

The Commonwealth Grows



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Evolution of On-Farm Investment Program

by Roger Thomas, executive director



Did you know...?

- More than \$400 million in Agricultural Development Funds has been invested in projects across the state
- 80% of the 4,800 approved applications are for programs with direct farm impact
- There are 1,080 volunteers on our 120 County Agricultural Development Councils

A few months ago, GOAP hosted two focus groups, one consisting of program administrators and the other of extension agents, with two representatives from each of the seven extension districts. We brought the groups to Frankfort to gain feedback and ideas on the programs and policies of the Kentucky Agricultural Development Fund (KADF). When asked to provide one word to describe the KADF and its programs, the most common words used included evolving, changing, growing, opportunity and beneficial.

Over the years the various programs developed by the Kentucky Agricultural Development Board (KADB) have evolved, changed and grown to be beneficial for a wide variety of producers across the Commonwealth. Some of the early programs have continued on in various forms and some have been discontinued for different reasons.

Early in 2001, initial applications showed a trend in investments for individual farms.



95% of reported CAIP cost-share awards are made in five investments areas: large animal, infrastructure, fencing/water, forage/grain and diversification.

GOAP staff worked with counties and industry leaders to develop the first “model programs” that counties could provide to help with on-farm improvements. The “model programs” provided state standards for implementation on a local level and encouraged producer education in new techniques and practices.

The programs developed within the first 6-months of 2001 were Cattle Genetics, Forage Improvement & Utilization and Cattle Handling Facilities. Later that year these initial programs were joined by Goat Diversification (sheep came later), Hay Straw & Commodity Storage and Agricultural Diversification. Over the years additional programs were added to address needs, and the model programs offered expanded from the initial six to thirteen individual programs at its peak.

About four years into the “model programs” a few counties came up with the idea to provide their producers with a “menu approach” to the programs by allowing a producer to apply once, but choose from a list of several of the programs. That idea took off with about 58 counties overall choosing that method of program delivery over the course of four years.

In 2009, the method for delivering the “model programs” changed statewide with the adoption of the County Agricultural Investment Program (CAIP). This program took the idea of the “menu approach” and elevated it to become an umbrella program

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for all “model programs” which became what we know today as “investment areas.”

The idea behind making all investment areas available in any county that adopts the program was to ensure that the funds were reaching a broader base of farmers. It also allowed producers additional decision-making opportunities for their farm operations, since they could choose investments based on what the current needs of the farm were and not what program was available at the time.

Going into its fifth year, CAIP has been implemented in 107 counties at least once with a total investment of more than \$76 million in county Agricultural Development Funds benefitting tens of thousands of farm families. With a 50 percent cost-share, that means that more than \$152 million has been injected into our local economies from on-farm investments alone. This is a great example of rural economic development.

While CAIP is not the only program available through the KADF, it arguably is making the greatest grassroots impact

Wanted!

Suggestions for Program and Policy Changes

Submit comments in writing to:
govkyagpolicy@ky.gov
502-564-8990 (fax)

Deadline: Sept. 16

of any of the KADB’s investments. It will continue to evolve to meet the needs of our producers and to achieve the goals of the KADF. ☞

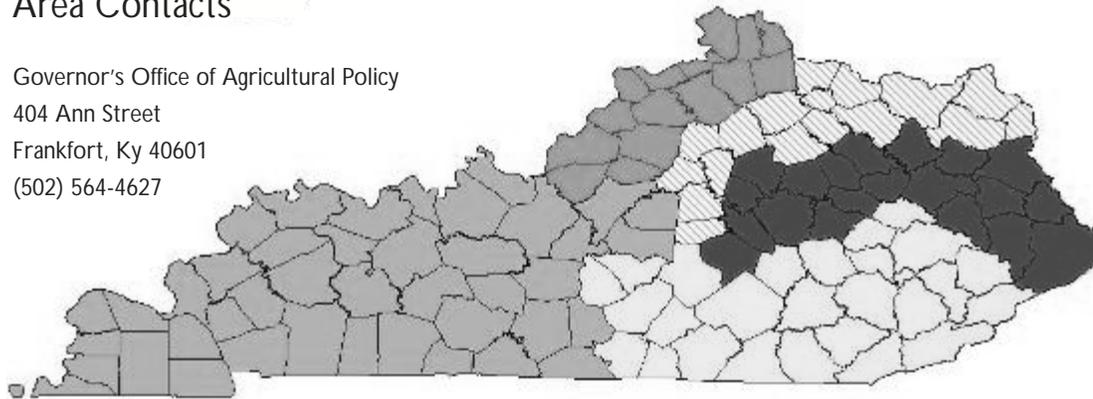


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Agents & Administrators Spend a Day in Frankfort



Earlier this year in June, GOAP hosted two focus groups to get feedback on the effectiveness of the policy and programs of the KADF, as well as the overall recognition of the KADF at the local level.

