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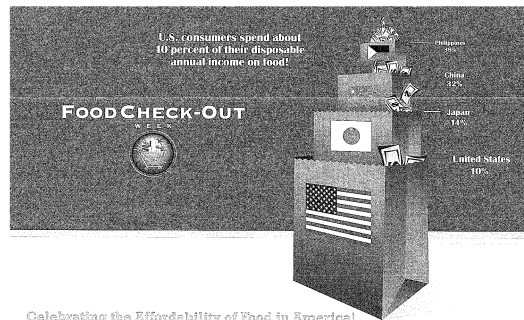
FOOD CHECK OUT WEEK CELEBRATED FEBRUARY 3-9, 2019

Food Check-Out week is celebrated annually by Kentucky Farm Bureau. This is the week each year that Americans have earned enough money to pay for their food for the entire year. According to the U.S. Department of Agriculture's Economic Research Service, American consumers spend, on average, just over 10 percent of their disposable income for food. That means the average household will have earned enough disposable income—that portion of income available for spending or saving – to pay for its annual food supply in about seven weeks, said Kentucky Farm Bureau President Mark Haney. That is only about 49 days, however, Americans must work approximately 99 days to earn enough money to pay federal taxes according to the Tax Foundation.

In recognition of this, Jackson County Farm Bureau Celebrated Food Check-Out Day by asking customers to come by the office to pick up more information on Food Check-Out and enter a drawing for a gift certificate to a local grocery store.

The winners of the Gift Certificates were John Wilson of Annville and Cora Marcum of Mc Kee.

To get the word out about Food Check-Out week, cards were given out in the McKee Farm Bureau office and articles were printed in local newspapers and advertised on WWAG radio.



Agricultural Facts

- The agriculture and food industries employ approximately 24 million people nationwide.
- U.S. agricultural exports generate more than \$100 billion in business activity annually.
- Almost 90 percent of U.S. farms are operated by families or individuals.
- Today's farmer – using less land, water and energy than previous generations – grows enough food and fiber to feed 154 people.
- When applied to calendar days, the average American earns enough income to pay for his entire year's supply of food in just seven weeks. By comparison, the same person must work until mid-April to pay for annual taxes. That's seven weeks for food and more than three months for taxes.
- According to Kentucky Farm Bureau's Marketbasket Survey data, the average retail food price of 40 basic grocery items in Kentucky has increased less than \$45 over the last 20 years.



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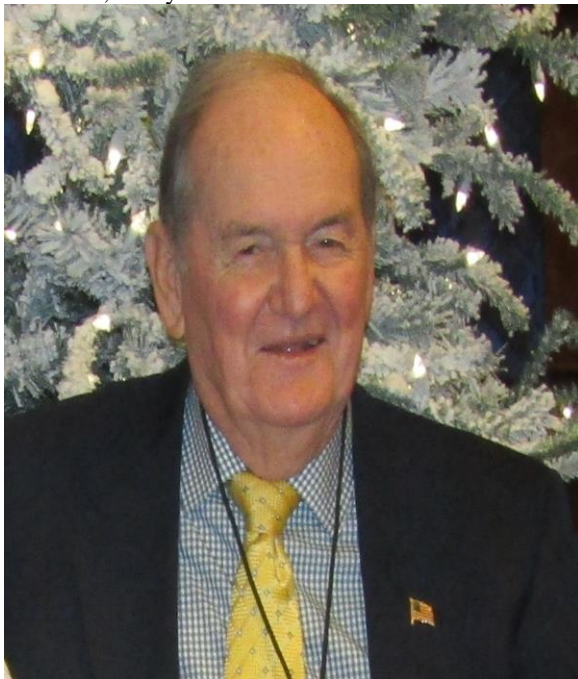
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2019 PRESIDENT'S AND VICE-PRESIDENTS CONFERENCE

Kentucky Farm Bureau held their annual President's and Vice Presidents conference on February 12-13 at the Galt House in Louisville.

Jackson County was represented by President, Harry Wilson and Young Farmer Chairman, Doug Wilson. This year's conference focused on the 100th Anniversary of Kentucky Farm Bureau Federation and featured an update on member services, highlights of successful programs from County Farm Bureau leaders, focusing on county programs and activities. There was also a report by the Public Affairs staff on developments in the 2019 General Assembly.

President, Harry Wilson



2019 WOMEN'S CONFERENCE

Kentucky Farm Bureau held their annual Women's Conference on March 8 & 9, 2019. This year the conference was held in Lexington with several excellent speakers.

The focus this year is on the 100th anniversary of Kentucky Farm Bureau Federation. The State Women's committee members held a silent and a live auction to raise money for Educational Scholarships. They also had a fashion show which featured styles from 1919 in honor of the 100th anniversary. The Women's Conference hosts volunteer women from around the state who work to promote agriculture and to educate the public concerning agriculture. Jackson County was represented by Women's Chair, Phyllis Purvis.



