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Governor's Office of Agricultural Policy Presented Checks for Owensboro Grain Biodiesel, LLC

K eith Rogers, Executive Director of the Governor's Office of Agricultural Policy presented two checks, on behalf of Governor Ernie Fletcher, to Owensboro Grain Biodiesel, LLC at a ground breaking ceremony in Owensboro, KY. These funds were for the constructing and equipping of a biodiesel production facility that will have the capacity to generate as much as 45 million gallons of biodiesel annually.



The first check was for \$1,151,250 from the Kentucky Agricultural Development Board, chaired by Governor Fletcher, and the second check was for \$5,000,000 from the Kentucky Agricultural Finance Corporation, chaired by Commissioner Richie Farmer.

Corporation, chaired by Commissioner Richie Farmer.

The Kentucky Agricultural Development Board approved \$1,000,000 as a forgivable loan and \$151,250 in county funds as a grant for Owensboro Grain Biodiesel, LLC. The Kentucky Agricultural Finance Corporation (KAFC) loaned Owensboro Grain Biodiesel, LLC \$5,000,000. KAFC has been able to help with upfront capital so that once the facility is in production they will be able to take advantage of Federal excise rebates that are currently being offered to expand biodiesel production. As this facility starts receiving these rebates the funds will be repaid to KAFC, for future projects.

"I applaud the Owensboro Grain Company for their leadership in making this facility a reality, said Governor Fletcher, "From my efforts in Washington to create incentives for renewable fuels to the assistance of my administration with the capital needs to construct this plant we are making great strides in creating value added markets for our farmers and reducing our dependence on foreign oil."



State and local officials present check to Owensboro Grain Biodiesel, LLC

Agriculture Commissioner Richie Farmer stated, "Biodiesel gives Kentucky soybean growers a new market for their products. They'll get more for their soybeans, and they'll spend some of that new income in their local communities. This plant will have far-reaching economic benefits for this area. I congratulate Owensboro Grain on this momentous occasion and pledge my support for this important project."

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If you like challenges and change then you would love working in agriculture. If asked by someone with no knowledge of agriculture about a career in agriculture, this would be my reply. For most of us involved in agriculture, we are here because of a love for the business, the land, the lifestyle, or other reasons that only agriculture can provide. For some, that is what makes change so difficult to accept and implement in production agriculture.

The challenge farmers have staying up on change, bringing new ideas, and technology to your farm can often seem overwhelming and time consuming. Earlier this year I attended the BIO 2006 Convention in Chicago. BIO is an international convention that encompasses the health, food and agriculture, and industrial and environmental industries, dealing with topics from medical devices to ethanol production and plant made pharmaceuticals.

Attending such a meeting can truly provide a reality check. Many times I have spoken about the great success we have achieved in Kentucky with agricultural diversification. Nevertheless, to step outside our state borders and look at parts of our agricultural industry at such a conference, can help one understand how important it is to keep learning and keep moving forward with new technology and ideas.

A conference like this may not be for everyone, but there is a growing medium filled with information, new ideas, and technology that Kentucky farmers need to access. I am speaking of the Internet. Gaining access to this information highway can often be time consuming, especially if you are using a dial-up Internet service. In the summer of 2005, a USDA report showed that fewer Kentucky farmers have access to the Internet (30 percent) compared to farmers in all other states.

Governor Ernie Fletcher's *Prescription for Innovation* calls for broadband availability for all Kentuckians by 2007. Thanks to Governor Fletcher's leadership, the Commonwealth is quickly approaching that goal. Nevertheless, for many farm families in the most rural areas of Kentucky, DSL (digital subscriber line), cable or wireless broadband services are not available and may not be for sometime.

To assist these farm families in gaining access to broadband internet service the Governor's Office of Agricultural Policy has introduced the *Pilot Satellite Broadband Cost-share Program*. We believe this program can greatly benefit those producers who wish to gain access to high-speed Internet service. I encourage you to learn more about this new program in this edition of Commonwealth Grows.

All of us have heard time and time again, "you've got to think outside the box," and no where in the United States has this taken place more than in Kentucky agriculture over the past six years. Nevertheless, we must keep looking outside the box, learning, and adopting new technology. I am proud of the changes taking place in Kentucky agriculture and the bright future for production agriculture.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, which appears to read "Keith L. Rogers". The signature is fluid and cursive, written in a professional style.

