



Making a Difference

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President's Message



Fhappy Fall! The weather is cooler, and we're starting to feel the change of seasons. I love this time of year.

One reason I love this time of year is our annual conference, which is scheduled for Oct. 26-28, 2011 in Lexington.

I love catching up with all of you, seeing old friends, meeting new ones that join us, getting refreshed on ag issues – we just have a wonderful time! If you haven't registered yet please send in your information ASAP, you do not want to miss this program. And get ready for our awesome Taste of Kentucky Proud reception being planned for Thursday evening, Oct. 27, 5:30 – 8:00 pm. Both Jamie Comer and Bob Farmer, candidates for Kentucky Commissioner of Agriculture, will be attending and visiting with YOU while we enjoy all kinds of Kentucky food & drinks. Invite friends that live in the area, it really will be a fun evening!

We have just partnered with Ky FarmStart to provide free conference registration to beginning farmers to attend this year! For this purpose, beginning farmers are described as someone who has farmed for 10 years or less so if this fits you please take advantage of this incredible opportunity. The appropriate forms are available on our website at www.kywomeninag.com. I look forward to seeing each of you in Lexington. As always, feel free to contact me at anytime (sfurches@mchsi.com or 270-293-8151). Be safe on the farm.

Yours truly,

Sharon Furches

REGISTER NOW

12th Annual KWIA Conference

Oct. 26-28
Lexington



There's still time to register and join us in Lexington. See inside this issue of "Making a Difference" for a registration form or visit www.kywomeninag.com.

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Ag in the Afghan Classroom



In our summer issue Elizabeth McNulty shared a story about Kentucky's Agribusiness Development Team (KY ADT) stationed in Kapisa, Afghanistan.

They are assisting the Director of Women's

Affairs and the Economics Director in Kapisa with the development of agriculture classrooms for youth 12 to 17 years of age. The classes will cover such subjects as apiculture, poultry, gardening and food preservation.

How You Can Help

During our 2011 Annual Conference, KWIA will be collecting items to support the efforts of KY ADT.

Guests are encouraged to bring an item to donate to support this effort. Items may include:

- posters related to nutrition or agriculture production;
- elementary level books (in English);
- agriculture magazines;
- activity sheets and kits;
- lesson plans that cover general agriculture; and
- supplies, such as pens, pencils, markers and notebooks.

A collection bin will be set up at the registration table for the conference Oct. 26-28, as well as during the Taste of Kentucky Proud event Thursday evening.

If you have any questions, please contact Elizabeth McNulty at 502-564-4983.

Additional information about the National Guard's Agriculture Development Teams, in Kentucky and elsewhere, is available at www.ng.mil or www.army.mil.

KWIA On the Air



Tune in Monday, Oct. 24 at 8:40 a.m. CDT to the *Jean-Marie and Joe Show* on 930 AM-WKCT (www.930wkct.com/jmjoe.htm) to hear KWIA President Sharon Furches talk about this year's KWIA Conference in Lexington.

5th Annual Farm Women's Field Day



Above - KWIA President Sharon Furches and Vice President Michelle Armstrong promote KWIA at the tradeshow.



Above - Test driving a zero-turn lawn mower.



Left - Enjoying a Kentucky Proud meal, featuring pork from Marksburg Farm Foods.

Kentucky Women in Agriculture

12th Annual Conference

Our Farm to Your Home

October 26-28, 2011

Crowne Plaza—Campbell House
Lexington, Ky.



The Sessions

THERE'S STILL TIME TO REGISTER

This year's conference returns to the Bluegrass Region and features the Taste of Kentucky Proud reception and highlight topics from farm to table.

REGISTRATION

To register for the conference and any pre-conference activities, fill out a registration form on the **page 5** and return with your registration fee by Oct. 14:

KY Women in Agriculture
c/o Pam Pilgrim, Registration
195 Swift Camp Creek Rd.
Campton, KY 41301

You may fax (877) 266-8823 or e-mail info@kywomeninag.com your form in advance of mailing your payment or paying with PayPal at www.kywomeninag.com.

