



KADB AgriTech Committee

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Date: Tuesday, January 12, 2021

Time: 9:00 a.m. EST

Location: Zoom

Agenda:

1. Approval of the December 30th meeting minutes.
2. What is the committee talking about when we talk about AgriTech?

AgriTech includes innovations related to software, hardware, robotics, sensors, precision agriculture, data, artificial intelligence, biotech and veterinary technology, state of the art equipment and related technologies that support the farms of the future and encourages agritech business recruitment to Kentucky.

3. Role the KADF should play in the AgriTech development process
 - Support proposals that result in increased net farm income for Kentucky farm families
 - Multi-faceted approach – grant/loan program for projects
 - Cost-share program for farmers that matches CAIP funds for approved AgriTech practices with State funds
 4. Information that should be considered to assist the committee in making an informed recommendation
 - Discussion on the Kentucky Production AgriTech Initiative (Kentucky Farm Bureau)
 - Discussion on the Lexington/Bluegrass Region Food & AgTech Development Strategy (UK Report)
 - Governor Andy Beshear's AgriTech Advisory Council August Meeting Minutes
 - Questions and comments from KADB members and the Kentucky Cattlemen's Association
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5. Review staff document

- Review the AgriTech guidelines
 - Alternate language for “precision agriculture”
- AgriTech Equipment & Technology List
- Items to be added to the AgriTech list from CAIP list
- Items not currently funded by CAIP that should be added
- Review scoring worksheet and application

6. How is the approval of application funding going to happen?

The AgriTech Innovation Grant committee will be the group to review and recommend all AgriTech applications to the KADB for final approval.

7. Discussion items for today

- Reconciling the existing CAIP list
 - Clean diesel technology, drones, bedding, and soilless systems – any others?
- Finalize approved practices lists
- Finalize the scoresheet
- Larger project applications
 - How they will be scored
 - Who determines AgriTech – applicant, committee or GOAP staff?
- Additional comments or questions

8. Adjourn

Meeting Calendar:

- January 22, 2021 at 9:00 a.m. EST