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Did you know...?

- There are more than 150 farmers' markets in Kentucky
- Kentucky ag. exports were valued at nearly \$2 billion in 2009

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Rising to Governor Beshear's Challenge

~ by Roger Thomas

At the Feb. 2011 GOAP Conference, Gov. Steve Beshear challenged us to take a fresh look at the Kentucky Agricultural Development Fund and how it can be used to propel agriculture to new heights.

One aspect of rising to the Governor's challenge came in the form of eight regional forums that we hosted across the Commonwealth. These forums provided an opportu-

nity for public input into the direction of future KADF investments and to share the successes of the Fund in our communities.

To me, this was an opportunity for all of us to reinvigorate the spirit of the Kentucky Agricultural Development Fund within the agriculture community. We still need to work with "one accord, one voice" to maintain the funds for agriculture. This was also

an opportunity to increase awareness of the Fund to those outside agriculture. We still have a lot of folks out in the state who are not fully aware of the Fund and what has been achieved through its investments.

I am pleased with the participation at the eight Forums. More than 370 folks took time out of their busy lives to share ideas and reiterate the impor-

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News Alert: No New Federal Regulations...

Following a 60-day comment period asking farmers, farm organizations and the public to provide input on longstanding safety rules, the U.S. Department of Transportation



CDL to drive a tractor? Implements of husbandry as commercial vehicles was an issue addressed by FMCA's guidance.

(DOT) announced that it has no intention of proposing new regulations governing the transport of agricultural products.

U.S. DOT's Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration (FMCSA) also released guidance designed to make sure states clearly understand the common sense exemptions that allow farmers, their employees and their families to accomplish their day-to-day work and transport their

products to market.

In comments submitted to FMCSA, GOAP Executive Director Roger Thomas praised the agency for seeking public comment, but cautioned against broad stroke actions.

"While we acknowledge the desire to have consistent definitions and applicable laws across state borders, much care must be taken to avoid

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Kentucky Agricultural Development Fund

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tance of the Fund to Kentucky agriculture. More than 48% who participated indicated they are farmers. That is a true testament to the importance of the fund to our farm families. This wasn't just an exercise for agency and organizational folks, but for all facets of agriculture, especially our farmers. The dialogue and networking at the forums was wonderful.

Some of the ideas presented included certification for woodland owners, working on the demand side of local foods

initiatives, agritourism, increasing awareness through urban agriculture, farm-to-school, farm succession planning assistance, biomass for renewable energy, genetics testing for meat selection, dairy processing and other regional projects, including grain storage and meat processing and retail centers. Ideas presented at the Forums will be compiled into a report that will be available to the public.

To augment the feedback we received through the forums, the Board has also developed a Stakeholder Survey to gather additional ideas for county,

regional and statewide projects, particularly those with both a direct impact to the farmer and a regional focus.

If you were able to participate in one of the forums, then thank you for your support and the input that you have provided. If you were not able to join us, then I hope you will take the opportunity to share your ideas through the Stakeholder Survey.

Together we can meet the Governor's challenge and guide Kentucky agriculture further into the 21st century.



Scenes from the 2011 KADF Forums

More than 370 participated, including 181 farmers, in the KADF Forums in one of eight locations.

(Clockwise, top left) - Kick off in Frankfort, Maysville, Somerset, Elizabethtown, Owensboro, Gilbertsville, Bowling Green and West Liberty

KADB Appointments Made

Gov. Steve Beshear recently announced the appointment of **Roy G. Collins**, of Manchester, and **Dr. Betty Bailey**, of Owingsville, to the Kentucky Agricultural Development Board (KADB).

"It's an honor to be chosen by Gov. Beshear to serve on this board," said Collins, representing attorneys with experience in agriculture. "I look forward to working with the other members to propel Kentucky agriculture forward."

A 1996 graduate of the University of Kentucky College of Law, Collins is currently an attorney with Morgan, Madden, Brasher, Collins & Yeast.

Prior to attending law school, Collins received his B.S. in agriculture at the University of Kentucky and was a member of the first class of UK's Natural Resource Conservation Program. Collins farms property in both eastern and western Kentucky and is interested in farming techniques that improve or restore wildlife habitat, while providing financial opportunities to farmers.

