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From the President –

I hope this newsletter finds all of you well rested from the holidays and excited about the New Year! What a great time to be in agriculture!!! Grain prices are high, the government is behind alternative fuels, and we have a wonderful group of ladies in KWIA to network with and learn from. The conference as many of you have told us was “the best ever.” I would fully agree. Numerous volunteers are already hard at work on the 2007 conference. We will return to Lexington this November.

The board met back in January to discuss a number of things. We have an exciting year ahead of us. We would like to see all of you contact your district representatives more and let them know what you would like to see this organization do to help you. There are opportunities for each of you to get more involved in areas that interest you. All of the committees can use more input. KWIA has a bright future thanks to ladies like you!

I am honored and excited to be your new president. Please feel free to contact me at any time.

Jenny Inman

Growing Kentucky II

No matter where you live, or what your occupation or background is, if you have an interest in food and culture you'll want to attend this exciting event on **March 13 & 14, 2007.**

The **Land, Food, & Culture Conference** will bring together creative minds in agriculture, design, and the fine arts to study and make recommendations for the future of rural Kentuckians who continue to transition from a tobacco based economy.

Journalists, poets, chefs, artists, environmentalists, agricultural economists and other educators will come together from across the region and nation to further progress toward a new future for our state's rural communities.

To register visit www.ca.uky.edu/sustainability or contact Bonnie Tanner at (859) 338-6887. There is no charge to attend conference sessions, however, there is a charge to attend the evening reception and luncheon event.

Thank You to Our 2006 Conference Sponsors!

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It was exciting to see so many women from across Kentucky coming together to share and learn. Kentucky Women in Agriculture is a fantastic support group!

Annie's Project Provides Answers for Farm Women

Article by Carol Spence, University of Kentucky Agricultural Communications Service

The Kentucky Women In Agriculture, Inc. donated \$2600 to Annie's Project.

But what is Annie's Project?

Annie never lived in Kentucky, but her story is the story of farm women around the state. It's a story of hardship, of trying to eke out a living on the farm while raising four children and keeping a marriage together. It's a story of hope, adjustment and sacrifice. And more than anything, it's a success story that has inspired a popular workshop series called Annie's Project.

Annie was Annette Fleck who was an Illinois farm wife for 50 years. When she died in 1997 she was a wealthy woman, due in large part to the management skills she acquired over decades as a farm wife. Her daughter Ruth Fleck Hambleton works for University of Illinois Cooperative Extension as a Farm Business Management and Marketing

educator. Recognizing the diverse backgrounds of farm women and the isolation and insecurity that some of them feel, Hambleton began Annie's Project, a risk management education program for farm women. Since its inception in 2002, Annie's Project has spread beyond the borders of Illinois to most of the north central United States. And now it's moving into the South.

"We were challenged in early summer by the Southern Risk Management Education Center to develop a planning committee to discuss the potential of bringing Annie's Project to Kentucky," said Jennifer Hunter, senior University of Kentucky Cooperative Extension Service associate in agricultural economics. "The committee was excited about the results of Annie's Project in other states and wanted to pursue the possibilities of launching the program in Kentucky."

A pilot project has been planned for three areas of the state: in Shelby County to serve the surrounding area, including Henry and Franklin counties; the Purchase area, including Marshall, Graves, Calloway and other

Annie's Project continued...

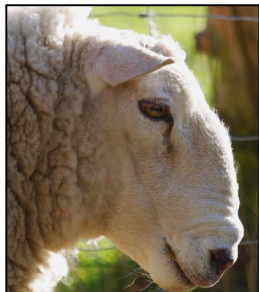
Purchase area counties; and the Henderson County area, serving Webster, Union and Daviess counties. The workshop is set up as 18 hours of instruction over six weeks. The classes will focus on five areas: production risk, financial risk, management risk, legal issues and human resources risk.

Hunter went on to say that classes, which will be limited to 25 people, could be structured based on participants' level of knowledge. Sessions will also be designed

around the agricultural activity in that particular part of the state. In central Kentucky there might be a greater emphasis on livestock, whereas in western Kentucky the focus might be on grain.

"If all goes well, we'll come back and revamp from the comments and suggestions that we've had from the pilot program," she said, "and then we hope to launch the program statewide in fall of 2007."

For more information contact Jennifer Hunter at (859) 257-7272 ext. 246



Dr. Larry W. Turner Memorial Fund

Submitted by Kim Henken, University of Kentucky School of Human Environmental Sciences



Dr. Larry Turner, Associate Dean for Extension and Director of the Kentucky Cooperative Extension Service, died in the Comair Flight 5191 crash on August 27, 2006. To honor Dr. Larry Turner, the Kentucky Women in Agriculture board voted to make a contribution to his memorial fund through the University of Kentucky College of Agriculture. Dr. Turner was a supporter and champion of our organization. He was a regular attendee at the annual conferences, encouraged Extension professionals at all levels to be involved with our organization, and supported those who were active with our board and committees. When Kentucky Women in Agriculture incorporated as an organization, Dr. Turner was the first male to pay dues and join as a member. We will truly miss his leadership, encouragement and the smile he so often shared with us.