Keith L. Rogers
Executive Director / CEO

Pilot Satellite Broadband Cost-Share Program

The Governor's Office of Agricultural Policy has established a *Pilot Satellite Broadband Cost-Share Program* for counties to adopt, using County Agricultural Development Funds. High-speed Internet (broadband) will allow Kentucky farmers to simplify important daily tasks, while developing marketing and sales opportunities. Internet resources will allow farmers to remain competitive and profitable in today's changing agricultural economy.

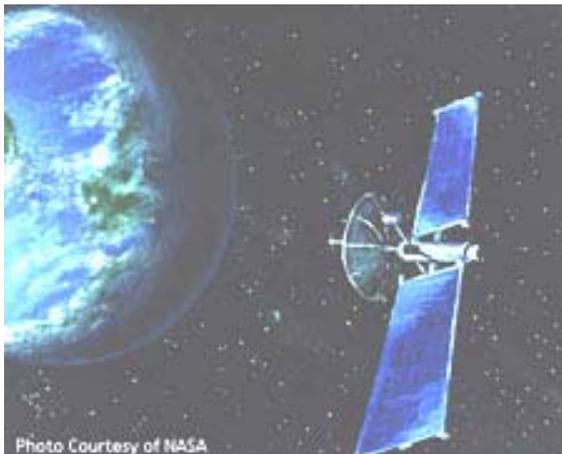


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farmers with Internet access."

The goals of this program are to: 1) Improve farm income through cost-share for establishing satellite broadband service that will improve farm operation efficiency for producers unable to access broadband service; 2) Impact a high number of tobacco dependant producers affected by loss of income resulting from cuts in tobacco production; 3) Encourage the use of broadband Internet service to assist producers in research and science-based decisions for the management and expansion of technology based initiatives in their farming operations; 4) Assist tobacco dependant producers interested in gaining the speed broadband Internet service provides; and 5) to increase the percentage of Kentucky farmers with Internet access.

The program can provide cost-share assistance in two areas. A producer is eligible for 50% of the cost of equipment and installation provided by a satellite broadband provider not to exceed \$250 per producer. Once the equipment is installed, the producer is eligible for cost-share up to 50% of the cost of satellite broadband service for a period of one year not to exceed \$40.00 per month (\$480.00 for the one year) per producer.

Those interested in implementing this pilot program should contact the Governor's Office of Agricultural Policy at (502) 564-4627. Applications for funds must be directed through the local County Agricultural Development Council(s) on a model program application. To learn more about cost-share and loan programs available in your area contact the [Governor's Office of Agricultural Policy](#) at (502) 564-4627.

DEADLINES

Are you planning to submit an application or amendment to the Agricultural Development Board? If so here are a few deadlines to keep in mind.



Model Program Applications

The first Friday of each month is the deadline for model program applications. If your model program is received in our office by the first Friday of the month then it will go before the Board at that month's meeting.

Non-Model Applications

The second Friday of each month is the deadline for all non-model project applications. If your application is received in our office by the second Friday of the month it will be referred at the Board meeting that month for consideration at the meeting the following month.

Model and Non-model Amendments

The first Friday of each month is the deadline for all model and non-model project amendments. If your amendment is received in our office by the first Friday of the month then it will go before the Board at that month's meeting.



Model Program Corner

Press Release Changes

Press releases are a vital part in communicating the importance of the Kentucky Agricultural Development Fund. Typically releases have been sent out when the counties have received a check for the model programs they are administering in their county. After much consideration, the Governor's Office of Agricultural Policy has decided for advertising purposes of the administrator to send press releases for your county model programs eleven to twelve days after they have been approved at the Kentucky Agricultural Development Board's monthly meeting. If you have any questions on this change or would like to receive press releases for your county please contact Angela Blank, Communications Officer at (502) 564-4627 or by email angelag.blank@ky.gov.



Reminder

At the Agricultural Development Board's March meeting, the Board suspended the requirement that "producer applications must be submitted prior to the purchase of a bull" from section C (2) of the model genetics program from January 1, 2006 until June 30, 2006. This is a reminder that this suspension was only **temporary** and this policy has resumed for applications as of July 1, 2006.

