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**Environmental Stewardship and On-Farm Improvement Incentives
Among Seven Agricultural Investments Approved**
More than \$250,000 invested in Kentucky Agricultural Development Funds

FRANKFORT, Ky. (April 15, 2016) – Today the Kentucky Agricultural Development Board approved \$255,208 for seven agricultural diversification and rural development programs across the Commonwealth during its April board meeting.

On-Farm Investments

Three County Agricultural Investment Programs (CAIP) were approved by the board totaling \$210,884 for Carlisle (\$94,500), Greenup (\$91,384) and Henry (\$25,000) counties. CAIP offers 10 investment areas that give Kentucky agricultural producers the ability to increase net farm income, add value to their products and diversify their operation. CAIP benefits and enhances agriculture across the state by stimulating markets for Kentucky agricultural products.

Deceased Farm Animal Removal Program

The Deceased Farm Animal Removal Program serves as a measure to facilitate the coordination of environmentally sound and cost effective disposal of deceased livestock for Kentucky producers. Two Deceased Farm Animal Removal Programs totaling (\$15,000) were approved by the board for Harrison (\$7,500) and Henry (\$7,500) counties.

Shared-use Equipment

The Shared-use Equipment Program assists broad-based community organizations on the purchase of farm equipment. The equipment purchased is made available for producer use in a specific county on a leased basis. Two Shared-use Equipment Programs totaling \$29,324 were approved by the board for Graves (\$21,187) and Union (\$8,137) counties.

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Great strides continue being made toward lessening Kentucky's dependence on tobacco production while revitalizing the farm economy by investing a portion of Kentucky's Master Settlement Agreement Funds into the Kentucky Agricultural Development Fund.

To date, Kentucky has invested nearly \$500 million in an array of county, regional and state projects designed to increase net farm income and create sustainable new farm-based business enterprises. These funding approvals, made possible by the Kentucky Agricultural Development Fund, represent just a few of the more than 5,200 projects approved, since the inception of the program in January 2001.

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