

## County Programming Survey for 2005 Kentucky Ag Advisory Council

County: \_\_\_\_\_ **District 2** \_\_\_\_\_

Thanks for taking the time to fill out this survey. Please have the completed survey to the Extension Area Contact Agent (see below) for the state Ag Advisory Council **before Monday January 10**. They will summarize them, send copies to Jimmy Henning and also prepare their delegates.

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**Questions?** Call Jimmy Henning at 859 229 4989 (cell phone) over the Christmas Break or 859-257-1846 (office).

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This survey has three purposes:

1. To define county programming needs in Forages, Livestock, Grain Crops, Horticulture/Organic Agriculture/Alternative Agriculture, and Forestry.
  2. To prepare the district Ag Advisory Council producer representatives to better represent the entire district.
  3. To provide future program direction and leadership for Kentucky. For example, Kentucky Farm Bureau has asked for a planning session with College leadership to talk about the direction for Kentucky agriculture. A good comprehensive document will help keep these types of discussions in focus.
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### District 1

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|---------------|----------------|
| Northeast     | Lyndall Harned |
| Licking River | David Appelman |

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### District 2

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|------------------|----------------|
| Quicksand        | Paul Sizemore  |
| Wilderness Trail | Jeff Henderson |

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### District 3

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| N. Kentucky | Don Sorrell      |
| Louisville  | Brittany Edelson |

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### District 4

|           |             |
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| Bluegrass | Nick Carter |
| Ft Harrod | Dan Grigson |

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### District 5

|                 |                |
|-----------------|----------------|
| Lake Cumberland | Beth Wilson    |
| Lincoln Trail   | Rick Greenwell |

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### District 6

|              |                |
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| Mammoth Cave | Kevin Lyons    |
| Green River  | Vicki Shadrick |

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### District 7

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| Pennyrile | Curt Judy      |
| Purchase  | Lincoln Martin |
|           | Doug Wilson    |

### Overview of Importance of Commodities

Please check the box for the importance of the following commodities. Importance may be measured by dollar value of sales, number of acres, potential value or number of people involved.

| Commodity                       | Rank in District 2 |  |  |  |
|---------------------------------|--------------------|--|--|--|
| Forages                         | 5                  |  |  |  |
| Goats                           | 2                  |  |  |  |
| Beef                            | 4                  |  |  |  |
| Equine                          | 7 (tie)            |  |  |  |
| Grain Crops                     | 8                  |  |  |  |
| Commercial Vegetable Production | 6                  |  |  |  |
| Farmers Markets                 | 3                  |  |  |  |
| Organic Agriculture             | 7 (tie)            |  |  |  |
| Forestry                        | 1                  |  |  |  |

How do farmers prefer to receive information? Rank the following in order with 1 being most preferred:

- 2 - Newsletters (mailed to home)
- 3 - Newsletters (emailed)
- 4 - Internet/web page
- 1 - Meetings
- 5 - Satellite Service
- \_\_\_\_\_ Other (please specify) - telephone

Are farmers increasing their use of the UK College of Agriculture's electronic newsletters (emailed) or WEB based resources (such as the Grain Page or Forage Page)?

Yes\_5\_\_ No\_6\_\_

## Forages

1. What do farmers need in your county in regards to educational programs and research needs in the area of hay production, storage and utilization?

|   |  |
|---|--|
| Management – forages                              | Local research/demos – hay quality, storage savings, reduced feed cost |
| Basic forage info                                 | Rotational grazing   |
| Improved summer pasture management                | Timely harvest   |
| Matching hay to nutrient requirements             | Hay quality  |
| Forages for goats info                            | Utilizing reclaimed strip mine land                                    |
| Plans for tobacco barn renovation for hay storage | Materials specific to Eastern KY                                       |

2. What do farmers need in your county in regards to educational programs and research needs in the area of pasture production and utilization?

|                        |  |
|------------------------|--|
| Managing steep terrain | Dealing with acid soils                  |
| Pasture for goats      | Local research/demos                     |
| Rotational grazing     | Regional Grazing Schools – site specific |
| Management             | Persistent varieties                     |
| Stocking rates         | Grazing corn, other forages              |
| Water issues           |  |

3. What do the farmers need in you county in regards to educational programs and research needs in the area of non-traditional forages such as warm season grasses and grazing corn?

