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**f**armers and other rural residents have become a smaller percentage of the population, making it increasingly important for us to elect candidates who are supportive of agriculture and rural issues. With the November 4 election fast approaching, there are some issues under consideration on both the state and national levels that could significantly impact our lives and livelihoods. Whom we elect could make a difference in deciding crucial issues like immigration reform, estate taxes, energy policy and the next farm bill.



While Farm Bureau remains bipartisan and does not support any one candidate over another, we encourage our members to look past the campaign rhetoric and closely consider how each candidate would treat agriculture and rural communities if elected.

This issue of KFB News features an Election Guide which provides a listing of the candidates for Kentucky's Congressional Delegation and State Legislature. With so much at stake on the federal level, we are spotlighting the race for the U.S. Senate, with candidates Jack Conway and Rand Paul explaining their positions on some key KFB policies. I urge you to refer to this section.

Unfortunately, some Americans have become cynical about politics because of all the negativity and rhetoric borne from "spinmeisters" and pollsters. But even though the process has digressed from a time when politics were more simple and straightforward, it doesn't mean we should turn our backs on the privilege of deciding our elected leaders.

Kentucky's agriculture industry has been well served over the years by our state's governors, legislators and members of Congress. We need to keep it that way.

So, rather than view this election negatively, think of it as an opportunity to advocate for agriculture, as well as uphold your ideals for our country. Get involved! Cast your vote! Make your voice heard!

**MARK HANEY**

PRESIDENT  
KENTUCKY FARM BUREAU

# A SPECIAL GUEST. . . .

AFBF President Bob Stallman attends Boyle County's annual meeting

**A**bout 300 KFB members attended Boyle County's annual meeting last month to enjoy a keynote address from a very special guest: AFBF President Bob Stallman.

Stallman came to Danville at the request of KFB Director Terry Gilbert of Boyle County, who is chairperson of AFBF's Women's Leadership Committee. The Texas rice and cattle farmer was impressed with the large crowd that packed a dining hall at Kentucky School for the Deaf. He took the opportunity to stress the importance of grassroots activism.

"County Farm Bureaus are the backbone of this organization," he said. "We



Boyle County FB President John Helm (right) presents AFBF President Bob Stallman with a gift in thanks for his keynote address to the annual meeting.

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are a family."

Stallman briefly outlined some pressing national issues facing farm families before his intensity level rose with the topic of the nation's fiscal crisis. He said that he, like millions of Americans, is greatly concerned about how the federal debt will impact future generations -- and most notably his seven grandchildren.

"It's not a pretty sight," he said in reference to the massive federal debt. "It is up to us to stand up and say 'we've got to fix this problem.'

"We need to challenge all the candidates (in the upcoming congressional elections) to tell us exactly where they want to cut spending. Get some firm answers because we're not going to solve this problem with platitudes. I encourage you to ask those questions. When we speak up, we can get results."

Farmers also need to speak out against radical groups that have attacked the animal agriculture industry with unfounded allegations, Stallman said.

The AFBF leader praised Mrs. Gilbert for "bringing a fresh focus" to the women's committee. He also praised KFB President Mark Haney, calling the Pulaski County farmer "a tremendous asset to your state."

Several FB leaders from surrounding counties were in attendance along with some area political leaders, including State Senator Tom Buford of Nicholasville, State Representative Mike Harmon of Danville, Boyle County Judge-Executive Harold McKinney and Danville Mayor Hugh Coomer.

Among others who were recognized were State FFA President Logan Goggin of Boyle County and Sixth District Congressional candidate Andy Barr, a Republican from Lexington.

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## COLUMN



**Editor's Note:** October is the height of the fall season for farmers markets. A list of the KFB Certified Roadside Farm Markets is on page 27.

The number of farmers' markets in the United States has grown by more than 300 percent in the past 15 years. If you study that trend from an economics standpoint, you have to wonder why. The dollars and cents value of convenience, low prices and access to a variety of products just don't add up.

Online grocers are convenient with 24/7 availability. Farmers' markets are not.

At the local grocery store, comparison shopping to find the lowest price is done quickly as similar items are grouped together. That's not the case at the farmers' market.

Mega-supermarkets offer food purchases, along with buying your automotive care products and even appliances! Farmers' markets do not.

So what brings consumers at increasing rates to more than 5,200 farmers' markets around the country? It's the relationship that consumers can have with farmers. The Agriculture Department calls it 'food with a face.' The popularity of farmers' markets is the anchor of their current "Know Your Farmer" campaign.

That "face" reminds us that food is not made in the grocery store basement. It is grown and produced with care by men and women who not only have a passion for working with nature to produce food, but also have knowledge on how to produce it in a way that sustains their business at the market.

Much is expected from these farmers. Consumers expect fresh, top quality fruits and vegetables, as well as honey, dairy, meat and grain products. They want these items delivered with a smile and willingness to explain the production methods. If you've walked by the vendors' tables at a market, you know these farmers are delivering on both points.

Other farmers are counting on them, too. Only about four percent of farmers use direct sales to consumers as part of their marketing plan. That means their "faces" represent the other 96 percent of farmers who use other marketing methods to sell their products.

Clearly, the value of a farmers' market is about relationships and trust, both of which are intangible items that have real value in today's economy.

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# KFB President addresses Tobacco Task Force

**K**FB President Mark Haney addressed the state legislature's Tobacco Task Force last month to

provide information on some regulatory issues that could impact growers. Foremost is a proposal from the World Health Organization (WHO) that has the potential to eliminate the use of burley tobacco in American blend cigarettes.

Haney told the panel that the WHO proposal presents "a real threat" to burley production in Kentucky. The proposal would ban all flavoring substances and processing aids which are necessary for blending burley into a cigarette.

"If these guidelines are adopted," Haney said, "it will impact opportunities Kentucky growers currently have to raise and sell burley tobacco. Kentucky's burley production has eroded from a nearly \$1 billion crop some 15 years ago to around a \$300

million crop now. We feel the action WHO plans to take will impose restrictions discriminating one type of tobacco product over another without showing any scientific benefit. We feel this is unfair and unwarranted."

The Tobacco Task Force Chairman is State Representative Wilson Stone, a former president of Allen County FB. The

panel expressed its support for KFB's position by adopting a resolution calling for WHO "to revise its proposed list of banned tobacco ingredients." Stone told

this time, we have the greatest threat to our industry."

The so-called "draft ingredient guidelines" will be under consideration at a WHO conference in November in Uruguay. KFB has voiced its concern to Kentucky's Congressional delegation, USDA, the U.S. Trade Representative's Office and WHO. The tobacco task force resolution was forwarded to representatives of WHO countries that are active with the tobacco proposal.

The International Tobacco Growers Association is vehemently opposing the proposal. It has launched a global petition drive calling for governments to reject it.

Haney said it is "critical" to gain the support of several other powerful nations. He also gave the committee updates on the Food and Drug Administration's tobacco oversight activities plus how a new law in Canada is expected to impact the U.S. tobacco industry.

Several members of the Kentucky Agricultural Development Board attended the tobacco meeting at UK's Arboretum before their meeting elsewhere on campus. The events were held in conjunction with Ag Alumni Week at UK, of which KFB is a major sponsor.



Tobacco Task Force Chairman Wilson Stone, a State Representative from Allen County, studies the group's resolution prior to passage. Stone is a former President of Allen County FB.



KFB President Mark Haney, along with National Affairs Director L. Joe Cain, spoke to the Tobacco Task Force.

the committee of House and Senate members that the issue is "very threatening" to burley growers.

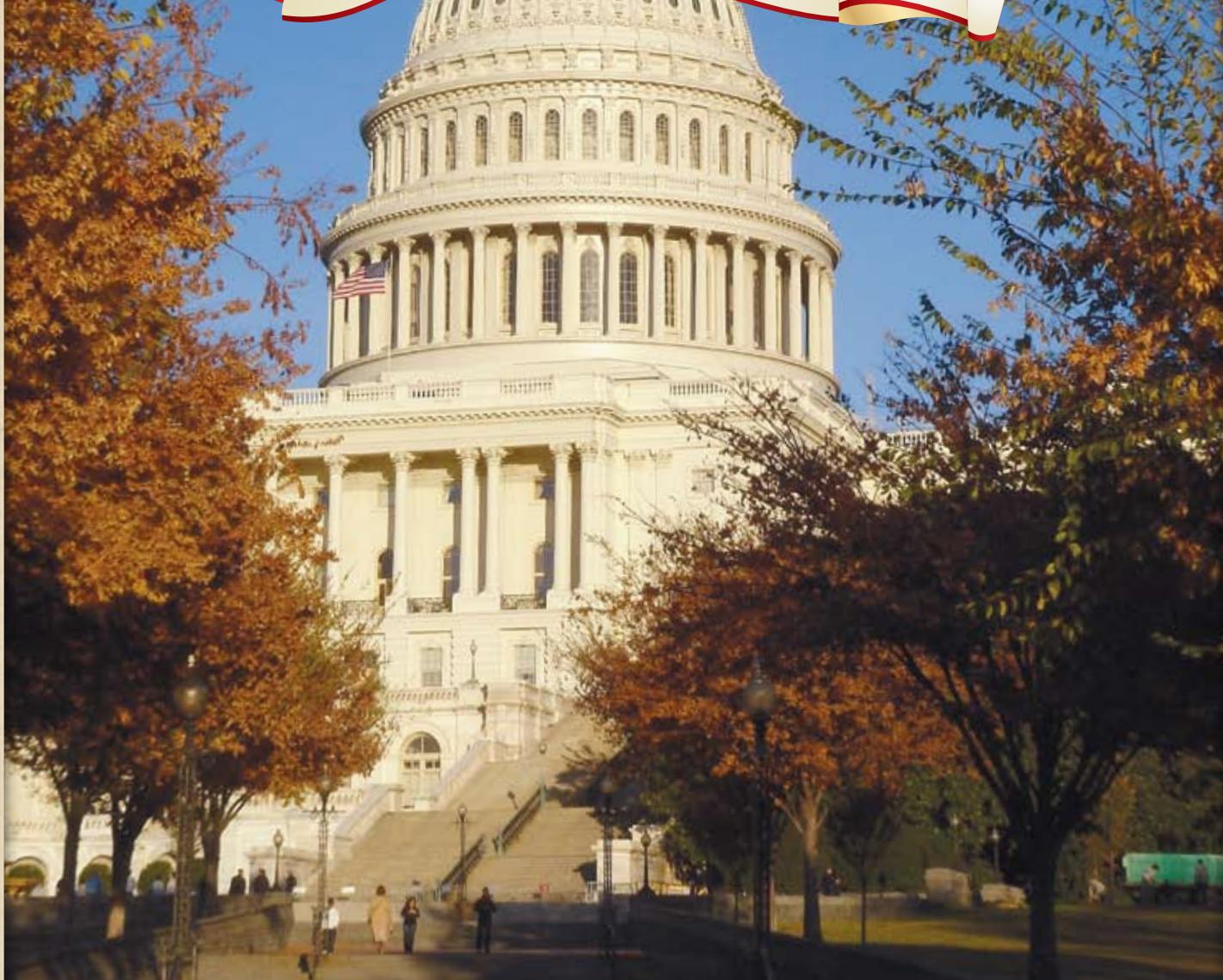
Concurring was University of Kentucky Tobacco Economist Dr. Will Snell, who has closely followed the industry for over 20 years. During his testimony to the committee, Dr. Snell said: "We've been through a lot of battles and challenges – at

