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“Name This Newsletter Contest”

Welcome to the quarterly publication of the Kentucky Women in Agriculture, Inc. newsletter. With this first issue, all of our members have the opportunity to have input into the future direction of this publication. The first way is through our efforts to give our newsletter a name that fits the mission and objectives of the group.

Each member is welcome to submit their idea for a newsletter name. Entries should be sent by April 1, 2004. The person submitting the winning entry will receive *a registration scholarship for the 2004 conference!* Simply send your idea for the newsletter name along with your name and phone number. Entries should be sent to Kim Henken, KWIA Reporter and newsletter editor, via fax (859-257-7565) email (kim.henken@uky.edu) or mail (University of Kentucky, 206 Scovell Hall, Lexington, KY 40546-0064). The board of directors will select the winning entry at the April 28th meeting, and the winner will be notified in May. The new name will be introduced to all members through the summer issue of the newsletter.

From the President –

What an exciting time for women and agriculture in Kentucky! The new organization of Kentucky Women in Agriculture is off to a great start. As you will see as you read this inaugural issue of KWIA Newsletter, we have a very diverse and experienced board of directors. All of these women are committed to making Kentucky Women in Agriculture an influential and successful organization. They are also committed to making meaningful contributions to agriculture in Kentucky. We are counting on all of you to help!

I would like to say thank you and welcome to the more than 140 members of our organization and encourage each of you to be active and productive members of KWIA. The potential of this group is unlimited and exciting! So mark your calendars and plan on attending the 5th Annual Conference of Kentucky Women in Agriculture in November. In the meantime volunteer for one of the committees that are in the midst of planning for this exciting conference. Your ideas and input will be welcome. I look forward to meeting you and working with you to make Kentucky Agriculture better than ever!

Terry Gilbert

Meet the Board – Officers

The Board of Directors for Kentucky Women in Agriculture includes six executive offices and seven district delegate slots. Initial elections were held at the organizational kickoff meeting in October 2003. Here's a brief introduction to the 14 ladies providing leadership to the organization for 2004. Half of these positions will be open for elections in November of this year. The bios that follow provide terms of service for all board members.

President (2004) – Terry Gilbert

Terry and her husband have a beef and tobacco operation in Boyle and Mercer Counties. She has been very active with Farm Bureau at the county, state and national levels, and is currently serving her second term as the National Farm Bureau Women's Advisory Committee Chair. She has been involved in Kentucky Women in Agriculture since its inception in 1999, serving on the Executive Committee.

Vice-President (2004-05) – Jenny Inman

Jenny Inman lives in Owensboro and works as a marketing consultant and commodities broker for farmers. She assists farmers in developing and following through on a marketing plan for their grain based on their profitability and the fundamentals and technicals of the markets. Jenny has attended 3 of the 4 Kentucky Women in Agriculture Conferences. After the conference in Owensboro in 2001, she decided she wanted to do more. Jenny served on the Kentucky Women in Agriculture Executive Committee in 2002 and 2003.

Secretary (2004) – Peggy Gray

Both Peggy and her husband grew up on farms in Warren County, where they still reside. Presently they raise tobacco, Angus cattle and hay on two farms in Warren County. Since 1990, both Peggy and her husband have worked off-farm. Currently, Peggy is involved in direct marketing Angus calves and seeking an alternative use for the former farrowing house. Peggy served on the Kentucky Women in Agriculture Executive Committee in 2002-2003.

Treasurer (2004-05) – Sue Weant

Sue Weant, a graduate of the University of North Carolina at Greensboro, is the co-owner of RidgeWood, Ltd., a successful bookkeeping and financial planning service in business for 17 years. She was elected Executive Director of Partners for Family Farms in 1998 and is very active in preserving agriculture in Kentucky. Sue has been involved with Kentucky Women in Agriculture since its beginnings in 1999. She has been serving as treasurer since the incorporation of the organization in July 2003.

