

# JACKSON COUNTY FARM BUREAU NEWS

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## KENTUCKY FARM BUREAU'S ANNUAL MEETING AND CONVENTION IN LOUISVILLE, KY

**KENTUCKY FARM BUREAU** held their annual meeting at the Galt House in Louisville on November 30 - December 2, 2016. The theme of this year's meeting was KFB loves Kentucky.

This annual meeting and celebration is a time to honor individuals and families who have made significant contributions to Kentucky agriculture throughout the state. Jackson County Farm Bureau received several awards including the Growth Incentive Program award and Honorable Mention in the Media Relations and Information award categories.

Guest speakers included:

The Honorable Ryan Quarles,  
Commissioner of Agriculture.

The Honorable Andy Barr, US House of  
Representatives.

The Honorable Mitch McConnell, US  
Senate Majority Leader.

Jackson County was well represented at this year's annual meeting. Those attending from Jackson County were: President, Harry Wilson; Vice President, Mike Montgomery and wife Shannon; Johnny Purvis and wife Phyllis; Eddie Joe Madden and wife Sue; Agency Manager, Brenda Ayers and husband Gene.



### AMERICAN FARM BUREAU ANNUAL CONVENTION 2017

The 98<sup>th</sup> Annual American Farm Bureau Convention was held January 6-11 in Phoenix, AZ. This meeting is held each year to elect officers and recognize states for their excellent work in agriculture across the country. Attending from Jackson County were Mike and Shannon Montgomery and Brenda and Gene Ayers.

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**FOOD CHECK OUT WEEK  
FEBRUARY 19-25, 2017**

Food Check-Out Week is a national campaign led by the American Farm Bureau which commemorates America's healthy, nutritious, abundant and affordable food supply. According to the United States Department of Agriculture, on average, American consumers spend approximately 10% of their disposable income for food. When applied to the calendar, that comes out to around 40 days. That's a positive message especially when you consider the average American has to work until early May before they earn enough to pay their taxes. With a focus on affordable food in the United States, this campaign provides an excellent opportunity for county Farm Bureaus to show the value of local farmers.

Farm Bureau's throughout the nation promote the annual "Food Check-Out Week" to underscore that farmers are the heart of the world's most efficient food system.

Jackson County Farm Bureau will supply literature to our local grocery stores to give to their customers at the check-out counters and post information in the county Farm Bureau office. The county will also award two winners a \$25 dollar gift certificate to a local grocery store.

Come into the Jackson County Farm Bureau office to register for the gift certificate. The drawing will be held on Friday, February 24<sup>th</sup>.



**Thank a farmer!!**

**Jackson County Farm Bureau wins Gold Star  
Award of Excellence**

Recognized for the achievements of its women's program this year, Jackson County Farm Bureau received the 2016 Gold Star Award of Excellence during Kentucky Farm Bureau's annual meeting in Louisville.



Accepting the award for Jackson County was Phyllis Purvis, Women's Chair.

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**MEMBERSHIP NEWS**

The merchants listed here have agreed to extend discounts to Kentucky Farm Bureau members. These discounts can be obtained by presenting your membership card when a purchase is made.

Choice Hotels – members receive a 20% discount at Comfort Inn, Comfort Suites, Quality Inn, Sleep Inn, Clarion Inn, Cambria Suites, Mainstay Suites, Suburban ESH, Econo Lodge and Roadway Inns when they make advance reservations. Call 800-258-2847 and use the Farm Bureau discount # 00209600. Discount subject to availability at participating hotels and is not for use with any other discount, offer or promotional rate. Advance reservations are required through the 800 # or choicehotels.com.

Wyndham Hotels – members receive up to a 20% discount off the “Best Available Rate” at participating locations when you travel. Use the Farm Bureau discount ID number 63501 at the time of booking. Call our special member benefits hotline 1-877-670-7088 to reserve your room at one of these fine hotels: Wyndham Hotels and Resorts, Days Inn, Ramada Inn, Super 8, Wingate By Wyndham, Baymont Inns and Suites, Hawthorn Suites by Wyndham, Microtel Inns and Suites, Howard Johnson, Travelodge, and Knights Inn.

**KFB SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATIONS**

Deadline’s for KFB’s scholarships are fast approaching. KFB has several scholarship programs for college students.

KFB Educational Foundation – high school seniors pursuing a 4 year degree – Deadline is February 28.

Young Farmer Scholarship for college or Votech schools – Deadline is April 28.

Paul D. Everman Scholarship for non-traditional students – Deadline is April 28.

Louis F. Ison Memorial Scholarship for students in Agriculture/Food/Environment – Deadline is April 28.

Women’s Educational Grant for non-traditional women- Deadline is October 21.

Anyone interested in any of these scholarships may pick up an Application in the County Farm Bureau or you may go online at [kyfb.com/scholarships](http://kyfb.com/scholarships).



**CALENDAR OF UP-COMING EVENTS**

YOUNG FARMER LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE.....	JANUARY 20-21
COUNTY PRESIDENTS/VICE PRESIDENTS CONFERENCE.....	FEBRUARY 14-15
FOOD CHECK OUT WEEK.....	FEBRUARY 19-26
WOMEN’S LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE.....	MARCH 10-11
KY AG LITERACY WEEK.....	MARCH 19-25