The Rural Blog

The Institute for Rural Journalism and Community Issues publishes *The Rural Blog*, a web log of rural issues, trends and events. To view recent blogs visit www.ruraljournalism.org and click on *Rural Blog*. To become a member click on *List Serve*. Members of *The Rural Blog* receive blog updates and are able to post messages to the blog. Membership is FREE! For more information contact Al Cross at (859) 257-3744 or al.cross@uky.edu.

Governor's Office of Agricultural Policy Announces Pilot Farm Management Cost-Share Program

The Governor's Office of Agricultural Policy is announcing the establishment of a county Pilot Farm Management Cost-Share Program through the use of County Agricultural Development Funds.

The Kentucky Agricultural Development Board (KADB) approved this program as a pilot for 2007. This program is designed to encourage the use of farm management services and programs. It will provide producers an opportunity to seek cost-share funds for certain farm management items pre-approved by the KADB. Currently, two programs are eligible, Dairy Herd Improvement and Farm Business Analysis. The KADB will consider adding other farm management items on the eligible list of services upon written request.

Each applicant seeking funding from the Kentucky Agricultural Development Fund must submit the complete application packet which includes forms, instructions, and other information to be used in applying to participate in the Pilot Farm Management Cost-share program. Forms and instructions

may also be found on our website at <http://agpolicy.ky.gov/>.

Applicants applying for County Farm Management Cost-share Programs should submit an application directly to the appropriate county council(s). Completed applications will be prioritized by the county council according to the County Comprehensive Plan and forwarded to the state Agricultural Development Board for final funding decision.

Governor Fletcher and the Kentucky Legislature continue to make great strides toward lessening Kentucky's dependence on tobacco production while revitalizing the farm economy by investing 50 percent of Kentucky's Master Settlement Agreement into the Kentucky Agricultural Development Fund. To date, Kentucky has invested more than \$231 million to an array of county, regional and state projects designed to increase net farm income and create sustainable new farm-based business enterprises.

Contact Angela Blank, Governor's Office of Agricultural Policy at (502) 564-4627.

KWIA Committee Descriptions

Public Relations – Ashley Osborne:

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This committee is charged with promoting organizational events and activities and producing all media-related materials for the organization. This will include publishing quarterly newsletters, maintaining the web page, producing brochures and press releases, and managing and promoting the use of organizational exhibits.

Finance – Pam Chappell: kypamela@aol.com

The Finance Committee will set expenditure guidelines, oversee accounts, schedule audits, and prepare annual budgets. This committee, through the Treasurer, will provide current financial reports, and file annual taxes and any related forms and reports, for board approval and submission.

Funds Development Committee - Michelle

Armstrong: makarmstrong@agristar.net and Jane Elam

This committee works in partnership with the board in securing needed funds to fulfill the mission of the organization. This includes event sponsors, scholarships, auction items, and other fund-raising events as appropriate. This committee is also charged with seeking funds through grant proposals.

Membership Committee - Georgia Burton:

gburton@uky.edu

The Membership Committee guides recruitment and retention of members, and maintains the member database. Member recruitment outreach materials, messages, and new member packets will be prepared by committee members. This committee will conduct an annual member survey.

Committee descriptions continued...

Board Development - Phyllis Amyx:
camyx@mrtc.com

The Board Development committee is to provide information necessary for the on-going care of the board of directors; including orientation, recruitment and education.



Educational Program Committee - Helena

Pitcock: helena.pitcock@ky.usda.gov

This committee will develop, plan, and facilitate educational programs related to matters of interest to KY Women in Agriculture membership. Programs may include annual conference, special topic workshops, and public policy programs as deemed appropriate.

Public Policy Committee - Alice Baesler:

abaesler@aol.com

The Public Policy committee is to help promote and activate the Women in Agriculture membership on local, state, and national issues, send out alerts on legislation that will affect them personally and write updates for the newsletter.

Calendar of Events

February

February 14-17

National Farm Machinery Show
Kentucky Fair and Exposition Center, Louisville, KY

For more information call (502) 367-5004 or visit www.farmmachineryshow.org.



February 19-20

Ohio Valley Marketing Conference
Holiday Inn Hurstborne, Louisville, KY

The Ohio Valley Marketing Conference will offer presentations, workshops and discussions focused around agricultural marketing. For more information contact Rick Alexander at (859) 223-7845 or email at

RAlexander@commoditygrowers.com or J.K.Henshaw at (502) 495-5106, email at jkenshaw@kyfb.com.