Reporter (2004) – Kim Henken

Kim Henken is Extension Associate for Environmental Issues with the UK Cooperative Extension Service. Born and raised on a tobacco and beef cattle farm in Metcalfe County, Kim has always been involved in agriculture. Today, she co-owns the family farm with her mother. She has both a B.S. and M.S. in Agricultural Economics from UK, and has worked in Extension since 1995. Kim has been actively involved with Kentucky Women in Agriculture since the first conference in 1999.

Past-President – Alice Baesler & Bonnie Tanner

Alice Baesler and Bonnie Tanner worked together to establish the Kentucky Agriculture Women's Leadership Network Executive Committee in 1999. This leadership group planned and conducted the first 4 state conferences for women in agriculture and initiated the efforts to form and incorporate the nonprofit membership organization. Both have been involved with agriculture all of their lives. Alice currently farms with her husband Scotty in Fayette County. She spent 6 ½ years working in the Kentucky Department of Agriculture prior to running for Commissioner of Agriculture in 2003. Bonnie is currently serving as the Assistant Director for Family & Consumer Sciences with the UK College of Agriculture Cooperative Extension Service. Prior to this position, she spent 19 years working in various positions with the U.S. Department of Agriculture in Washington, D.C.

Are You Interested in a Leadership Position?

This summer the Nominating Committee will begin the process of identifying candidates to fill the officer and district delegate position for those whose terms end in 2004. A general description of the duties of all board positions is included in the bylaws. Each membership packet (mailed after dues are received) includes a copy of these bylaws, and they are available on our website at www.kywomeninag.com. Check the summer issue of this newsletter for more information on how you can share your interest in a leadership position with the Nominating Committee.

Meet the Board – District Delegates

The Kentucky Women in Agriculture districts are patterned after the district lines used by the University of Kentucky Cooperative Extension Service. Counties included in each district are listed at the bottom of this page.

District 1 – Carla McDowell

For Carla McDowell, the busy balancing act includes teaching first grade, farming with her husband in Mason and Bracken Counties and working with her sister to launch McDowell's Farm Salsa. Carla and Belinda Neff attended the home-based micro-processor training in 2003, received their certification and began selling salsa last year. They're currently building a certified kitchen, and have been successful in receiving funding from the Bracken, Mason and Robertson County Agriculture Development Boards to help with this new enterprise.

District 2 – Phyllis Amyx

A life-long resident of Wolfe County, Phyllis Amyx has been involved in agriculture all of her life. Currently, she works as the secretary for the Wolfe County Conservation District. Phyllis has been active in Kentucky Farm Bureau for many years, and serves as the District 10 Representative for the state Women's Advisory Committee. She also serves on the Wolfe County Agriculture Development Board. Phyllis has participated in all four of the Kentucky Women in Agriculture state conferences.

District 3 – Pam Chappell

Together with her husband, Pam Chappell owns and operates a farm in Owen County. They have a 200-head cow-calf operation, and raise both tobacco and hay crops. She is very involved in several agriculture organizations at both the local and state level, and has been a member of the Kentucky Women in Agriculture Executive Committee since its beginnings in 1999. Pam has attended and assisted in planning all four state conferences.

District 4 – Jane Elam

Originally from Murphy, North Carolina Jane has lived most of her life in Kentucky. She moved with her parents to Bourbon County when her father retired, and currently lives and farms with her husband in Fayette County. Their farm enterprises include tobacco and hay production. She is active in Kentucky Farm Bureau, serving as the state Women's Advisory Committee Chair, the chair for the 5th District Women's Advisory Committee, and Vice-President for Fayette County Farm Bureau.

District 5 – Sherry DeBord

Sherry has spent the last 30 years of her life in Wayne County, Kentucky. She is now retired and devotes her time to farming. Their operation includes Angus cattle, Suffolk sheep, corn, tobacco, chickens, hogs and hay crops. She is an active member of Wayne County Women in Agriculture and is involved with Farm Aid. Sherry attended the 2003 Kentucky Women in Agriculture State Conference.

District 6 – Loretta Lyons

Loretta has spent her life involved in agriculture in Monroe County. Together with her two sons, she owns and operates Hade's Triple K Dairy, Inc. Loretta is past-president of the Kentucky Master Farm Homemaker Guild and is active in Kentucky Extension Homemakers. She has served on the Kentucky Women in Agriculture Executive Committee since 1999 and has attended all four state conferences.

