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Aaron Burke Named Outstanding Young Farmer 2015



Britt Burke, wife of Aaron Burke, accepted the 2015 Mercer County Young Farmer of the Year award on behalf of her husband presented by Young Farmer Chair Jamie DeHart.

The Mercer County Farm Bureau Annual Meeting was held September 14, 2015 with over 250 members in attendance. Highlights of the evening included the youth contests, officer and board member elections, and presentation of the Outstanding Young Farmer of the Year Award to Aaron Burke.

Burke grew up farming with his grandfather, Bud Isham, and bought his first set of registered cows when he was 14 years old. Burke and his wife purchased their 55-acre farm on Curry Pike in 2012. They raise cattle as well as a variety of cool- and warm-season grasses.



Winner of the Variety Contest Landon Howard (center) with runner-up Presley Boyne (right) and second runner-up Kaylee Miller (left). Photo courtesy of The Harrodsburg Herald/Jared Holt

Salute to Our Young People as Winners in the Outstanding Youth Contest and Variety Contest

A total of two students competed in the Outstanding Farm Bureau Youth Contest, participating in a judge's interview and presenting speeches on agriculture. This year's winners were Ben Pinkston in the male division and Emily Hamilton in the female division.

In the Variety Contest this year, Landon Howard won first place with his vocal solo, and Presley Boyne was the runner-up with her vocal performance. Kaylee Miller was second runner-up.

Several members of the Kentucky Farm Bureau staff were in attendance, as well as Kentucky Farm Bureau's Matthew W. Ingram, Director of Organization Division and Assistant to the Executive Vice President. The Mercer County membership also approved legislative resolutions and elected the board members and officers for 2016.



Contestants for the Outstanding Farm Bureau Youth Competition Ben Pinkston and Emily Hamilton.

Photo courtesy of The Harrodsburg Herald/Jared Holt

KENTUCKY FARM BUREAU MISSION STATEMENT

Farm Bureau is a voluntary organization of farm families and their allies dedicated to serving as the voice of agriculture by identifying problems, developing solutions, and taking actions which will improve net farm income, achieve better economic opportunities, and enhance the quality of life for all.

COMMUNITY AG NEWS



MERCER COUNTY CONSERVATION DISTRICT on 227 Morris Drive is offering Tree Rebate Certificates to promote conservation in the county. Each landowner can receive **50% of tree cost (with \$50 cap)**. Trees can be purchased from Reynolds Nursery in Salvisa and Gardenscapes in Harrodsburg. The District has three Haybuster No-Till Seed Drills for rent. The drills rent for \$6 per acre or a minimum of \$60 plus a \$30 delivery fee. The District also has one Broyhill 200-gallon sprayer with power takeoff for use **free of charge**. There is a **\$30 delivery fee**. This sprayer is for **2,4-D spray** only which controls thistles and broadleaf weeds. The GrassWorks Weed Wiper rents for \$75.00 per day. Use

ONLY Roundup/glyphosate herbicide with Dawn washing liquid. Contact Equipment Manager Johnnie Bailey at **859-613-6889** for scheduling of this equipment. **For more information, call Linda at the local Conservation Office at 734-6889 or visit mercercd.org.**

News and Notes from FSA



- Remember - If you have **cattle or other livestock losses**, you MUST notify the FSA office within 30 days from the date of loss in order for the loss to be considered for program eligibility. Documentation can be provided at a later date, but notification must be made within **30 days**.
- Ballots for County Committee election will be mailed sometime in mid-November and should be returned to the county office no later than **December 7, 2015**.
- If you have a **change of address** or change banks, DON'T FORGET to notify our office. Also, if you have an email account, go online and subscribe to our online newsletter and keep informed! www.fsa.usda.gov/subscribe

For more information, contact the Harrodsburg FSA Service Center located at 225 Morris Drive or call 859-734-4326 or 1-888-758-6777.

COOPERATIVE
EXTENSION
SERVICE



Mercer County Extension Office UPCOMING EVENTS

November 16 is Recycling Day

Bring your electronics, documents to shred, and used pesticide containers (must be triple rinsed) to the Extension

Office between 8:00 a.m. and 4:30 p.m.

Mercer Co. Extension Council Holiday Open House December 8, 3-6 p.m.

Come out for some crafts, light refreshments, door prizes, and giveaways and learn more about what the Mercer County Extension Office can offer you!

