

# JACKSON COUNTY FARM BUREAU NEWS

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## FOOD CHECK OUT WEEK CELEBRATED FEBRUARY 19-25, 2017

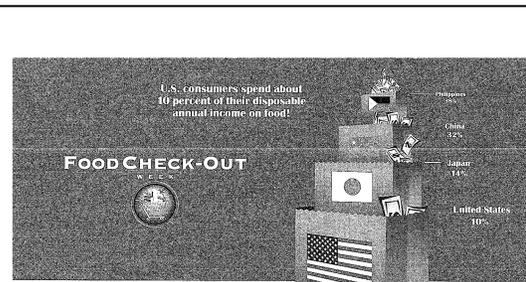
Food Check-Out week is celebrated annually by Kentucky Farm Bureau. This is the week each year that Americans have earned enough money to pay for their food for the entire year. According to the U.S. Department of Agriculture's Economic Research Service, American consumers spend, on average, just over 10 percent of their disposable income for food. That means the average household will have earned enough disposable income—that portion of income available for spending or saving – to pay for its annual food supply in about seven weeks (49 days). However, according to the Tax Foundation, Americans must work approximately 99 days to earn enough money to pay their federal income taxes.

To bring attention to the our farmers and ranchers and the affordable cost of food in the United States, Jackson County Farm Bureau celebrated Food Check-Out week by asking customers to come by the office to enter a drawing for a \$25 gift certificate to a local grocery store. The winners of the two gift certificates were Wendell Frye of McKee and Violet Caudill of Tyner.



VIOLET CAUDILL

WENDELL FRYE



Celebrating the Affordability of Food in America!

### Agricultural Facts

- The agriculture and food industries employ approximately 24 million people nationwide.
- U.S. agricultural exports generate more than \$100 billion in business activity annually.
- Almost 90 percent of U.S. farms are operated by families or individuals.
- Today's farmer – using less land, water and energy than previous generations – grows enough food and fiber to feed 154 people.
- When applied to calendar days, the average American earns enough income to pay for his entire year's supply of food in just seven weeks. By comparison, the same person must work until mid-April to pay for annual taxes. That's seven weeks for food and more than three months for taxes.
- According to Kentucky Farm Bureau's Marketbasket Survey data, the average retail food price of 40 basic grocery items in Kentucky has increased less than \$45 over the last 20 years.



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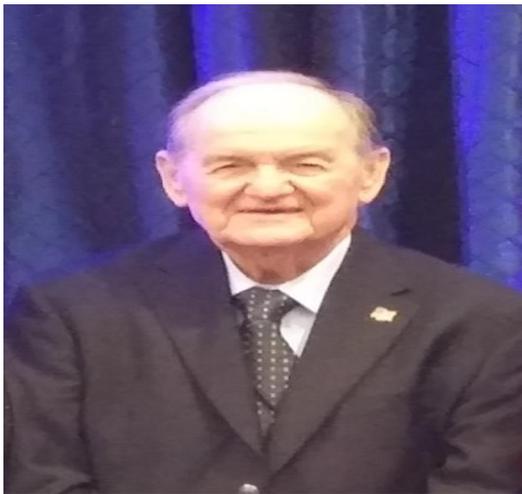
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**2017 PRESIDENT’S AND VICE-PRESIDENT’S CONFERENCE**

Kentucky Farm Bureau held their annual President’s and Vice Presidents conference on February 14th and 15th at the Galt House in Louisville.

Jackson County was represented by President, Harry Wilson. This year’s conference featured an update on member services, County Farm Bureau Tax and Business Update, and a session on social media for local Farm Bureau offices. There was also a report by the Public Affairs staff on State and National Priority Issues.



Jackson County Farm Bureau President, Harry Wilson

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**YOUNG FARMER CONFERENCE**

This year’s Young Farmer Conference was held on January 20-21 at the Cincinnati Marriott River Center in Covington, KY. The agenda included several very informative workshops along with a live auction to raise money for the Young Farmer Scholarship fund. Attendee’s had the opportunity to visit the Creation Museum or the Newport Aquarium. Jackson County’s Young Farmer Chairman, Doug Wilson and his wife Jennifer attended the conference.

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**WOMEN’S CONFERENCE**

Kentucky Farm Bureau held their annual Women’s Conference on March 10 -11, 2017. This year the conference was held in downtown Louisville. The Women’s Conference hosts volunteer women from around the state who work to promote agriculture and to educate the public concerning agriculture. Attending the conference was Jackson County Farm Bureau’s women’s chair, Phyllis Purvis.