For each focus group two individuals were selected from each of the seven extension district: one group of program administrators and one of extension agents.

Both groups provided valuable feedback on programs, how they have worked in their areas and ideas for future promotion of the KADF to increase awareness.

We are very thankful to these leaders in the agricultural development process for taking time out of their busy schedules to share their insights with us. ☺

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Funding Opportunities

The mission of the KADB is to invest the KADF in innovative proposals that increase net farm income and effect tobacco farmers, tobacco-impacted communities and agriculture across the state by stimulating markets for Kentucky agricultural products, finding new ways to add value to Kentucky agricultural products, and exploring new opportunities for Kentucky farms.



Beef Industry
More than \$60 million in state, county funds invested

County Agricultural Investment Program (CAIP)

Purpose: To provide farmers with incentives to allow them to improve and diversify their farm operations through a local agency or organization that serves as administrator

Award Types: Cost-share (up to \$5,000)

Funds Committed:	\$75,993,255
Counties Participating:	107

Deceased Farm Animal Removal Program (DAR)

Purpose: To facilitate environmentally sound and cost-effective disposal of deceased livestock for Kentucky producers through a local organization that serves as administrator

Award Types: Grant (up to \$7,500)

Funds Committed:	\$554,001
Counties Participating:	48

Farmers' Market Competitive Grant Program

Purpose: To provide local farmers' markets access to state funds for the construction or expansion of permanent market facilities, as well as additional resources that may be needed

Award Types: Grant (50% of project)

Funds Committed:	\$181,383
Counties Participating:	9



Kentucky Proud
More than \$10 million in state funds invested

On-Farm Energy Efficiency & Production Incentives Program

Purpose: To provide incentives to increase energy efficiency or renewable fuel production on Kentucky farms

Award Types: Grant (50% of project; up to \$15,000)

Funds Committed:	\$2,106,857
	237 farmers in 46 counties

Shared-Use Equipment Program

Purpose: To help farmers access technology necessary to improve their operations through a local agency or organization that serves as administrator

Award Types: Grant

Funds Committed:	\$2,106,857
Counties Participating:	69



Farmers' Markets
More than \$2.4 million in state, county funds invested

Project Applications

Purpose: To provide access to state and county funds for statewide, regional and county projects that fit outside the standardized programs

Award Types: Grants, loans

Funds committed:	\$194,000,708
Projects Approved:	984

**Complete guidelines and program applications are available at <http://agpolicy.ky.gov/funds/applications.shtml>.*

Agriculture Loans

The following are five participation loan programs available where KAFC partners with a local lender to provide financing. The annual interest rate for all four loan programs is **2%**. Maximum loan amounts cannot exceed 50 percent of the total project cost. Information about other programs and complete guidelines for these programs are available at kafc.ky.gov.

Agricultural Infrastructure Loan Program (AILP)

Max. Loan: \$150,000 with tobacco dependence \$100,000 without

Eligible Loans: Limited to structural improvements that enhance the farm's profitability

Commitments:	\$19,687,670
Loans Approved:	296

Beginning Farmer Loan Program (BFLP)

Max. Loan: \$250,000

Eligible Loans: Livestock, equipment, facilities, permanent working capital, farm real estate, partnership investment

Commitments:	\$14,609,907
Loans Approved:	116

Diversification through Entrepreneurship in Agribusiness Loan Program (DEAL)

Max Loan: \$100,000

Eligible Loans: Equipment, facilities, permanent working capital, partnership investment

Commitments:	\$347,500
Loans Approved:	4

Large/Food Animal Veterinary Loan Program (Vet)

Max. Loan: \$100,000

Eligible Loans: Capital assets, large animal equipment, partnership investment, permanent working capital

Commitments:	\$879,253
Loans Approved:	10

New Agricultural Enterprise Loan Program (NAEL)

Purpose: To provide loans for Kentucky farming operations as they enter into a new agriculture enterprise to supply a market opportunity created by an agribusiness expansion

Max. Loan: \$250,000

Eligible Loans: Equipment, facilities, livestock, permanent working capital, partnership investment, farm real estate

Commitments:	\$250,000
Loans Approved:	1

NEW

The Kentucky Agricultural Finance Corporation is supported in part by the Kentucky Agricultural Development Fund.