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THE FOLLOWING PAGES ARE A GUIDE  
TO THIS YEAR'S STATE CONGRESSIONAL  
AND LEGISLATIVE ELECTIONS.

# U.S. SENATE CANDIDATES RESPOND TO POLICY QUESTIONS



## RAND PAUL

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## NATIONAL FARM POLICY

A strong agricultural base is essential to any nation's long term success and security. Farmers in the United States produce the world's safest, most abundant and most economical supply of food and fiber. Agriculture also plays a significant role in the production of renewable energy.

The 2008 Farm Bill reflects many of the positive elements of the previous farm bill by maintaining the three-legged safety net (direct payments, counter-cyclical payments and market loan payments) for agriculture, while enhancing conservation programs for working lands and focusing new resources on beginning farmers and ranchers, fruit and vegetable crop production and livestock. However, Congress is already looking at making many changes to national farm policy including reducing the adjusted gross income level at which farmers are eligible to participate in programs, cutting direct payment rates, reducing funding for various conservation programs and possible changes to the crop insurance program.

### 1. How would you craft the next farm bill to ensure US agriculture has an effective safety net?

**JACK CONWAY:** I always put Kentucky — and its farmers — first. I understand how important the agriculture safety net is when you face dire conditions in weather, markets, and input costs. Meanwhile, my

opponent favors abolishing USDA and said: "I don't think federal subsidies for agriculture are a good idea."

**RAND PAUL:** I support Kentucky's farmers and want them to do what they do best, which is farm. The most important thing the government can do for farm policy is get off the farmers' backs. Our farmers don't need the government telling them how they can farm. They don't need the government raising energy costs or limiting energy choices. And they certainly don't need the government taking more of their hard-earned money and raising their taxes and health care costs.

### 2. How would you further strengthen national farm policy to ensure American agriculture remains a viable industry?

**JACK CONWAY:** We must be able to grow enough food and fiber for our citizens and raise net farm income so that you realize a good profit from strong foreign demand. We cannot allow other countries to ignore rules, flood our markets, and price-dump American agriculture out of business.

**RAND PAUL:** I will evaluate each program within the context of a balanced budget and compliance with our trade agreements.

### 3. In what ways should revenue assurance and crop insurance programs play a more significant role in national farm policy?

**JACK CONWAY:** If my opponent has his way and tears the safety net for agriculture, bad seasons of storms, low prices, or high input costs could destroy agriculture operations and make us more dependent on foreign countries, destroying our food security and placing us at the mercy of foreign producers.

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**RAND PAUL:** Farmers should have the ability to hedge their risks, and the government can play an important role by facilitating crop insurance and enabling private hedging through swaps, futures and similar arrangements.

## INTERNATIONAL TRADE & MARKETING

Kentucky has a very diverse, and robust, agricultural industry. Cash receipts for agriculture in Kentucky for 2009 totaled over \$4.2 billion. Since 2001, farmers have made extensive investment to enhance their production, but now increased market access is needed to increase net farm income for Kentucky farmers. The World Trade Organization (WTO) and free trade agreements (FTA's) affect how U.S. farmers compete on the world market, and uniform international phytosanitary guidelines are critical to trade.

### 1. How can future FTA's be developed to enhance market opportunities for Kentucky and U.S. farmers?

**RAND PAUL:** I support signing free trade agreements with countries willing to provide equally-free access to their markets for American goods. U.S. agricultural exports should be a top priority of all trade negotiations.

**JACK CONWAY:** Kentucky agriculture deserves fair access to foreign markets. Exports like soy are important to Kentucky agriculture and we must protect our ability to expand abroad. Any future agreements must ensure that foreign producers don't engage in a race to the bottom, with unfair labor, environmental, and safety practices.

### 2. What market policies should be in place to ensure U.S. farmers can participate in fair and open world trade?

**RAND PAUL:** We should take every opportunity to open markets for our farmers. There are no sound economic arguments for trade barriers. I will always oppose new tariffs and work to lower tariffs.

**JACK CONWAY:** Congress and the Administration should take strong action to open up foreign markets to U.S. goods and to enforce access that's been agreed to; foreign governments should know that they have to comply. We should encourage American agriculture realizing a good profit from strong foreign demand for our agriculture.

### 3. What is your opinion on moving the pending FTA's for Columbia, Panama and South Korea forward? How do you feel about normalizing trade with Cuba?

**RAND PAUL:** I support the Columbia and Panama free trade agreements and hope the few remaining concerns that have been raised about U.S. exports to South Korea can be quickly worked out so I can support that agreement as well.

**JACK CONWAY:** We must be sure that all trade agreements properly enforce environmental, safety, and labor regulations, and that foreign governments are not enabling or encouraging price dumping in our markets. We should also take into account a country's human rights record.

## HEALTH CARE

Congress passed comprehensive health care reform in 2010 with the goal of providing affordable health care insurance coverage for most Americans. The bill mandates all Americans obtain coverage or pay a fine but, does not include any tort reform and instead of establishing association health plans all health insurance plans must go through a Federal Insurance Exchange through which individuals may compare plans and purchase coverage.

### 1. How do you envision this reform will affect the cost of health insurance and recruitment of health care providers in rural Kentucky?

**JACK CONWAY:** The recent health care legislation provides subsidies for many Kentuckians, including 45,000 small businesses, to afford coverage and increases competition to help lower rates. It was a rare opportunity to stop discrimination against individuals with pre-existing conditions, lower costs, and provide affordable coverage for roughly 654,000 uninsured statewide.

**RAND PAUL:** Obamacare will have a tremendous negative effect on health care in Kentucky and the country. There is no doubt costs will increase while the availability of doctors and other health care providers will decrease.

### 2. How will you use your office to help maintain the high quality of medical care our country currently has at a reasonable cost?

**JACK CONWAY:** I will continue to heed the advice of patients and doctors throughout the state. I support further studies on maintaining our high standards while keeping costs low. We need to look carefully at how to be more efficient, eliminate waste, and achieve easy savings

through steps like electronic records.

**RAND PAUL:** I will vote to repeal Obamacare and start over on real reform of our health care system that will meet the needs of all Kentuckians, including rural Kentuckians.

### **3. What changes do you feel need to be made to the new health care reform law to make more affordable health insurance coverage available to rural Kentuckians?**

**JACK CONWAY:** The bill does not give Medicare bulk purchasing power for prescription drugs, which could save taxpayers \$200 billion dollars. If I am elected Senator, the first piece of legislation I introduce will repeal this special interest giveaway. I will work to further cut health care costs while maintaining benefits.

**RAND PAUL:** Our healthcare system does not need more government interference, it needs less. It does not need less capitalism and competition, it needs more. These will be my guiding principles in any health care reform.

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## **ENERGY**

Agriculture is a very energy intensive industry. Farm input costs for fuel and fertilizer have skyrocketed, creating financial hardship for many farmers. Farmers use gasoline and diesel to power farm equipment that plants, harvests and transports produce. Increased transportation costs also increases the cost of other farm inputs such as agricultural chemicals, seed and feed. Natural gas is important because it is the primary component of nitrogen fertilizers.

### **1. What do you see as the role agriculture can play in the production of renewable energy?**

**RAND PAUL:** I support all forms of renewable energy having an opportunity to succeed in the marketplace, including biofuels.

**JACK CONWAY:** Kentucky corn is already an important source for our national ethanol needs and the Commonwealth has significant other biomass resources. As scientific research into biomass energy improves, Kentucky can be a leader in renewable energy production and I look forward to promoting it in the Senate.

### **2. What role can government play in reducing farm input costs?**

**RAND PAUL:** The most important thing the government can do for energy costs on the farm or in the home is not pass the cap-and-trade national energy tax which will affect all producers and consumers of

energy, including farmers.