2001-2006

Agricultural Diversification

Est. September 2001
\$11,128,165 / 94 Counties

Cattle Genetics

Est. February 2001
\$12,243,908 / 106 Counties

Cattle Handling

Est. June 2001
\$18,787,015 / 102 Counties

Dairy Diversification

Est. January 2005
\$1,151,617 / 23 Counties

Fencing Improvement

Est. March 2003
\$9,369,805 / 67 Counties

Forage Improvement

Est. March 2001
\$21,205,071 / 102 Counties

Goat Diversification

Est. August 2001
\$3,339,110 / 92 Counties

Hay, Straw & Commodity

Est. November 2002
\$17,541,667 / 96 Counties

On-Farm Water

Est. March 2003
\$1,227,460 / 20 Counties

Shared-Use

Est. January 2005
\$861,482 / 39 Counties

Swine

Est. January 2005
\$57,015 / 5 Counties

Technology Program

Est. January 2005
\$830,571 / 21 Counties

Timber

Est. January 2005
\$132,055 / 6 Counties

KADB & KAFC Joint Board Meeting

On July 20-21 the Kentucky Agricultural Development Board (KADB) and the Kentucky Agricultural Finance Corporation (KAFC) held a joint Board meeting in Henderson, KY at Wolf’s Conference and Banquet Center. This was the first time in either board’s history that both the KADB and KAFC were able to meet together in one room and discuss common issues facing both boards. The theme of the meeting was “Coordinating Our Vision for Agricultural Development in Kentucky.” This was the starting point that both boards worked from for the entire meeting.



KAFC, KADB, and GOAP Staff learn about the Little Kentucky Smokehouse facility

One of the main highlights of the two-day meeting was the opportunity to visit Little Kentucky Smokehouse, in Uniontown, KY. Little Kentucky Smokehouse, LLC was approved for \$950,000 in August 2002 and \$1.0 million dollars in July 2004 in Kentucky Agricultural Development Funds to build and expand a meat processing plant with emphasis on pork products. The expansion allowed Little Kentucky Smokehouse to process 1.5 million hams annually or 94% of the hams grown

in Kentucky. Little Kentucky Smokehouse developed a source verified “Kentucky Fresh” pork product line utilizing Kentucky raised hogs.



Grain bin converted to a dining facility

Board members and staff were able to meet and visit with local county officials and county council members while viewing many of the products Little Kentucky Smokehouse has to offer. Jimmy and Linda Baird, owners of Little Kentucky Smokehouse lead tours of their state-of-the-art facility. KADB, KAFC, and staff were also able to have dinner in a grain bin that has been converted to a one-of-a-kind dining facility.

On behalf of the Governor’s Office of Agricultural Policy, we would like to thank Little Kentucky Smokehouse for their hospitality.



Board Members enjoy a delicious meal prepared by employees of Little Kentucky Smokehouse.

Kentucky Agricultural Finance Corporation Updates

New Program

The Kentucky Agricultural Finance Corporation (KAFC) Board recently approved the implementation of the Coordinated Value Added Assistance Loan Program. This program will offer below market financing to applicants who create contract production opportunities for Kentucky farmers. The Kentucky Agricultural Development Board provided \$1,000,000 to KAFC to establish this loan fund as a catalyst for entrepreneurship in the area of coordinated production. The applicant must submit a completed application that documents how the project will create expanded profitable opportunities for other farmers. Please contact our office or visit our web site <http://kafc.ky.gov> for complete details.

Guideline Changes AILP

On July 1, 2006 KAFC policy became effective requiring all Agricultural Infrastructure Loan Program (AILP) applications to be submitted to KAFC before construction begins or expenses are incurred on the applicant's project. Since the beginning of the AILP in 2005, the KAFC had allowed applicants to apply for loans within the program as long as the project was not substantially completed at the time of application. The KAFC had allowed this flexibility to create awareness for the program. Now that over

40 projects have been approved statewide, the program will focus on helping producers finance proposed infrastructure needs on their farms that enhance the farm's profitability.



