

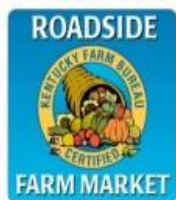


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KFB celebrates its 22nd year of offering the Certified Roadside Farm Market Program! This program was established in July 1996 as a way to help farmers market their fruits and vegetables directly to consumers. Mercer County is home to one of the 89 certified farm markets in this program across the Commonwealth.

The Mercer County member is Devine's Farm & Corn Maze. Brochures that list all of the Certified Roadside Farm Markets across the state are available at your Farm Bureau office or see kyfb.com/roadside for the 2017 Certified Roadside Farm Market website.

IFAL Conference 2017 Institute for Future Agricultural Leaders

Students who are completing their junior year in 2017 and are among the top, well-rounded students in their class are eligible to attend this unique, five-day summer leadership conference that exposes students to college life and explores different fields of study for careers in agriculture.

The KFB Federation, Murray State University, and the University of Kentucky work together to sponsor the week-long activities of IFAL. Students will be given the option of attending one of two conferences held in June 2017:

Murray State University, Murray
June 11-15, 2017 (Sun. - Thurs.)

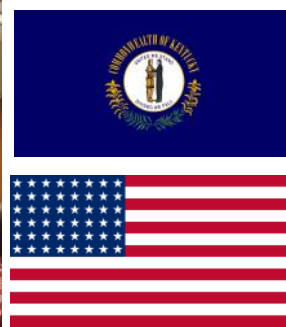
University of Kentucky, Lexington
June 18 - 22, 2017 (Sun. - Thurs.)

In order to be considered for the program, applications (available at the Farm Bureau office or kyfb.com) must be returned to our local office by April 12. MCFB pays registration costs for up to four selected applicants.

Contact Beth Kelly at 734-4341 for more information.



The Mercer County Farm City Celebration was held on March 21 at the Mercer County Exhibit Hall & was well attended. The featured speaker was Brent Burchett of the KY Dept. of Ag. He spoke about Food & Farming Myths Busted. The dinner's primary co-sponsors were Mercer County Farm Bureau Federation, Conservation District, Cooperative Extension Service & the Chamber of Commerce. Also helping to make the dinner possible were the following donation sponsors: Community Trust Bank, Whitaker Bank, Central KY Ag Credit, Farm Credit Mid-America, MainSource Bank & Farmers National Bank. Door prizes were provided by the primary cosponsors & these merchants: Ellis Florist, McRay Feed and Grain, KY State Parks, Southern States Coop. & Johnson's Farm Supply.



Pictured left to right are Senator Tom Buford and State Representative Kim King who attended the Legislative Review on April 1 at the Mercer County Cooperative Extension Office. There were about 35 people in attendance at the review which was co-sponsored by the Mercer County Farm Bureau and the Mercer County Chamber of Commerce. Topics discussed were issues relating to the state retirement system, deer population, prevailing wages, charter schools and agriculture-related legislation.

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Driver Safety Class May Qualify You For An Auto Insurance Discount

Mercer County Farm Bureau Insurance and the Mercer County UK Extension office are co-sponsoring an AARP Driver Safety Class on Tues. April 18 from 9 am to 1 pm at the UK Extension Office. \$15 cost for AARP members and \$20 for everyone else. This will be inside classroom instructions & no driving involved. This class is open to everyone. To register please contact the Mercer County Farm Bureau Office at 734-4341. The fee must be received prior to April 14

COMMUNITY AG NEWS



Mercer County Conservation District on 227 Morris Drive will give a \$3.50 per acre refund (up to 50 acres) for spraying noxious weeds until funds are exhausted. Contact Southern States at 734-2368. The District also has three Haybuster No-Till Seed Drills for rent. The Truax drill will plant native warm-season grasses. 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** with 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 with a \$30 delivery fee. Use **ONLY** Roundup/glyphosate herbicide with Dawn washing liquid. The District has a 2-row John Deere corn planter that rents for \$70 the first day, \$50 additional days, plus a \$30 delivery fee. Contact Equipment Manager Johnnie Bailey at 859-613-6889 for scheduling of this equipment. Remember the **TREE REBATE CERTIFICATE** where the District continues to give Mercer Co. landowners up to \$50 if you purchase trees from Reynolds Nursery or Gardenscapes.

For more information, call Linda at the local Conservation Office at 734-6889 or visit mercercd.org.

INFORMATION FROM FSA



Producers are encouraged to come into the FSA Office as soon as possible after crops are planted to report their acreages. The deadline to complete these reports is July 15. Also, producers who have corn, wheat, or soybean bases can sign up in the ARC/PLC Program at that time.

To keep up with news, producers can now sign up for GovDelivery for updates. Subscribe at <http://www.fsa.usda.gov/subscribe>.

For questions, contact the office at 859-734-4326, ext. 2, or toll free at 855-635-4606.