**JACK CONWAY:** The federal government can offer incentives to strongly encourage commercial energy efficiency, which can help stabilize pricing for natural gas and petroleum inputs. I also supported the recent Wall Street reform bill and its transparency for derivatives, which the industry uses to hedge against input price hikes.

### **3. How do you envision agriculture being treated in future climate change legislation enacted to reduce greenhouse emissions?**

**RAND PAUL:** I oppose all efforts by the EPA to enact greenhouse gas regulations without Congressional authority. I will seek to sunset all EPA and other regulations that adversely impact Kentucky farmers. I will not waver from this position and have never held any other position on these issues.

**JACK CONWAY:** As we build a new energy economy to the benefit of Kentucky agriculture, any climate change legislation must protect the jobs of Kentuckians and not include cap-and-trade. It must be done by Congress and not the EPA, and Congress should have an open ear to the agriculture industry's voice.

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## **ENVIRONMENTAL ISSUES**

Complying with environmental regulations is something farmers face daily whether it is in their livestock operations, or crop production practices involving pesticides or fertilizers. Federal regulations must be based on sound science and not create undue financial burdens on typical farming operations.

Of particular concern is the effort to redefine waters of the United States under the Clean Water Act. Currently the Clean Water Act regulates truly navigable waters and streams with both permanent and seasonal flows, but removing the word 'navigable' from the definition of waters of the U.S. would open the door to the broadest possible interpretation of the law. This could significantly impede common agricultural practices, impose additional unfunded mandates on state and local governments, and limit some uses of private property.

### **1. What impact do you see occurring if the term "navigable" is removed from the definition of "waters of the U.S."? Would you support this legislation?**

**JACK CONWAY:** I do not support removing the term “navigable” from major environmental laws about “waters of the United States.” This would lead to too much bureaucratic meddling in a wide array of decisions.

**RAND PAUL:** I will oppose the idea of removing “navigable” from the definition of “waters” that are regulated by the federal government. The impact is to increase the power of unelected and unaccountable federal bureaucrats over farms and all other businesses.

## **2. What steps will you support to rectify the U.S. 6th Circuit Court decision that spray nozzles were considered point sources of pollution?**

**JACK CONWAY:** In the Senate, I would support legislation that would clarify that Congress does not intend for spray nozzles to be considered point sources of pollution in federal environmental law.

**RAND PAUL:** I will sponsor legislation to remove all unjust federal intrusions on Kentucky farmers such as the 6<sup>th</sup> Circuit decision.

## **3. The Chesapeake Bay Agreement recently announced by the EPA will have an impact nationwide on nutrient management, including land application of animal waste. What efforts would you support to make sure this agreement is not used to impose unreasonable restrictions on livestock production in Kentucky?**

**JACK CONWAY:** I am troubled by the EPA's recently released Chesapeake Bay Compliance and Enforcement Strategy. It represents an attempt by the EPA to overreach with its regulations, especially regarding agriculture operations. It also creates a bad precedent for regulations affecting the rest of the country, including Kentucky.

**RAND PAUL:** I will fight all attempts by the EPA to further intrude on Kentucky farms. This agency is out of control and should have its regulations reviewed and repealed in many cases.

## **4. Agricultural operations continue to come under fire from environmental groups for nutrient and pesticide applications. How do you feel agricultural operations should be regulated?**

**JACK CONWAY:** Any regulation of agricultural operations should be fair and recognize the importance of nutrient and pesticide applications. I oppose bureaucratic overreach and believe that government agency actions need to take into account the voice of farmers and all agricultural interests.

**RAND PAUL:** I oppose the cap-and-trade national energy tax and all efforts to give out-of-control federal bureaucrats more control over our lives.

## FISCAL POLICY

The national debt continues to grow and threatens our nation’s economic stability. Farmers must watch their bottom line to remain financially stable, just as the federal government should. Balancing the federal budget and reducing the national debt through spending restraint and reducing the rate of growth rather than increasing the American tax burden will be important to the economic recovery and growth of our country.

Farmers pay their fair share of taxes but estate and capital gains taxes can be especially burdensome. Working entire lifetimes to establish a successful farming operation to pass on to their children can often be wiped out when survivors often have to sell large portions of the assets just to pay the estate taxes due. Likewise, if capital gains taxes increase to 20 percent retiring farmers wanting to sell their farming assets would need to raise their selling price just to recover the tax burden cost. Both scenarios make it very difficult and expensive for young and beginning farmers to secure the assets to begin a successful farming operation.

Taxes can also play a significant role in reducing demand for legal products farmers produce. Tobacco production still plays a significant role in Kentucky agriculture, but increases in taxes on tobacco products threatens the industry’s viability.

### **1. What estate tax reform plan would you support?**

**RAND PAUL:** I support full repeal of the death tax. Not a lower rate, not a temporary repeal. Full, permanent repeal with a zero percent rate, now and forever. This is a vile tax that hurts millions of small businessmen.

**JACK CONWAY:** Now, in the depths of this economic crisis, is not the time to raise taxes on individuals and their estates. I supported the Bush tax cuts in 2002 and I support extending the Bush tax cuts now, including for estates.

### **2. How do you feel the sale of agricultural land should be handled under the capital gains tax if the land stays in agricultural production?**

**RAND PAUL:** I support lower capital gains taxes for investments like farmland and would keep the current reduction in capital gains tax in place.

**JACK CONWAY:** Keeping farmland as farmland is important for a strong agriculture industry in Kentucky and the entire country. In the Senate, I would work with the Farm Bureau to look at incentives for keeping land in agricultural use.

### **3. Would you support additional taxes on tobacco as a means to fund various Federal programs?**

**RAND PAUL:** I do not support additional taxes on tobacco. Our government has a spending problem, not a taxing problem. I will not support tax increases to finance additional spending.

**JACK CONWAY:** Again, the depths of an economic crisis is not the time to raise taxes. I also support efforts to protect Kentucky tobacco growers from ill-conceived U.N. rules that would effectively ban the sale of Kentucky burley tobacco.

## **IMMIGRATION & FARM LABOR**

Farmers routinely face a shortage of workers to perform labor on many aspects of production often placing in jeopardy the planting or harvesting of perishable crops. Often, migrant workers are the only group willing to perform many tasks, but securing legal workers can be a bureaucratic nightmare. The H-2A program is utilized by many Kentucky farmers to secure laborers for tobacco production but it is in dire need of simplification and reform. Domestic laborers simply are not available, or do not want to perform the tasks required with many agricultural jobs.

### **1.What legislative reforms would you support to help farmers secure a willing, legal workforce?**

**JACK CONWAY:** Any work on immigration must first focus on



Rand Paul (left) and Jack Conway (far right) participated in a policy forum with KFB Directors. KFB President Mark Haney presided.

securing our borders. Comprehensive immigration reform must ensure that people who work are authorized to do so. I will work with the agriculture industry on how to have an adequate source of labor when citizens and lawful permanent residents are not enough.

**RAND PAUL:** I believe our immigration policy in this country is broken. We need to secure our border and eliminate illegal immigration. But we also need to allow for documented, legal workers to fill jobs in our country if those jobs cannot be filled with American workers.

### **2. How can the H-2A program, or similar program, be revised to make it easier, and more cost effective, for Kentucky farmers to utilize?**

**JACK CONWAY:** The H-2A program is important to securing a steady labor supply if there are not enough citizens and lawful permanent residents to meet labor demand. The program should be streamlined and paperwork should be reduced, and I look forward to working with agriculture to help realize that goal.

**RAND PAUL:** I will review all temporary worker programs to make sure they work for Kentucky's farms and other small businesses while protecting American workers who are seeking jobs.

### **3. What additional efforts would you support to help farmers be able to secure the necessary labor to produce our country's food, fiber and energy?**

**JACK CONWAY:** I understand the importance of a steady labor force for our agriculture industry and look forward to working with the Farm Bureau on ways to improve the number of citizens and lawful permanent residents, in addition to seasonal workers, who are available to aid with the workload.

**RAND PAUL:** I will vote against special favors to organized labor and wage controls that unfairly hurt farmers.

## **U.S. SENATE CANDIDATE INDEPENDENT**

**Name:** Billy Ray Wilson

**Birth date:** September 21, 1943

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# Kentucky Congressional Contests

## CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT 1



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**Professional Honors:** Air Force honors, Sales awards  
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(R)**

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## CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT 3



**JOHN YARMUTH  
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**Committee assignments:** Ways and Means; Budget  
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**Committee assignments:** Ways and Means, Trade and Select Reserve Measures Subcommittee  
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## INDEPENDENT CANDIDATE MICHAEL HANSON



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MARTIN (L)**

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**Degree in Business Administration, Eastern Kentucky University**  
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CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT 5

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**HAL ROGERS (R)**  
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Occupation:

Incumbent U.S. Congressman.  
**Committee assignments:**  
Appropriations, Subcommittee on Defense, Subcommittee on Homeland Security, Republican Steering Committee  
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Birthplace: Versailles  
Current residence: Versailles  
Education: Law Degree, University of

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Birthplace: Lexington  
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Law Degree, UK  
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**RANDOLPH S. VANCE**  
**C. WES COLLINS**

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CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT 6

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# Kentucky State Senate

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**2<sup>ND</sup> DISTRICT**

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(BALLARD, MCCRACKEN, MARSHALL)

**I – Bob Leeper** (Paducah)

**D – Rex Smith** (Paducah)

**R – William Michael East** (Kevil)

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**6<sup>TH</sup> DISTRICT**

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(HOPKINS, OHIO, MUHLENBERG)

