etc.

McMaine's Riverhaven Farm

Ron & Linda McMaine

859-321-0241

lmcmaine@gmail.com

Zucchini, asparagus, beets, cucumbers, etc.

Sourdough bread, jams, jellies, etc.

Dividing Ridge Farm— Angus Freezer Beef

Elda Jackson 859-613-2333

Tyler Farm

Beef & Chicken

Kelly & Matt Tyler 859-576-3032

kebytyler.wix.com/tyler-farm kebytyler@yahoo.com

Farmer Joe's

Joe Weber-859-321-1691

<http://Farmerjoesky.com>

joe@farmerjoesky.com

Fresh organic farm eggs, beef, chicken,

Turkey, ground lamb, and pork

Thompson Family Farms

Eli & Chrissy Thompson

Grass -fed & finished beef

Lamb and Chevon

859-612-7585

Stonewall Hollow Farm—Mary McCaffrey

Mary McCaffrey 859-734-6836

Jams, jellies, variety of produce, eggs, baked goods

Robertson Family Farm

Flower farm

<http://robertsonfarmky.com/>

emilyrobertson15@gmail.com

859-339-0072

My Harrodsburg Honey Co

Tim & Lori Sheehan 859-325-0808

tim.sheehan@icloud.com

Honey

Wild Roots Farmer Florist

Florist Farms- Alexis Amorese

wildrootsfarmerflorist@gmail.com

The Howard Family Farm

Michaela & Brandon Howard

859-350-5001 Facebook: The Howard Family Farm

Produce, honey, flowers, vegetable plants

Wade's Bees

Honey—Chad Wade

Facebook: Wade's Bees chadwade9630@yahoo.com



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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, developing solutions, and taking actions which will improve net farm income, achieve better economic opportunities, and enhance the quality of life for all.



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. Use code KENT402B when booking.



GET 10% off the regular rate for lodge or cottage accommodations at Ky State Parks. Show Farm Bureau membership card at time of registration. <http://parks.ky.gov>

Participating **Choice Hotels** give KFB members **20% off**. Use special rate ID #00209600. KFB members will receive up to **20% off** the best available rate at participating **Wyndham Hotels** with discount #8000002234.

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



Kentucky Farm Bureau celebrates its 28th year of offering the Certified Farm Market Program! This program was established in July 1996

as a way to help farmers market their fruits and vegetables directly to consumers. Mercer County is home to one of over 75 certified farm markets in this program across the Commonwealth.

The Mercer County member is Devine's Farm and Corn Maze. The list of Kentucky Farm Bureau Farm Market members can be found at kyfb.com/federation/programs/certified-farm-market (the 2023 Certified Farm Market website).