Collins's appointment is effective through July 6, 2014.



In 1971, Bailey received her doctorate from Florida State University in family sociology. A home economist for more than 20 years, Bailey returned to the family farm in the 70s, raising cattle, tobacco, hay and horses.

"I know that the Agricultural Development Board is very important, administering one half of Kentucky's to-

bacco settlement money," said Dr. Bailey. "I am excited to be a part of it, and I look forward to representing farmers on the board."

In addition to farming, Bailey is involved in local and state organizations to represent the interests of agriculture. She is currently a delegate on the Community Farm Alliance board and a member of the Bath County Conservation District board of supervisors.

Bailey's appointment is effective through July 6, 2013.

Members reappointed were **Sam Moore**, of Morgantown; **Wayne Mattingly**, of Owensboro and **Wayne Hunt**, of Herndon.

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Compliance Report

On a quarterly basis, the Compliance Department reports to the KADB on both the timeliness of project reporting and the number of projects and programs that have completed their reporting requirements.

Out of 836 projects approved to date, 50% have completed their reporting requirements. The remaining projects are in the monitoring phase, meaning they are required to provide periodic reports about the progress of their project.

Of the 3,307 approved established programs, which include cost-share assistance, deceased farm animal assistance and shared-use, 92% are complete, which means that they have completed their reporting requirements.

Transparency

GOAP's new on-line search tool has helped increase transparency in the funding provided through the County Agricultural Investment Program.

The new search feature allows users to search by county, investment area, producer's last name and/or year. Only information from 2009 forward is available on the search site. The last data update was June 2011.

Visit agpolicy.ky.gov or the following direct short link: <http://go.usa.gov/2wF>. ☪

County Council Corner

County Agricultural Development Councils were established in 2000 to evaluate the needs of the local agricultural economy, devise a plan that would identify programs best suited to support the county's agriculture and assist local applicants in preparing proposals to spend county funds to be submitted to the state Agricultural Development Board (KADB). [KRS 2478.721 (1)]

Priority Sheet Clarification:

If a project is requesting state and county funds, then there is a space for the council to indicate if county funds should be awarded if state funds are denied. For clarification, "state funds" includes not only Agricultural Development Funds, but also Kentucky Agricultural Finance Corporation (KAFC) loan funds.

60-Day Rule:

In Dec. 2009, the KADB established the 60-Day Rule for action on applications requesting county funds. When a council receives a request for county funds, they must convene to act upon and assign a priority within 60-Days that the application is received. This is both a courtesy to the applicant and helps the council achieve a portion of its mission. ☪

Application Deadlines

All applications for projects and cost-share 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 2011:

Due August 26

October 2011:

Due September 30

November 2011:

Due October 28

December 2011:

Due November 28*

* Because state offices will be closed on the last Friday, an alternate date has been selected.



Investments

Between March and June 2011, the KADB approved a total of \$9,042,056 in state and county agricultural development funds in projects and programs across the Commonwealth, representing 69 of more than 3,800 projects approved since 2001.



Agricultural Conservation Easement Survey

Shelby Area Rural Conservation
\$5,378 in Shelby County funds

Cattle Demonstration Project

KABA/Select Sires Inc.
\$61,180 in state funds

Grain Cleaning System

Hopkinsville Elevator Company
\$55,000 in state funds
up to \$184,000 in county funds

Livestock Arena

Jessamine County Fiscal Court
\$40,000 in Jessamine County funds

Local Foods & Craft Network

New Pioneers for a Sustainable Future Inc.
\$10,160 in Washington County funds

Management and Genetics 60 (MAG-60) Program

Kentucky Beef Network LLC
\$310,000 in state funds

Queen Bee Nutrition on Surface Mine Sites

Eastern Kentucky University
\$44,130 in state funds
\$500 in Perry County funds
\$500 in Letcher County funds

Regional Livestock Facility

Tim and Wanda Quiggins
up to \$40,000 in county funds

River Port Grain Facility

Meade County Riverport Authority
\$2 million in state funds

Value-added Dairy Feasibility Study

Marion County Industrial Foundation Inc.
\$20,000 in Marion County funds
\$3,000 in Adair County funds

WKU Apiary

Western Kentucky University's (WKU) Agriculture Department
\$5,000 in state funds

Youth Cost-share Program

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



A grain crop sprayer, supported by the KADF, on display at the UK All Commodity Field Day at the UK Research and Education Farm in Princeton.