**D – Jerry Rhoads** (Madisonville)

**R – Jack Whitfield Jr.** (Madisonville)

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**8<sup>TH</sup> DISTRICT**

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(DAVIESS, MCLEAN)

**D – David Boswell** (Owensboro)

**R – Joe Bowen** (Owensboro)

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**10<sup>TH</sup> DISTRICT**

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(HARDIN)

**D – Dennis Parrett** (Elizabethtown)

**R – Elizabeth Tori** (Radcliff)

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**12<sup>TH</sup> DISTRICT**

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(FAYETTE)

**R – Alice Forgy Kerr** (Lexington)

**D – Don Blevins** (Lexington)

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**18<sup>TH</sup> DISTRICT**

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(BRACKEN, ROBERTSON, MASON, LEWIS, CARTER, GREENUP)

**D – Robin Webb** (Grayson)

**R – Jack Ditty** (Flatwoods)

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**20<sup>TH</sup> DISTRICT**

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(BULLITT, SHELBY, SPENCER)

**R – Paul Hornback** (Shelbyville)

**D – David Eaton** (Shelbyville)

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**24<sup>TH</sup> DISTRICT**

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(CAMPBELL, PENDLETON)

**R – Katie Stine** (Southgate)

**D – Julie Smith-Morrow** (Newport)

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**26<sup>TH</sup> DISTRICT**

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(OLDHAM, TRIMBLE, CARROLL, HENRY, EAST JEFFERSON)

**R – Ernie Harris** (Crestwood)

**D – John Black** (LaGrange)

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**28<sup>TH</sup> DISTRICT**

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(CLARK, HARRISON, NICHOLAS, BOURBON, BATH, MONTGOMERY)

**D – R.J. Palmer** (Winchester)

**R – Ralph Alvarado** (Winchester)

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**30<sup>TH</sup> DISTRICT**

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(PERRY, LESLIE, BELL, HARLAN)

**R – Brandon Smith** (Hazard)

**D – Johnnie L. Turner** (Harlan)

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**32<sup>ND</sup> DISTRICT**

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(WARREN, BUTLER)

**D – Mike Reynolds** (Bowling Green)

**R – Mike Wilson** (Bowling Green)

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**34<sup>TH</sup> DISTRICT**

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(MADISON, LINCOLN, ROCKCASTLE)

**D – Lee Murphy** (Richmond)

**R – Jared Carpenter** (Berea)

**EVP – Donald Paul VanWinkle**  
(Berea)

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**36<sup>TH</sup> DISTRICT**

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(EASTERN JEFFERSON)

**R – Julie Denton** (Louisville)

**D – Rick Hiles** (Louisville)

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**38<sup>TH</sup> DISTRICT**

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(SOUTHERN JEFFERSON)

**R – Dan Seum** (Louisville)

**D – Marty Meyer** (Louisville)

# Kentucky House Districts

## 1st District

*Ballard, Carlisle, Fulton, Hickman Counties, part of McCracken County*  
 • Mike Lawrence (D-Paducah)  
 • Steven Jack Rudy (R-West Paducah)

## 4th District

*Caldwell, Crittenden, Livingston Counties, part of McCracken County*  
 • Mike Cherry (D-Princeton)  
 \* C. Lynn Bechler (R-Dycusburg)

## 5th District

*Calloway County, part of Trigg County*  
 • Melvin Henley (D-Murray)  
 • Corey McBee (R-Murray)

## 6th District

*Lyon, Marshall Counties, part of McCracken County*  
 • Will R. Coursey (D-Benton)  
 • Monti Collins (R-Benton)

## 10th District

*Part of Hopkins County*  
 • Michael Duncan (D-Dawson Springs)  
 • FL. "Ben" Waide (R-Madisonville)

## 11th District

*Part of Henderson County*  
 • David A. Watkins (D-Henderson)  
 • Paul DeSpain (R-Henderson)

## 13th District

*Daviess County*  
 • Jim Glenn (D-Owensboro)  
 • Ben Boarman (R-Owensboro)

## 14th District

*Ohio County, part of Daviess County*  
 • Tommy Thompson (D-Owensboro)  
 • Paul Estep (R-Owensboro)

## 16th District

*Logan, Todd Counties*  
 • Martha Jane King (D-Lewisburg)  
 • Larry Noe (R-Russellville)

## 17th District

*Butler, Grayson Counties, part of Hardin County*  
 • C.B. Embry, Jr. (R-Morgantown)  
 • Les Russell (D-Big Clifty)

## 19th District

*Edmonson, Hart, Larue Counties*  
 • Dottie J. Sims (D-Horse Cave)  
 • Michael Lee Meredith (R-Brownsville)

## 23rd District

*Barren County, part of Warren County*  
 • Johnny W. Bell (D-Glasgow)  
 • Pam Hodges Browning (R-Glasgow)

## 24th District

*Casey, Marion Counties, part of Pulaski County*  
 • Terry Mills (D-Lebanon)  
 • Leo Johnson (R-Liberty)

## 25th District

*Part of Hardin County*  
 • Jimmie Lee (D-Elizabethtown)  
 • Carl Lay (R-Elizabethtown)

## 26th District

*Part of Hardin County*  
 • Tim Moore (R-Elizabethtown)  
 • Allan Francis (D-Elizabethtown)

## 27th District

*Meade County, part of Hardin and Bullitt Counties*  
 • Jeff Greer (D-Brandenburg)  
 • Dalton Jantzen (R-Payneville)

## 28th District

*Part of Jefferson County*  
 • Charles W. Miller (D-Louisville)  
 • John Brewer (R-Louisville)

## 29th District

*Part of Jefferson County*  
 • Kevin D. Bratcher (R-Louisville)  
 • Dustin Wilcher (D-Louisville)

## 30th District

*Part of Jefferson County*  
 • Tom Burch (D-Louisville)  
 • Aaron Wilson (R-Louisville)

## 32nd District

*Part of Jefferson County*  
 • Julie Raque Adams (R-Louisville)  
 • Nellie Draus Stallings (D-Louisville)  
 • Matthew Linker (L-Louisville)

## 33rd District

*Part of Jefferson County*  
 • Ron Crimm (R-Louisville)  
 • Kim Greenwell (D-Louisville)

## 35th District

*Part of Jefferson County*  
 • Jim Wayne (D-Louisville)  
 • Michael P.W. Lewis (I-Louisville)

## 36th District

*Garrard County, part of Madison County*  
 • Lonnie Napier (R-Lancaster)  
 • Jerome Isaacs (D-Paint Lick)

## 37th District

*Part of Jefferson County*  
 • Jeffery Donohue (D-Fairdale)  
 • Wade Hurt (R-Louisville)

## 38th District

*Part of Jefferson County*  
 • Tim Firkins (D-Louisville)  
 • Mike Nemes (R-Louisville)

## 39th District

*Jessamine County*  
 • Robert R. Damron (D-Nicholasville)  
 • Peter Kerr (R-Wilmore)

## 41st District

*Part of Jefferson County*  
 • Tom Riner (D-Louisville)  
 • Nathan Haney (R-Louisville)

## 43rd District

*Part of Jefferson County*  
 • Darryl T. Owens (D-Louisville)  
 • George Conrad Dick (L-Louisville)

## 44th District

*Part of Jefferson County*  
 • Joni Jenkins (D-Shively)  
 • Gail Powers (R-Louisville)

## 45th District

*Part of Fayette County*  
 • Stan Lee (R-Lexington)  
 • Matthew Vanderpool (D-Lexington)

## 46th District

*Part of Jefferson County*  
 • Larry Clark (D-Louisville)  
 • Brian Simpson (R-Louisville)

## 47th District

*Carroll, Henry, Trimble Counties, part of Oldham County*  
 • Rick W. Rand (D-Bedford)  
 • Theodore Broecker (R-LaGrange)

## 49th District

*Part of Bullitt County*  
 • Linda Belcher (D-Shepherdsville)  
 • Russell Webber (R-Shepherdsville)

## 50th District

*Nelson County, part of Spencer County*  
 • David W. Floyd (R-Bardstown)  
 • Eddie O'Daniel (D-Bloomfield)



# Kentucky House Districts

## 55th District

*Anderson, Mercer Counties, part of Spencer County*  
 • Kent Stevens (D-Lawrenceburg)  
 • Kim King (R-Harrodsburg)

## 56th District

*Woodford County, parts of Fayette, Franklin Counties*  
 • Carl P. Rollins II (D-Midway)  
 • Lyen Crews (R-Versailles)

## 57th District

*Part of Franklin County*  
 • Derrick W. Graham (D-Frankfort)  
 • Frank Haynes (R-Frankfort)

## 60th District

*Part of Boone County*  
 • Sal Santoro (R-Florence)  
 • Sean McPhillips (I-Florence)

## 62nd District

*Scott County, part of Fayette County*  
 • Charlie Hoffman (D-Georgetown)  
 • Ryan Quarles (R-Georgetown)

## 67th District

*Part of Campbell County*  
 • Dennis Keene (D-Wilder)  
 • Roger Thoney (R-Highland Heights)

## 71st District

*Menifee, Morgan Counties, part of Rowan, Wolfe Counties*  
 • John Will Stacy (D-West Liberty)  
 • Christian Weigel (I-Morehead)

## 72nd District

*Bath, Bourbon, Nicholas Counties, part of Fayette County*  
 • Sannie Overly (D-Paris)  
 • Stephen West (R-Paris)

