



ACTION REQUEST

January 2, 2013

LEGISLATIVE REPORT NO. 1 – 2013 KENTUCKY GENERAL ASSEMBLY

The 2013 Session of the Kentucky General Assembly is set to begin on Tuesday, January 8 with Part I and adjourn on Friday, January 11. Part II of the session will convene on Tuesday February 5 and adjourn on Monday, March 11. The General Assembly will then recess for a ten-day veto period which is scheduled to begin on March 12 and the legislature is scheduled to adjourn sine die on March 26.

Most of the ***Legislative Action Requests*** you will receive throughout the upcoming session will give Farm Bureau's position on bills, along with an explanation of the bill and the policy to support our position. They will usually request that you contact your senator or representative regarding a particular issue. Contacting your member of the General Assembly is the key component of implementing our policy. These requests will be sent late in the week and we hope that you will help us implement your policy by using it to help contact your legislator when you receive it, and over the weekend. In addition to the mailed ***Legislative Action Requests***, an identical copy will be available at your county office, by e-mail. If you would like to receive this report by e-mail only, please contact the Public Affairs Division at 502.495.5121, or e-mail sara.stivers@kyfb.com.

A new addition to our legislative program this year is that all Legislative Action Requests will now be available through the recently launched Kentucky Farm Bureau App. The action alert feature of this app allows you to retrieve action requests and immediately contact your members of the General Assembly from your mobile device. Download the free app today from the iTunes App Store.

2013 LEGISLATIVE PROGRAM

The enclosed Kentucky Farm Bureau legislative priorities brochure was approved by the State Board of Directors following our 93rd Annual Meeting. Please acquaint yourself with its contents and keep it for reference throughout the session. We hope you will find it helpful as you discuss various legislative matters with your representative and senator during the months ahead. Your legislators will also receive our priority brochure - so be sure to discuss it with them.

HOW TO CONTACT YOUR LEGISLATORS

During the week, you may reach your representative and senator in Frankfort by calling 502.564.8100. If you do not desire to talk to your state legislator immediately or you just want to leave a message, you may dial toll-free 800.372.7181. An answering service will take your message for your representative or senator. The legislative calendar information line is 800.633.9650, the bill status line is 866.840.2835, and the Governor's office number is 502.564.2611. If you desire to write either your representative or senator, use the following address:

Senator/Representative _____
Capitol Annex, 702 Capitol Ave.
Frankfort, KY 40601

If you desire to e-mail your representative or senator, contact information for members of the General Assembly are found at:

<https://www.kyfb.com/media/files/fed/legislative-affairs/KentuckyGeneralAssembly.pdf>

Find your legislator and click on his or her name to access their e-mail address.

WHAT CAN YOUR COUNTY DO TO PREPARE FOR THIS LEGISLATIVE SESSION?

- (1) The month of January will be an excellent time to meet with your legislators and discuss priority issues. Then check each week’s legislative reports to monitor progress and continue to communicate with your legislator as issues begin to move through the system. Remember, action requests are just that - a **request** for you to call your senator or representative and ask for their support for our position.
- (2) Ask your county Legislative Action Committee to develop a schedule of meetings to plan further action, as the need arises during the session. It is important that you maintain personal contact with your senator and representative as Farm Bureau’s priority issues start to move through the legislative process. Several counties have weekly meeting times set up on Saturday mornings with their legislators.
- (3) Stay informed.....know about the issues and Farm Bureau’s position. **It takes everyone’s commitment for Farm Bureau to be successful!**

YOUR LOBBYISTS

Those who are registered to lobby for Kentucky Farm Bureau for the 2013 session are: Jeff Harper, extension 5104; Bryan Alvey, extension 7218; Tony Sholar, extension 5121; Beth Wisman, extension 5105; and David S. Beck, extension 5101. If you would like to call your lobbyists during the evening, call 502.352.4280 at the Frankfort headquarters or call 502.495.5000 and key in their extensions.

If you would like to contact one of your lobbyists during the day, please call Sara Stivers at 502.495.5121 and she will put you in touch with one of them.

KEEP ALL LEGISLATIVE ACTION REQUESTS FOR FUTURE USE

We suggest that you keep all copies of the Legislative Action Requests on file because, on occasion, we may refer to a previous report as a source of more details regarding an issue.

FUTURE DATES OF INTEREST

January 8 Part I.....	2013 General Assembly Convenes
January 21	Martin Luther King, Jr. Holiday
February 5 Part II.....	2013 General Assembly Convenes
February 8	Last Day for New Bill Request
February 15	Last Day for New Senate bills
February 18	President’s Day Holiday
February 19	Last Day for New House bills
March 8 & March 11	Concurrence only
March 12 – March 22.....	Veto Period
March 26.....	General Assembly, Sine Die

The Legislative Report and KFB’s Priority Issues will also be included on KFB’s app and KFB’s website at kyfb.com