

The Commonwealth Grows



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Did you know...?

- May is Beef Month in Kentucky
- 38,000 beef farmers raise ~2.2 million head of cattle in Kentucky
- June is Dairy Month in Kentucky
- 78,000 Ky. milking cows produce ~135 million gallons of milk

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The KADF: Looking Forward

~ by Roger Thomas

For much of 2011, the Kentucky Agricultural Development Board (KADB), the Kentucky Agricultural Finance Corporation (KAFC), staff of the Governor's Office of Agricultural Policy (GOAP) and many others in agriculture rose to Gov. Beshear's challenge to take a fresh look at the Kentucky Agricultural Development Fund (KADF) for opportunities that will lead to greater profitability for our farmers.

The Governor charged us to identify opportunities in agriculture that create or expand markets for farmers; build on core assets of the various geographical regions of the state; and foster agricultural entrepreneurship and

agribusiness development.

Hundreds participated in the challenge by either attending one of eight KADF Forums, submitting a Stakeholder Survey or providing feedback for the annual program revisions.

In addition to these activities, the KADB also participated in committee work to identify regional assets, goals and needs. They looked at under utilized assets, opportunities for county, region collaboration and existing successful ventures.

This work ultimately led to setting five priorities to guide programs and funding for 2012.

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On-Farm Energy Program: Its Past, Its Future

With the cost of energy escalating almost daily, farmers look for ways to use less energy and save money so the family farm can be more profitable. Thanks to funding through the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act,

On-Farm Energy Efficiency and Production incentives were available from 2009 to 2011 to help farmers accomplish their energy efficiency goals.

Through this program, more than \$1.3 million was invested in 162 projects aimed at increasing energy efficiency and reducing energy costs. This investment has not only saved an initial \$2 million in energy costs and 243 billion BTUs of energy, but will continue to do so over the next several years.

Because of the success of this federally supported program, the Kentucky Agricultural

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The newly revamped Energizing Kentucky Agriculture logo is the symbol for our initiative to promote and develop on-farm energy efficiency and production efforts in the Commonwealth. This goes beyond the cost-share program.

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Kentucky Agricultural Development Fund

From the Executive Director (cont.)



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The following are the top five priorities that the KADB will use as a gauge for funding considerations, program development and policy initiatives: 1) capital access for economic development; 2) promotion of the KADF and agriculture, in general; 3) value-added processing; 4) livestock marketing; and 5) on-farm investments.

At the end of 2011, the KADB also made its annual revisions to its policies and programs that took effect Jan. 1, 2012. Minor changes were made to the county programs, which include the County Agricultural Investment Program (CAIP), the Deceased Farm Animal Removal program and the Shared-Use Equipment program.

A summary of the changes is available at agpolicy.ky.gov or by calling at (502) 564-4627.



markets. Up to \$250,000 in state funds is available with any one market receiving a maximum of \$25,000 in state funds.

This program is competitive, meaning that all applications will be scored, ranked and awarded at the same time. June 29 is the deadline for applications.

In keeping with the on-farm investment priority, the KADB approved the investment of up to \$2 million in state funds to offer an On-farm Energy Efficiency & Improvement grant program.

Related to capital access for economic development, the KADB is re-offering the Farmers' Market Infrastructure Competitive Grant Program, which provides state funds for new facilities or market expansion of community farmers'

The program is similar to one offered through GOAP (2009-2011), using American Recovery & Reinvestment Act (ARRA) funding through the Energy & Environment Cabinet. See the Cover Story "On-Farm Energy Program: Its Past, Its Future" for more information about the success and the future of the program.

Again thank you to all who have supported the efforts of the KADF. Best wishes for a safe & productive year in agriculture!

(right) KADB members listen to presentations during their annual 2-Day planning meeting.



(below) KADB members listen to an update on the equine survey, during their April meeting.



Staff Photos

County Council Corner



Photo: KFB Roadside Farm Market Program

George Gagel (left), a 2010-2012 Jefferson County Council member, stands with wife Barb in one of their greenhouses at Gagel's Truck Farm in Louisville.