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KADF sign presentation and ribbon cutting at the grand opening of Owens Greenhouse and Garden Center in Pulaski County.

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Mission Statement

The Kentucky Agricultural Development Board seeks to invest 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.

The **County Agricultural Investment Program** is designed to provide farmers with incentives to allow them to improve and diversify their current production practices through a wide variety of agricultural enterprises in its 11 investment areas.

The following is a list of counties and amounts committed to CAIP from March to June of 2011.

Anderson	\$100,000
Carter	\$136,604
Cumberland	\$105,000
Daviess	\$100,000
Elliott	\$147,943
Franklin	\$100,000
Gallatin	\$104,455
Garrard	\$300,000
Grant	\$225,750
Hancock	\$113,928
Henderson	\$ 27,503
Henry	\$320,094
Jessamine	\$230,000
Johnson	\$ 70,000
Knox	\$ 51,429
LaRue	\$135,000
Logan	\$121,247
Magoffin	\$108,133
Marion	\$202,594
McLean	\$ 67,994
Meade	\$ 70,000
Mercer	\$210,000
Morgan	\$161,391
Muhlenberg	\$ 98,691
Oldham	\$ 45,300
Owen	\$300,000
Pendleton	\$205,232
Perry	\$ 9,894
Shelby	\$350,000
Trigg	\$105,000
Trimble	\$188,464

Wayne	\$180,000
Webster	\$ 20,355

Dead Animal Removal

The Deceased Farm Animal Disposal Assistance Program 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:

Bourbon Co.	\$7,500
Lincoln Co.	\$7,500
Logan Co.	\$7,500
Shelby Co.	\$7,500
Washington Co.	\$7,500

The following county Conservation Districts were approved for this program:

Casey Co.	\$7,500
Nicholas Co.	\$7,500

Shared-use Equipment

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

Bell County Agricultural Advancement Council Inc. \$3,292 for the purchase of a lime spreader

Boyle County Cattlemen’s Association Inc. \$20,250 for the purchase of a no-till drill

Franklin County Cattlemen’s Association, Inc. \$ 800 for the purchase of livestock scales

Mercer County Conservation District \$10,736 for the purchase of a no-till drill

Pulaski County Conservation District \$14,147 for the purchase of a weed control applicator and a no-till drill



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UK Veterinary Diagnostic Laboratory

First Lady Jane Beshear joins Dean Scott Smith, as well as state and local officials, to celebrate the opening of the new UK Veterinary Diagnostic Laboratory (formerly the Livestock Diagnostic Lab) in June.



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Gateway Agritourism Association

The Gateway Agritourism Association held their Summer Membership Meeting at Hickory Springs of Montgomery Daylily Farm in July. The Gateway Agritourism Association is a regional organization that promotes agritourism farming operations and related businesses in a seven county area. More information is available on the website www.gatewayagritourism.com or by calling 859-498-4540.



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Breckinridge County Farmers’ Market

Gov. Steve Beshear is joined by state and local officials, including KADB member Pat Henderson, during the grand opening ribbon cutting for the Breckinridge County Farmers’ Market.

Meetings & Deadlines

For consideration on...

Sept. 2, 2011:

Due Aug. 12

Oct. 19, 2011:

Due Sept. 30

Dec. 2, 2011:

Due Nov. 11

Kentucky Agricultural Finance Corporation

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Finance Secretary

Westy Adams
Horticulture Producer

George Begley
Livestock Farmer

Kenny Burdine
Agricultural Economist

Wayne Hunt
Grain Farmer, ADB Liaison

Larry Jagers
Dairy Farmer

Doug Lawson
Commercial Lender

M. Frank McAninch
Tobacco Farmer

Joel Oney
Financial Services Officer

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Equine Representative

Peggy Peterson
Financial Services Officer

KAFC Update

During their meetings from April to June 2011, the Kentucky Agricultural Finance Corporation (KAFC) approved more than \$1 million in loans for 15 projects across the Commonwealth.