HOTEL INFO

Crowne Plaza-Campbell House
Harrodsburg Road
Lexington, Ky

Group Rate: \$99+tax/night

Phone: (800) 227-6963

Group Code: KWA, by 10/19

Conference Scholarships are available. For more info, visit www.kywomeninag.com or call Sharon Furches at (877) 266-8823.



Hearth to Harvest

presented by - Debbie Apple
Debbie Apple is owner/operator of River Cottage Farm will share information about her diversified farming operation.

Innovative Farming

presented by - John-Mark Hack
Marksbury Farm Market is a small scale, locally owned butchers shop, farm market and processing facility in Garrard County. They partner with local farmers to deliver an array of high quality, healthy and fresh products.

Food and Farming Misconceptions

presented by - Kentucky CommonGround
Panelists (Carrie Divine, Corine Kephart, Jennifer Elwell and Brent Burchett) will discuss their consumer outreach efforts to correct misconceptions about food and farming. Topics include food labeling, animal care, environment and food safety.

Food Systems Innovation

presented by - Angela Anandappa
The University of Kentucky Food Systems Innovation Center (FSIC) provides applied research solutions to Kentucky's food businesses. With its many partners, FSIC assists the efforts of small and large manufacturing firms, as well as farms transitioning from tobacco dependence to value-added food production.

Inspirational Speaker

Melissa Jenkins Smith, "I Choose to Be Happy"
Missy Jenkins was paralyzed from the chest down in the 1997 Heath High School shooting. Her faith, courage and determination enabled her to forgive the shooter and move forward with her life. Today she is an inspiration to people worldwide, and shares her positive message in *I Choose to be Happy: A School Shooting Survivor's Triumph Over Tragedy*.

Ky FarmStart

Kentucky's Beginning Farmer Program

Conference Scholarships Available for Beginning Farmers

Kentucky Women in Agriculture in partnership with the Kentucky Farm Start Program is offering special conference scholarships for beginning farmers who wish to attend the 12th Annual Conference: Our Farms to Your Home to be held October 27 & 28 at the Crowne Plaza-Campbell House in Lexington, Ky.

"Working with Kentucky Farm Start is a great opportunity to nurture women who are beginning to farm," said Sharon Furches, KWIA president. "It gives our experienced members an opportunity to mentor younger farmers and provides beginning farmers the tools to increase their chances for success in their farm operations."

For the purposes of this program a beginning farmer is someone with 10 years or less farming experience. Those interested in taking advantage of these special conference scholarships should fill out both the 2011 Conference Registration Form and the special conference scholarship form. Both should be submitted by Oct. 14, as directed on the special scholarship form.

The University of Kentucky and Kentucky State University in collaboration with KWIA and the Kentucky Beef Network launched Kentucky Farm Start in 2010 with funding through the USDA Beginning Farmer Program. The program targets farmers with 10 years or less of farming experience.

This intensive education program is designed as a whole farm management education program for beginning farmers, providing a basic foundation of production, marketing, management, and networking which are necessary for beginning farmers to succeed in today's dynamic agriculture environment.

For more information about Kentucky Farm Start Program, visit <http://www.ca.uky.edu/kyfarmstart/beginfarm.php> or contact Sarah Lovett at (859) 257-7272 ext. 281. This project was supported by the Beginning Farmer and Rancher Development Program of the National Institute of Food and Agriculture, USDA, Grant 2009-49400-05944.



Board Members on the Job

(Above) Sharon Furches helps teach kids about agriculture.

(Below) Michele Armstrong on the farm.



(Above) Becky Hicks Kinder teaches kids about soybean uses.

(Below) Sandy Gardner during grain harvest.



REGISTRATION FORM
12th Annual Kentucky Women in Agriculture Conference—“Our Farms to Your Homes”
Oct. 26-28, 2011



Name: _____ Date: _____

Mailing Address: _____
(to be used for newsletter and conference information)

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone: _____ (Circle HOME / CELL / OFFICE) Fax: _____

Email: _____ County & District _____

Pre-Conference Activities – Wednesday, Oct. 26, 2011

- _____ Local Farm/Ag Tour (fee - \$25.00)
- _____ Dinner following tour (*No Charge – Open only to those paying for pre-conference tour*)
 Courtesy of Fayette County Farm Bureau – please check if you wish to attend
- _____ Couponing Class 7:30-9:00 (No Charge – please check if you plan to attend)

Conference Registration

A limited number of scholarships are available. You may download the application form from www.kywomeninag.com. Scholarship applications will be accepted until Oct. 1 and first-time applicants will be given priority.