Local research/demos, follow-up info, corn and warm season grasses (2)

Establishing/managing native grasses for wildlife

4. A Master Grazer Program was identified as a possible major educational emphasis by the 2004 Beef Summit. In you county, how much interest would there be in a Master Grazer Program?

- A. Little to None - 3
- B. Some - 6
- C. A Great Deal - 1
- D. Not A Good Idea

Livestock: Goats

1. How could Phase 1 Funds be better used to assist Goat Producers? (Be Specific)

District goat facilitators similar to KCA beef facilitators

Goat specialist

Incentives to follow health program

Equipment funding

CPH-45 type sale

Goat school

Regional processing facility

2. What Major Areas of Goat Production should be addressed through County Extension Programs?

Rank your top 3 or 4, with a 1 being highest priority, 2 second, etc.

Marketing -2

General Herd Health – 1 (tie)

Genetics - 4

Parasite Control – 1 (tie)

Facilities - 7

Management/Industry - 6

Forages/Feeds - 3

Supplemental feeds and feeding - 5

Other\_\_\_\_\_ (please specify) \_\_\_\_\_

3. What major obstacles are goat producers faced with in the state of Kentucky? (Be Specific)

Lack of qualified expert advice from Extension, info, specialist (3)

Lack of processing facility (2) Updated publications – management, feed, parasites, etc

Marketing (2)

Herd health

4. How much Interest would there be in a Master Goat Herdsman Program?

A. Little to None - 1

B. Some - 2

C. A Great Deal - 7

D. Not A Good Idea

5. Other comments or needs regarding goats:

Need goat specialist – Eastern KY

Industry moving faster than UK is reacting

Many goat producers looking elsewhere for info

### **Livestock: Equine**

Which of the following major areas relating to horses should be addressed through county extension programs? Rank your top 3 or 4, with a 1 being your highest priority, 2 second, etc.

|                                    |  |
|------------------------------------|--|
| Marketing – 3 (tie)                | General Health – 2 (tie)                 |
| Genetics _____                     | Parasite Control – 3 (tie)               |
| Facilities _____                   | Management/Industry _____                |
| Forages - 1                        | Supplemental feeds and feeding – 2 (tie) |
| Other _____ (please specify) _____ |  |

What new can be done to meet the equine educational needs in your county?  
Marketing network for horse industry – quality assurance, soundness of purchase

### **Livestock: Beef**

1. Is the CPH45 program available in your county?

Yes – 4                      No - 7

2. Do you have suggestions for the CPH45 program or any other value added program for beef cattle?

State beef packaging program – consumer-friendly, specific production info (grass-fed, organic)

Continue

Ear tag complaints

More promotion

3. Which of the following major areas relating to beef cattle should be addressed through county extension programs? Rank your top 3 or 4, with a 1 being your highest priority, 2 second, etc)

|                                    |                                    |
|------------------------------------|------------------------------------|
| Marketing - 2                      | General Health – 3 (tie)           |
| Genetics - 4                       | Parasite Control _____             |
| Facilities - 6                     | Management/Industry – 1 (1 county) |
| Forages - 3 (tie)                  | Supplemental feeds and feeding - 5 |
| Other _____ (please specify) _____ |                                    |

What new can be done to meet the educational needs in beef cattle for your county?

Regional winter program for those who can't/haven't attended MC

One day annual session in Lexington for MC grads

Work with producers on new ways to market cattle

Specialist at Quicksand

**2005 Ag. Advisory Council Grain Production Questionnaire**

**NOTE: Only 1 Area responded**

1) Besides price and high fertilizer prices, what are farmers' biggest hindrances to profitability in corn production?

Mother Nature

Land availability

2) Besides price, what are farmers' biggest hindrances to profitability in soybean production?