Agricultural Infrastructure loans totaled \$218,850 and included recipients in Calloway, Carlisle, Graves, Marion, McLean, and Taylor counties.

Beginning farmers may qualify for financing to purchase livestock, equipment, agriculture facilities, to make a down payment on real estate or invest in a partnership. Beginning farmer loans totaled \$671,804 and included recipi-

ents in Fulton, Graves, Green, Henderson, Hickman and Pulaski counties.

Low-interest financing is available to **beginning agri-entrepreneurs** who are attempting to diversify their farming operations. DEAL* loans totaled \$200,000 and included recipients from Hart and McLean counties.

As of June 30, KAFC has approved **362** loans and committed more than **\$40.3** million.

Program Changes

After the June meeting, KAFC's guideline review committee met to discuss revisions to all six of KAFC's loan programs.



These revisions were approved at the July board meeting, effective July 22, 2011.

The approved changes to the lending guidelines for KAFC's program provide consistency across programs. The revisions will also help improve understanding of the program requirements by lenders and farmers alike.

Revised guidelines are posted at kafc.ky.gov and highlights of the changes are at right. ☞

**Diversification through Entrepreneurship in Agriculture Loan program.*

KAFC Board Appointments

Gov. Steve Beshear recently announced the appointment of **M. Frank McAninch**, of Liberty, to the Kentucky Agricultural Finance Corporation (KAFC), representing tobacco farmers.

"It is an honor to be a representative of farmers on such an important board for Kentucky agriculture," said McAninch. "I look forward to working with my fellow board members in providing affordable access to capital for Kentucky farmers and agri-

businesses."

McAninch graduated from Berea College with a dual degree in political science and history. He is a tobacco, beef cattle and forage farmer.

McAninch is active in his community, volunteering his time to coach AAU girls basketball and presiding over the Casey Co. golf boosters. He is also involved with the Community Farm Alliance and the Casey County Democratic Party, serving on its executive committee.



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Gov. Beshear also reappointed **Doug Lawson**, of Murray, to represent commercial lending officers. He is with SBG Investments.

Both appointments are effective through June 26, 2015. ☞

KAFC Loan Guidelines Revised

The following revisions may also be found on-line at kafc.ky.gov.

All Loans:

- Unified interest and charge for loan servicing throughout all participation loans—all interest rates will be 2% with up to 0.75% added for servicing.

Agricultural Infrastructure Loans:

- Increase loan amount to \$150,000 for applicants with documentation of tobacco involvement
- Applicants without documentation of tobacco involvement are limited to \$100,000
- Add: Lender is encouraged to include KAFC as part of any FSA guarantee request
- Tax returns are not required for applicants who request less than \$50,000
- Change staff approvals to any request under \$50,000 with a credit score of 650 and above

Beginning Farmer Loans:

- Change amount of real estate KAFC will participate on from 25% to 50%
- Longer terms for real estate: 15 year balloon with 25 year amortization
- Change business plan from 5- to 3-years
- Exclude agricultural related occupations, as determined by the board, from the total household income
- Add: Lender is encouraged to include KAFC as part of any FSA guarantee request

Large/Food Animal Veterinary Loans:

- Change business plan from 5- to 3-years
- Exclude agricultural related occupations, as determined by the board, from the total household income
- Eligible Investments: Add permanent

working capital

Diversification through Entrepreneurship in Agribusiness Loans:

- Add: Lender is encouraged to include KAFC as part of any FSA guarantee request
- Change business plan from 5- to 3-years
- Exclude agricultural related occupations, as determined by the board, from the total household income

Agricultural Processing Loans:

- Projects under \$1M will be required to be a participation loan at 2% with up to 0.75% added for lender servicing fee, loan cannot exceed 15 years, maximum amount of KAFC participation will be \$150,000
- Projects over \$1M can be direct loans with interest based on wall street journal prime rate and cannot exceed 20 years
- Eligible Projects:
 - Add "Acquisition of equipment"
 - Add "Permanent working capital"

Coordinated Value-Added Assistance Loans:

- Projects under \$1M will be required to be a participation loan at 2% with up to 0.75% added for lender servicing fee, loan cannot exceed 15 years, maximum amount of KAFC participation will be \$150,000
- Projects over \$1M can be direct loans with interest based on wall street journal prime rate and cannot exceed 20 years
- Eligible Projects: Add 'construction of new facilities'
- Change term of loan—from 5-years to useful life of asset, as determined by lender
- Change 25% to 50% of the expansion



KADB member Sam Moore and GOAP staff visit Rocky Fork Feeders in Crestwood.