District 7 – Carla Creasey

Carla is currently an agriculture education student at Murray State University and she raises tobacco. She has attended one previous women in agriculture conference. Carla works part-time for the Kentucky Soybean Association in Caldwell County.

Counties by District –

District 1 – Bath, Bracken, Boyd, Carter, Elliott, Fleming, Floyd, Greenup, Johnson, Lawrence, Lewis, Magoffin, Martin, Mason, Menifee, Montgomery, Morgan, Pike, Robertson and Rowan.

District 2 – Bell, Breathitt, Clay, Harlan, Jackson, Knott, Knox, Laurel, Lee, Leslie, Letcher, Owsley, Perry, Rockcastle, Whitley and Wolfe.

District 3 – Boone, Bullitt, Campbell, Carroll, Gallatin, Grant, Henry, Jefferson, Kenton, Oldham, Owen, Pendleton, Shelby, Spencer and Trimble.

District 4 – Anderson, Bourbon, Boyle, Clark, Estill, Fayette, Franklin, Garrard, Harrison, Jessamine, Lincoln, Madison, Mercer, Nicholas, Powell, Scott and Woodford.

District 5 – Adair, Breckinridge, Casey, Clinton, Cumberland, Grayson, Green, Hardin, LaRue, McCreary, Marion, Meade, Nelson, Pulaski, Russell, Taylor, Washington and Wayne

District 6 – Allen, Barren, Butler, Daviess, Edmonson, Hancock, Hart, Henderson, Logan, McLean, Metcalfe, Monroe, Ohio, Simpson, Union, Warren and Webster.

District 7 – Ballard, Caldwell, Calloway, Carlisle, Christian, Crittenden, Fulton, Graves, Hickman, Hopkins, Livingston, Lyon, McCracken, Marshall, Muhlenberg, Todd and Trigg.

Celebrating Success ~ Producing a Future

2004 Conference Preview

Excitement is building, and planning is well underway for our 5th state conference to be held November 3-5, 2004 at the Clarion Hotel and Conference Center in Louisville, Kentucky. Our theme this year, “Celebrating Success ~ Producing a Future,” sets the stage well for the conference agenda. We’ll take a little time to reflect upon how far women in agriculture have come since the first conference in 1999, and we’ll also focus on how we all can move forward in building a strong agriculture industry in Kentucky.

What’s New?

This year’s conference will include several new additions. For the first time, we will be offering in-depth pre-conference workshops. These will be held on Wednesday, November 3rd. The tentative list of offerings includes a public policy institute, an advanced marketing workshop and a home-based microprocessor training. Watch for more information about all of these programs in late spring/early summer.

Also new to the conference this year is a little additional “networking time.” Wednesday evening will provide an early opportunity for conference participants to pickup their registration materials and visit with others attending the conference. An informal reception will be held poolside compliments of the Clarion Hotel.

What Will Continue?

The main conference will continue its basic 1 ½ day format. Events will kick off with an opening session on Thursday morning, followed by concurrent sessions, a luncheon and additional concurrent sessions in the afternoon. Cindi Sullivan, host of “In the Garden” Saturday mornings on 84WHAS Radio and a member of their weekday morning team will be the featured speaker during the opening session. Ms. Sullivan also provides weekly “Lawn and Garden” features for WAVE 3 TV in Louisville.

Friday’s agenda will include the ever-popular roundtable discussions, along with concurrent learning sessions and a closing luncheon.

What Will Return?

The first two conferences included a reception-style Thursday evening event which allowed participants an opportunity to sample some of our wonderful Kentucky products, do a little shopping, and talk one on one with successful value-added producers. The “Taste of Kentucky” will once again be part of the agenda for 2004! The event will feature a new twist this year. Conference planners are working to bring LaDonna Gatlin, baby sister of the Gatlin brothers to Kentucky. Ladonna’s show will entertain and engage participants through a combination of songs and stories.