Auction Policy BFLP

Since the creation and announcement of the KAFC's Beginning Farmer Loan Program (BFLP), the KAFC has received numerous questions regarding policy on items purchased through an auction. The BFLP was designed to assist applicants who complete a well developed business plan, secure financing commitments from a lead lender, and document potential for a successful farming venture. The KAFC stresses the importance of an applicant's diligence in investing their limited resources wisely and has adopted the following policies to expand their purchasing opportunities to include auctions:

Auction Policies

Pre-auction approval: KAFC will consider a completed application requesting financing to

purchase specific items at a specific auction. At time of application, the applicant must provide a list of potential purchases and an expected purchase price for each item. The auction must occur after KAFC approval. If KAFC approves the loan request, the loan amount will be limited to the total amount approved by the KAFC Board and no more than a 20% variance in purchase price for each item. If the applicant does not acquire the item(s) at the specified auction, the applicant will have up to 15 days after the auction to locate alternate items for those identified in the application within the price constraints identified above. The purchase of these items must be pre-approved by the KAFC Executive Director. If applicant does not adhere to the terms of the approval the KAFC commitment will be void.

Post-auction approval: KAFC will consider applications for items purchased through an auction if the completed application is received by KAFC within 30 days of the date of purchase. The applicant must have interim financing committed to the project and there is no implied commitment from KAFC in these situations. KAFC will not accept applications for items already purchased through a private treaty sale. KAFC stresses that the applicant should already have their business plan, mentor, and lender finalized before the auction.



**GOAP Project Showcase for
the 2006 Kentucky State Fair**

Thursday, August 17

Goat Day

10:00 AM - 2:00 PM

KY Dairy Goat Association

2:00 PM - 6:00 PM

KY Meat Goat Association

Mammoth Cave Goat Association

Friday, August 18

Dairy Day

10:00 AM- 6:00 PM

Kentucky Dairy Development Council (KDDC)

10:00 AM - 2:00 PM

Valentine's Gourmet Ice Cream

2:00 PM - 6:00 PM

Chaney's Dairy Barn

Saturday, August 19

Value-Added Processor Day

10:00 AM - 2:00 PM

Gone Fishin' Catfish Farm

McDowell Farms Salsa

2:00 PM - 6:00 PM

Fire on the Ridge Farm

Shuckman's Fish Company

Sunday, August 20

Poultry Day

10:00 AM - 6:00 PM

Kentucky Poultry Federation

10:00 AM- 2:00 PM

Shady Lane Poultry Farm

2:00 PM - 6:00 PM

S.S. Enterprises

Monday, August 21

Winery Day

10:00 AM - 2:00 PM

Acres of Land

Chrisman Mill Vineyard

2:00 PM - 6:00 PM

Jean Farris Winery

Stonebrook Winery



Tuesday, August 22

Sheep Day

10:00 AM - 6:00 PM

Kentucky Sheep & Wool Producers

10:00 AM - 2:00 PM

Lan Mark Farm

2:00 PM - 6:00 PM

Sweet Home Spun

Wednesday, August 23

Agri-tourism Day

10:00 AM - 6:00 PM

Kelly Ludwig / Kentucky Department of Agriculture

10:00 AM - 2:00 PM

John F. Dance

Thursday, August 24

KYFB Ham Breakfast Day

10:00 AM - 2:00 PM

Kentucky Pork Producers

Little Kentucky Smokehouse

2:00 PM - 6:00 PM

Kentucky Heritage Meats

Green River Cattle Company

Friday, August 25

Grain Day

10:00 AM - 2:00 PM

Roundstone Native Seed

Siemer Milling Company

2:00 PM - 6:00 PM

Commonwealth Agri-Energy

Owensboro Grain Company

Saturday, August 26

Beef Day

10:00 AM - 6:00 PM

Kentucky Beef Network (KBN)

10:00 AM - 2:00 PM

Boone's Abattoir

John's Custom Meats

Sunday, August 27

Marketing & Education Day

10:00 AM - 6:00 PM

Allied Food Marketers West

10:00 AM - 2:00 PM

UK Research Foundation Coaches Institute

2:00 PM - 6:00 PM

Commodity Growers Cooperative / KCTCS Computers for Farmers

What's New at GOAP?