February 22

27th Kentucky Alfalfa Conference
Cave City Convention Center, Cave City, KY

Producers, researchers, and Extension specialists will share their successes and experiences. For more information visit www.uky.edu/Ag/Forage/ or contact Gary Lacefield at (270) 365-7541 Ext, 202.

March

March 1 – 4

Kentucky Crafted: The Market
Kentucky Exposition Center, South Wing B, Louisville, KY

Forty-two Kentucky Proud producers will be exhibiting their food products and providing samples of these products at the Kentucky Crafted. Thursday March 1st and Friday March 2nd will be for Wholesalers to attend ONLY. Saturday March 3rd and Sunday March 4th will be opened to the public. For more information contact Anna Kindrick at the KY Depart. of Agr.(502) 564-4983.

March 6

2007 Kentucky Dairy Conference
Cave City Convention Center, Cave City, KY

Registration will be collected at the door the day of the conference. Exhibits open for viewing at 8:30 a.m. and will adjourn at 2:15 p.m. (Central Standard Time). For more information e-mail Dr. Donna Amaral-Phillips at damaral@uky.edu or call (859) 257-7542.

March 10

East Kentucky Meat Goat Workshop (2)
Morehead State University Farm, Morehead, KY

Workshop titled: *Methods of Marketing Meat Goat to Kentucky's Hispanic Consumer* will begin at 9:00 am EST. For more information or reservations contact the county extension agent Robert D. Marsh at (606) 784-5457 or email at rmarsh@uky.edu.

Calendar of Events Continued...

March 10

Kentucky FFA State AgriScience Fair

McLean County High School, Calhoun, KY

The 1st Kentucky FFA State AgriScience Fair will showcase the states top AgriScience students in grades 7-12. For information regarding the AgriScience fair contact Cary Fisher Leib with the McLean County High School at (270) 273-5278 ext 214.

March 15

Governor's Summit on Agriculture

Kentucky Exposition Center, South Wing,
Louisville, KY

The Governor's Summit on Agriculture will begin at 9:00 a.m. EST. All agricultural leaders and those involved with agriculture across the Commonwealth are invited to attend. Registration information will be available on February 22, 2007 on the Governor's Office of Agricultural Policy web site at <http://agpolicy.ky.gov>. For more information contact Christi Marksbury, Event Coordinator, at (502) 564-4627.

March 15

Third Thursday Thing – Spring Goat Day

Contact Marion Simon for more information at marion.simon@kysu.edu.

March 17

East Kentucky Meat Goat Workshop (3)

Boyd Co. Extension Office, Catlettsburg, KY

Workshop titled: *Advances and Changes in Kentucky Meat Goat Economics, Outlook and Production* will begin at 9:00 am EST. Contact Lyndall V. Harned for more information or reservations at (606) 739-5184 or email at lharned@uky.edu.

March 18-24

National Agriculture Week

Celebrate agriculture during March! *National Agriculture Week* is March 18 through 24 and *National Agriculture Day* is March 21. General information and facts are available at www.agday.org.

March 30-31

Kentucky Farm Bureau Women's Leadership Conference

Embassy Suites, Lexington, KY

Contact Scott Christmas or Terri Bradshaw at (502) 495-5000 for more information.

April

April 19

Third Thursday Thing – Horticulture

Contact Marion Simon for more information at marion.simon@kysu.edu.

April 22

Earth Day

For information on ways to celebrate Earth Day visit www.ca.uky.edu/enri.

May

May 17

Third Thursday Thing – Pastured Poultry

Contact Marion Simon for more information at marion.simon@kysu.edu.

May 26, 2007

6th Annual Llama & Alpaca Daze

Scott County Park, Georgetown, KY

12 p.m. – 4 p.m.

Need information about llamas and alpacas? Looking to purchase a llama or alpaca? Come to the 5th Annual Llama and Alpaca Daze Event. If there are any questions contact Carlote Beaudin (502) 857-9100 or email at dbeaudin14@hotmail.com.

June

June 21

Third Thursday Thing – Horticulture ~ grapes, gooseberries, blackberries

Contact Marion Simon for more information at marion.simon@kysu.edu.

July

July 13-14

Kentucky Farm Bureau Young Farmer Summer Outing and Discussion Meet contest

Center for Rural Development, Somerset, KY

Contact Jay McCants of Terri Bradshaw at (502) 495-5000.

July 12-14

The Heartland Apicultural Society Annual Conference

Kentucky State University, Frankfort, KY

Beekeepers, apiculture researchers and other experts from across the country will gather for three days of beekeeping education. For more information email Phil Craft at Phil.Craft@ky.gov.

July 19

Third Thursday Thing ~

Concurrent sessions will include horticulture, vegetables, pasture management, pastured poultry, insect ID, weed ID, forage ID, & beekeeping. Contact Marion Simon: marion.simon@kysu.edu.