## 73rd District

*Clark County, part of Madison County*  
 • Don Pasley (D-Winchester)  
 • Donna Mayfield (R-Winchester)

## 74th District

*Montgomery, Powell Counties, part of Wolfe County*  
 • Richard D. Henderson (D-Jeffersonville)  
 • Jeff Moore (R-Mt. Sterling)

## 76th District

*Part of Fayette County*  
 • Ruth Ann Palumbo (D-Lexington)  
 • Richard Marrs (R-Lexington)

## 77th District

*Part of Fayette County*  
 • Jesse Crenshaw (D-Lexington)  
 • David Darnell (R-Lexington)

## 78th District

*Harrison, Pendleton, Robertson Counties, part of Campbell County*  
 • Thomas M. McKee (D-Cynthiana)  
 • Timothy Fairfield (R-Berry)

## 79th District

*Part of Fayette County*  
 • Susan Westrom (D-Lexington)  
 • Robert Thornsberry (C-Lexington)

## 81st District

*Part of Madison County*  
 • Rita Smart (D-Richmond)  
 • Tiffany Nash (R-Richmond)

## 87th District

*Bell County, part of Harlan County*  
 • Rick Nelson (D-Middlesboro)  
 • Barry Carnes (R-Middlesboro)

## 91st District

*Breathitt, Estill, Lee Counties*  
 • Ted "Teddy" Edmonds (D-Jackson)  
 • Mike Bryant (R-Jackson)  
 • Mark Wireman (I-Jackson)

## 92nd District

*Knott, Magoffin Counties, part of Letcher County*  
 • John Short (D-Hindman)  
 • Ruby Edward Couch (R-Mallie)

## 93rd District

*Part of Pike County*  
 • W. Keith Hall (D-Phelps)  
 • Raul Torres Urias II (R-Phyllis)

## 94th District

*Parts of Harlan, Letcher, Pike Counties*  
 • Leslie A. Combs (D-Pikeville)  
 • Roger Dean Ford (R-Pikeville)

## 95th District

*Part of Floyd County*  
 • Gregory D. Stumbo (D-Prestonsburg)  
 • James Alan Williams (R-Banner)

## 96th District

*Carter, Lewis Counties*  
 • Jill York (R-Grayson)  
 • David Hayes (D-Grayson)

## 97th District

*Johnson, Martin Counties, parts of Floyd County*  
 • Hubert Collins (D-Wittensville)  
 • Bill Mike Runyon (R-Paintsville)

## 100th District

*Part of Boyd County*  
 • Kevin P. Sinnette (D-Ashland)  
 • Cheryl Wooten Spriggs (R-Ashland)

# AFBF ANNUAL MEETING IS JANUARY 9-12

OCTOBER | KENTUCKY FARM BUREAU NEWS

**M**ike Rowe, the creator and executive producer of Discovery Channel's Emmy®-nominated series Dirty Jobs with Mike Rowe, will deliver the keynote address to AFBF's 92nd annual meeting on January 10 in Atlanta. More than 5,000 Farm Bureau members from across the nation are expected to attend the annual meeting set for January 9-12.

A champion of farmers and ranchers and other hard-working Americans, Rowe has spent years traveling the coun-

try, working as an apprentice on more than 250 jobs that most people would go out of their way to avoid. Rowe knows how to get his hands dirty and has worked in just about every industry, including many agriculture jobs.

"We are excited to have Mike Rowe as our keynote speaker," said AFBF President Bob Stallman. "Like farmers and ranchers, he's not afraid to roll-up his shirt sleeves and get his hands dirty. Mike understands that most things that contribute to our standard of living are the result of someone else's hard work, dedication and skill, not magic. I think Farm

Bureau members will get a lot out of his message."

Some of Rowe's Dirty Jobs have included apprenticing as a large animal veterinarian, cow feed lot worker, dairy cow midwife, rice plantation worker, egg producer, and a farmer for goats, pigs, turkeys, potatoes, and sugar cane.

In furtherance of his support of farming, Rowe is doggedly highlighting the issues facing America's farming community through his website and specifically on his blog "The Future of Farming" ([www.mikeroweworks.com/2010/08/the-future-of-farming/](http://www.mikeroweworks.com/2010/08/the-future-of-farming/)).



## FIELD DAY . . .

Second District Congressman Brett Guthrie (fourth from left) discussed farm issues with more than 80 KFB members from seven counties at a meeting held at Chuck Crutcher's farm near Rineyville. Here, the Congressman chats with KFB Directors (from left) Fritz Giesecke, Pat Henderson, Danny Wilkinson and Larry Thomas. Chuck Crutcher, a Hardin County FB Director, is holding his grandson.

## A TIME FOR "BEEFS" . . .

Fourth District Congressman Geoff Davis spoke to KFB members at the livestock marketing center in Owenton.



## C O U N T Y A N N U A L M E E T I N G S

### ANDERSON COUNTY

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

### BOYD COUNTY

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

### BOURBON COUNTY

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

### BRACKEN COUNTY

Date: October 12, 7:30 p.m.  
Place: Extension Office

### BREATHITT COUNTY

Date: October 15, 6:00 p.m.  
Place: LBJ School

### BRECKINRIDGE COUNTY

Date: October 19, 6:00 p.m.  
Place: BCHS Commons

### CLAY COUNTY

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

### FRANKLIN COUNTY

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

### JEFFERSON COUNTY

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

### 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

### MARION COUNTY

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

### MASON COUNTY

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

### MORGAN COUNTY

Date: October 21, 6:00  
Place: Extension Office

### NELSON COUNTY

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

### PULASKI COUNTY

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

### TAYLOR COUNTY

Date: October 11, 6:00 p.m.  
Place: Middle School Cafeteria

# ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETINGS



Members of the Energy and Transportation Committee visited the control center during a tour of the East Kentucky Power Company's Spurlock Station near Maysville. Second from right is Committee Chairman David Campbell, a KFB Director from Lincoln County.

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:

## DAIRY

This committee met at the Washington County Extension Office before taking a tour of the nearby Bluegrass Dairy Products facility. Washington County Extension Agent Rick Greenwell welcomed the committee. He said that during his many years in the county the number of dairy farms has plunged from more than 120 to just nine. "It's just a tragedy that our national policies would do that," Greenwell said after noting that many left the business under the buyout program in the 1980s.

Greenwell praised KFB, saying: "I want to tell you how much I appreciate Farm Bureau – they mean so much to our counties."

Shawn Clark, Deputy Director of the

Kentucky Agricultural Statistics Service, was the first presenter, explaining the operation of the USDA survey of dairy product prices. USDA Milk Marketing Administrator Harold Friedly Jr. and colleague Jason Nierman spoke about the federal milk marketing order system, going into detail as to how basic formula prices are determined. Nierman acknowledged that under guidelines established in the 2006 farm bill, the milk pricing formula favors the upper Midwest states, to the detriment of Kentucky and other southeast states.

Friedly noted that Kentucky is the only state within three federal orders, with 80 percent of production within an area that also includes Indiana, North Carolina, South Carolina, Tennessee and Virginia. Kentucky ranks 27th among the states in milk production but is 46th in per-cow production. The state has gone from 206,000 milk cows in 1990 to about 84,000 currently, he said.

Kentucky's milk production is down about 18 million pounds from five years ago and remains a milk-deficit state, with

about 30 percent of its milk shipped in. Kentucky has eight processing plants and 90 percent of the milk from its farms is shipped less than 85 miles for processing, according to Friedly.

Committee members Joe Paul Mattingly (A KFB Director from Marion County) and Stacy Sidebottom commented that farm milk prices would be higher if all production went for fluid milk processing.

In response to a question, Friedly explained that the federal pricing strategy currently is under review by a national commission.

The next report came from Eric McClain, Executive Director of the Kentucky Division of the Southeast United Dairy Industry Association (SUDIA). He mentioned that SUDIA's district meetings are coming up in November. He said product partnerships are proving to be beneficial in moving dairy products into trade. One example is McDonald's "McCafe" program which has spurred their milk purchases.

McClain said statistics show that prod-

uct partnerships are helping dairy sales more than the "Got Milk?" campaign did.

Eunice Schlappi, dairy specialist for the Kentucky Department of Agriculture, spoke about plans for a six-day dairy tour that includes a stop at the World Dairy Expo in Madison, Wisconsin. (KFB is co-sponsoring the tour) Mac Stone of KDA gave an update on the Kentucky Milk Commission.

State Veterinarian Dr. Robert Stout gave an update on the new Kentucky Livestock Standards Commission and efforts to make mandatory the animal identification program.

Kentucky Dairy Development Council President Jim Sidebottom and colleague Denise Jones, a Marion County producer who's a member of the committee, spoke about the organization's producer programs. Sidebottom and Committee Chairman Terry Rowlett, a KFB Director from Henry County, spoke about a dairy producer conference they attended in Tennessee involving producers from 13 southeastern states.

The conference, they explained, was to explore interest in a producer organization for the southeast.

Chris Thompson of UK's Regulatory Services Division spoke about the division's role with the dairy industry. Some regulatory changes are in store, but will be slowly implemented due to staff shortages, he said.

The group had lunch prepared by members of the Washington County Cattlemen's Association. The cooking team included Washington County Judge-Executive John Settles and Circuit Clerk George Graves. Also joining the meeting was State Representative Mike Harmon of Danville, who later in the meeting used his Blackberry to assist in researching some background information on a policy issue.

After lunch Rowlett and KFB National Affairs Director L. Joe Cain spoke about efforts to reach a consensus on national dairy policy. Both men noted that dairy was the hot topic for the policy session at this year's AFBF annual meeting.