*Complete guidelines and loan applications are available at <http://kafc.ky.gov/programs.shtml>.

**Amounts are as of end of fiscal year 2013 (June 30, 2013).



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Capital Access

More than \$54 million in state funds and interest earned committed through KAFC loan programs

**CONFERENCE HOTEL
INFO:**

**Holiday Inn
University Plaza**

(270) 745-0088

Code: GOV

special rate \$99+ tax

To guarantee rate,
make reservations by

Sept. 28, 2013.

2013 GOAP Conference

The 2013 GOAP Conference is an opportunity for agricultural leaders and others to gather and exchange ideas, while learning about opportunities created by the Kentucky Agricultural Development Fund programs and the Kentucky Agricultural Finance loan programs.

This year's conference will incorporate the Tobacco Settlement Fund Legislative Oversight Committee, so the agriculture community can witness a legislative committee meeting first hand. We will also welcome Michael Scuse, USDA Under Secretary for the Farm & Foreign Agriculture Service, as our featured speaker.

Additionally, the conference will include a tradeshow; Kentucky product samples; policy and program updates; and an awards luncheon recognizing those who have exemplified outstanding leadership through the Kentucky Agricultural Development Fund and its programs.

For information about registration, contact Sandra Gardner at (502) 782-1759. For more event information, contact Angela Blank at (502) 782-1769.

When: Wednesday, October 30, 2013

Where: Sloan Convention Center, Bowling Green

Cost: \$40, on or before September 13; \$55, afterwards

Recognize Your Local Leaders: Submit an Award Nomination

The Governor's Office of Agricultural Policy (GOAP) is seeking nominations for outstanding agricultural leaders who have played a role the past two years in helping continue the important objectives of the Kentucky Agricultural Development Fund.

The **Outstanding County Council Member** awards will be presented to the seven council members who have shown dedication to the agricultural development process and have contributed to meeting the needs of their county's agricultural community.

The **Outstanding Cooperative Extension Agent** awards will be presented to seven agents who have shown leadership in creating new partnerships between the community and agriculture, encouraging entrepreneurship, and providing guidance to their County Agricultural Development Council in incorporating Agricultural Development Fund Programs to meet the needs of the county's farmers.

The **Outstanding Program Administrator** awards will be presented to selected administrators

who have shown exceptional understanding and knowledge of the programs, while providing extraordinary outreach to the producers in their county.

Winners will receive an award and be honored at the 2013 GOAP Conference on Oct. 30 at the Sloan Convention Center in Bowling Green. ☞



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For updates about all programs, as well as the conference.



Scan the above QR Code for more information about the 2013 GOAP Conference.

To Nominate Someone...

Please submit the following information for each nominee by Sept. 13:

Name of Nominee, Award

Address

Phone, E-mail

A statement of why the nominee fulfills the criteria and is deserving of the award.

Send nominations to Kylee Palmer, Kylee.Palmer@ky.gov.

Excerpts of nominations may be used in recognizing those who win.



2013 GOAP Conference

Wednesday, October 30
Sloan Convention Center, Bowling Green



Please mark all that apply:

- County Council Member
- Extension Agent
- Lender
- Univ./Govt. Employee
- Program Administrator
- Farmer
- Legislator
- ADB/KAFC Fund Recipient

Please fill out the following information:

(For event use only, this information will not be distributed to others.)

(Circle one) **Mr. / Mrs. / Ms. / Miss / Dr.**

Name: _____ **Organization:** _____
(If applicable)

Street Address: _____

City: _____ **State:** _____ **Zip Code:** _____ **County:** _____

Phone: (____) _____ **Fax:** (____) _____ **Email:** _____@_____

Web Address: _____
(If applicable)

Awards Luncheon:

To recognize those who have been important to the agricultural development process, there will be an awards luncheon, during the conference. The Awards Luncheon is included in your registration fee.