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Financial Term of the Quarter

combined loan to value ratio (CLTV):

A CLTV Ratio is the proportion of loans in relation to a property's value.

It is calculated by dividing the total value of the combined principal balances of all mortgages by the value of the property. The CLTV indicates the risk of a borrower going into default if the property purchased is funded by multiple mortgages. High values indicate a greater risk of default (the loan value is a larger percentage of the overall property value).

Adapted from InvestorWords.com and Wikipedia

Public Affairs

Economic Impact of World Equestrian Games Announced



In June Governor Beshear announced The Alltech FEI World Equestrian Games held in 2010 at the Kentucky Horse Park had an economic impact of \$201.5 million.

“The World Equestrian Games were indeed a success and this report illustrates the positive result that our local and state governments, our sponsors, the many volunteers, the business community and the citizens of the Commonwealth

working together can have.” Gov. Beshear said. “It also underscores the important role of the Kentucky Horse Park and the legacy the games will have for future years.”

Kentucky’s longstanding agricultural history and its Kentucky grown and produced products were also featured during the games at the Kentucky Experience Pavilion. Visitors from around the world were able to purchase, taste and experience all the

great things Kentucky has to offer.

According to the report commissioned by the Tourism, Arts and Heritage Cabinet, the Alltech World Equestrian Games Foundation reported that it sold or provided complimentary tickets to 419,853 visitors. They came from 63 countries and all 50 states.

The report is available at www.kentuckytourism.com/industry/research.aspx.

WEG by the Numbers

400,000+ Visitors

63 Countries

50 States

\$200,000,000 Impact

Ky. Bioenergy Group Tours the Show Me State

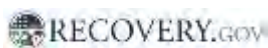


This past May, the Governor’s Office of Agricultural Policy and the Energy and Environment Cabinet teamed up to host the 2011 Bioenergy Bus Tour. Over 50 participants from across the state traveled to St. Louis, Missouri to attend the 4th Annual International Biomass Conference & Expo. Participants connected with industry professionals focusing on crop residues, dedicated energy crops, forest and wood process residues, food processing residues, livestock and poultry wastes, and municipal solid wastes, urban wastes and landfill gas. Show Me Energy Cooperative, Monsanto Research Center and Abengoa Bioenergy were also visited on this tour.

“Whether you are motivated by improving our environment, creating economic growth for your community, establishing an affordable, dependable supply of energy for your business, or reducing our dependence on foreign crude from hostile nations, your seat on this bus shows your concern.”

- Governor Steve Beshear

The 2011 Bioenergy Tour was support in part by America’s Recovery & Reinvestment Act (ARRA) funding.



News Alert (cont.)



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unintended consequences of such action.”


Earlier this year, farm groups came to FMCSA with concerns that some states might not allow exemptions to Commercial Drivers License (CDL) requirements for certain farm operations using “crop-share” leasing.

When it investigated, FMCSA found wide differences among states in how the “for-hire” and related agricultural exceptions were being

applied.

As a result, FMCSA asked states to cease all new safety audits on farmers and issued the public notice soliciting input on this complex issue of farm equipment on public roads.

The guidance FMCSA released, which is based on the input provided by Thomas and others, clarifies three critical issues: interstate vs. intrastate commerce, commercial driver’s license and implements of husbandry.

For details on these critical agriculture issues and guidance information released by FMCSA, visit their website at www.fmcsa.dot.gov. 

Legislative Meetings

The **2011 Interim Joint Committee on Agriculture** meets to discuss matters pertaining to crop, livestock, poultry and their marketing, disease control and warehousing; tobacco; stockyards; agricultural co-operatives and marketing associations; agriculture weights and measures; veterinarians.