Ag Week Reading



Mercer County Farm Bureau celebrated National Agriculture Day by reading a farm-related book to over 900 preschool through 5th-grade students at MCES & MCIS. Linda McClanahan, Penny Major, Tiffany Ison, Libby Stocker, Beth Kelly, Meagan Pinkston & Leon Mayo read the Kentucky Farm Bureau book, *The Most Wonderful Dream* by Kentucky artist and author, Mitchell Tolle to the students on March 21 & March 23, 2017. This book is the first accurate book written specifically about Kentucky agriculture.

MCFB Board Member Tiffany Ison Pictured at Left



Food Check-Out Week

Mercer County Farm Bureau celebrated the national campaign dedicated to helping teach Americans how to stretch their grocery dollars with healthy, nutritious food by participating in Food Check-Out Week. Members of the Women's Committee donated \$600 in food purchased from Save-A-Lot on Feb. 15 to the Backpack Programs.



At left, Martina Devine, Aimee Pinkston and NEP Nutrition Program Coordinator Bobbie Hancock. Above, Tiffany Ison, customer and Megan DeHart.



Preventative Home Maintenance Tips

Roof Attic Vents: Install number needed vs square feet of house per manufacturer's instructions. Exhausting the hot temperatures can help increase useable life of shingles and also reduce shingles from cooking or overheating from attic temperatures seeping through shingles (called cupping), which curls some edges of some shingles which increases wind damage.

Water Heaters: To extend the proper functioning, water heaters should be flushed once a year minimum.

Disclaimer: Tips are helpful but no warranty is implied, expressed, or guaranteed.

Submitted by: Leon Mayo, Kentucky Farm Bureau Insurance Agent.



Mercer County Farm Bureau Member Appreciation Day

JUNE 2, 2017 FROM 11 AM TO 1 PM AT 226 MORRIS DRIVE





Mercer County Farm Bureau *Local Membership Discount Program*

The Mercer County Farm Bureau Federation has partnered with several local businesses to offer significant discounts to our members. Please keep your membership card as proof of membership in order to take advantage of the valuable discounts listed here. **Farm Bureau – it pays to be a member!**

Advanced Products & Services ♦ 859-734-6062

346 E. Office St., Harrodsburg
10% off Heating/Cooling Fall or Spring Maintenance

Air Evac Lifeteam ♦ 859-319-5710

204 Stallion Run, Lexington (Shannon Barnes)
\$10 off 1 yr., \$20 off 3 yrs., \$25 off 5 yrs. Membership

AKE Safety Equipment ♦ 859-274-2417

Call Amelia White for special pricing
AKE.com
STOP-FYRE-“The World’s Best Fire Extinguisher”

Anderson Animal Hospital ♦ 502-839-9201

1988 Hwy. 127 South, Lawrenceburg
10% off Small Animal Svcs. excl. Board/Groom

Avizion Glass ♦ 800-432-9349

10% off Cash Price Auto Glass Replacement,
FREE Can of Glass Cleaner w/Every Replacement. We come to you!!

Back Porch Treasures Craft & Antique Mall, LLC 859-734-7255

540 N. College St., Harrodsburg
10% off Back Porch Treasures Merchandise ONLY

Bates Security ♦ 859-244-4000

3166 Custer Dr., Lexington
\$250 Discount on Installation, 3 Months
FREE Monitoring (\$140 Value)

Bluegrass Animal Hospital ♦ 859-734-5546

210 Morris Dr., Harrodsburg
10% off Yearly Exams & Vaccinations

Collins Construction, LLC ♦ 859-613-4397

Preferred Roofing Contractor
2117 Grapevine Rd., Harrodsburg
2% Discount on New Roofing Materials & Installation Labor

Ellis Florist and Gifts ♦ 859-733-9971

1006 Danville Rd., Harrodsburg
10% off ALL Purchases, Cash and Carry

Fitness Edge ♦ 859-733-9693

900 S. College St., Suite A, Harrodsburg
\$36 off Annual Gym Membership
(or \$3 off per mo.) & 10% off Apparel

Fort Harrod Color & Supply ♦ 859-605-6027

1025 Danville Rd., Harrodsburg
25% off ALL In-Stock Paint and
15% off ALL Supplies & Sundries

Four Kings Angus – Cary & Kim King

859-613-3734
www.fourkingsangus.com
\$50 off the Purchase of each
Registered Angus Bull

Harley’s Quick Lube and Tire Center

859-734-0007
115 Commercial Dr., Harrodsburg
\$25 off Spray-On Bedliners, \$2 off Each Oil
Change, \$10 off Window Tinting per
Customer/Vehicle/Residence