Membership News & Upcoming Committee Meeting

We’re excited that more than 140 women (& a few men) in Kentucky have joined our organization and our efforts to empower women in agriculture. The Membership Committee will play a key role in strengthen our organization for the future, and we invite anyone who is interested to be involved.

Any member interested in being part of the Membership Committee is invited to attend the first meeting of this group March 24, 2004. The meeting will be held at the Warren County Extension office in Bowling Green, and is scheduled to begin at 10:00 a.m. (CST). The agenda will include discussion of establishing a tiered membership structure, as well as any plans for membership activities at the 2004 conference. If you’d like more information about this meeting or the committee, contact Jenny Inman, Vice-President & Membership Committee Chair via email (jennyinman@hurleyandassociates.com) or phone (270-689-1490).

Calendar of Events

March 2004

March 8, 2004

Home-based Microprocessor Workshop

Blue Licks Battlefield State Resort Park, Carlisle, Kentucky

This workshop is designed to provide information concerning food safety, sanitation and home canning procedures. It is required for certification for Home-based Microprocessors wishing to sell home-processed acid, acidified and low acid foods. A \$50 registration fee, which includes lunch, is charged for this workshop. Additional information is available through the University of Kentucky College of Agriculture website at <http://www.ca.uky.edu/agc/micro/>. Questions should be directed to Dr. Sandra Bastin via phone (859-257-1812) or email (sbastin@uky.edu).

March 11-12, 2004

Farmers' Market Retreats

Jenny Wiley State Resort, Prestonsburg, Kentucky

The Kentucky Department of Agriculture (KDA) is offering a series of two day retreats for producers from farmers' markets to do intensive work on their market structure, promotional plans and other market improvements. The retreat is repeated in three locations across the state, with this being the second session. The retreats are free, but space is very limited and only open to teams representing farmers' markets. For more information, contact Janet Eaton, KDA Office of Marketing via phone (502-564-4983).

March 17, 2004

Frankfort Legislative Drive-In Day

Holiday Inn Capitol Plaza, Frankfort, Kentucky

Farm Bureau members are invited to Frankfort for the day to attend issues briefings and visit with elected officials. For more information about the event, contact your county Farm Bureau office or Kentucky Farm Bureau via phone (502-495-5000) or website (www.kyfb.com).

March 18, 2004

Third Thursday Thing

Kentucky State University Research Farm

The March Third Thursday Workshop will focus on goats. For more information, contact Marion Simon (phone 502-597-6437 or email msimon@gvmail.kysu.edu) or visit the Kentucky State University Land Grant Program web page at <http://www.kysu.edu/landgrant/calendar.htm>.

March 18-19, 2004

Farmers' Market Retreats

Cumberland Fall State Resort, Corbin, Kentucky

The Kentucky Department of Agriculture (KDA) is offering a series of two day retreats for producers from farmers' markets to do intensive work on their market structure, promotional plans and other market improvements. The retreat is repeated in three locations across the state, with this being the third session. The retreats are free, but space is very limited and only open to teams representing farmers' markets. For more information, contact Janet Eaton, KDA Office of Marketing via phone (502-564-4983).

March 20, 2004

Kentucky Beekeeping School Course #2

Kentucky State University Farm, Mills Lane, Frankfort, Kentucky

Course #2 of the 2004 Kentucky Beekeeping School will be held in conjunction with the Kentucky State Beekeepers Association Spring Meeting. The association meeting will begin with registration at 9:30 a.m. The Beekeeping School will be at 12:30 p.m. and will focus on trouble shooting. For more information, contact Tom Webster at Kentucky State University via phone (502-597-6351) or email (twebster@gvmail.kysu.edu).

Calendar of Events

March 20, 2004

Raising Your Own Kentucky Queens Course #1

Kentucky State University Farm, Mills Lane, Frankfort, Kentucky

The first course in the “Raising Your Own Kentucky Queens” series will be held in conjunction with the Kentucky State Beekeepers Association Spring Meeting. The association meeting will begin with registration at 9:30 a.m. The course will be at 1:30 p.m. and will provide an introduction to queen rearing and the biology of queens. For more information, contact Tom Webster at Kentucky State University via phone (502-597-6351) or email (twebster@gwmail.kysu.edu).