June 8 EKU, Richmond (Biofuels & Bioenergy discussed)

July 13 Farmers Livestock Market, Glasgow (Dead Animal Removal discussed & update on Eastern Livestock)

Aug. 25 Kentucky Fair and Expo Center, Louisville

Sept. 9 UK College of Ag Roundup, Lexington

Oct. 13 TBD

Nov. 9 Frankfort



Sen. Joey Pendleton, of Hopkinsville, addresses a crowd at an Interim Agriculture Committee meeting last September.

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Ribbon Cutting at FFA Leadership Training Camp in Hardinsburg

July 6, 2011

First Lady Jane Beshear joins state FFA officers, as well as state and local leaders, including Roger Thomas (GOAP), David Beck (KFB) and Bruce Harper (KDA), in a ribbon cutting ceremony for the new dining hall at the FFA Leadership Training Camp in Hardinsburg.

The renovation was supported in part by Kentucky Agricultural Development Funds.

The ribbon cutting was held, during the camp’s 75th Anniversary Celebration.

Legislative Oversight

At the May Tobacco Settlement Agreement Fund Legislative Oversight Committee, county extension agents - like Jeff Smith of Fleming County, Doug Shepherd of Hardin County and Ted Johnson of Lee County, all who have seen growth in their county's agricultural infrastructure over the past decade - shared their experiences with the Kentucky Agricultural Development Fund.

“Our communities are more stable because of the extra dollars coming to the communities,” University of Kentucky Extension Agent for Lincoln County Dan Grigson told the Tobacco Settlement Agreement Fund Oversight Committee today. “We feel like the Agricultural Development Board has had tremendous benefits to Kentucky agriculture and Kentucky’s general economy.”

The 2000 General Assembly created a state board and county-level framework to distribute millions of dollars from a multi-billion-dollar national tobacco settlement between states and cigarette manufacturers. County extension agents



like Grigson are responsible under that law for administering each county's agricultural development council.

The purpose of the state and county level funds distributed under the 2000 law is to help once tobacco-dependent counties diversify their agricultural base. Now, with new agricultural infrastructure for hay storage, goat production, cattle handling and other needs, the agents explained that counties are finding it easier to cope with the loss in tobacco income.

Some lawmakers on the committee suggested that the state and counties look at new funding sources, cautioning that tobacco settlement dollars might not always be there.

“I think we need to be mindful of planning ahead,” said Sen. Joey Pendleton, of Hopkinsville.

Kentucky’s county extension agents seem willing to adapt. As University of Kentucky College of Agriculture Dean Scott Smith told the committee, “the agriculture development programs at the county level have changed the jobs of the county agents,” adding that there have been over 100,000 “teachable moments” because of the 2000 law.

“I know from experience that we could not have done it without that partnership (with county extension agents),” Committee Co-Chair Sen. Paul Hornback, of Shelbyville, said. “It took the leadership of Extension to bring people together to get this done.”



(Above) Dean Scott Smith addresses the Oversight Committee about extension’s role in the agricultural development process.

(Below Left) Dr. Gary Palmer, center, addresses the Oversight Committee, while extension agents Ted Johnson, Dan Grigson, Doug Shepherd and Jeff Smith observe.

Staff Photo

PUBLIC NOTICE

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

Aug. 25 Nov. 3

Oct. 6 Nov. 30

The Aug. 25 meeting will be held at the Kentucky Exposition Center, South Wing C Board Room at 1 p.m.

Times and locations for the remaining meetings will be posted on the GOAP calendar at agpolicy.ky.gov.

* Adapted from Legislative Research Commission (LRC) eNews release

Upcoming Events

Recurring Meetings

Tobacco Settlement Legislative Oversight Committee
First Wednesday of the month
www.lrc.ky.gov

