

JACKSON COUNTY FARM BUREAU NEWS

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JACKSON COUNTY FARM BUREAU REPRESENTED AT KFB'S ANNUAL PRESIDENTS AND VICE PRESIDENTS CONFERENCE

KENTUCKY FARM BUREAU HOLDS PRESIDENTS AND VICE PRESIDENTS CONFERENCE

The 2015 KFB Presidents and Vice Presidents conference was held on February 10-11 at the Galt House in downtown Louisville.

The conference featured an update on member services, an insurance company update, and a session on current communication initiatives. There was also a report on developments in the 2015 General Assembly from the Public Affairs staff.

Jackson County was represented by President, Harry Wilson and Vice President, Warren Lakes.



HARRY WILSON, PRESIDENT
WARREN LAKES, VICE-PRESIDENT

AMERICAN FARM BUREAU HOLDS ANNUAL MEETING IN SAN DEIGO, CA

American Farm Bureau held its Annual Meeting January, 9-13 in San Diego, CA. The AFBF annual meeting always affords opportunities to meet other farmers and ranchers from across the country. The meeting includes several competitions and information sessions.

Over 5000 members from across the country attended and Kentucky was well represented with more than 300 attendees. Chris and Rebecca Pierce from Pulaski County won the Young Farmer /Rancher Achievement Award. Jackson County was represented by Board of Directors' members Johnny Purvis and Michael Montgomery along with their wives.



Pictured: Phyllis Purvis; Johnny Purvis; David Campbell, State Director; Mike Montgomery; Shannon Montgomery; Teresa Campbell

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JACKSON COUNTY COMMEMORATES FOOD CHECK-OUT WEEK

Food check-out week which commemorates the week when Americans have earned enough spendable income to purchase their food supply for the entire year was February 17-23, 2013. Jackson County Farm Bureau celebrated by giving away a \$25 Gift Certificate.

Winner of the gift certificate was Rusty Flannery of Mc Kee . Mr. Flannery was given a choice of Grocery stores in the county and He chose IGA.



Gift Certificate was presented to Rusty Flannery by Phyllis Purvis, Jackson County Farm Bureau Women's Chair.

YOUNG FARMER LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE HELD JANUARY 23-24

This year's Young Farmer Conference was attended by Jackson County's Young Farmer Committee Chairman, Douglas Wilson and his wife Jennifer.

The conference included sessions on Identity Theft, Farm Safety and Grain and Cattle Markets. Highlight of the program was motivational speaker John Petz who spoke to the group about having pride and passion in what you do as farmers.

KFB'S WOMEN'S LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE HELD MARCH 27th and 28th 2015

The annual Women's Leadership Conference was held in Covington on March 27-28, 2015.

The conference is held each year and is a great opportunity for women all across the state to meet and learn from each other. Speaker's included Miss Kentucky, Ramsey Carpenter and Jason Koger. Several workshop sessions included Personal Safety-Self Defense Round II, Ag Literacy: Our Future Depends on IT, Farm Safety and What's Cooking in DC. Tours of local farms and businesses were also available.



MEMBERSHIP NEWS

The merchants listed here have agreed to extend discounts to Kentucky Farm Bureau members. These discounts can be obtained by presenting your membership card when a purchase is made.

ID Experts – Identify Theft Consultation and Restoration

As part of your many benefits included with your KFB membership, you have access to Identity Theft Consultation and Restoration. All eligible family members in the household are covered and the service is included in your membership dues.

GM is offering \$500 off on a new Chevrolet, Buick, or GMC. To claim your \$500 Certificate just go to fbverify.com/gm. Enter your Farm Bureau Membership number and zip code of your membership address. Click login and a prompt to print your personalized certificate appears. For more information on this program and the eligible vehicles contact the local Farm Bureau office.



JACKSON COUNTY FARM BUREAU MAKES DONATION TO THE CATTLEMEN'S ASSOCIATION



Pictured left to right: Ben Gilbert, Cattlemen's Association Vice President; Josh Lakes, President; Hilda Judd, Secretary/Treasurer; Brenda Ayers, Jackson County Farm Bureau Insurance Agency Manager; Harry Wilson, Jackson County Farm Bureau Federation Board of Directors

Jackson County Farm Bureau Federation Board of Directors donated \$5000 to the Jackson County Cattlemen's Association for the purchase of a food service trailer to aid them in their activities in the county. The Cattlemen's Association will use the trailer to haul tables, chairs and other equipment. They will also be able to use this trailer to serve food at festivals and events.

Kentucky Farm Bureau Federation is a voluntary organization of farm families and their allies dedicated to serving as the voice of agriculture by identifying problems, developing solutions and taking actions which will improve net farm income, achieve better economic opportunities and enhance the quality of life for all. For nearly a century, KFB has served as the "Voice of Agriculture" representing the interests of agricultural producers and rural communities. Jackson County Farm Bureau is pleased to be able to contribute to our local farming community and to promote agriculture in this way. Farmers are the backbone of our country and according to statistics only 1% of the people in the world work in agriculture and that 1% feeds the other 99%. Farm Bureau is very proud to be a part of that 1%.

NATIONAL AG DAY, MARCH 18 & KENTUCKY AG LITERACY WEEK, MARCH 15 -21

Jackson County Farm Bureau promoted National AG Day and Kentucky AG Literacy Week by posting information in the county office, running information in local newspapers and an accurate Ag book, "The Beeman" was read to local students and then presented to their school Library. Over the past few years, Farm Bureau volunteers have successfully used National Ag Day and Kentucky Ag week as an opportunity to promote Kentucky agriculture by reading an "Accurate AG Book" in classrooms throughout the state. These are books recommended by American Farm Bureau and accurately portray American agriculture. Children especially need to better understand how agriculture meets their most basic needs and enriches their lives economically, environmentally and socially.