



Making a Difference

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Education, Involvement, Action

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President's Message



What a long, hot summer! Hope you and your farm are doing well. Corn shelling has started in western Kentucky and we will soon have some of those "longer than usual" days. And I'm just beginning to smell those dark-fired barns, Fall is in the air! Stay safe and I pray for a good fall harvest season across the state.

The KWIA Conference Committee, headed up by Helena Pitcock, is planning a fantastic agenda for Oct. 26-28 in Lexington. You definitely will NOT want to miss it. Great speakers and presenters are lined up and the "Taste of Kentucky Proud" event will be the highlight for Thursday evening. Both candidates for Ag Commissioner have confirmed their attendance, so let's have a good crowd there to visit with them. Invite your friends in the area; member tickets are \$10 and guest tickets are \$20.

Please consider getting involved in KWIA as an officer also. Positions up for election this year are Vice President, Treasurer, and District Representatives from districts 1, 3, 5, & 7. We would love to have you on the Board!

If you have questions please don't hesitate to call (270-293-8151) or email me (sfurches@mchsi.com). I'm always available and would love to hear from you. Take care & I'll see you in October.

Yours truly,

Sharon Furches

SAVE THE DATE

12th Annual KWIA Conference

Oct. 26-28
Lexington



See inside this issue of "Making a Difference" for conference and registration information or visit www.kywomeninag.com.

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A Chance to Give Back

Submitted by Elizabeth McNulty (Dist. 4, Madison Co.)

The Agribusiness Development Team (ADT) from the Kentucky National Guard stationed in Kapisa, Afghanistan would like our help!

The Director of Women's Affairs and the Economics Director, Saifora and Sulhaila Kohistani, are in the process of turning a few of their available offices into agriculture classrooms for youth (12-17 yrs of age).

They have two large classrooms (one for boys and one for girls), and one smaller office that will be used as the instructors office to hold their materials and allow them a work area to prepare for that weeks classes.

They will be teaching on such subjects such as apiculture, poultry, gardening, and food preservation. The KY ADT will be providing tables, chairs, whiteboards and a projector for the classrooms, but the walls are bare and the best way to spark their interest in learning and agriculture is with classroom materials such as posters, basic reading material and any available agriculture training items.

Adults and children in Afghanistan are interested in learning English and would prefer that the material is in English, as it will aid them in their study of the language and improve their future chances of attending a university outside of Afghanistan.

If you have any unused materials that can be sent here to assist in finishing up the classroom, we will have a drop off point located at the Kentucky Women in Agriculture Conference in October. We will also provide a place where you can make monetary donations to help out with this effort!

If you have any questions, please contact Elizabeth McNulty, KWIA conference committee member, 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.armg.army.mil.



(Above) Cpt. Carla Getchell stands with Saifora and Sulhaila Kohistani at one of the new agriculture classrooms.

(Left) A view of one of the classrooms in Kapisa, Afghanistan.



Condolences

Our thoughts and prayers go out to the family of Andrea Lohr who lost her third battle with cancer on July 10, 2011.

A native of Kentucky, Lohr lived in Virginia with her husband, Virginia Agriculture Commissioner Matt Lohr, and their two children.

Please keep Lohr's and all families affected by cancer in your hearts.



Andrea Lohr kicked off the 2009 KWIA Conference in Bowling Green with her inspiring words and infectious personality.

Kentucky Women in Agriculture

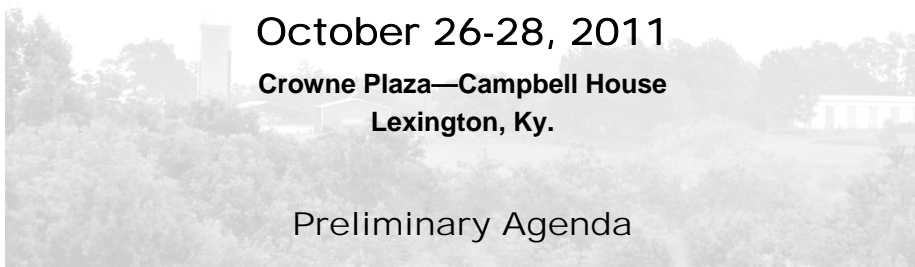
12th Annual Conference

Our Farm to Your Home

October 26-28, 2011

**Crowne Plaza—Campbell House
Lexington, Ky.**

Preliminary Agenda



START PLANNING NOW
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:

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

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



Wednesday, October 26

- 8:00 a.m. Registration for **Pre-Conference Tour**
- 8:15 a.m. **Pre-Conference Tour** departs
visit area farms & agribusinesses

Return to hotel around 4:30 p.m.
- 7:30 p.m. **Coupon Clipping Class**
Presented by Sarah Reddick and Mandy King

Thursday, October 27

- 8:00 a.m. **Registration/Buffer Breakfast**
- 8:45 a.m. Conference **Call to Order**

KWIA Business Meeting
- 9:30 a.m. **Opening Session**
- 10:45 a.m. **Concurrent Sessions—Farm**
Diversified and Innovative Farming
- 11:45 a.m. **Repeat Concurrent Sessions—Farm**
Diversified and Innovative Farming
- 12:30 p.m. **Luncheon & Awards**
- 2:00 p.m. **Concurrent Sessions—Home**
Agriculture Advocacy and Innovative Food Systems
- 3:00 p.m. **Repeat Concurrent Sessions—Home**
- 5:30 p.m. **Kentucky Proud Taste Event**
Program includes remarks from Kentucky's candidates for Commissioner of Agriculture

Silent Auction bidding ends at 4:00 p.m.