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Hunters for the Hungry

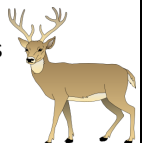
Kentucky Hunters for the Hungry (KHFH) is a charitable, volunteer-run organization comprised of responsible hunters and conservationists who encourage hunters to harvest and donate deer each season for statewide hunger relief.

How to Donate Your Deer:

1. Use a legal buck or doe deer tag.
2. The donated deer must be properly field dressed, recorded, and telechecked (800-245-4263) before the deer can be accepted as a donation. (Handle the deer as if you were providing it for your own family.) If the temperature is above 40° at the time you harvest your deer, please put two large bags of ice in the deer: one in the chest cavity and one in between the hind quarters. This will help prevent the meat from spoiling before you drop it off.
3. Drop the whole deer off in the hide at your preferred processor. (Please phone processor ahead of time if you don't know their hours.)
4. Sign the donation log form.

KHFH will pay for meat processing as long as funds are available.

www.huntersforhungry.org



ARSON PREVENTION

Intentional fires numbering 300,000 are set each year in the U.S. causing thousands of deaths and injuries and \$1 billion in property damage.

Following are suggestions to prevent arson:

- Consider what could burn easily
- Clean up & secure vacant homes
- Get to know neighbors & report suspicious activity

www.nfpa.org

**Arson Crime Reporting Hotline
800-27-ARSON (800-272-7766)**

DEER ARE DEADLY

Each year across the nation white-tailed deer are responsible for tens of thousands of injuries and deaths simply by causing car accidents. More than 47% of all collisions with deer in Kentucky take place during the months of October, November, and December.

Buckle up and drive cautiously this fall. Deer can be deadly!

FREE LOANER EQUIPMENT

(with small, returnable deposit)

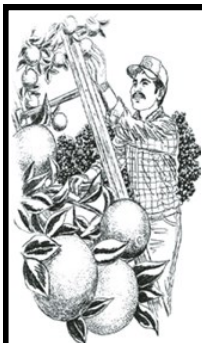
GPS (measures acreage) • Tobacco Moisture Tester • Dremel Electric Engraver



Mercer County Farm Bureau Local Membership Discount Program

The Mercer County Farm Bureau Federation has partnered with about 30 local businesses to offer significant discounts to our members. Please give the merchant your member number on your membership card in order to take advantage of the valuable discounts listed at kyfb.com/mercer.

Farm Bureau – it pays to be a member!



Another Member Service from Mercer County Farm Bureau

2015 CITRUS FRUIT PROGRAM

Mercer County Farm Bureau Federation is participating again this year in the Citrus Fruits & Nuts Program. This produce is delivered directly from Florida.

It is for Farm Bureau Members Only! Not a member? Join Today!

Orders must be received by **October 23** at your local Farm Bureau office: 226 Morris Drive. Payment can be made when fruit is picked up at the local office. Cash or check payments are accepted. We are unable to process credit cards.

Delivery will be made to our Farm Bureau between December 7 and 11 and will be announced on the WHBN-AM Radio. We will also attempt to call each customer at the time of delivery. **Thanks for your business!**

# SINGLE	# CASES	DESCRIPTION	PRICE PER SINGLE ITEM	PRICE PER CASE	COST
		Navel Oranges, 4/5 Bushel	N/A	\$ 27.50	
		Red Grapefruit, 4/5 Bushel	N/A	\$ 19.50	
		Hamlin (Juice) Oranges	N/A	\$ 21.50	
		Orlando Tangelos 4/5 Bushel	N/A	\$ 21.50	
		"Sunburst" Tangerines, 2/5 Bushel	N/A	\$ 18.50	
		Grand Slam Gift Box, 2/5 Bushel (6 red delicious apples, 6 pears, 3 golden delicious apples, and 16-20 navel oranges)	N/A	\$ 21.50	
		Holiday Gift Pack, 2/5 Bushel (10 navel oranges, 11 grapefruit, 10 red delicious apples)	N/A	\$ 21.50	
		Orange Juice - Super Concentrate, 24 - 12-oz. Cans	N/A	\$ 44.50	
		Southern-Fried Skinless Peanuts, 12 - 16-oz. Cans	\$3.50/can	\$ 42.00	
		Honey Krunch Peanuts, 12 - 12-oz. Cans	N/A	\$ 36.00	
		Peanut Brittle Bites, 12 - 12-oz. Cans	\$3.50/can	\$ 41.00	
		Butter Toffee Peanuts, 12 - 12-oz. Cans	N/A	\$ 38.00	
		Mixed Nuts (50% Peanuts), 12 - 1-lb. Cans	\$5.25/can	\$ 62.00	
		Peanut Gift Pack, (6 - 3 Pkg. per Case)	\$10.00	\$ 58.00	
		Select Whole Cashews, 12 - 1-lb. Cans	\$7.25	\$ 86.00	
		Chocolate Covered Pecans, 12 - 12-oz. Bags	\$6.75/bag	\$ 80.00	
		Fresh-Shelled Pecan Halves, 12 - 16-oz. Bags	\$8.50/bag	\$100.00	
		Caramel Corn with Nuts 6 - 20-oz. Decorative Cans -- NEW	N/A	\$ 55.00	
		Chocolate Nut Gift Pack, 6 - 2-can Packs (10 oz. chocolate covered cashews & 10 oz. chocolate covered almonds)	\$10/2 pk.	\$ 62.00	
		Roasted Almonds 12 - 9-oz. Cans	\$5.00/can	\$ 58.00	
		Berry Nut Trail Mix 6 - 15-oz. Tins per Case -- NEW	N/A	\$ 55.00	