Rowlett, who serves on the Board of Directors of the Dairy Farmers of America, expressed concern that the movement to reform the dairy program "might slow down now that prices are rising."

But, he added: "We've got to somehow reach a consensus."

Said Cain: "The southeast needs to have a voice in this."

Turning to policy, the committee recommends language supporting the "Fuel Up To Play 60" program plus the utilization of plastic milk containers in the schools. The group also advocates a clear definition of milk in order to deal with a Food and Drug Administration plan for separating milk from soymilk, silk, muscle milk and like products.

## EQUINE

Chaired by KFB Director Alex Barnett of Harrison County, this committee met at the Fayette County Extension Office after touring the Rood and Riddle Equine Hospital.

UK equine specialist Dr. Robert Coleman opened with an overview of programs. The Equine Science and Management Degree program has 169 students this fall, including 64 freshmen. Started in 2007, the program has had 12 graduates. It is only the third program of its kind in the nation, Dr. Coleman reported.

He also touched on improvements to the Maine Chance Farm, the 4-H horse

program, a proposed partnership with the University of Louisville's Equine Business Program, the horse college for horse owners and UK's role with the World Equestrian Games.

Dr. Frank Dewayne Marcum then gave a report on the Equine Health and Welfare Council, noting that Committee Chairman Alex Barnett was appointed to the council. He said he hoped a long-term goal would be to establish regional centers for the care of abandoned horses.

State Veterinarian Dr. Robert Stout then explained the background of the legislation that established both the equine council and the Livestock Care Standards Commission.

Executive Director David Switzer reported on the Kentucky Thoroughbred Association's promotional and educational activities. He also addressed new owner initiatives.

A Kentucky Equine Education Project report was delivered by Executive Director Patrick Neely. He summarized how Kentucky horse racing has suffered from a competitive disadvantage with tracks in other states that boost purses and breeder's incentives with gaming revenues. The pro-



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posed “instant wagering” at Kentucky tracks would provide a minor boost, he said.

He also mentioned KEEP’s financial support for 4-H and FFA horse shows and that the organization would have a large display at the World Equestrian Games.

Next presenter was Ginny Grulke, Executive Director of the Kentucky Horse Council. She spoke about educational and promotional activities.

Dr. Stout then talked about disease control measures and the Animal Health Division’s plans for the World Equestrian Games. He said he was confident that the huge influx of foreign horses would not pose a threat of a disease spread to Kentucky equine.

In the policy review session, the committee recommends support for the Equine Health and Welfare Council plus to urge the General Assembly to adopt legislation that would put Kentucky’s equine industry on equal footing with other states.

## ENERGY AND TRANSPORTATION

This committee met at the East Kentucky Power Spurlock Station near Maysville. Spencer Barrett, Production Manager at Spurlock, gave an overview of East Kentucky Power and the operations at the Spurlock Power Station. Berry Mayfield, Corporate Strategy and External Affairs, Nick Comer, Media Relations, also provided information concerning the impact East Kentucky Power has on power generation and supply.

Daniel Yates from the Kentucky Association of Electric Cooperatives (KAEC) explained East Kentucky Power’s role in supplying electricity to Kentuckians and reviewed legislative issues his association is following. Pam Helton, representing Stan Lampe, Kentuckians for Better Transportation (KBT), discussed concerns KBT has on road maintenance funds. She noted there were more cars on the road but fewer dollars coming into the road fund because of higher fuel efficiency and more electric cars being produced.

Frank Moore, Director of the Department of Energy Development and Independence, told the group there were two primary driving forces relative to energy in Kentucky; the renewable fuel standard (RFS) and the renewable portfolio standard (RPS). He noted Kentucky consumes around 200 million gallons of ethanol as a result of the RFS where

nearly all Kentucky fuel contains 6-10 percent ethanol while we only produce approximately 35 million gallons.

Joe Cain gave an overview on the federal energy legislation currently being considered by Congress.

The committee reviewed the state and national policies relating to energy and transportation and four recommendations were made to the state resolutions committee for consideration.

## HORTICULTURE

Chairman Russell Poore, a KFB Director from Logan County, convened this committee at Kentucky State University’s Center for Sustainability of Farms and Families. Dr. Kimberly Holmes, Associate Director of Land Grant at KSU, welcomed the group and explained the background and purpose of the \$5 million facility that opened in June. Farm Manager Eddie Reed outlined some projects and then program coordinator Kara Keeton gave an update on KFB’s Certified Roadside Farm Markets program.

Ms. Keeton and committee members Ottie Pantle and Robert Stone spoke about the Kentucky Horticulture Council’s current agenda. KFB Commodities Director Susan Tanner addressed a problem market operators have had with the worker’s compensation requirements. The State Department of Worker’s Claims has cited several farmers for failing to cover retail workers who also do farmwork, which is under the exemption, she said.

KFB has expressed concern about this confusing situation to the Governor’s office, she added.

Committee member George Gagel said he was among those involved in the state inspections of markets. “It’s a nightmare,” Gagel said about the confusion surrounding interpretation of the state worker’s comp requirements.

Poore gave an update on the National Fruit and Vegetable Industry Advisory Committee that he was appointed to earlier this year. He said the committee was planning to make several key recommendations to the Secretary of Agriculture relative to farm labor programs and the school lunch program. The committee, Poore said, “was shocked to learn how much imported food goes into the school lunch program.” It wants a preference given to domestic foods, he added.

Turning to state policy, the committee recommends that all farm markets be under the ag workers exemption for worker’s comp. It also recommends that the Fish and Wildlife Department establish target populations for deer, elk and bear and then ensure that they are not exceeded; that KFB, KDA and the Kentucky Department of Education work in tandem to develop curriculum for ag education; and that NRCS provide funding for high tunnel structures statewide.



The Horticulture Committee met at Kentucky State University’s new Center for Sustainability.

## FORAGE

This committee met at the Barren County Extension Office so that members could attend a nearby field day conducted by the Kentucky Forage and Grasslands Council. Kimberly Field of KDA gave the first report, addressing the hay testing program. UK Extension Forage Specialist Dr. Garry Lacefield then gave a report on various programs and projects, emphasizing the grazing school and conferences.

Committee Chairman David McGlone, a KFB Director from Carter County, led a discussion about the proposed agenda for the forage conference at the upcoming KFB annual meeting. The committee approved three topics for the conference, (1) a KFGC report, (2) forage livestock

programs supported by the state's ag development initiative, and (3) bloat control.

One policy recommendation was approved: To encourage private industry to administer a feasible program for insuring forage crops and pasture.

## ECONOMIC AND MARKET DEVELOPMENT

Jeff Jones, Director of Rural Business and Cooperative Programs, USDA Rural Development, provided the committee with an overview of some of his agency's programs, with a focus on energy efficiency programs. Mr. Jones reported that the "Know Your Farmer, Know Your Food" initiative has been a success. KFB President Mark Haney discussed the issue of dead animal removal and its potential impact on the agricultural economy; he encouraged Jones and the USDA to explore possible solutions for this problem.

Roger Thomas, Executive Director of the Governor's Office of Agriculture Policy, stressed the importance of ensuring adequate funding for the Ag Development Board's programs. He also noted that energy efficiency programs are a successful economic development tool with long lasting results. The GOAP and the Kentucky Department of Energy have worked cooperatively on energy efficiency programs.

Russell Harper, Executive Director, Kentucky Council of Area Development Districts, explained KCADD structure and its various projects and initiatives to the committee. He stressed that KCADD is unique in that the point of entry is at the local level.

Larry Snell, Kentucky Center for Agriculture and Rural Development, noted that the relationship between the Kentucky Department of Agriculture, KCARD, and other organizations is very strong and results in economic development and job creation. KCARD has found that clients may be successful at production, but often need help with business planning and accounting in order to make the enterprise a success.

Don Goodin, Kentucky Cabinet for Economic Development, reported that even though there is not a lot of new business development activity in the state, there are quite a few expansions happening. The Cabinet is working with the

Kentucky Department of Agriculture to incentivize agricultural businesses, including a proposed 4,000-head dairy.

Bruce Harper, Kentucky Department of Agriculture, discussed the growth of Kentucky Proud and reported that the Farm-to-School Food Program currently includes 45 school districts. He reported the department is working with a reduced budget and smaller staff.

The committee recommends that KFB's Board of Directors make the dead animal removal issue a priority issue for the organization for 2011.

KFB Director Alex Barnett of Harrison County is chairman of this committee.

## POLITICAL EDUCATION

This group, chaired by KFB Director and past president Marshall Coyle of Bath County, met at KFB's Frankfort office. Al Cross, Director of the UK Institute for Rural Journalism and Community Issues, provided an overview of the political landscape relative to local, state and federal electoral races.

Secretary of State Trey Grayson discussed the dynamics of the upcoming

election on General Assembly races, federal races and election trends in general. Secretary Grayson reviewed voting procedures that will be used across Kentucky for the upcoming election, noting many counties were moving toward a paper-type ballot. He also reviewed the MOVE Act that would help expedite the process for the military and other citizens serving overseas to apply for, and receive, absentee ballots.

Roger Thomas, Executive Director of the Governor's Office of Agriculture Policy (GOAP), discussed the agency's activities.

KFB National Affairs Director L. Joe Cain provided the committee a review of the October 2009 and February 2010 Campaign Management Seminar (CMS) and discussed how the seminar helps prepare candidates for their candidacies. Cain also reviewed the Measure-the-Candidate program and provided the committee with materials that are made available to county Farm Bureau's to assist with Get-Out-The-Vote campaigns.