March 24, 2004

Kentucky Women in Agriculture Membership Committee Meeting

Warren County Extension Office, Bowling Green, Kentucky

The Membership Committee for Kentucky Women in Agriculture, Inc. will meet beginning at 10:00 a.m. (CT). Any member is welcome to attend. For more information, contact Jenny Inman (Vice-President & Membership Committee Chair) via phone (270-689-1490) or email (jennyinman@hurleyandassociates.com). Directions to the Warren County Extension office are available online at <http://ces.ca.uky.edu/warren/directions/>.

March 25-26, 2004

Kentucky Farm Bureau Women's Leadership Conference

Embassy Suites Hotel, Lexington, Kentucky

This annual conference features workshops, tours and speakers. For more information, contact your county Farm Bureau office or Kentucky Farm Bureau via phone (502-495-5000) or website (www.kyfb.com).

March 27, 2004

Women Leaders: Public Servants for a Better Tomorrow

Marriott Griffin Gate – Salon C, Newtown Pike, Lexington, Kentucky

This Political Skills Academy of the Bluegrass Women's Political Caucus will feature an information-filled day for women interested in public service and public office. For more information, contact Carolyn O'Daniel via phone (502-863-1191) or email (Carolyn.o'daniel@kctcs.edu).

April 2004

April 1, 2004

Wayne County Women in Agriculture Annual Meeting

Wayne County High School Cafeteria, Monticello, Kentucky

The Wayne County Women in Agriculture Annual Meeting will begin at 6:00 p.m. (ET) and will include dinner, speakers, workshops, resource tables, silent auction and door prizes. There will also be a pre-meeting session beginning at 4:45 p.m. which is open to the general public. For more information, contact Ellen McKinley, President, Wayne County Women in Agriculture via phone (606-348-6288) or Georgia Burton, Wayne County Extension Agent for Family & Consumer Sciences, via phone (606-348-8453) or email (gburton@uky.edu).

April 15, 2004

Third Thursday Thing

Kentucky State University Research Farm

In April, the focus topic for the workshop will be vegetable varieties and disease control strategies. For more information, contact Marion Simon (phone 502-597-6437 or email msimon@gwmail.kysu.edu) or visit the Kentucky State University Land Grant Program web page at <http://www.kysu.edu/landgrant/calendar.htm>.

Calendar of Events

April 17, 2004

"The Market in the District" Opening Day*

Bowling Green, Kentucky

The Southern Kentucky Regional Farmers' Market is pleased to announce the opening of "The Market in the District" in Bowling Green, Kentucky. The Market, which will be open on Saturday mornings and Tuesday afternoons, will feature Kentucky-grown agricultural and horticultural products, including fruits and vegetables, plants, flowers, baked goods and crafts. All products are "Kentucky Fresh," and are grown or made in Kentucky by the merchant selling the products at market. If you are looking for a market for your agricultural or horticultural products, you're invited to join. For more information, call Paul or Alison Wiediger at 270-749-4600 or email them at wiediger@msn.com. Demonstrations and workshops are planned for the entire growing season, including cooking, quilting, basketry, flower arranging, and Master Gardner seminars.

**"The Market in the District" is a vital part of the Bowling Green downtown revitalization plan, and is operated in conjunction with the Downtown Redevelopment Authority.*

May 2004

May 8, 2004

Raising Your Own Kentucky Queens Course #2

Kentucky State University Farm, Mills Lane, Frankfort, Kentucky

The second course in the "Raising Your Own Kentucky Queens" will focus on preparing finishing colonies, preparing swarm boxes, and grafting. The session is scheduled to begin at 9:30 a.m. For more information, contact Tom Webster at Kentucky State University via email (twebster@gwmail.kysu.edu) or phone (502-597-6351).

May 8, 2004

Kentucky Beekeeping School Course #3

Kentucky State University Farm, Mills Lane, Frankfort, Kentucky

Course #3 of the 2004 Kentucky Beekeeping School will cover honey, bees wax and preparing your bees for winter. The session will begin at 1:30 p.m. For more information, contact Tom Webster at Kentucky State University via email (twebster@gwmail.kysu.edu) or phone (502-597-6351).