Every two years, members of Kentucky's 120 County Agricultural Development Councils are selected for two-year terms. July 1 is the start of the 2012-2014 biennium.

During the 2009 session of the General Assembly, legislation was passed to increase council membership and encourage diversity of membership on the councils: two members each appointed by the local farm service agency (FSA), conservation district and extension council and three at-large members elected by the six appointees.

Term Limits

Term limits will take effect with an appointed council member serving no more than two consecutive two-year terms. Those individuals rotating off the county council after two, two-year terms will be eligible to serve again after at least a two year absence from the county council.

Example: Jane Deere has served on the council for Extension from 2008-2012. Jane would rotate off the Council and be eligible to serve again on July 1, 2014.

Rotation

You may remember that in 2010, each appointing authority—FSA, conservation, and extension—replaced its longest-serving member on the council with a new appointee, provided the longest-serving member has served on the council for four or more consecutive years.

This year, each appointing authority must again replace its longest-serving member on the county council with a new appointee, provided the longest-serving member has served on the council for four or more consecutive years.

Former council members are eligible to serve again two years after their departure from the council.

Example 1: The County Conservation District (CCD) has two appointees. *Appointee A* was selected in 2010; *Appointee B* has served since 2008. For the 2012-2014 biennium, the CCD may reappoint *Appointee A*, but must replace *Appointee B*. In 2014, *Appointee A* must be replaced.

Example 2: The county FSA has two farmer appointees; both have served on the council since 2010. The county FSA could reappoint both members and then in 2014 begin rotating the appointees.

At-large Members

The three at-large members should have farm experience and be familiar with the county's agricultural development opportunities. Additionally, at least two of the nine council members must be young farmers between the ages of 21 and 40, and at least one of the nine members must represent an underserved population (e.g. gender, race, etc.). ☞

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 863 projects approved to date, 65% 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 3,397 approved established programs, which include cost-share assistance, deceased farm animal assistance and shared-use, 93% 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 (CAIP).

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 March 2012.

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

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...

June 2012:

Due May 25

July 2012:

Due June 29

August 2012:

Due July 27

September 2012:

Due August 31

October 2012:

Due September 28

November 2012:

Due October 26

December 2012:

Due November 30



Investments

Between January and April 2012, the KADB approved a total of \$3,408,641 in state and county agricultural development funds in projects and programs across the Commonwealth, representing 37 of more than 3,900 projects approved since 2001.



Center for Sustainability of Farms and Families Initiative
Kentucky State University
\$998,000 in state funds

Lamb Marketing
Four Hills Farm LLC
\$50,000 state funds, as loan
\$ 4,000 Mercer County funds

Purchase of Development Rights
Fayette Co. Rural Land Management Board Inc.
\$25,000 Fayette County funds

Building a Local Food Economy
Louisville/Jefferson County Metro Government
\$370,000 state funds

Farmers Back to School Program
Jessamine County FFA Alumni Association
\$10,000 Jessamine County funds

High School Greenhouse
Franklin County Public Schools
\$45,000 Franklin County funds

Receiving Station Expansion
Scott B. Shackelford
\$31,414 Todd County funds

Shared-Use Storage Facility
Clark County Conservation District
\$3,783 Clark County funds

Youth Cost-Share Program
Jessamine County FFA Alumni Association
\$8,000 Jessamine County funds

Value-added Dairy Feasibility Study
Marion County Industrial Foundation Inc.
\$20,000 Marion County funds
\$3,000 Adair County funds

Blueberry Marketing Facility
Edmonton-Metcalf County Industrial Authority
\$12,000 state funds
\$12,000 county funds (multiple)

Processing Facility Expansion
Corey L. Collins
\$3,000 Lewis County funds

On-Farm Water Project
Padgett Farms LLC
\$15,000 Washington County funds



Adam Barr stands with the solar panel that powers a pond pump on his Breckinridge County poultry farm.

This is another example of how Kentucky farm families used the ARRA On-Farm Energy incentives.