Project Analysts Attend National Value-Added Ag Conference

Project Analysts including Todd Harp, Bill McCloskey, Nick Whobrey, Stephen Yates and Deputy Director, Brian Furnish attended the 8th Annual Value-Added Agriculture Conference in Nashville, TN. This conference took place on June 12-13, 2006 and focused on business planning and marketing of value-added products. This allowed the GOAP project analysts to observe what other states are doing in the field of marketing and promotion. Some the topics discussed ranged from agri-tourism, wineries, energy issues, business planning, and management issues. As the result of this conference GOAP project analysts will be able to better assist Kentucky producers in their efforts of agricultural diversification.

Summer Intern



Ashley Ross joined the GOAP as a summer intern on May 10, 2006. She is a junior at the University of Kentucky with a major in agricultural education and a minor in agricultural economics. At UK, Ashley is involved in Ceres Women's Agricultural Fraternity, Collegiate FFA, Alpha Zeta, and the Agricultural Education Society. She is from Meade County, where her family raises cattle, sheep, and tobacco on their farm. Ashley said, "I am excited about this opportunity to be able to work in agriculture and see all sides of daily office operations of the GOAP Office while working with each individual staff member."

Governor's Office of Agricultural Policy Hosts Roundtable Discussions

This summer the Governor's Office of Agricultural Policy (GOAP) is once again hosting a series of roundtable discussions across the Commonwealth. These meetings are to give extension agents, county council members, agricultural leaders and GOAP staff the chance to discuss the future of the Agricultural Development Fund (ADF). In the summer roundtables discussions, GOAP will give updates on the ADF, share information regarding future plans and discuss the issues on the county level, from the use of county funds to the operation of county model programs.

There have been eleven roundtable discussions, held across the state with a few more left, to give agricultural leaders an opportunity to assist GOAP as we define the future of the ADF in Kentucky's changing agricultural economy. The last roundtable discussions will be held at the following locations:

Wednesday, August 2 in Mayfield (Graves County Extension Office) 7PM-9PM

Thursday, August 3 in Hopkinsville (Christian Co. Extension Office) 10AM-12PM

Thursday, August 10 in Columbia (Adair County Extension Office) 10AM-12PM

Thursday, August 10 in Edmonton (Metcalf County Extension Office) 7PM-9PM

CDs Available for Model Program Guidelines & Reports

Call (502) 564-4627 or e-mail govkyagpolicy@ky.gov your request for a 2006 CD

Agricultural Development Fund Investments

In the past three months \$3,755,358 in Agricultural Development Funds have been invested in Kentucky's agricultural diversification effort.

The Kentucky Legislature continues to make great strides towards lessening Kentucky's dependence on tobacco production while revitalizing the farm economy by investing 50% of Kentucky's Master Settlement Agreement into the Kentucky Agricultural Development Fund. To date Kentucky has invested over \$212 million to an array of county, regional, and state projects designed to increase net farm income and create sustainable new farm-based business enterprises.

The following are projects, receiving Agricultural Development Funds for March, April, and May 2006. These projects represent 25 of the 2,549 projects that have been approved since the program's inception (2001).

March 2006 Investments

Bed and Breakfast Association of Kentucky Inc.

Bed and Breakfast Association of Kentucky Inc. was approved for \$15,000 in state funds as part of the 2006 Agri-tourism Competitive Awards Program to develop a Kentucky Farm Stays Program that provides overnight lodging as part of an agriculture experience.

Central Kentucky Agri-tourism Association, Inc.

Central Kentucky Agri-tourism Association, Inc. was approved for \$10,000 in state funds as part of the 2006 Agri-tourism Competitive Awards Program to market

"This is a very good use of agricultural diversification funding in Owen County, one of the top tobacco-dependent counties in Kentucky. I wish Curtis Sigretto and Elk Creek Winery the best of luck as he develops a viable business which creates tourism and jobs in the 17th Senate District," stated Senator Damon Thayer (R-17).

and promote Agri-tourism activities in Central Kentucky.

Elk Creek Vineyards, LLC

Elk Creek Vineyards, LLC was approved for \$50,000 in state funds as part of the 2006 Agri-tourism Competitive Awards Program for the construction of a winery facility to produce Kentucky made wine, from Kentucky grown fruit.