The group reviewed the state and national policies but had no recommendations.

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# A good mix

Diversity keeps the workers busy at Paschall Farms

Article and Photos By Walt Reichert

Above, Mark Paschall checks his tobacco. Inset, tobacco and mums mix at the Paschall Farm in Calloway County. Opposite page, Mark and his brother, Mitch, employ 21 H-2A workers to handle tobacco and other crops.

**I**t was a hot, dry summer in western Kentucky but thanks to irrigation, the watermelons and cantaloupes grew abundantly on Paschall Farms near Murray.

It was still hot and dry in mid-September as teams of Hispanic workers hanged dark-fired and burley tobacco in the Paschall barns. But the crop was productive. Mark Paschall said he grew some of the best dark tobacco ever – again, thanks to water from irrigation ponds dug on the farm.

The Paschall brothers – Mitch and Mark – have learned to handle much of what Mother Nature can throw at them as they operate a diversified farm that includes melons, tobacco, vegetables, nursery stock and row crops. But those high-value crops demand considerable labor, and American workers show little interest in working the fields, farmers say. So for the past 21 years, the Paschalls have hired migrant workers

from Mexico under the federal government's H-2A program.

But farmers say H-2A can be a bigger pain than Mother Nature. They say it's too expensive, overly burdened with regulations and a moving target that introduces new rules and requirements every year. And while the Bush administration relaxed some of the rules and cut back costs, Obama administration rules will drive up costs and increase regulatory burdens, according to farmers like the Paschalls.

"We need a farmer-friendly program, a simple program that works, that doesn't change from year-to-year," Mark Paschall said. "We're a political ping pong ball that gets bounced around, kicked around."

Paschall serves on the board for Calloway County FB and often has been a critic of farm labor guidelines as a member of KFB's Farm Labor Advisory Committee. He is highly knowledgeable of federal and

state farm worker guidelines.

Grandparents Leonard and Clara Paschall bought 40 acres of land in southwestern Calloway County in 1911 and moved onto the farm in 1912. Their dad

corn, soybeans and wheat.

The seedless watermelons produce about 10,000 fruits per acre. That's a lot of bending and lifting at harvest time. It's work farmers haven't been able to hire out



added another 60 acres. Mark and Mitch bought and traded for more land, and now have about 300 contiguous acres; they rent another 200 acres nearby.

In 2010, the farm grew 68 acres of tobacco, 20 dark-fired and 48 burley. The Paschalls have a contract for the dark tobacco with the Conwood Corp. and a contract with Philip Morris USA for the burley.

Paschall Farms specializes in small, seedless watermelons, and this year they grew 30 acres of that crop, which is sold through a broker in Lakeland, Florida. The melons are shipped as far west as Denver, as far north as Portland, Maine and Minneapolis, as far south as Miami "and everywhere in between," Mark said.

"People don't think about shipping melons to Florida or the deep South," he said. "But in the summer it gets too hot down there to grow them."

The farm also has another 20 acres of cantaloupes, tomatoes, peppers and strawberries. All of the fruits and vegetables are grown with black plastic and drip irrigation. Mitch is in charge of 20 acres of nursery stock production, including trees in pots, mums, bedding plants and tobacco plants for sale to other farmers grown in the field and in six greenhouses.

The Paschalls sell almost all of the fruits, vegetables and plants wholesale. They also produce about 300 acres of

locally, Mark said.

And despite spending thousands of dollars on advertising – required under H-2A program rules – they've had only three or local workers apply to help. And the best of those hired lasted only a few months.

Lack of local labor is not just a dilemma in western Kentucky. Shelby County tobacco farmer Paul Hornback, who has used the H-2A program for 16 years, said that in spite of spending \$1,500 to \$1,800 per year in advertising he has never had an application from a local worker.

In 2010, 538 Kentucky farms, mostly tobacco farms, applied for workers through the H-2A program this year, according to Jeff Gatewood, program director for the state's H-2A. Those 538 farms applied for 4,529 workers, Gatewood said.

Under the rules of the H-2A program, farmers must guarantee the workers at least 30 hours per week at a government-set wage. Farmers must also pay workers' transportation to and from Mexico, provide government-inspected housing and utilities and furnish the use of a vehicle for trips into town.

But while the farmers need the workers, they say the government has made the H-2A program increasingly expensive and burdensome.

Among the program provisions they object to:

- **Wage rates** – The government uses an antiquated Adverse Effect Wage Rate, Mark Paschall said, a rate that worked in the 1940s when it began but is no longer relevant to today's farm operations.

Because of changes made by the Bush administration, that rate was lowered to \$7.00 per hour for the past two years but will jump to \$9 an hour next year because of Obama administration rules. Paschall said the real cost of hiring a migrant worker, after expenses are included, was between \$11 and \$13 per hour this year and last but will jump to \$12.50 to \$15 per hour next year. Paschall said he also objects to new Obama administration rules which would allow wage rates to be changed during the contract year.

- **The 50 percent rule** – Mark said one of his primary objections to H-2A is the government rule that requires the farmer to hire any eligible local worker who applies up until at least 50 percent of the contract. Under the law, the farmer must take on the local worker even though he is sure the employee will likely work a few days at best.

"I know the rule is designed to protect American workers, and I'm all for that," Mark said. "But Americans don't want these jobs, and what am I going to do with this Mexican worker, send him back home?"

- **Burdensome paperwork** – The Paschalls have to hire an agent to help fill out the complicated paperwork required to bring in H-2A workers. And the paperwork has to be exact and filled out every year.

- **Enforcement** – Mark Paschall said farmers now have to deal with two agencies, the Wage and Hour Division and the Employment Training Administration, for inspections of the housing, which can happen at any time. And the rules among the agencies are inconsistent, Paschall said.

Paschall said the bottom line is the program needs to be more responsive to farmers and administrators should consider farmers' experience with the program.

Hornback said the if the federal government would streamline the H-2A program and make it less expensive, there would be another benefit – fewer illegal workers in the U. S.

"If there was a way for farmers, landscapers, contractors and builders to get legal workers through H-2A, you'd see a whole lot fewer illegal immigrants in this country," Hornback said.

# PROCEED WITH CAUTION

"PEP RALLY" STRESSES ATV SAFETY TO SHELBY COUNTY STUDENTS



KFB Director Randy Chrisman of Anderson County spoke to the students about ATV safety. He is chairman of KFB's Safety and Rural Health Advisory Committee.

**K**FB participated in the recognition of the 67th observation of National Farm Safety & Health Week by helping to produce a "Pep Rally for Life" for the students of Shelby County High School. Held on the school's football field, the event stressed safety practices through a selection of exhibits featuring a full-scale mock ATV accident response. There also was a pep rally-oriented performance from the high school's choir, ROTC Color Guard, marching band and cheerleaders. Three students played the part of the victims, including Patrick Hargadon VI, son of the Shelby County FB Agency manager Pat Hargadon. Members of the Shelby County Fire and EMS portrayed the accident responders and Air Methods of Kentucky flew a helicopter onto the field and provided an airlift rescue for the victim.

"Most, if not all, of these students will someday have an opportunity to ride on an ATV," said Randy Chrisman, Chairman of KFB's Safety & Rural Health Advisory Committee, which had a meeting in con-



Agriculture Commissioner Richie Farmer presented a Farm Safety Week proclamation to Shelby County High School Principal Eddie Oakley.

junction with the event. "If this event can make students think twice about how to safely operate an ATV and we save just one life in the process, our time here will have been a huge success." According to the U.S. Consumer Product

Safety Commission reports, ATV safety is an important theme for Kentuckians. Kentucky currently ranks as the third-highest state for ATV fatalities in the most recent reporting period, 2006-2008, with 111 ATV-related deaths.

Across the United States, ATV accidents were responsible for 410 fatalities and an estimated 135,100 injuries in 2008 alone - nearly 38,000 of those injuries involving children under the age of 16. Awareness, attention to age-appropriate use, and education through efforts like National Farm Safety & Health Week are essential to decreasing the number of injuries and fatalities linked to ATV accidents.

While farm safety is an item of year-round importance to KFB, the organization joins farmers across the state and country each September to designate a week that focuses the nation's attention to the hazards of working in an agricultural setting. President Franklin D. Roosevelt saw the importance of such efforts when he signed the first National Farm Safety Week proclamation in 1944, and the week has been recognized by presidential proclamation from every president since then. Acting out those safe practices, however, is the responsibility of every individual.

"We encourage everyone to take safety seriously, whether riding an ATV, working on the farm or simply spending time around the home," added Chrisman. "No one looks for accidents, but we want people to get in the habit of looking for ways to avoid them."

Chrisman spoke briefly to the students,

affirming KFB's commitment to safety issues. Agriculture Commissioner Richie Farmer also addressed the young people and concluded by presenting a Safety Week proclamation to school principal Eddie Oakley. Farmer told the students that a basketball teammate at Clay County High School was killed in an ATV accident.

Program emcee was KDA safety specialist Dale Dobson, who has become

widely known for conducting such events to various audiences throughout the state. The number of farm fatalities has dropped dramatically since KDA stepped up its program years ago.

**Student "actors" portrayed the victims of a serious ATV accident. One was taken away in an ambulance and another was placed in a helicopter.**



**An EMS team loaded a mock ATV accident victim onto a helicopter that landed on the football field.**

# markets

by ED MCQUEEN



## Hog numbers are shrinking

According to the USDA Quarterly Hogs and Pigs Report, U.S. farms, as of September 1, 2010, had 64.99 million head of pigs, down 2.6 percent from a year ago; of these, 59.22 million were market hogs, or 97.3 percent of the year-ago inventory. The "kept for breeding" inventory of 5.77 million head is 1.8 percent less than September 2009 and 0.7 percentage points smaller than the average pre-report trade estimate. The recent rise in feed costs may limit expansion of the hog breeding herd.