Staff Photo



A grain dryer is one of the many energy efficiency improvements that can be made with KADF On-farm Energy Efficiency & Production incentives.

Staff Photo

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.

County Agricultural Investment Program (CAIP)

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 January to April 2012.

Breckinridge	\$250,000
Bullitt	\$ 90,000
Green	\$340,000
Harrison	\$ 40,000
Henry	\$ 10,000
Jefferson	\$ 40,000
Marshall	\$ 25,000
Oldham	\$ 3,260
Owsley	\$135,000
Whitley	\$ 44,246
Wolfe	\$ 98,060

Dead Animal Removal

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 Co.	\$2,500
Lincoln Co.	\$7,500
Montgomery Co.	\$7,500

The following county Conservation District was approved for this program:

Scott Co.	\$7,500
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The following county Farm Bureau was approved for this program:

Boyle Co.	\$7,500
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Shared-use Equipment

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

Kentucky Ketch \$10,013 (Clay Co.)
for the purchase of two corn planters

Fayette County Cattlemen's Association Inc. \$13,500
for the purchase of an in-line bale wrapper

Harrison County Beef Cattle Association, Inc. \$ 8,950
for the purchase of a lime spreader

Knott County Conservation District \$11,246*
for the purchase of a lime spreader and a mulch layer

Madison County Farm Bureau Inc. \$11,625
for the purchase of a no-till drill

McCreary County Development Association Inc. \$17,813*
for the purchase of a no-till drill

Montgomery County Cattlemen's Association Inc. \$20,850
for the purchase of an in-line bale wrapper

Perry County Conservation District \$11,808*
for the purchase of a no-till drill



Farm safety information available from KDA at www.kyagr.com.



Staff Photo

Bluegrass Stockyards, Albany

Bluegrass Stockyards is presented a ceremonial check in January for county KADF and KAFK funds to construct a 50,000 square foot facility in Albany.

The stockyard will open in late May.



Staff Photo

PUBLIC NOTICE

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

- May 1 July 3
- May 29 July 31

The May 1 meeting was held at the Nelson Co. Extension Office.

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

* includes state funds through the Shared-Use Equipment Initiative for counties receiving an annual allotment of less than \$15,000 in tobacco settlement funds.

Meetings & Deadlines

For consideration on...

June 15, 2012:

Due May 25

July 2012:

No meeting

Aug. 3, 2012:

Due July 13

Sept. 7, 2012:

Due Aug. 17

KAFC Update

During their meetings from February to April 2012*, the Kentucky Agricultural Finance Corporation (KAFC) approved more than \$2.5 million in loans for 12 projects across the Commonwealth.

Agricultural Infrastructure loans totaled \$175,000 and included recipients in Graves and Daviess counties.

Beginning farmers may qualify for financing to purchase

livestock, equipment, agriculture facilities, real estate or to invest in a partnership. Beginning farmer loans totaled \$789,937 and included recipients in Daviess (2), Graves, Henderson (2), Hickman and Shelby counties.

Low-interest financing is available for processors of Kentucky grown commodities that are constructing new facilities, as well as facility renovation or expansion.



Agricultural processing loans totaled \$1,704,939 and included recipients from Barren, Daviess and Marion counties.

As of April 30, KAFC has approved 387 loans and invested more than \$46 million in Kentucky agriculture. ☺

*There was no meeting in January 2012.

Kentucky Agricultural Finance Corporation

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Doug Lawson
Commercial Lender

M. Frank McAninch
Tobacco Farmer

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Peggy Peterson
Financial Services Officer

Program Spotlight: Beginning Farmer Loan

In 1984, Kentucky's General Assembly created the Kentucky Agricultural Finance Corporation (KAFC) to address the unique financing needs of agriculture. Nearly three decades later, KAFC has evolved into the financing arm of the Kentucky Agricultural Development Fund (KADF) and administers six loan programs and services zero-interest loans made by the Agricultural Development Board.