Registration Fee:

Early Registration - \$ 40.00 <i>(by Sept. 13, 2013)</i>		Mail Registration & Payment to: Sandy Gardner, Registration Coordinator Governor's Office of Agricultural Policy 404 Ann Street Frankfort, Kentucky 40601 Or register on-line at agpolicy.ky.gov .
Late Registration - \$ 55.00 <i>(after Sept. 13, 2013)</i>		
Total Due: <i>No Refunds</i>		

Method of Payment:

Please make checks/money orders payable to "Kentucky State Treasurer." To pay with a credit card see *on-line registration form* at agpolicy.ky.gov.

Early Registration Due by Friday, Sept. 13

Late Registration Due Wednesday, Oct. 23 to guarantee materials and Awards Luncheon ticket

Registration will be accepted at the door, but we cannot guarantee a space for lunch for those who register on-site. Even if lunch is not available registrants are still responsible for the late registration fee.

Investments

From January to June 2013, the KADB approved nearly \$11 million in state and county agricultural development funds in projects and programs across the Commonwealth. During the same time period, the KAFC approved \$4.2 million in loans.

\$15
Million



Ag Facility Enhancements

Daviess County Lions Club Fair Inc.
\$28,976 Daviess County funds

Agricultural Asset Mapping

Pennyriple Area Development District
\$100,000 state funds

Agricultural Marketing Facility Enhancement

City of Morgantown
\$6,750 Butler County funds

Beginning Farmer Cost-Share Program

Washington County Cattlemen's Assoc.
\$102,500 Washington County funds

Country Ham Project

Metcalfe County 4-H Council
\$2,361 Metcalf County funds

Farms to Food Banks

Kentucky Association of Food Banks
\$75,000 state funds

Feasibility Study for Regional Meat Processing Facility

Henry County Cattlemen's Association
\$1,750 county funds (multi)

Heifer Chain Program

Green County Cattlemen's Association
\$20,000 Green County funds

High School Greenhouse

Ballard County Board of Education
\$29,917 Ballard County funds

Hillside Reclamation Project

Buffalo Trace Area Development District
\$20,000 Bracken County funds

Livestock Handling System Expansion

Butler County Stockman's Association Inc.
\$2,000 Butler County funds

Multi-Purpose Agricultural Facility Improvements

Logan Co. Agricultural Extension Foundation
\$72,441 Logan County funds

Regional Port Facility Project

Meade County Riverport Authority
\$2 million state funds (1% loan)

School Greenhouse Renovation

Daviess County High School
\$4,500 Daviess County funds

Value-Added Meat Retail Facility

Meat Hook LLC
\$3,000 state funds
\$3,000 county funds (multi)

Youth Cost-Share Program

Green River Area Beef Improvement Group Inc.
\$20,000 Daviess County funds

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KADF Application Deadlines

All applications for projects and programs, including amendments to existing programs / projects, are **due the last Friday** of the month.

Projects will be referred to committee at the next meeting and programs are eligible for consideration.

For consideration in...

September 2013:

Due August 30

October 2013:

Due September 27

November 2013:

Due October 25

December 2013:

Due November 29

KAFC Meetings & Deadlines

For consideration on...

September 2013:

Due August 16

October 2013:

Due September 13

November 2013:

Due Oct. 11

December 2013:

Due November 15



Agricultural Infrastructure Loans

\$870,214, 11 loans in 7 counties

Agricultural Processing Loan

\$55,000, 1 loan in Lyon County

Beginning Farmer Loans

\$3,045,040, 19 loans in 13 counties

New Agricultural Enterprise Loan

\$250,000, 1 loan in Daviess County

Youth Cost-Share Program

Jessamine County FFA Alumni Association
\$8,000 Jessamine County funds

Programs

County Agricultural Investment Program (CAIP)

Provides farmers with incentives to allow them to improve and diversify their current production practices through a wide variety of agricultural enterprises in its 10 investment areas

Adair	\$203,000
Barren	\$325,567
Breathitt	\$100,000
Breckinridge	\$250,000
Butler	\$ 46,028
Campbell	\$ 57,630
Clark	\$210,000
Cumberland	\$125,000
Daviess	\$111,814
Edmonson	\$ 73,119
Elliott	\$127,852
Estill	\$ 82,000
Franklin	\$118,953
Garrard	\$200,000
Grayson	\$175,000
Green	\$475,000
Hancock	\$ 97,934
Hardin	\$150,000
Harlan	\$ 4,975
Harrison	\$281,733
Hart	\$300,000
Henderson	\$ 31,000
Henry	\$256,175
Jefferson	\$ 25,000
Jessamine	\$200,000
Kenton	\$121,474
LaRue	\$104,422
Lee	\$127,425
Marion	\$176,411
Marshall	\$ 85,000
McLean	\$ 72,029
Meade	\$ 64,184
Mercer	\$180,000
Morgan	\$158,959
Muhlenberg	\$ 87,302