Kentucky Agricultural Finance Corporation

The Kentucky Agricultural Fi-

nance Corporation was approved for \$2,000,000 in state funds to develop a Beginning Farmer Loan Program that complements the existing lending opportunities available through the Farm Service Agency, commercial banks, and lenders within Farm Credit Services.

Lan Mark Farm

Lan Mark Farm was approved for \$50,000 in state funds as part of the 2006 Agri-tourism Competitive Awards Program to construct an on-farm retail facility that concentrates on selling Kentucky fiber art and farm grown products.

Maple Hill Manor Enterprises

Maple Hill Manor Enterprises, Inc. was approved for \$50,000 in state funds as part of the 2006 Agri-tourism Competitive Awards Program to construct an Agri-tourism Fiber Education and Marketing Center.

Scott County Beef Improve-



ment Association, Inc.

Scott County Beef Improvement Association, Inc. was approved for \$100,000 in Scott County funds to administer a cost-share program, which will assist tenant farmers with agricultural equipment purchases.

Tommy Bennett Orchard



Tommy Bennett Orchard, LLC was approved for \$50,000 in state funds as part of the 2006 Agri-tourism Competitive Awards Program to construct a market and processing building which, includes a commercial kitchen.

April 2006 Investments

Alley Farms

Alley Farms was approved for \$50,000 in state funds, as part of the Agri-tourism Competitive Awards Program, to provide an on-farm educational experience for the general public by creating an Agri-tourism destination on their family farm in Lawrence County.

Cave Run Resort and Stable

Cave Run Resort and Stable was approved for \$50,000 to construct a retail facility with a

kitchen as part of the Agri-tourism Competitive Awards program.

Clark County Fiscal Court

Clark County Fiscal Court was approved for \$5,000 of Clark County funds for a study to determine the need for a Purchase Development Right (PDR) Program in Clark County.

Gateway Resource Conservation Development

Gateway Resource Conservation Development was approved for \$50,000 in state funds to help farmers in seven eastern Kentucky counties develop Eco/Agri-tourism businesses on their farms, as part of the Agri-tourism Competitive Awards Program.

Kentucky Agricultural Finance Corporation

The Kentucky Agricultural Fi-

“This money will help Mandolin Farms become an even more attractive site for their Bluegrass Festival and other events,” said Representative Mike Denham (D).

nance Corporation was approved for \$1,000,000 in state funds for the development of a Coordinated Value-added Assistance Loan Fund program that complies the existing lending opportunities available through the Farm Service Agency, commercial banks, and lenders within the Farm Credit System.

Kentucky Center for Agriculture and Rural Development

Inc.

The Kentucky Center for Agriculture and Rural Development Inc. was approved for \$400,725 in state funds to foster business success and growth by providing technical assistance and educational opportunities for Kentucky agricultural and rural businesses seeking to enhance their economic opportunities.

Mandolin Farm Bluegrass Festival

Mandolin Farm was approved for \$50,000 in state funds to construct a pavilion to expand the Bluegrass Festival, as part of the 2006 Agri-tourism Competitive Awards program.

Mountain Cattlemen's Association

Mountain Cattlemen's Association was approved for \$12,000 in Lee County funds to offer a Heifer Replacement program for Lee County producers.

Mountain Cattlemen's Association

The Mountain Cattlemen's Association was approved for \$30,000 in Lee County funds to administer a menu approach program which includes the Genetics Program and the Cattle Handling Facilities Program for Lee County producers.

May 2006 Investments

Henry County Cattlemen's Association, Inc.

The Henry County Cattlemen's Association, Inc. was approved for \$364,816 in Henry County funds to administer a menu ap-

proach for nine model programs including the Cattle Genetic Improvement Program, Cattle Handling Facilities Program, Farm Livestock Fencing Program, Hay Straw & Commodity Storage Program, Technology Program, Goat & Sheep Diversification Program, Dairy Diversification Program, Timber Program and the Agricultural Diversification Program.

Powell County Livestock Producers Association Inc.

Powell County Livestock Producers Association Inc. was approved for \$84,000 in Powell County funds to administer a menu approach for three model programs including the Hay, Straw & Commodity Storage Program, Farm Livestock Fencing Program, and the Forage Improvement and Utilization Program.