To assist individuals with farming experience who desire to develop, expand or buy into a farming operation, KAFC developed the Beginning Farmer Loan Program (BFLP). Since 2004, KAFC has approved 87 loans for a more than \$9.5 million investment

in Kentucky's beginning farmers. This is the second largest program operated by KAFC.

To qualify for this program the applicant is considered a beginning farmer if the following apply: 1) has not owned a farm or ranch for more than 10 years; 2) participated in the business operation of a farm for at least three years; and 3) substantially participates in the operation.

Qualified applicants may receive up to \$250,000 or 50 percent of the project, whichever is less, to purchase livestock, equipment, agriculture facilities and real estate, to secure permanent working capital or invest in a partnership or LLC. This program has also been used to help with intergenerational transfer

of a farm to keep the operation in the family. The interest rate on KAFC's portion of the loan is two percent (2%) for the life of the loan.

BFLP is a participation program, which means that KAFC works with a local lender to provide the financing and service the loan. In addition to a participating lender, the program requires each applicant to have a three-year business plan and a mentor. Each of these tools is seen as a way to help program participants be as successful as possible in their endeavors.

Other requirements and details for this program may be found in the BFLP guidelines on-line at kafc.ky.gov or by calling KAFC staff at (502) 564-4627. ☺



Staff Photo

(Above) **Crist Dairy Farm** in Metcalfe County is featured on the back cover for their energy efficiency project through the ARRA On-farm Energy Program.

Crist also took advantage of the low-interest financing available through the KAFc's Ag. Infrastructure program in 2010 to build two bedded Pac barns on their dairy farm.

Because this is a participation program, Crist worked with his local lender, Josh Dickson at Farm Credit in Glasgow, to apply.

Questions about KAFc financing?

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Financial Term of the Quarter

Wall Street Journal prime rate:

The average prime rate from a consensus of lenders surveyed by the Wall Street Journal. Considered an index rate, the WSJ rate is often used as a basis for establishing short-term interest rates for various products at lenders such as banks, credit unions and mortgage brokers.

InvestorWords.com



Energy Program (cont.)

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Development Board (KADB) approved \$2 million in state funds to implement its own On-Farm Energy program modeled after its federal counterpart.

The KADB's version of the program has four application periods. The deadline for the first round of applications just passed (April 30) with more than 80 applicants. The remaining deadlines are June 30, Sept. 30 and Dec. 31.

Because a third-party energy audit or assessment is required, potential applicants will want to start well in advance of their targeted deadline.

Program guidelines, energy resources and other funding opportunities are available at ag-energy.ky.gov.



Scan the above QR Code or visit us on [Facebook.com/EnergizingKyAg](https://www.facebook.com/EnergizingKyAg) for updates.



A copy of the report summarizing the successes of the ARRA On-Farm Energy program is available on-line at ag-energy.ky.gov



NEED TO SAVE ENERGY ON YOUR FARM?

ON-FARM ENERGY PROGRAM

Kentucky Agricultural Development Funds are now available to help you save money and BTUs on the farm:

- 25% reimbursement (up to \$10,000) on a qualified energy savings project.

Contact:
 Governor's Office of Agricultural Policy
 Angie Justice, 502-564-4627

Low interest financing may also be available for qualified projects through the Kentucky Agricultural Finance Corporation.

Call KAFc at 502-564-4627 to learn more.

Happy Trails...



Mike Tobin
2008-2012

Joined Kentucky Farm Bureau as Commodity Division Director



Christi Marksbury
2005-2012

Joined Farm Service Agency's County Officer in Training Program



Jennifer Hudnall
2008-2012

Joined Farm Service Agency's County Officer in Training Program



Diane Fleming
2008-2012

June 1, joins the Dept. for Natural Resources as General Counsel

GOAP Update

Changes in Staff, Office Structure

Over the last few months, a few good men and women from the Governor's Office of Agricultural Policy (GOAP) have moved on to other career opportunities. We wish our former colleagues the best in their new endeavors and look forward to working with them in their new capacities within the agriculture community.