Oldham	\$ 41,542
Rowan	\$ 99,750
Russell	\$269,168
Taylor	\$224,000
Trimble	\$166,174
Washington	\$174,254
Webster	\$ 17,652
Whitley	\$ 27,258
Wolfe	\$220,307
44 counties	\$6.4 million

Deceased Farm Animal Removal Program (DAR)

Serves as an interim measure to facilitate the coordination of environmentally sound and cost-effective disposal of deceased livestock

The following county Fiscal Courts were approved for this program:

Garrard	\$2,500
Montgomery	\$6,625
Nelson	\$7,500
Spencer	\$6,167

The following county Conservation Districts were approved for this program:

Clinton	\$1,150
Franklin	\$4,500

6 counties **\$28,442**

On-Farm Energy Efficiency & Production Incentives

Provides incentives to Kentucky farm families to increase energy efficiency and renewable fuel production

\$1,447,341 for 113 Farm Families in 28 counties



Shared-use Equipment

Established with the purpose of impacting many producers who cannot justify ownership expenses associated with certain equipment

Bracken	\$ 9,510	for the purchase of a lime spreader
Franklin	\$11,305	for the purchase of a no-till drill
Laurel	\$10,000	for the purchase of a manure spreader
Madison	\$ 5,117	for the purchase of a squeeze chute
McCreary	\$10,492	for the purchase of lime and manure spreaders
Mercer	\$11,366	for the purchase of a no-till drill

7 counties **\$57,790**

Public Affairs

Governor's Garden Initiative Is Growing



In 2009, First Lady Jane Beshear partnered with several government, education and agricultural organizations to launch Kentucky's

first Governor's Garden on the grounds of Berry Hill Mansion, just a short distance from the Kentucky State Capitol. Mrs. Beshear launched the Governor's Garden initiative to promote awareness about the benefits of locally grown produce and reducing Kentucky's carbon footprint.

Since that time the Governor's Garden initiative has grown to include six locations across the Commonwealth. The most recent location was dedicated by Mrs. Beshear at the Center for Courageous Kids (CCK) in Scottsville.

"Gardening is an exceptional way to teach children math, agriculture, healthy eating and the importance of environmental responsibility," said Mrs. Beshear. "Maintaining a garden also gives young people a strong sense of responsibility and the satisfaction growing and cultivating their own food from start to finish. I'm so thrilled that the children at CCK have

For more information about CCK, visit www.thecenterforcourageouskids.org.

For more information about the Governor's Garden initiative, visit governorsgarden.ky.gov.

Follow the First Lady on Facebook at <http://on.fb.me/17B7q6e>.



their own Governor's Garden and hope they will enjoy it for many years to come."

CCK is a world class medical camp that serves children and families from across the country that are living with a variety of medical challenges, free of charge. The camp is open year round and can host up to 120 children at a time. CCK's hematology, oncology and rheumatology campers were on-site for today's dedication.

"We are tremendously honored that the First Lady designated the Center for Courageous Kids' campus as one of only six locations across the state for the prestigious Governor's Garden," said CCK's Executive Director Roger Murtie. 



(Above) First Lady Jane Beshear talks with children at the Center for Courageous Kids.

(Left) Image of our new magnets. If you didn't get one at the State Fair, we'll have them at the conference.



Tobacco Settlement Fund Oversight

- Sen. Paul Hornback, Co-Chair
- Rep. Wilson Stone, Co-Chair
- Sen. Carroll Gibson
- Sen. Jimmy Higdon
- Sen. Dennis Parrett
- Sen. Robin L. Webb
- Sen. Whitney Westerfield
- Rep. Mike Denham
- Rep. Tom McKee
- Rep. Terry Mills
- Rep. Ryan Quarles
- Rep. Jonathan Shell

Meets the first Wednesday of each month.

Reminder: 2013 Interim Joint Committee on Agriculture will meet the 2nd Wednesday of each month through November.

For more details visit lrc.ky.gov.