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MEMBERSHIP BENEFITS

Farm Bureau 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 to quality of life for all.

Listed here are just some of the ways your membership money goes to work for you.

Ag in the Classroom reaches thousands of students each year through a variety of activities and instructional programs which highlight how Kentucky agriculture positively impacts their lives economically, environmentally and socially.

The Kentucky Young Farmer program focuses on providing leadership development opportunities for younger members of the organization and encourages its participants to be active member of their county Farm Bureau.

Kentucky Farm Bureau Education Foundation awards thousands of dollars in college scholarships each year to high school, college and non-traditional students with top-notch scholastic and leadership backgrounds.

Kentucky's top-rated lobbying team works on behalf of Farm Bureau members through each session of Kentucky's legislature and with interim committees that meet year-round.

A National Affairs staff works directly with Kentucky's congressional delegation and federal agencies on issues critical to the state's agricultural industry.

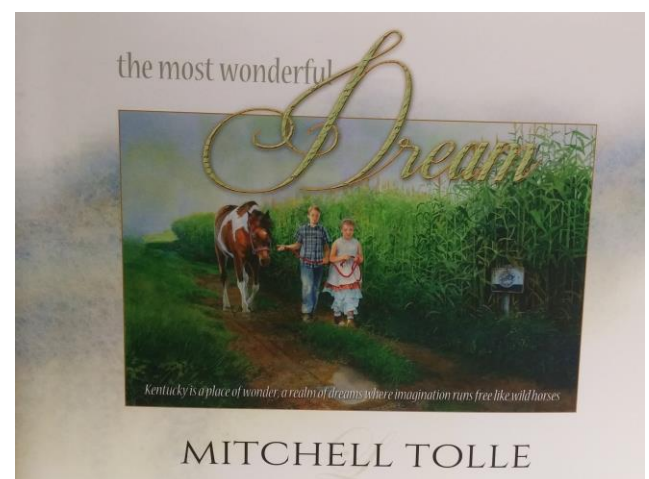
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JUST GO TO WWW.KYFB.COM AND YOU CAN FIND INFORMATION ABOUT ANY OF OUR FARM BUREAU OFFICES AND WHAT'S HAPPENING IN YOUR AREA.

KY AG LITERACY WEEK

National Agriculture Literacy Week is scheduled for the week of March 17-23, 2019. National Ag Literacy Week is celebrated each year to help students understand that agriculture provides for our most basic needs and enriches our life economically, environmentally and socially. Farm Bureau volunteers are encouraged to visit elementary school classrooms across the state and read an ag-related book and talk to the students about the importance of agriculture.

This year Brenda Ayers and Phyllis Purvis visited Elementary schools and read the accurate ag-book, "The Most Wonderful Dream", by Mitchell Tolle, to a group of grade school students.



FARM SAFETY IN KENTUCKY

Recent statistics show that FARMING is one of the most dangerous occupations in the United States. Agriculture has the highest rate of occupational fatalities of any industry more than five times the annual rate for all other workers.

The death rate in Kentucky agriculture is two to three times higher than the national average, primarily because of our high number of tractors and tractor overturn deaths.

Listed below are some general safety guidelines which can help to reduce the risk of tractor accidents on your farm.

All new operators should receive instructions on safe operation of each tractor and be made aware of potentially hazardous situations.

New operators, especially youth, should be closely supervised until they have demonstrated their skill and knowledge of safe tractor operation.

- Before youth are allowed to operate a tractor, they should:
1. Be able to reach all controls comfortably from the operator’s seat.
 2. Have maturity and judgement to recognize and anticipate potential hazards.
 3. Have received instruction and training in operation and safety.

Read and follow the procedures outlined in the operator’s manual and only use the tractor for its intended use. Make a **NO RIDERS** policy on all tractors.

Never attempt to mount or dismount a moving tractor.

Keep others clear of the area during operation

Make sure that all PTO equipment is properly shielded.

By being aware and following a few safety rules we hope that your experience with your tractor will be a safe one.

**KENTUCKY FARM BUREAU
CONRESSIONAL TOUR**

The 2019 Washington D.C. Congressional Tour was February 23-27. Jackson county was represented by women’s committee member, Phyllis Purvis and grandson Caleb Hibbits.

KFB members were able to meet with members of congress to discuss local agricultural concerns and present their views on current and upcoming bills concerning agriculture. Speakers included Congressman from all districts of Kentucky.



VISITING GEORGE WASHINGTON’S TOMB

UPCOMING EVENTS

GOOD FRIDAY – OFFICE CLOSED..... APRIL 19,2019

DEADLINE FOR JACKSON COUNTY SCHOLARSHIP..... MAY 1, 2019

MEMORIAL DAY – OFFICE CLOSED..... MAY 25 and 27, 2019

STATE FFA CONVENTION..... JUNE 11-13, 2019

IFAL..... JUNE 16-20, 2019