No response

3) Besides price, what are farmers' biggest hindrances to profitability in wheat production?

No response

4) On which topics do you anticipate the greatest grain-related educational needs over the next 2-3 years? (What will be the biggest issues for grain producers?) Please rank from most important to least important (1 being the most important) Feel free to add additional topics.

\_\_\_\_\_ Soybean rust

3 - Herbicide resistance issues

2 - Water quality issues

\_\_\_\_\_ Worker Protection Issues

4 - Specialty grain crops (edible soybeans,etc.)

\_\_\_\_\_ Precision Agriculture

\_\_\_\_\_ Other:\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ Other:\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ Proper crop fertilization (inc. starters)

\_\_\_\_\_ Proper use of manures/litter as fertilizer

1 (1 county) - GMO-related issues

\_\_\_\_\_ Integrated Pest Management

\_\_\_\_\_ Other:\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ Other:\_\_\_\_\_

5) We now know that Soybean Rust has reached the United States. If it causes serious crop losses here (as it has in South America), what changes do you anticipate in the cropping patterns and/or crop management practices of farmers?

No response

7) What new can be done to meet the educational needs of your farmers in the area of grain marketing?

No response

## Horticulture, Organic Agriculture and Alternative Agriculture

1. In your county, approximately how many growers of commercial fruits and vegetables are there and which crops have the most acreage devoted to them (list top 3 vegetables and top 3 fruits)?

Area – 2, apples (70 acres); 25 acres corn, 5 acres tomatoes, 5 acres cucurbits, 5 acres strawberries, 4 acres blackberries, 2 acres blueberries; 5, tomatoes, corn, peppers.

Area - <15 any county; beans, corn, tomatoes; apples, peaches.

2. How many commercial greenhouse operations are there in your county?

Area – average 2/county

Area – 2, 10, 5

3. Do you have a strong farmers' market? How many members?

Area – 2 not very strong

Area – Yes – 2                      No – 1                      10-15

4. Does anyone in your county currently raise nursery products (trees and shrubs) for wholesale? Yes – 0                      No - 1

For retail? Yes – 6                      No - 0

5. Does your county have any current growers of organic products?

Area – 1 or 2, yes, no

Area – 2 growers, different counties

If not, are there any growers who might try organic production if more information and help were available?

Area - possibly

Area – not likely

6. List any other enterprises that growers are producing that may not fit well under any of the previous 5 questions (e.g. mushrooms, herbs, cut flowers, worms, rabbits, honey, etc).

Honey (2)                                      Bedding plants

Medicinal herbs                              Aquaculture

Rabbits                                      Poultry

Mushrooms                                      Garden plants

Sorghum                                      Cut flowers

Value-added (HB 391)

## Forestry

1. What are the top concerns landowners regarding forestry as an enterprise?

Marketing, selling standing timber, lack of understanding of timber value, price (4)

Long-term profitability of management

Fire

Proper harvest practices

Theft

Landowner rights

Not perceived as an enterprise

Lack of education/trust dealing with loggers

Financial emergency reserve

Lack of accountability of loggers

Absentee ownership

Environmental issues

Low grade timber

2. Do you have commercial forestry companies or activity in your county?

Yes – 11, pallet mill

If yes, what is your best understanding of their top concerns of forestry as an enterprise?

Supply of quality timber, hardwood (3)

Forest management

Regulations (2)

Availability of markets

Profitability

Increasing business costs

Fire

3. What programs do you currently have in your county regarding forestry?

Field days

Timber management

Master Tree Farmer

Timber as potential tobacco replacement

Other educational programs

None

Master Logger

4. Are you planning forestry programs in the near future?

Yes – 1

No - 2

If so, what are they?

Managing forests for wildlife

Field days

5. Please list any areas of forestry that you feel may need more emphasis from UK.

Wood utilization incubators to increase Eastern KY value-added wood industry

Forest health issues – Sudden Oak Death, gypsy moth

Smart timber marketing/harvesting

General forestry management courses – landowners

Timber management

Management for wildlife

Thanks for your time.

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