To that end, the office looks forward to the opportunity that this change provides, related to our internal structure. For efficiency of time and resources the following changes have been made:

- 1. **Applications:** instead of three project analyst positions, two new positions have been created for processing and reviewing all applications that arrive at GOAP, regardless of county.
 - **Program Coordinator** - the program coordinator will review and process all applications for the county programs (CAIP, Deceased Farm Animal Removal, Shared-Use Equipment) and the Farmers' Market Infrastructure Program.
 - **Project Manager** - the project manager will review

and process all applications and pre-applications for projects. The project manager will confer with the new area contacts as necessary and will present the applications to the KADB's application review committee.

- 2. **Area Contacts:** To provide greater attention to our constituents and involve additional staff, there will be five Area Contacts to act as a resource for the counties in their areas. These contacts are current staff that are familiar with all the programs and policies of the KADB and KAFC. *See map on page 9.*

Newer Faces at GOAP

Over the last 12 months, there are a few new faces that you may not have had the opportunity to meet, yet.



Angie Justice
Energy Program Coordinator

Angie joined GOAP in early 2011 to administer the ARRA on-farm energy program and continues that role with the KADF's energy program. Previously, she was an environmental educator with Eastern Kentucky PRIDE. Originally from Pike County, Angie lives in Menifee County with her three sons.



Teresa Spreitzer
Administrative Asst.

Teresa joined GOAP in the fall 2011. Teresa provides administrative support to the office and is Board Secretary to the Kentucky Agricultural Development Board. Originally from Franklin County, Teresa lives in Lexington with her 13-year old son Romay.

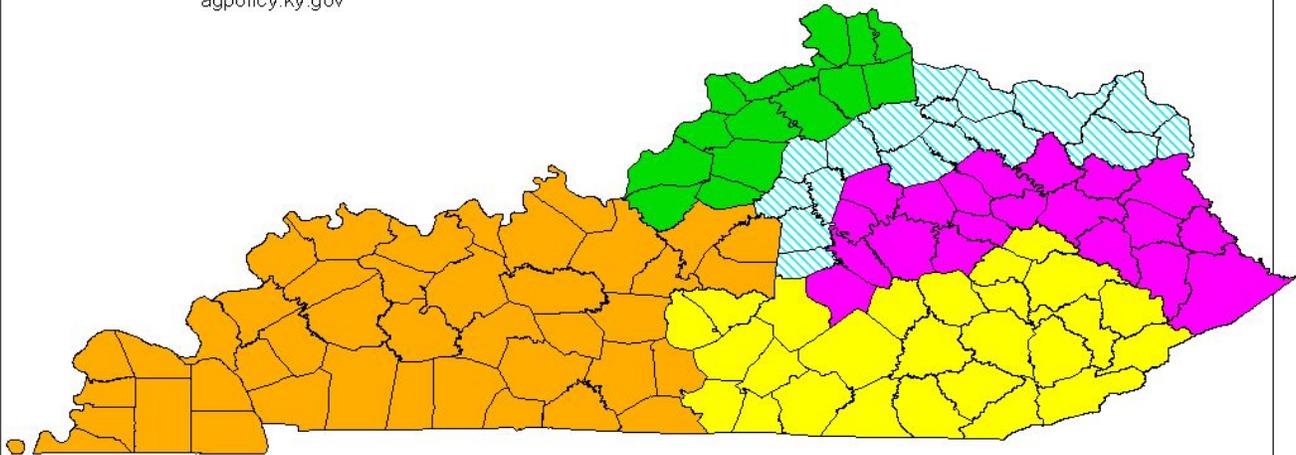


Bryan Thomas
Compliance Specialist

Bryan rejoined GOAP this year to assist the compliance department in program close-outs and shared-use equipment monitoring. Bryan had previously worked at GOAP in 2010 on the on-farm energy program. Originally from Hopkins County, Bryan resides in Louisville.

GOAP Area Contacts

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Newest Faces at GOAP



Biff Baker
Project Manager

Biff joins GOAP on May 16 in the newly established project manager position. Biff has more than 30 years experience in local, state and federal government service. Most recently, he served the past 20 years as a legislative analyst for the Legislative Research Commission in Frankfort.

