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# Mercer County Farm Bureau Federation Quarterly News

*"The Voice of Agriculture"*

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## Mercer County's IFAL Attendees

Mercer County Farm Bureau is proud to have had two of the state's 92 high school juniors to attend KFB's 30th annual Institute for Future Agricultural Leaders (IFAL) conference held at University of Kentucky and Murray State University for five days in June. The conference highlighted a variety of careers in agriculture while exposing the students to a preview of college life. Participants were nominated by their county Farm Bureau board of directors with the assistance of school personnel and youth group advisors. IFAL students are among the top in



their class and plan to further their education at the postsecondary level with an interest in pursuing a career in agriculture. The Mercer County Farm Bureau board of directors sets aside \$1,200 in the budget each year to sponsor local students for this youth leadership program. The cost incurred by the county Farm Bureau is \$300 per student.

**J**esalyn Bradford, daughter of Chris and Melissa Bradford of Burgin and recent graduate of Burgin Independent, and Taylor Worthington, daughter of Chris and Glenna Worthington of Harrodsburg and recent graduate of Mercer County Senior High School, are the recipients of \$1,000 college scholarships from Mercer County Farm Bureau and the Mercer County Young Farmers. Victoria Carter, daughter of Mike and Deana King and recent graduate of Mercer County Senior High School, is the recipient of a \$1,000 Kentucky Farm Bureau State Scholarship. These awards are three of the 312 college scholarships worth a total of \$396,550 that Mercer County Farm Bureau Federation, Kentucky Farm Bureau Education Foundation, and numerous other individual county Farm Bureaus awarded this year to deserving students from across the Commonwealth.



**Jesalyn Bradford**



**Taylor Worthington**



**Victoria Carter**

### KENTUCKY FARM BUREAU MISSION STATEMENT

*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 the quality of life for all.*

# COMMUNITY AG NEWS



**MERCER COUNTY CONSERVATION DISTRICT** on 227 Morris Drive will give a \$3.50 per acre refund up to 50 acres for spraying noxious weeds this spring until funds are exhausted. Contact Southern States at 734-2368. The District also has three Haybuster No-Till Seed Drills for rent. The drills rent for \$6 per acre or a minimum of \$60 plus a \$30 delivery fee. The District also has one Broyhill 200-gallon sprayer with power takeoff for use **free of charge**. There is a \$30 delivery fee. This sprayer is for **2,4-D spray** only which controls thistles and broadleaf weeds. The GrassWorks Weed Wiper rents for \$75.00 per day. Use **ONLY Roundup/glyphosate** herbicide with Dawn washing liquid. Contact Equipment Manager Johnnie Bailey at 859-613-2668 for scheduling of this equipment. *Don't forget to get your Tree Rebate Certificate!* **For more information, call Linda at the local Conservation Office at 734-6889 or visit [mercercd.org](http://mercercd.org).**

## News and Bits from FSA



- County Committee election this year will take place in local administrative areas 2 and 4. Nominees for eligible candidates will be accepted until August 1, 2015.
- Crop acreage reports are currently being taken. A complete crop report is a requirement for producers who intend to enroll in Agriculture Risk Coverage (ARC) or Price Loss Coverage (PLC) or think that they may apply for a Commodity Loan. Final reporting date for burley, corn, soybeans, and all other row crops except small grains is July 15, 2015. Reports filed after the deadline will be charged for measurement services.
- Enrollment in the ARC and PLC programs for 2014 and 2015 began 6/17/15 and will end 9/30/15.

**For more information, contact the Harrodsburg FSA Service Center located at 225 Morris Drive or call 859-734-4326 or 1-888-758-6777.**

COOPERATIVE EXTENSION SERVICE

**UK**  
UNIVERSITY OF KENTUCKY  
College of Agriculture

**Mercer County Extension Office  
Upcoming Events**

**Mercer Co. Agriculture Investment Program**  
Applications for 2015 will likely be available late July/early August, so stay tuned to Linda's ag newsletter and The Harrodsburg Herald for exact dates and details.

**Mercer Co. Farm Bureau Federation is a sponsor of Mercer Co. Fair live-stock shows.** Following is a list of dates you can enjoy our youth participating in these events: Dairy Show, 7/18; Sheep Show, 7/22; Swine and Goat Shows, 7/25; & Beef Show, 7/28.

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## YOUTH INVESTMENT



The ninth annual Mercer County Investment in Youth Sale is scheduled for Tuesday, September 1, 2015, at the Mercer County Fairgrounds Exhibit Building. The Mercer County Farm Bureau Federation board of directors is making plans to have buyers at the auction to bid on behalf of the organization. The board has set aside \$2,500 in this year's budget for the sale.

Youth participating in the sale this year will be offering 1 steer, 9 hogs, 1 goat, and 23 country hams. (Hams will not be sold until 10/23). Each participant is allowed to sell only 1 project and has a strict set of requirements that must be met prior to the sale in order to qualify their animal or ham.



Anyone interested in being a buyer at the sale or a donation sponsor can call the extension office at 734-4378.



**CUT A TREE  
AND  
SAVE A LIFE**

Anyone is able to report a dead or partially dead tree along the road (in the right-of-way) to our local agency office which will call the appropriate magistrate to implement getting the tree cut as soon as possible. All incoming and outgoing calls will be noted in a log.

**CARNIVAL CORRAL  
AT THE 10TH ANNUAL  
FORT HARROD BEEF FESTIVAL**

Mercer County Farm Bureau and Mercer County Cooperative Extension Office cosponsored the Carnival Corral at the 10th Annual Fort Harrod Beef Festival held June 12-13, 2015. There were many hands-on activities where children could learn about agriculture.