Kentucky Agricultural Finance Corporation
kafc.ky.gov

Sept. 2 :: Transportation
Cabinet Office Bldg., Frankfort

Oct. 19 :: TCOB, Frankfort

Dec. 2 :: Hopkinsville

Kentucky Agricultural Development Board
agpolicy.ky.gov

Sept. 9 :: UK Ag Round Up,
Good Barn, Lexington

Oct. 18-19 :: Two-Day Planning,
General Butler SRP, Carrolton

Nov. 17 :: Hyatt Downtown,
Louisville

Dec. 16 :: TBA, Frankfort



Aug. 20 Farmers' Fair

Greenup St. & Park Place, Covington
Contact: www.farmersfair.org

Sept. 8 Ky. Forage & Grassland Council Field Day

C. Oran Little Research Center,
Versailles (4 - 8:15 p.m. EDT)
Contact: www.kfgc.org

Sept. 9-10 3rd International Pawpaw Conference

KSU Research Farm, Frankfort
Cost: \$75 member
Contact: Dr. Kirk Pomper
(502) 597-6174 or kirk.pomper@kysu.edu
www.pawpaw.kysu.edu



GOAP AT STATE FAIR

Once again, the Governor's Office of Agricultural Policy will be a part of the State Fair's Main Street Kentucky, located in the South Wing.

Come visit us to talk about what's happening in agriculture and get your KADF logo magnet.

We hope to see you there!

The **Governor's Garden** is a part of the Beshear administration's Green Team initiative, which strives to promote sustainability, energy efficiency and environmental preservation. The garden teaches students and members of the community how to develop and grow a primary source of sustainable, local, healthy food.

Through this project Kentucky's First Lady Jane Beshear hopes to show families that gardening does not require a large amount of land or money.



SEE THE GARDENS AT THE FAIR

Stop by the South Wing A Lobby to learn more about the Governor's Garden initiative, during the Kentucky State Fair.

The Garden exhibit will be near the Gourmet Gardens cooking state.

greenteam.ky.gov/garden

Sept. 20 5th Annual Kentucky Farm Women Field Day

Louisville Zoo
(2 p.m. registration, exhibits; 3:30 p.m. kick off)
Cost: Free
Contact: Jean-Marie Lawson
jean-marie@hartlandeq.com
www.hartlandequipment.com

Oct. 26-28 Kentucky Women in Ag. 12th Annual Conference

Crowne Plaza-Campbell House,
Lexington
Cost: \$75, includes meals
Contact: www.kywomeninag.com

Nov. 15-17 KSU Small, Limited Re- source, Minority Farmers Conference

Frankfort
Contact: Louie Rivers
(502) 597-5905, louie.rivers@kysu.edu

Nov. 18 2011 Kentucky Agricultural Summit

Commonwealth Convention Center
Louisville (8 a.m. - 5 p.m. EST)
Cost: TBA
Contact: www.kyagcouncil.org

**A pre-summit bioenergy event will be held on Nov. 17 at the same location.*

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CWG Spotlight...

Kentucky Wineries in the Spotlight

The Kentucky Agricultural Development Fund (KADF) has been supportive of Kentucky's growing wine industry, providing funds for a study, oenologist and viticulturalist to support the growing list of Kentucky wineries.

Recently, the Kentucky Department of Agriculture announced that two Kentucky wineries earned gold medals - with a total of 11 honored - at the Indy International Wine Competition Aug. 3-5 in West Lafayette, Ind. Of the 11 honored, seven have received support through the KADF.

"It is wonderful to see KADF investments flourish with award-winning products," said Roger Thomas, GOAP executive director. "Most of all, congratulations to all Kentucky wineries

recognized at this international competition."

Jean Farris Winery & Bistro, of Lexington, and Wight-Meyer Vineyard & Winery, of Shepherdsville, both earned a gold medal with their Petite Sirahs. Wight-Meyer's Diamond was Best of Class in American Late Harvest and Ice Wine, and the winery won a total of nine medals. Jean Farris captured a total of five medals.

Other Kentucky wineries that scored at Indy International were Acres of Land Winery, Richmond (two medals); Black Barn Winery, Lexington (one); Elk Creek Vineyards, Owenton (two); Grimes Mill Winery, Lexington (one); Purple Toad Winery, Paducah (six); Reid's Livery Winery, Alvaton (one); River Valley Winery, Carrollton (two); Talon Winery, Lexington (one); and Wildside Winery & Vineyard, Versailles (one).

Several Kentucky winemakers earned high honors in the amateur categories. A complete list is available at www.indyinternational.org.

Visit www.kentuckywine.com for more information on Kentucky's growing grape and wine industry.

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