Franklin County Cattlemen's Association, Inc.

Franklin County Cattlemen's Association, Inc. was approved for \$130,362 in Franklin County Funds to administer a menu approach for six model programs including the Cattle Genetic Improvement Program, Cattle Handling Facilities Program, Hay Straw & Commodity Storage Program, Farm Livestock Fencing Program, Technology Program and the Agricultural Diversification Program.

Carroll County Agriculture Development Fund

Carroll County Agriculture Development Fund was approved for \$134,000 in Carroll County funds to administer a menu ap-

proach for six model programs including the Cattle Genetic Improvement Program, Cattle Handling Facilities Program, Farm Livestock Fencing Program, Hay Straw & Commodity Storage Program, Forage Improvement & Utilization Program and the On-Farm Water Enhancement Program.

Carroll County Agriculture Development Council

Carroll County Agriculture Development Fund was approved for \$30,000 in Carroll County funds to administer a menu approach for four model programs including the Agricultural Diversification Program, Dairy Diversification Program, Timber Program, and the Goat and Sheep Diversification Program.

Oldham County Farm Bureau Federation

Oldham County Farm Bureau Federation was approved for \$54,690 in Oldham County funds to administer a menu approach for ten model programs including the Cattle Genetic Improvement Program, Cattle Handling Facilities Program, Farm Livestock Fencing Program, Hay Straw & Commodity Storage Program, Technology Program, Goat & Sheep Diversification Program, Dairy Diversification Program, Timber Program Agricultural Diversification Program and the Swine Diversification Program.

Washington County Cattlemen Association, Inc.

Washington County Cattlemen Association, Inc. was approved for \$190,000 in Washington County funds to administer a

menu approach for five model programs including the Hay Straw & Commodity Storage Program, Cattle Genetic Improvement Program, Cattle Handling Facilities Program, Farm Livestock Fencing Program, and the Forage Improvement and Utilization Program.

Ohio County Cattlemen's Association, Inc.

Ohio County Cattlemen's Association, Inc. was approved for \$55,000 in Ohio County funds to administer a menu approach for five model programs including the Cattle Genetic Improvement Program, Cattle Handling Facilities Program, Forage Improvement & Utilization Program, On-Farm Water Enhancement Program and the Farm Livestock Fencing Program.

Wayne County Agricultural Development Council, Inc.

Wayne County Agricultural Development Council, Inc. was approved for \$200,000 in Wayne County funds to administer a menu approach for ten model programs including the Cattle Genetic Improvement Program, Cattle Handling Facilities Program, Farm Livestock Fencing Program, Hay Straw & Commodity Storage Program, Technology Program, Goat & Sheep Diversification Program, Dairy Diversification Program, Agricultural Diversification Program, Forage Improvement and Utilization, and the Swine Diversification Program.



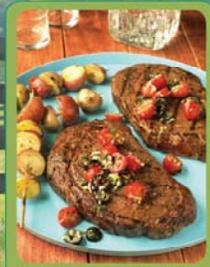
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Steaks with Tomato Tapenade

30 MINUTES

2 beef ribeye steaks, cut 1" thick (1-1/2 lb)
2 tsp coarse ground pepper

TAPENADE:

1 cup cherry or grape tomatoes, halved
1 can (2-1/4 oz) sliced ripe olives, drained
1/4 cup chopped fresh basil
3Tbsp shredded Parmesan cheese

1. Press pepper onto beef steaks.
Place steaks on grid over
medium, ash-covered coals. Grill,
uncovered, 11 to 14 minutes
for medium rare to medium
doneness, turning occasionally.
Season with salt.
2. Combine tapenade ingredients.
Serve with steaks.

Makes 2 to 4 servings

TO BROIL: Place steaks on rack in
broiler pan so surface of beef is
3" to 4" from heat. Broil 14 to
18 minutes for medium rare to
medium doneness, turning once.

The **Governor's Office of Agricultural Policy** (GOAP) provides a direct link between the Governor and one of the Commonwealth's most important industries. GOAP administers the Kentucky Agricultural Development Board (Phase I), the Kentucky Tobacco Settlement Trust Corporation (Phase II), and the Kentucky Agricultural Finance Corporation (KAFC), as well as other Boards and Commissions.

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