Harrodsburg Animal Hospital ♦ 859-734-5171

1079 Beaumont Ave., Harrodsburg
10% off Teeth Cleaning and Groomer Services

The Harrodsburg Herald ♦ 859-734-2726

101 West Broadway, Harrodsburg
25% off 6-Month Subscription to *The
Harrodsburg Herald* in Mercer County only

Harrodsburg Wholesale Tire ♦ 859-734-4563

1054 N. College St., Harrodsburg
\$8 off Brake Repair Service

JC Lockout Service ♦ 859-612-8809

Jonathan Coslow
100 S. Magnolia St., Harrodsburg
\$4 off Lockout Service Trip

J.R. Baker Body Shop ♦ 859-734-2610

865 N. College St., Harrodsburg
\$10 off Auto Detailing (\$100 value)

J. Sampson Antiques, Books & Appraisals

859-734-7829
107 S. Main St., Harrodsburg
10% off Any Written Appraisal Totaling
2 hours or More; Appraising Antiques,
Collectibles and Decorative Arts

Keller’s Farm Equipment Appraisal Service

859-265-1341 Gary Keller
Harrodsburg, Call for Appointment
5% off Farm Equipment Appraisal

Mercer Outfitters ♦ 859-734-3454

Amber Wilham
1062 N. College St., Harrodsburg
10% off Any Force Apparel

NAPA of Harrodsburg ♦ 859-734-2141

1050 N. College St., Harrodsburg
\$2 off Pair of Wiper Blades
and 5% off ALL Tools

Pat’s Place Hair Salon ♦ 859-613-5732

108 W. Lexington St., Harrodsburg
10% off Perms

Peavler’s Greenhouse, Inc. ♦ 859-734-4714

921 Bellows Mill Rd., Harrodsburg
5% off a Purchase of \$50+
(not valid with other discounts)

Serenity Security, LLC ♦ 859-734-7533

PO Box 520, Harrodsburg
1 mo. FREE Security System Monitoring
(new customers only)

SERVPRO ♦ 859-887-1123

Danville, Nicholasville, Versailles
\$50 off Duct Cleaning

Southern Hardware ♦ 859-734-4050

124 S. Greenville St., Harrodsburg
10% off Cash Sales Storewide
(not valid with other discounts)

Turf Pros Lawn Care & Landscaping

**Robert Dollar & Tim Dollar ♦ 859-734-4050
or 502-545-8029**
853 Pleasant Hill Dr., Harrodsburg
5% off Mulching of Any Type

Discounts valid at least thru February 2018

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Another Helpful Service



Harrodsburg & Mercer County Governments have contracted with Emergency Communications Network, LLC to license its CodeRED high-speed notification solution. The CodeRED system provides Harrodsburg/Mercer County officials the ability to quickly deliver phone messages to targeted areas or the entire Harrodsburg / Mercer County. Register online at <http://mercercounty.ky.gov>

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KENTUCKY FARM BUREAU STATE-WIDE PURCHASING DISCOUNTS

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The Kentucky Farm Bureau organization also offers many state-wide discounts. Brochures are available in the office or check the website at www.kyfb.com. Select Member Benefits.



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REGISTER for Membership EasyPay®.

This allows your membership to be electronically deducted out of your bank account the middle of November 2017 for 2018 Membership.

Please help us serve you faster!

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.

At Work in the Community

Mercer County Exhibit Hall



MCFB pledged \$50,000 over a period of 5 years during 2014-2018 for the construction of the Mercer County Exhibit Hall which is open and located at the Mercer County Fairgrounds on Linden Avenue.

MCFB Supports Mercer County!

- ♦ Sponsors Several IFAL Students
- ♦ Several Applied for College Scholarships from KFB
- ♦ Makes Many Local Contributions
 - ♦ Project Graduation
 - ♦ FFA Banquet
 - ♦ KY Fort Harrod Beef Festival
- ♦ Donates to County Ag Groups: Beef, Sheep, Swine, Goats, and Dairy as well as the Triple Cross Cowboy Church Arena

Farm Safety Tips

from Kentucky Farm Bureau



- If there's only one seat on a farm vehicle, there should be only one rider.
- Respect all animals; they can hurt you without intending to.
- Read and re-read the owner's manual of your equipment.
- Keep all children away from working equipment.
- Always disengage equipment, shut tractor off, and lock brakes before dismounting.
- Always check for bystanders, especially children, before starting or moving equipment.
- Wear clothes that cannot be entangled with moving equipment parts.
- When using agricultural chemicals, always read and follow label instructions.
- Never store chemicals in anything other than their original containers and dispose of properly.
- Some areas definitely should be off-limits to children: grain bins, silos, manure lagoons, pesticide storage areas, animal pens, and even roadways where there is frequent equipment travel.

Some Important Dates to Remember . . .

- ♦ **April 28, 2017** Louis F. Ison, KFB YF and Lifetime Learning Scholarship Due
- ♦ **Mid-May 2017** KFB Scholarship Winners Will Be Notified by Mail
- ♦ **June 6-8, 2017** State FFA Convention, Lexington
- ♦ **June 28, 2017** Regional Teacher Workshop for Professional Development at Spindletop Hall Lexington



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