Biff lives in Versailles and has four children and two grandchildren.



Tammy Brookshier
Program Coordinator

Tammy joins GOAP on June 1 in the newly established program coordinator position. She comes to us from the UK Extension Service in Shelby County where she was program administrator for CAIP for five years.

Originally from Illinois, Tammy lives in Shelbyville with her two sons, Wyatt (16) and Levi (10).

Thank you to our old friends who have left. We will miss you and wish you the best in all your endeavors.

Welcome to all the new faces at GOAP. We look forward to the new ideas and experience each of you bring, as we continue to move Kentucky agriculture into the future.

Public Affairs

Tobacco Settlement Fund Oversight

- Sen. Paul Hornback, Co-Chair
- Rep. Wilson Stone, Co-Chair
- Sen. Carroll Gibson
- Sen. David Givens
- Sen. Vernie McGaha
- Sen. Dennis Parrett
- Sen. Joey Pendleton
- Rep. Royce W. Adams
- Rep. Tom McKee
- Rep. Fred Nesler
- Rep. Ryan Quarles
- Rep. Tommy Turner

Meets the first Wednesday of each month.

Reminder: 2012 Interim Joint Committee on Agriculture will meet the 2nd Wednesday of each month June 1 to December 1.

For more details visit lrc.ky.gov.

Note: meeting day subject to change



Staff Photo

Important Contact Information:

Legislative Message Line
(800) 372-7181

TTY Message Line
(800) 896-0305

En Espanol
(866) 840-6574

www.lrc.ky.gov

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The Governor's Gardens, Planted for the Season!



Staff Photo

Garden at the Governor's Mansion in May: broccoli, lettuce, turnips, cabbage and tomatoes.

The Governor's Garden program seeks to promote products which are grown and produced in Kentucky by local farmers. This program encourages Kentucky schools, businesses, organizations and communities to cultivate and maintain their own gardens.

The Governor's Garden program further seeks to educate the public about the health and economic benefits of community gardening and utilizing locally grown foods.



Governor's Garden Locations

- Berry Hill Mansion, Frankfort *inaugural site
- Governor's Mansion, Frankfort
- Kentucky Exposition Center, Louisville
- Kentucky Horse Park, Lexington
- Kentucky FFA Training Center, Hardinsburg

And, we are happy to announce the addition of the sixth garden located at the Locust Trace AgriScience Farm in Lexington, Ky. that will be planted in the coming months.

For more information on the Governor's Garden initiative, contact Angela Blank at (502) 782-1769 or angelag.blank@ky.gov.

Documentary Chronicles Changes in Ky. Agriculture

Coming to Ground is a full-length documentary that explores the changes in Kentucky agriculture 10 years after the Master Tobacco Settlement Agreement and eventually the tobacco buyout.

Kentucky farming and food culture has undergone a sea of change. Although small farms and farmers continue to disappear, Kentucky ranks 2nd in the U.S. in the number of small family farms.

Told through the voices of Kentucky farmers and agricultural thinkers, Coming to Ground is a story of how Kentucky agriculture survived monumental change and became a model for advancing a new farm culture and ultimately creating a new local food system.



Coming to Ground premiered on WKET, April 22. Additional air times have been scheduled on KETKY.

KETKY June Air Dates:

All times are EDT

- Monday, June 4 at 2 p.m.
- Thursday, June 7 at 9:30 a.m.
- Friday, June 8 at 9 p.m.
- Sunday, June 17 at 2:30 p.m.