## FREE LOANER EQUIPMENT

(with small deposit)

GPS (measures acreage) • Tobacco Moisture Tester • Camera • Dremel Electric Engraver



## Community, Merchant, and Member Appreciation Day

Mercer County Farm Bureau Federation and Insurance Agency held a Community, Merchant, and Member Appreciation Day on June 5, 2015. We had over 250 customers visit our 16 vendors (including local and state discount merchants). Our customers were able to talk to the vendors and find out what each one could offer them by being a member of Mercer County Farm Bureau. We grilled out hamburgers from the beef that we purchased from the 4-H Youth Investment Sale.

The highlight of the event was the helicopter from the Air Evac Lifeteam. Everyone enjoyed the two hours the helicopter was at our office. The pilot, paramedic, nurse, and the sales representative explained why this was an important service to have in our farming community.



We also promoted our Child Passenger Seat Inspection Program that Mercer County Farm Bureau is now offering as a service. Through this program, we are inspecting child car seats to assure parents that their child's seat is installed correctly and fits the child properly in order to avoid or lessen possible injuries. We have a local, certified CPS technician, Jesseca Huffman, who inspects by appointment. We feel that this is a great service to our community.





**At Mercer County Fairgrounds**

**MARKET DAYS**  
 Tuesdays, 4:00 - 7:00 p.m.  
 Thursdays, 4:00 - 7:00 p.m.  
 Saturdays, 9:00 a.m. - Noon

The **Mercer County Agriculture Field Day** is set for September. Watch the Extension newsletter from Ag Agent Linda McClanahan, the Extension website & Facebook, MCFB Facebook, or The Harrodsburg Herald for more details.



*"During last summer's Farm Field Day in Mercer County, I heard from producers about the growing presence of Black Vultures. This led to my staff engaging with Kentucky Farm Bureau and meeting directly with Fish & Wildlife Services to discuss the issue. I am glad that a solution was reached, and I am hopeful Kentucky producers will be able to adequately protect their property."  
 - Congressman Brett Guthrie (KY-02)*



**Give your contact info to any CSR.**

**MEMBERS CAN WIN A FREE \$25 WALMART GIFT CARD!**  
**REGISTER** by giving us your **email address and cell phone numbers.**  
 This allows us to contact you quicker and more efficiently at times of need.  
**We do not trade or sell your email address or cell phone numbers.**

*Please help us serve you faster!*



**A drawing will be at the end of each month!**



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*Is your child's car seat installed correctly??*

Some child safety seats are installed incorrectly, putting the child at risk.

Call 859-734-1700 or email [Jesseca.Huffman@kyfb.com](mailto:Jesseca.Huffman@kyfb.com) to schedule a required appointment for a demo safety check on how to install your seat for safety offered on Tues., Wed., and Thurs. 3:00 to 4:30 p.m. Inspection is from a concerned and caring insurance agency and offered as a free service for the safety of your child.

**Jesseca Huffman**  
 KY Insurance Licensed Agent, Certified CPS Technician  
 National Child Passenger Safety Certification #T732569



**Enroll for our Membership EasyPay™ for a Chance to Win an iPad!**

To enroll for Membership EasyPay™, simply visit your county office or register online at [kyfb.com/easypay](http://kyfb.com/easypay). Beginning next year, when your annual membership is due again, the amount will be deducted from your account via Electronic Funds Transfer (EFT). Just for signing up, you will be entered for a chance to win an iPad. Enroll today!

**Some Member Benefits**

- Save 15% on Grasshopper Mowers
- Travel for less with rental car discounts at Avis and Enterprise and get discounted accommodations at Wyndham and Choice Hotels, Great Wolf Lodge, and Kentucky State Park lodges!
- Receive a \$300 per unit discount on all Polaris Utility and Sport Vehicles as well as all GEM Electric Vehicles and \$200 per unit discount on all All-Terrain Vehicles.
- Check out the many other state & local discounts available to you as a member at [kyfb.com/mercer/](http://kyfb.com/mercer/)!

**ANNUAL MEETING AND YOUTH CONTESTS**

The Mercer County Farm Bureau Federation Annual Meeting will be held Monday, September 14, at 6:00 p.m. (location to be determined). Highlights will include Outstanding Youth Contest, Variety Contest, Outstanding Young Farmer Award, Officer and Board Member Elections, Resolutions, and many door prizes.

**This year's meal will be a banquet buffet. All member families are invited to attend, but please RSVP by September 2** by calling the office at 734-4341.

Applications are now being accepted for the youth contests. The winner in each contest receives \$100. All participants will receive a cash award. The Outstanding Youth Contest includes a judge's interview and a 2-minute speech on agriculture or Farm Bureau. This contest is open to ages 15 to 18. The Variety/Talent Contest is open to ages 6 to 18. A wide array of talents can be showcased. A third contest involving the display of Agriculture Science Exhibits is open to students in grades 4 to 8. Cash prizes will be awarded. Any student interested in participating should call Beth at 734-4341 or stop by the office on Morris Drive for an application.

**Some Important Dates to Remember . . .**

- ♦ **July 16, 2015** KFB 5th District Policy Development Meeting, Springfield
- ♦ **Aug. 27, 2015** KFB Day at the KY State Fair
- ♦ **Sept. 1, 2015** Youth Investment Sale, Mercer Co. Fairgrounds, 6 p.m.
- ♦ **Sept. 4, 2015** Youth Contest Application Deadline

- ♦ **Sept. 14, 2015** MCFB Annual Meeting 6:00 p.m. (location to be determined)
- ♦ **Sept. 15, 2015** Young Farmer Fall Fling at Devine's Corn Maze (rain date 9/17)