REGISTRATION DEADLINE IS OCTOBER 14, 2011. Registration fee includes your 2011 membership dues.

(The cancellation deadline is Friday, Oct. 21. Notice given after this date will not receive the \$50 conference fee refund.)

- _____ Registration fee \$75 (Includes 4 conference meals* + annual membership)
 *Includes the KWIA Taste of KY Proud on Thursday evening
- _____ Additional KWIA Taste of KY Proud tickets (\$10.00 each for members)
- _____ Student registration \$65 (Includes 4 conference meals + annual membership)
- _____ TOTAL _____ mark if you paid by PayPal

If you cannot attend the conference you may submit your membership renewal to the address below.

_____ \$25 Regular membership (Circle NEW or RENEW) _____ \$10 Student (NEW or RENEW)



Make all checks payable to Kentucky Women in Agriculture, Inc.
Mail to: KWIA, Inc.
c/o Pam Pilgrim, Registration
195 Swift Camp Creek Road
Campton, KY 41301

Hotel reservations should be made by calling the Crowne Plaza Hotel, 1375 South Broadway, Lexington, KY.
Phone 859-255-4281 (direct) or 800-227-6963. Ask for KWA rate of \$99.00 (plus tax)

Please bring an item for the silent auction and/or door prize to be given during the conference
Any regular member wishing to have an exhibit, fee is discounted to \$30.00 (regular fee is \$50.00)

Pre-registration is required, and registration is limited.
 No registrations accepted at the door.

*Any bank fees charged for returned checks will be charged back to the individual. KWIA, Inc. membership and programs are open to all regardless of sex, race, color, age, disability, or national origin.

Registration Form - Cut Here -

Action

2012 Legislative Calendar Set

The 2012 Regular Session of the Kentucky General Assembly is scheduled to begin on Jan. 3 and will last 60 days, the maximum number allowed by the state constitution.

The session will conclude on April 9, according to the schedule that has been approved by Senate President David L. Williams and House Speaker Greg Stumbo. The schedule is pending ratification of the full 16-member Legislative Research Commission, which Williams and Stumbo co-chair.

Legislators will not meet in session on Jan. 16 in honor of Martin Luther King, Jr. Day or on Feb. 20 in observance of Presidents' Day.

The veto recess – the period of time when lawmakers commonly return to their home districts to see which bills, if any, the governor chooses to veto – will run from March 28 through April 7.

The 2012 session calendar may be viewed online at http://www.lrc.ky.gov/sch_vist/12RS_calendar.pdf.

From Legislative Research Commission (LRC)
News Release

Women's Scholarship Awarded

For the fourth year, Kentucky Women in Agriculture have awarded a \$1,000 scholarship to a deserving woman studying agriculture.

The scholarship program evolved out of our mission to empower women in agriculture through education, involvement and action. The scholarship is awarded to a woman seeking a degree in agriculture who is entering her junior or senior year in college or is pursuing a graduate degree.

Successful applicants must demonstrate how the degree sought will benefit agriculture and her interest in agriculture through an essay. She also must possess a GPA of 2.5 or higher and be a Kentucky resident.

This year's recipient is Essie Rogers. Essie has attended Midway College and the University of Kentucky. She has been accepted into the veterinary program at Auburn and plans to return to Kentucky as a large animal veterinarian upon completion of her degree.

Congratulations to Essie and best wishes for your future career.





Join Us

Taste of Kentucky Proud

Oct. 27 at 5:30 p.m.

Crowne Plaza-Campbell House

Lexington, Ky.

Enjoy Kentucky food and beverage products prepared by Kentucky chefs and culinary students from Sullivan University.

Meet the candidates for Commissioner of Agriculture.

Reserve your tickets now:

Tickets: \$10 each for members & their guests; \$20 each for non-members
www.kywomeninag.com or Sharon Furches, sfurches@mchsi.com, 270-293-8151



From Our Partner Organizations

Risk Management Agency Deletes Crop Programs for 2012 Crop Year

The following crops by county are no longer insurable through crop insurance. Producers are required to purchase NAP insurance through FSA to maintain eligibility for SURE purposes. Please contact your local FSA office before the sales closing date listed below to maintain SURE eligibility.

