

Agriculture and Natural Resources Program
Summary of 2007 Kentucky Ag Advisory Council

Lexington, Kentucky

January 16-17, 2007

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2007 Kentucky Ag Advisory Council Program and Schedule

Tuesday, January 16

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| Noon | Get Re-Acquainted Lunch | 6:00 | Supper |
| 1:15 | Administrative Welcome
Dean Smith
Assoc. Dean Cox
Interim Assoc Dean Paul Warner
Harold Benson or Kimberly Holmes | 9:00 | UK Basketball with Snacks (attendance optional) |
| 1:30 | Overview of Kentucky Agriculture: Craig Infanger | Wednesday, January 17 | |
| 1:45 | Questions | 7:00 | Breakfast |
| 1:50 | Ag Programs Overview: Jimmy Henning | 8:00 | Business Meeting |
| 2:15 | Issue Overview by District and KSU
Small Farm Program | 8:30 | Governor's Office of Agricultural Policy Update – Keith Rogers |
| 2:40 | Split into Groups | 9:00 | Discussion |
| 2:45 | Break Out Session I
Grains
Forestry
Diversification I – Specialty Livestock | 9:15 | Breakout Session II
Beef/Forages
Diversification II – Specialty Crops |
| 4:00 | Tobacco and Labor Issues General Discussion: Will Snell | 10:30 | Break |
| 4:30 | Legislative Update: Drew Graham | 10:45 | Linking Producers with Restaurants: Bob Perry, Coordinator, UK Food Systems Initiative |
| | | 11:15 | Breakout Session Summaries and Administrative Response |
| | | Noon | Final Comments |
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Location: Sheraton 4-Points, I-75 and Newtown Pike, Lexington
Date: Tuesday January 16 – Wednesday January 17.

AAC Executive Committee:

Dennis Walter, Campbell County, President
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Summary of Issues Brought Forward From Extension Districts and KSU Small Farm Program

Purpose: *To provide the Kentucky Ag Advisory Council with an overview of top issues identified by the KSU Small Farms Program and Extension Districts.*

Process: *A variety of processes to determine the top concerns and issues, as each group was allowed the freedom to develop its own process. Each set of concerns was developed ultimately from knowledge of grass roots needs and issues at the county level.*

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Kentucky State University

Issues Related To Small Farms From Kentucky State University's Small Farm Program Perspective.

1. Issues related to tobacco,
2. Affordable financing,
3. Enterprises to transition farmers, particularly alternative livestock and horticulture,
4. Beef cattle, particularly issues related to the Livestock Model Program (county programs) of Phase 1 of the National Tobacco Settlement – many farmers cannot qualify for livestock cost share because they either do not have cattle before they apply or they do not have the numbers (head) of cattle required to qualify for the program,
5. Issues related to the successful development and sustainability of farmers markets and marketing cooperatives, particularly those providing markets for vegetables and horticulture crops, and
6. health insurance for farm families.

District 1 County Programming Survey for 2007 Kentucky Ag Advisory Council

District 1 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 1 / # of Responses
Forages	3.1 of 10
Goats	7.4 of 10
Beef	1.5 of 10
Equine	5.7 of 9
Grain Crops	6 of 9
Commercial Vegetable Production	6.5 of 10
Farmers Markets	6.5 of 10
Organic Agriculture	9 of 9
Forestry	6 of 10
Tobacco	2.7 of 10
Dairy	3 of 2

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

Newsletters (mailed to home)	1.3 of 9
Newsletters (emailed)	3.3 of 8
Internet/web page	3.75 of 8
Meetings	1.7 of 10
Satellite Service	4.8 of 6
Other (please specify) _____	<i>Mass Media, Information at Farm Stores</i>

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)?

UK Web Pages – Some yes others very limited.

District 1 - 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? *Importance of improved quality for profits with beef, decision making aid to grow or buy hay, storage and feeding plans, user friendly pubs, plastic disposal for wrapped hay, timely harvest in \$ value and value as it matures, marketing and analysis.*
2. What do farmers need in your county in regards to educational programs and research needs in the area of pasture production and utilization? *Benefit of legumes for feed quality and nitrogen value, systematic use of varieties to extended growing season, more demonstrations with current information, UK priority list with what yields the most profit, weed control, water technology, and intensive grazing*
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? *More demonstrations on utilization, how to use warm season grass and corn, what are the problems, pubs on establishment and management, and the economics of warm season grass.*
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 1
 - B. Some 6
 - C. A Great Deal 3
 - D. Not A Good Idea 0

District 1 - Livestock: Goats

1. How could Phase 1 Funds be better used to assist Goat Producers? (Be Specific) *Doe genetics, facilities, marketing, more specialists with farmer access, parasite research, & herd establishment.*
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, and etc. #of responses.

Marketing	1.57 of 7
General Herd Health	2.2 of 9
Genetics	3.5 of 2
Parasite Control	2.1 of 9
Facilities	3 of 1
Management/Industry	3 of 3
Forages/Feeds	3.5 of 7
Supplemental feeds and feeding	3.5 of 2
Other _____(please specify) _____	

3. What major obstacles are goat producers faced with in the state of Kentucky? (Be Specific) *Parasite control, marketing, limited herd size, & foot problems.*
4. How much Interest would there be in a Master Goat Herdsman Program?
Little: 0 Some: 6 A great deal: 2 Not a good Idea: 2
A.
5. Other comments or needs regarding goats: *Equipment Education*

District 1 - Livestock: Equine

1. 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.