Note: meeting day subject to change



State Photo

Important Contact Information:

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- En Espanol (866) 840-6574
- www.lrc.ky.gov

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Upcoming Events

Sept. 20

KADB Business Meeting

Franklin County Extension Office
Frankfort

<http://agpolicy.ky.gov>

Sept. 20-21

Kentucky Wood Expo

Masterson Station Park, Lexington

www.kywoodexpo.com

Oct. 4

KAFC Board Meeting

Transportation Cabinet Office Building
Frankfort

<http://agpolicy.ky.gov>

Oct. 26

KY Proud Incredible Food Show

Lexington Convention Center
(859) 233-3535 or Ticketmaster

Oct. 29

KADB / KAFC Joint Meeting

Sloan Convention Center
Bowling Green

<http://agpolicy.ky.gov>

Oct. 30

2013 GOAP Conference

Sloan Convention Center
Bowling Green

<http://go.usa.gov/bSPd>

Nov. 4-6

Kentucky Women in Agriculture 14th Annual Conference

Campbell House-Crowne Plaza
Lexington

www.kywomeninag.com/conference.php

Nov. 9-22

North American International Livestock Exposition (NAILE)

Kentucky Exposition Center, Louisville

<http://www.livestockexpo.org>

Nov. 14-15

Ky. Agricultural Summit: Farm- ing-Stewardship of Our Resources

Marriott East, Louisville

www.kyagcouncil.net/summit/

Recurring Meetings

Tobacco Settlement Legislative Oversight Committee

First Wednesday of the month

www.lrc.ky.gov

Kentucky Agricultural Finance Corporation

First Friday of the month

kafc.ky.gov

Kentucky Agricultural Development Board

Third Friday of the month

agpolicy.ky.gov



Nov. 29

Final 2013 Program Deadline

Applications submitted between Nov. 30, 2013 and Jan. 31, 2014 will be for 2014 programs and will be eligible for action in February 2014.

2014 applications will be available by Dec. 30, 2013.

There will be no action on programs (CAIP, DAR, SU) in January 2014.



(Above) Project Manager Biff Baker (left) joins KADB members (l to r) Roy Collins, Sam Lawson, Dr. Betty Bailey and Wayne Mattingly for a presentation from Kentucky State University, during the KADB's June meeting.

(Below) Members of the KAFC bid farewell to retiring board member Peggy Peterson at its June meeting.



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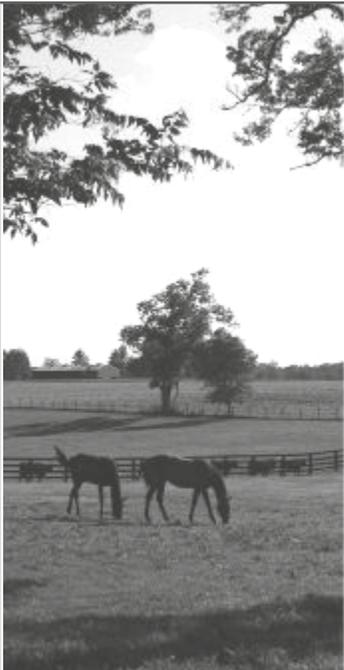
The **Application Review Committee** of the Kentucky Agricultural Development Board will convene on the following dates to review applications submitted for funding through the Kentucky Agricultural Development Fund:

Sept. 20 Oct. (TBD)

Nov. 22 Dec. 20

Meetings are at 1 p.m. in the same location as that day's KADB meeting. Call (502) 564-4627 to confirm meeting info or visit agpolicy.ky.gov 24-hours in advance.





Growing Kentucky Agriculture



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Staff Photo (left, cover): Ayres Orchard, Owen County

CWG Spotlight Update...Since August 2012, television and radio commercials have been sharing stories of Kentucky Farm Families: Feeding Kentucky; Feeding the World. In the last 12 months, more than 46,000 commercials ran on airways across the Commonwealth, including prime viewing hours.

This excellent coverage for Kentucky agriculture was made possible through the Kentucky Broadcasters Association's Public Education Program. With a more than 600% return on investment, this program has allowed us, along with our partner organizations, to stretch our investment and provide consumers a first-hand look at Kentucky farm families and how they care about what they do and the products they create.

Kentucky Farm Families
Feeding Kentucky, Feeding the World

Thank you to all who have made Kentucky's historic agricultural diversification effort possible through the Kentucky Agricultural Development Fund.

Since 2001, more than \$400 million has been invested in projects and programs across the Commonwealth to increase net farm income and strengthen Kentucky's agricultural and rural economies.