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Friday, October 28

8:00 a.m. **District Networking Breakfast & Session**

9:45 a.m. **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*.

10:30 a.m. **Closing Session**
Remarks and Door Prizes

Promoting Kentucky Women in Ag.



KWIA President **Sharon Furches** will be representing us at the 5th Annual Kentucky Women's Field Day on Sept. 20 at the Louisville Zoo. She will be at the exhibit during the event, which starts at 3:30. Then she will participate in a panel titled "Kentucky Women Ag Leaders" at the 7:15 p.m. dinner.

Then 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/jmjoie.htm) to hear Sharon talk about this year's KWIA Conference in Lexington.



(Above) Members of the 2011 KWIA Board pose with inspirational speaker and artist **Mitchell Tolle**. Tolle wrapped up the 2010 Conference by sharing his journey from the hills of eastern Kentucky to national and international acclaim, as one of our most noted Appalachian artists.

(Below) **Pam & George Pilgrim** and **Rita Rogers** (all of Dist. 1 Wolfe Co.) talk with Tolle during his book/poster signing session.



(Below) **Elliott County KWIA members and hosts** for the 2010 Conference pose together at the conclusion of the conference.



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

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 -

Involvement

Leadership Opportunities

Each year at the Fall Conference, KWIA elects half of the board of directors membership for a two-year term.

This year there are two officer and four district delegate positions up for election: vice president, treasurer and delegates for odd numbered districts.

Summary of Duties

Vice President - acts as presiding officer should the president be absent or unable to act

Treasurer - work with the board to prepare and approve an annual budget; maintain all financial records; co-signer for all accounts; presents Treasurer's report at each board meeting and annual meeting; etc.

District Delegate - represent members of district; serve as point of contact for recruitment of new members in the district; etc.

The Kentucky Women in Agriculture Inc. bylaws state that an individual may not hold the same office for more than two consecutive two-year terms.

The following positions do not have incumbents running for 2012-2013: treasurer, district 7 delegate.



2012-2013 Board Nomination Form

Please complete this page and submit as noted below.

Name of nominee: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____ Fax: _____

E-mail: _____

Position sought:

- Vice President
- Treasurer
- District 1 Delegate
- District 3 Delegate
- District 5 Delegate
- District 7 Delegate

Nominated by: _____

(Self-nominations are permissible and encouraged.)

I accept this nomination and hereby certify that I am a member in good standing of Kentucky Women in Agriculture, Inc.

Signature of nominee: _____

Date: _____

Please attach a short bio (not to exceed 1/2 page) with this form. This information will be shared with voters before the election and used in new releases and communications if elected.

Due date: October 1, 2011

Return completed form: KY Women in Agriculture
c/o Jenny Inman
Nominating Committee Chair
P.O. Box 21643
Owensboro, KY 42304
jennysinman@yahoo.com

KWIA Awards Program

DEADLINE: Oct. 1, 2011

Kentucky Women in Agriculture is now accepting nominations for its 2011 Awards. Awards will be presented during the Conference Luncheon on Thursday, October 27 in Lexington.

Laura Clay Award—This is the highest award given by KWIA. Kentuckian Laura Clay was a leader for women’s rights, education and agriculture at the national, state and local level. She was the first woman to be nominated for President of the United States.

This award is to recognize Kentuckians who are making a difference in today’s world and the future at the local, state and national level especially in the area of agriculture and our communities.

New Woman in Agriculture—This award will recognize a member who has just started an agriculture production/business venture in the past three years.

Continued Excellence Award—This award will recognize an outstanding agriculture business/producer for 10 years or longer who has been a member of KWIA for at least five years.

Outstanding KWIA New Member—An outstanding member of KWIA being in the organization three years or less.

Honorary Friend of KWIA—This award will rotate among the districts with at least two districts giving the award each year. Districts 3, 4 & 5 will select someone who has supported women in the area of agriculture or to the KWIA organization. This award does not require membership and may be given to an individual, agency, organization, legislator, media, etc.

Nominations may be made by individual members and KWIA affiliated agriculture organizations, agencies, or businesses. Self-nominations will also be accepted. Please submit nominations to:

Kentucky Women in Agriculture
 c/o Michelle Armstrong
 1125 Lilly Pike
 Taylorsville, KY 40071

Nomination form at right or at www.kywomeninag.com.

Kentucky Women in Agriculture 2011 Awards Nomination Form

- Laura Clay
- New Woman in Agriculture
- Continued Excellence
- Outstanding KWIA New Member
- Honorary Friend of KWIA (Dist. 3, 4, 5)

Nominee’s Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

E-mail: _____

Nominated by: _____

Phone: _____

E-mail: _____

In 250 words or less, explain why the nominee is worthy of the award checked above.



(Above) **Carol Ann Fraley and Gwenda (Adkins) Johnson** pose after the 2010 KWIA Conference held in Grayson, Ky. Fraley accepted the Honorary Friend of KWIA on behalf of Grayson RECC, and Adkins received the Outstanding KWIA New Member award.

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

Contact Information

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Lexington, Kentucky 40544-4409
Phone/ Fax: 1-877-266-8823
Email: info@kywomeninag.com

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

Upcoming Events

Sept. 13

KWIA Conference Committee

9 a.m. Crowne Plaza-Campbell House, Lexington

Sept. 20

5th Annual Kentucky Women's Field Day

3:30 p.m. Louisville Zoo

Contact: Jean-Marie Lawson, Hartland Equipment
jean-marie@hartlandeq.com

Oct. 5

KWIA Board Meeting

10 a.m. Crowne Plaza-Campbell House, Lexington

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.