Upcoming Events

May 12

KY. Proud Festival

Chaney's Dairy Barn, Bowling Green
(9 a.m. - 4 p.m. CDT)

Contact: www.chaneysdairybarn.com

May 14

Mountain Monday: Beef Cattle De-Worming, Vaccination & Fly Control

UK Robinson Forest, Jackson
(6:30 p.m. EDT)

Contact: www.kfgc.org

May 17

43rd Annual Sheepprofit Day

C. Oran Little Research Farm,
Versailles

Contact: Dr. Don Ely

(859) 257-2717 or dely@uky.edu

May 18-19

9th Annual Kentucky Wine & Vine Fest

Downtown Nicholasville

Contact: www.kywineandvine.com

May 19-20

3rd Annual Kentucky Sheep and Fiber Festival

Masterson Station Park, Lexington

Contact:

sharon@kysheepandgoat.org

www.kentuckysheepandfiber.com

June 12

Eweproof School

C. Oran Little Research Farm,
Versailles

Contact: Dr. Don Ely

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July 12-14

Southeastern Equestrian Trails Conference

Lexington

Cost: TBA

July 14

Campbell Co. Backroads Farm Tour

(9 a.m. - 5 p.m. EDT)

Contact:

www.homefuse.net/campbellcd



On April 23, Gov. Beshear signed the 2012 May is Beef Month proclamation. In honor of the occasion, Kentucky Cattlemen's Association President Mike Bach (left) and Kentucky Beef Council Chairman Chuck Crutcher (right) present a platter of beef.

Photo: Ky. Office of Creative Services

DEADLINES

May 18

Farms to School Grants - letter of interest (USDA)

www.fns.usda.gov/cnd/f2s/

May 25

Women in Ag Scholarship

www.kywomeninag.com

June 1

Ky. Ag. Leadership Program Nominations

www.uky.edu/Ag/KALP

June 1

EQIP On-Farm Energy (NRCS)

www.nrcs.usda.gov

June 15

Farms to School Grants - full application (USDA)

www.fns.usda.gov/cnd/f2s/

June 29

Farmers' Market Competitive Infrastructure Grants (KADF)

agpolicy.ky.gov

June 30

On-Farm Energy Grants (KADF)

ag-energy.ky.gov

RECURRING MEETINGS

Tobacco Settlement Legisla- tive Oversight Committee

First Wednesday of the month

www.lrc.ky.gov

Kentucky Agricultural Finance Corporation

kafc.ky.gov

June 14-15 :: Owensboro

Aug. 3 :: Transportation Cab-
inet Office Building, Frankfort

Sept. 7 :: Transportation Cab-
inet Office Building, Frankfort

Kentucky Agricultural Development Board

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May 18 :: Cooperative Exten-
sion Office, Shelbyville

June 14-15 :: The Springs Con-
ference Centre, Owensboro

July 20 :: Kentucky Chamber of
Commerce, Frankfort



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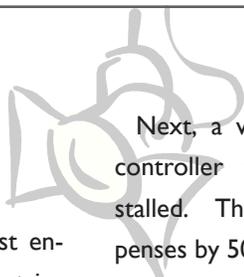
Energy Savings on a Dairy Farm

Dairies are one of the most energy intensive farm industries with an average dairy using between 800 - 1,200 kilowatt hours (kWh) of electricity per cow each year.

Knowing that, Bill Crist and his son were looking for ways to save energy and money. His Metcalfe County farm, Crist Dairy, has 500 lactating cows that are milked three times a day.

In 2011, the Crists received a \$10,000 grant on their total investment of \$150,000 that included three types of energy saving equipment.

First, automatic take-offs that preset the flow level at which milking claws are removed, preventing over-milking and reducing the run-time of the vacuum system.



Next, a variable speed pump with controller was purchased and installed. This can reduce energy expenses by 50% or more.

Finally, a plate cooler was purchased to take advantage of the heat from the milk, as it leaves the cow. An "exchanger" allows the milk to warm cool well water for washing, while cooling the milk to its storage temperature. That's both energy and production efficiency.

After making these energy efficient upgrades, Crist can testify to the dramatic energy savings. "I am already seeing a \$1,500 reduction in our electric bill each month," stated Crist.

An energy audit indicates that the Crists will realize an annual cost savings of \$38,000 and an annual energy savings of more than one million BTUs. ☺



Bill Crist shows off his new energy efficient variable speed pump.

Below, the Plate Cooler helps Crist save time and energy on his dairy farm.



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* BTU—British Thermal Unit, a way of measuring energy