PLEASE NOTE: Only the items listed above are available this year.

Phone #s _____

Please sign to confirm your order. X _____

Grand Total = \$ _____

Print Name: _____

Print order form from kyfb.com/mercer. This order form will be printed one time only in the newspaper. Call 734-4341 or stop by the Farm Bureau office at 226 Morris Drive for additional order forms or more information. Please bring or mail in orders to your Farm Bureau office. Orders can also be faxed to 734-9936 or emailed to Beth.Kelly@kyfb.com.

Thank You

Signed Orders due by Oct. 23



*Fall Fling
Thank You
to Devine's
Corn Maze*

*The Fall Fling was
held on Tuesday,
September 15, at
Devine's Corn Maze
which was open free
to Farm Bureau
providing food, hay
rides, and free
pumpkin picking
plus door prizes.
Many young
families attended
this enjoyable event.*



**If you ate today,
THANK A
FARMER!**



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Mercer County Farm Bureau Federation is selling t-shirts to raise money for the Young Farmer Scholarship. Adult and children sizes are available. Purchase yours today from Beth or any CSR!

Some Other MCFB Activities . . .

♦ **Safety Day** - Mercer County Farm Bureau was proud to sponsor the Cooperative Extension Service's 6th Grade Safety Day by providing lunch to the nearly 300 students and teachers in attendance on September 16.

♦ **4-H Farm Day** for 3rd graders and **FarmSCool** for head start through 2nd grade was held on September 18, 22, and 24, respectively. This program is conducted by Mercer County Extension with the help of Farm Bureau and Mercer FFA. The highlight of the week included farm animals, grains, and equipment at the school for students to see, touch, and learn about from volunteers.

♦ **Field Day** - Mercer County Agriculture Field Day will be held October 8 at HC Sims' farm owned by Ellen Sims. Topics at this year's field day include Weed Control, Hay and Commodity Storage, Landscaping, and Cattle.



Farm Safety Tips

from Kentucky Department of Agriculture



Machinery

- Read the owner's manuals of your equipment.
- Wear your seatbelt.
- Keep safety shields in place at all times.
- Make sure exhaust systems are in good condition and leak free.
- Always have clear rear vision when traveling on roadways.
- Hitch towed loads to the drawbar and never higher.
- Keep a first-aid kit and fire extinguisher on the tractor.
- Never make repairs or adjustments to a working machine.
- Always check for bystanders, especially children, before starting or moving equipment parts.
- Always disengage equipment, shut the tractor off, and lock brakes before dismounting.

For more farm safety tips, check out the Kentucky Department of Agriculture's website at kyagr.com/marketing/farm-safety.

Some Important Dates to Remember . . .

- ♦ Signed fruit order must be placed by Oct. 23. Expected delivery date is Dec. 7-11. WHBN to announce.
- ♦ District 5 quarterly meeting and Outstanding Youth & Variety Contests will be on Nov. 12 at 6:30 p.m. at Anderson County High School, 1 Bearcat Drive, Lawrenceburg.
- ♦ KFB Federation Convention will be held Dec. 2-5 at the Galt House, 140 N. 4th St., Louisville.



Your local
Farm Bureau Agency