The conference included several very informative workshops and a silent auction to help fund the women’s scholarship program.

Attendees were inspired by a heart-warming keynote presentation from nationally acclaimed artist Mitchell Tolle. Mr. Tolle’s rural Eastern Kentucky roots and his paintings and drawings of the faces and places of our state make him uniquely qualified to create KFB’s first ever accurate Ag Book, “The Most Wonderful Dream”. Copies of his book will be donated to each of Jackson County’s elementary school libraries by Jackson County Farm Bureau during Ag Literacy week in March, 2017.



MITCHELL TOLLE

### MEMBERSHIP BENEFITS

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 to quality of life for all.

Listed here are just some of the ways your membership money goes to work for you.

Ag in the Classroom reaches thousands of students each year through a variety of activities and instructional programs which highlight how Kentucky agriculture positively impacts their lives economically, environmentally and socially.

The Kentucky Young Farmer program focuses on providing leadership development opportunities for younger members of the organization and encourages its participants to be active member of their county Farm Bureau.

Kentucky Farm Bureau Education Foundation awards thousands of dollars in college scholarships each year to high school, college and non-traditional students with top-notch scholastic and leadership backgrounds.

Kentucky's top-rated lobbying team works on behalf of Farm Bureau members through each session of Kentucky's legislature and with interim committees that meet year-round.

A National Affairs staff works directly with Kentucky's congressional delegation and federal agencies on issues critical to the state's agricultural industry.

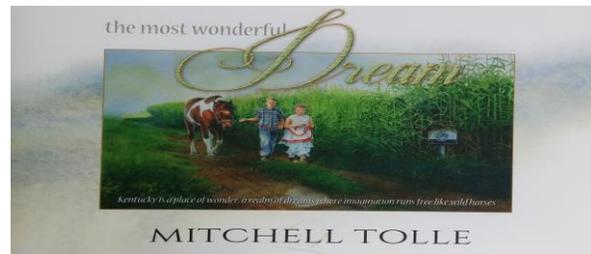
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### National Agriculture Day and Kentucky Ag Literacy Week

Kentucky Agriculture Literacy Week was scheduled for the week of March 19-25, 2017. This week is celebrated each year to help students understand how agriculture provides for our most basic needs and enriches our life economically, environmentally and socially. Farm Bureau volunteers were encouraged to visit elementary school classrooms across the state and read an ag-related book and talk to the students about the importance of agriculture in their everyday lives.

The approved Ag Book this year is Mitchell Tolle's new book, "the most wonderful Dream." This book will be donated to Elementary schools around the state.



5<sup>th</sup> grade students at Sand Gap Elementary with Jackson County Farm Bureau Women's Chair, Phyllis Purvis

### FARM SAFETY IN KENTUCKY

Recent statistics show that FARMING is one of the most dangerous occupations in the United States. Agriculture has the highest rate of occupational fatalities of any industry ..... more than five times the annual rate for all other workers.

The death rate in Kentucky agriculture is two to three times higher than the national average, primarily because of our high number of small tractors and tractor overturn deaths.

Tractor accident rates are so high in Kentucky due to the large number of farms with small tractors which are not equipped with ROPS (roll-over protection systems). This is compounded by the fact that these smaller tractors are generally used on steeper farm land.

The most effective way of saving lives is thru education and the use of ROPS (protective frames or cabs) on all tractors. ROPS are designed to withstand the forces of an overturn and will almost always prevent serious injury to an operator, particularly if a seat belt is worn.



Listed below are some general safety guidelines which can help to reduce the risk of tractor accidents on your farm.

All Operators should be physically and mentally fit for the task of operating a tractor.

All new operators should receive instructions on safe operation of each tractor and be made aware of potentially hazardous situations.

New operators, especially youth, should be closely supervised until they have demonstrated their skill and knowledge of safe tractor operation.

Before youth are allowed to operate a tractor, they should:

1. Be able to reach all controls comfortably from the operators seat.
2. Have maturity and judgement to recognize and anticipate potential hazards.
3. Have received instruction and training in operation and safety.

Read and follow the procedures outlined in the operator's manual and only use the tractor for its intended use.

Make a **NO RIDERS** policy on all tractors.

Never attempt to mount or dismount a moving tractor.

Keep others clear of the area during operation

Make sure that all PTO equipment is properly shielded.

By being aware and following a few safety rules we hope that your experience with your tractor will be a safe one.