Crop	Counties	NAP Sales Closing Date
Barley	Bourbon, Hickman, LaRue, Lincoln, Meade, Trigg, Washington	9/30/2011
Burley Tobacco	Bell, Crittenden, Floyd, Fulton, Harlan, Knott, Letcher, Martin, McCreary, Perry, Union	3/15/2012
Corn	Floyd, Jackson, Magoffin	3/15/2012
Dark Air Tobacco	Allen, Crittenden, Fulton, Hancock, McCracken	3/15/2012
Grain Sorghum	Butler, Calloway, Casey, Christian, Edmonson, Franklin, Logan, Shelby	3/15/2012
Hybrid Corn Seed	Henderson	3/15/2012
Popcorn	Christian, LaRue	3/15/2012
Wheat	Bracken, Carroll, Garrard, Lincoln, Metcalfe, Monroe, Owen, Pendleton, Robertson	9/30/2011

Producers can contact their local FSA Service Center for additional information.

Deadline Approaches for KSU Conference

2011 Small, Limited Resource, Minority Farmer Conference

Nov. 15-17

Kentucky State University, Frankfort

The deadline to register is Oct. 14. For more information or to register, contact Louie Rivers Jr. at 502-597-6327 or louie.rivers@kysu.edu.



Kentucky Proud to Include Horses

Recently, the Kentucky Department of Agriculture (KDA), Kentucky Equine Education Project (KEEP) and the Kentucky Horse Council (KHC) announced that horses have been added to the Kentucky Proud program.

As new members of Kentucky Proud, horse farms in the Commonwealth will be eligible to receive financial grants from KDA and will be able to use the Kentucky Proud logo in advertising their equine products.

Individually, farms should contact KEEP or the Kentucky Horse Council for applications and more information on the Kentucky Proud program.

Once approved, farms will have access to all the services and support that KDA gives to members of that program, including marketing assistance and product promotion.

Visit www.kyproud.com for more about the Kentucky Proud program.

Kentucky Proud is the official farm marketing program of the Commonwealth of Kentucky. More than 2,800 farmers, processors, retailers, restaurants, school districts, farmers' markets, Kentucky state parks and Kentucky Farm Bureau roadside markets are members of Kentucky Proud.

Kentucky Proud is supported in part by the Kentucky Agricultural Development Fund.

2011 Officers

President: Sharon Furches
Vice president: Michelle Armstrong
Secretary: Pam Pilgrim
Treasurer: Phyllis Amyx
Reporter: Sandra Gardner
Past-President: Jenny S. Inman

2011 District Delegates

District 1: Gwenda Johnson
 District 2: Rita Rogers
 District 3: Jeanine Raymond
 District 4: Carrie Johnson
 District 5: Nancy Richardson
 District 6: Linda Dickerson
 District 7: Becky Kinder

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We're on the Web!
www.kywomeninag.com

*Upcoming Events***Oct. 22****Ky. State Beekeepers Fall Meeting**

8 a.m. First Baptist Church, Somerset

www.kyagr.com/statevet/bees/**Oct. 29****Sheep & Goat Annual Meeting**

8:30 a.m. Franklin Co. Extension, Frankfort

infor@sheepandgoat.org**Nov. 15-17****KSU Small, Limited Resource Minority Farmer Conference**

Frankfort

Nov. 17**National Farm-City Week Symposium**

10:30 a.m. Marriott Griffin Gate, Lexington

Nov. 18**2011 Kentucky Agricultural Summit: Agricultural Economy & Rural Communities**

8 a.m.– 5 p.m. Commonwealth Convention Center, Louisville



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Mission

The mission of Kentucky Women in Agriculture Inc. is to empower women through education, involvement, and action.

Our broad goals include:

- Promoting Kentucky women in agriculture.
- Promoting agriculture in Kentucky.
- Creating a cooperative feeling among women in agriculture and striving for good fellowship and integrity of the membership as a whole.
- Protecting the best interest of our members.
- Communicating with one another and with other consumers to promote agricultural products and services for the benefit of Kentuckians and the world.