May 20, 2004

Third Thursday Thing

Kentucky State University Research Farm, Mills Lane, Frankfort, Kentucky

Bees and beneficial insects will be the two feature topics for the May workshop. For more information, contact Marion Simon (phone 502-597-6437 or email msimon@gwmail.kysu.edu) or visit the Kentucky State University Land Grant Program web page at <http://www.kysu.edu/landgrant/calendar.htm>.

June 2004

June 17, 2004

Third Thursday Thing

Kentucky State University Research Farm, Mills Lane, Frankfort, Kentucky

Aquaculture will be the feature topic for this June workshop. For more information, contact Marion Simon (phone 502-597-6437 or email msimon@gwmail.kysu.edu) or visit the Kentucky State University Land Grant Program web page at <http://www.kysu.edu/landgrant/calendar.htm>.

Calendar of Events

June 18-19, 2004

Raising Your Own Kentucky Queens Course #3

Kentucky State University Farm, Mills Lane, Frankfort, Kentucky

The third course in the “Raising Your Own Kentucky Queens” will focus on grafting, queen mating nucs, cell & queen introduction, trouble shooting and marking queens. The session is scheduled to begin at 1:30 p.m. each day and is being held in conjunction with the Kentucky State Beekeepers Association Annual Summer Meeting. For more information, contact Tom Webster at Kentucky State University via phone (502-597-6351) or email (twebster@gwmail.kysu.edu).

July 27, 2004

Lake Cumberland Women in Agriculture Area Meeting

Lindsey Wilson College, Columbia, Kentucky

The Lake Cumberland Women in Agriculture Area Meeting returns with workshops, speakers and dinner. The meeting will begin at 4:00 p.m. (CT). In the afternoon, participants may visit the traveling Smithsonian Institute “Key Ingredients: America by Food” exhibition at the Homeplace on Green River located 20 minutes from Columbia. For more information, contact the Cooperative Extension Service office in Adair (270-384-2317), Russell (270-866-4477) or Wayne County (606-348-8453).

July 31, 2004

Henry County Harvest Showcase

Henry County Fairgrounds, New Castle, Kentucky

The overall goal of the showcase is to promote the local agricultural economy to residents, and to reach out to city neighbors to help them reconnect with the land. Last year there were over 3000 attendees from 10 counties. Coordinated by the Community Farm Alliance and a host of other local agencies and groups, there will be a full schedule of music, food and fun. The event is free and open to the public. Henry County farmers, craftsmen, local and regional chefs and ag business people will showcase their products. Events run from 10:00 a.m. until 6:00 p.m. (ET) and include old school games for kids, hayrides, scarecrow making and a petting zoo. For more information contact County Judge Executive, John Logan Brent at 502-845-5707 or County Ag Marketer, Doug Bates at 502-845-0806.

July 2004

July 15, 2004

Third Thursday Thing

Kentucky State University Research Farm, Mills Lane, Frankfort, Kentucky

If you're interested in pasture poultry, make plans to attend this July workshop to learn more. For more information, contact Marion Simon (phone 502-597-6437 or email msimon@gwmail.kysu.edu) or visit the Kentucky State University Land Grant Program web page at <http://www.kysu.edu/landgrant/calendar.htm>.

In Our Next Issue –

The next issue for this newsletter will be distributed in late May / early June. This summer issue will include the new name, along with recognition of the member who penned it, a more comprehensive conference preview, a calendar of events extending into the fall, and much more. If you have news or information you would like shared, please send it to Kim Henken, Reporter and Newsletter Editor. Items for the calendar of events should include date, time, place, description and a contact for further information. These events will also be posted to the online calendar at www.kywomeninag.com and may be sent at anytime. Information for the calendar or newsletter may be sent via email (kim.henken@uky.edu), fax (859-257-7565) or mail (University of Kentucky, 206 Scovell Hall, Lexington, KY 40546-0064). If you have any questions about the newsletter, please call 859-257-7775.