Hog producers continue to improve the productivity of their herd. During June-August 2010, 9.81 pigs were saved per litter, compared to 9.70 pigs for June-August 2009. This 1.1 percent increase fell short of the 1.5 percent pre-report estimate and is the smallest year-on-year increase for a quarter since June-August 2007. More pigs per litter offset about half of the breeding herd reduction.

USDA forecasts average hog prices to average \$51-53 in the 4th-quarter, compared to \$59-60 in the 3rd-quarter and the \$59.60 average in the 2nd-quarter of 2010.

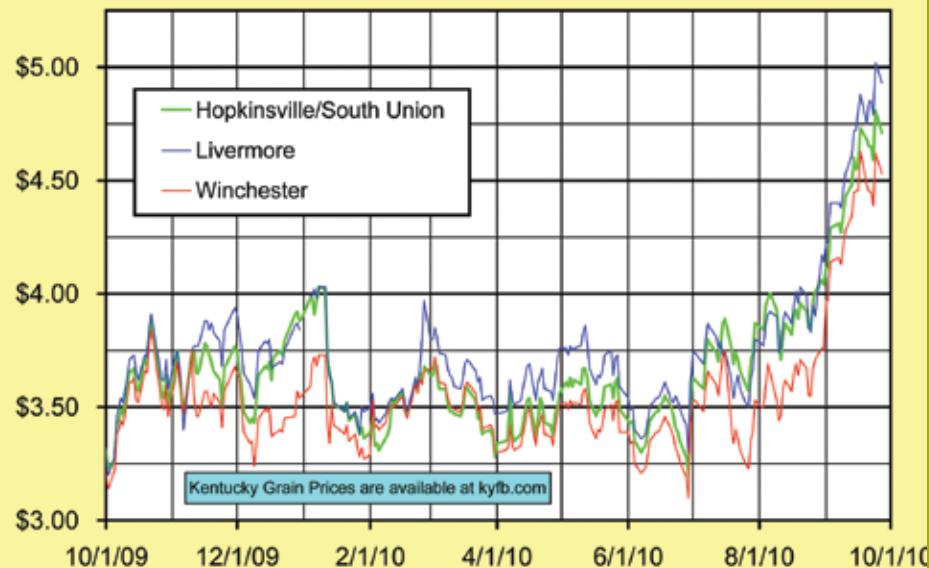
## Farm milk prices are steady

USDA expects the 2011 all-milk price to average nearly the same as this year's \$16.25-16.45 per cwt forecast, thanks to strong product prices. Cheese prices are expected to increase from \$1.53-1.55 per pound in 2010 to \$1.53-1.63 in 2011. Butter prices have soared this year due to strong demand for fats directing milk away from butter production. Butter is forecast at \$1.485-1.615 per pound in 2011; although this is high by historic standards, it's down from \$1.690-1.730 in 2010.

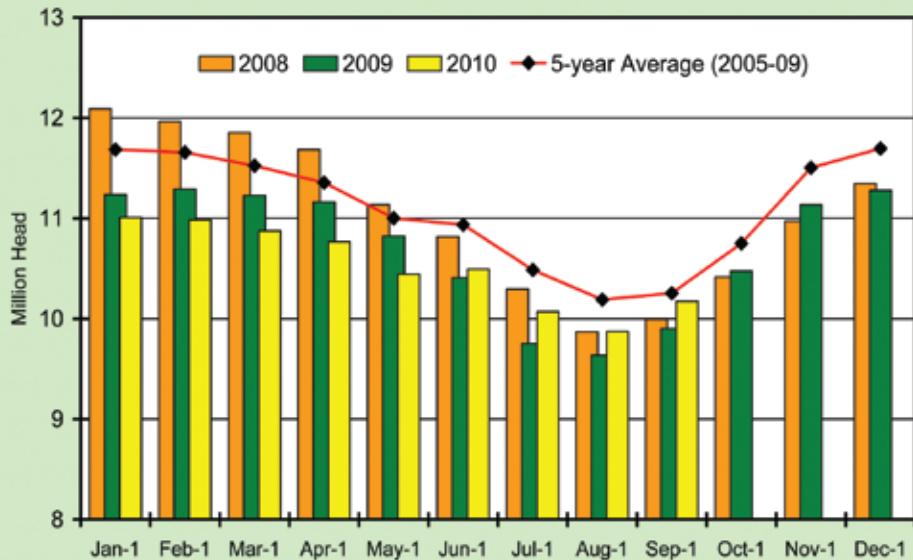
## Turkey production falls short

U.S. turkey meat production has been below year-earlier levels in 18 of the last 19 months. So far in 2010, U.S. turkey meat production has totaled 3.2 billion pounds, a 3.1 percent reduction from the same period in 2009. The USDA estimate for 2010 production is 5.6 billion pounds, down two percent from 2009. A sluggish domestic economy and a considerable drop in exports in 2009 led turkey producers to reduce production. The decline in cold storage holdings has supported prices. In August, the national wholesale price for whole hen turkeys was \$0.97 per pound, 24 percent higher than a year ago and two cents higher than in July.

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## AFBF pushes for tax policy

AFBF and 29 other industry groups whose members file their tax returns as individuals is calling on Congress to keep the current income tax structure in place after it is set to expire at the end of this year.

The Obama administration has called for top rates to rise on income above \$200,000 a year for individuals and \$250,000 for couples, which represents a tax increase of about \$40 billion next year relative to where rates are now. It is estimated that the higher tax rate would impact roughly half of business- and farm-related income on individual tax returns.

Groups joining Farm Bureau in signing the letter include the National Association of Manufacturers, the U.S. Chamber of Commerce and others representing businesses as diverse as funeral directors and air-conditioning contractors.

## Specialty crop grants

Federal grant dollars will help Kentucky specialty crop producers market their products and will be used for research on alternative crops. The Kentucky Department of Agriculture was awarded a specialty crop block grant of \$273,262.60 from the U.S. Department of Agriculture. Specialty crops are defined as fruits, vegetables, tree nuts, dried fruits, horticulture and nursery crops, including floriculture.

The Department will use some grant funds to partner with the University of Kentucky to create and disseminate recipe cards featuring specialty crops, test the effectiveness of organic production techniques on post-harvest storage life of fruit, construct high tunnels to gather data on crop rotations, and investigate asparagus and persimmon production.

## Writing and art contest is underway

Students in grades 1-12 are encouraged to submit creative writing and artistic entries for the annual Conservation Writing and Art Contests sponsored by KFB and the Kentucky Association of Conservation Districts. This year's competition, featuring a Writing Contest for grades 6-12 and the Jim Claypool Conservation Art Contest for grades 1-5, is themed "Kentucky's Soil: All Hands In." While creativity is a key component to the contests, students will be challenged to think about the environment around them and the efforts they can take to help preserve it. Participants are tasked to share their ideas through short essays and artwork, persuading their readers and viewers to take action toward good soil conservation.

County-level winners receive a \$25 award, regional winners get \$50 and the state winners collect \$250 for first place, \$150 for second place and \$50 for third place.

Entries must be received at the student's local conservation district office by December 1. To learn more about the contests and download resource materials - including a teacher's guide, contest entry form and report forms - visit [kyfb.com/federation](http://kyfb.com/federation) or [conservation.ky.gov](http://conservation.ky.gov).

## CRP enrolls 4.3 million acres

Agriculture Secretary Tom Vilsack announced that USDA will accept 4.3 million acres offered by landowners under the Conservation Reserve Program (CRP) general sign-up. The selections preserve and enhance environmentally sensitive lands, including wetlands, while providing payments to property owners.

For this 39th general sign-up more than 50,000 offers were received on more than 4.8 million acres, nationwide. Enrollment of the 4.3 million acres will keep the program enrollment close to the 32 million acre statutory cap, which will maintain and enhance the significant environmental benefits the program has already achieved. CRP's 39th signup will bring the total enrollment in the program to 31.2 million acres, leaving sufficient room under the 32 million acre cap to continue enrollment in the Conservation Reserve Enhancement Program, continuous signup and other CRP initiatives through FY 2011.

Under CRP, farmers and ranchers plant grasses and trees in crop fields and along streams or rivers. The plantings reduce soil and nutrients from washing into waterways, reduce soil erosion that may otherwise contribute to poor air and water quality, and provide valuable habitat for wildlife. Plant cover established on the acreage accepted into the CRP will reduce nutrient and sediment runoff in our nation's rivers and streams. The CRP has restored more than two million acres of wetlands and associated buffers and reduced soil erosion by more than 400 million tons per year.

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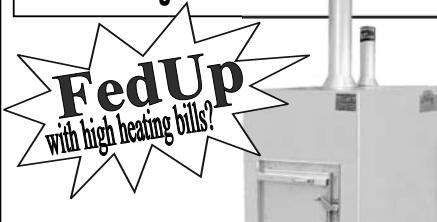
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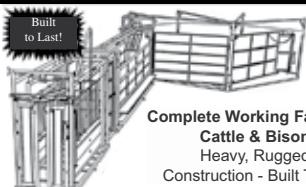
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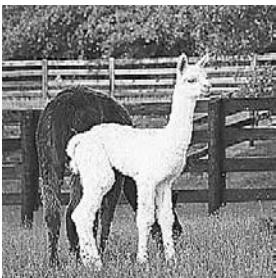
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