



2012 MEMBER OF THE YEAR

Since 1960, the Kentucky Young Farmer Association has recognized its most outstanding member, based on their farming operation, recordkeeping system, development and improvement of the farming operation and the home, leadership activities and participation in the YFA. It is the highest honor awarded each year by the organization. This year's contest is sponsored by Farm Credit Services of Mid-America, the Challenger Department of the Agri-Business Division of Wayne Supply and the Kentucky Touchstone Energy Cooperatives. **The winner of the 2012 Member of the Year Contest is Mr. Kerby Grey of the Hardin Co. Chapter in the Lincoln Trail Region.** Kerby has been very active in YFA. He has participated in contests on the local, regional and state levels. He has served as Treasurer of the Hardin County Chapter and as delegate to the state convention. He is also active in the Hardin County Farm Bureau and the Hardin County Beef Producers Association, as well as other community and agricultural organizations. Kerby's YFA Advisor is Derrick Smith. The KY YFA is a leadership development organization for adults enrolled in young farmer classes. The KY YFA is sponsored by the KY Community and Technical College System.



(from left) Derrick Smith, Hardin County YFA Chapter Advisor, Lindsey Miller, Assistant Vice President, Farm Credit Services of Mid-America, Kerby Grey, John Danesi, Agri-Business General Manager, Wayne Supply and Dennis Cannon, Vice President, Member & Public Relations, Kentucky Association of Electric Cooperatives Inc.

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President's Message

Jonathan Gosser, newly elected KY YFA President is dealing with an unusual number of issues at this time that have created a high demand for his time and energy and he has not been able to put together his comments for this issue. Family health issues head the list and those issues have created several more relating to seasonal demands.

We will excuse Jonathan from his Presidents Comments for this issue and look forward to his comments in the next newsletter.

In the meantime, let's all say a prayer for Jonathan and his family and ask God to provide The Gosser Family with the divine comfort and healing they need to get everything back to normal and to a more manageable level. Amen!!!

*Your Advisor,
Bruce Metzger*



METZGER'S MEMO

Hello Young Farmers and Friends,

This weather has everyone hopping to get to the field to start planting. Some of you have already started and I wish all of you a safe and productive planting season.

If you missed the State Convention you missed a great experience. Everyone did an excellent job. Special Thanks go to the host chapter, Jessamine County, for a great job of planning and providing a very interesting time for everyone. Special Thanks also goes to Scott Lowe and every member of his Officer Team for providing excellent leadership and presenting an excellent convention program. Special Thanks also goes to our Sponsors. Your support makes it possible to provide a great leadership and recognition experience for a great group of Young Farmer Families. We could not recognize these fine young folks without your support.

This year, the business session heard a presentation from Amanda Cross. Amanda is a representative for the American Income Life Insurance Company. The AILIC proposal was approved by the delegates in the business session. The proposal, which is explained in an article in this newsletter, provides you with some insurance benefits free for just being a member of the KY Young Farmer Association. Tell your young farmer friends.

If they join your local YFA Chapter, they get some free insurance benefits, as well as an opportunity to learn about the changes and issues that face farmers in your community.

Lots of Young Farmers were recognized for their production contest entries from last year. The contest winners that attended should find their picture in this issue of the newsletter. A list of the contest winners and high yield winners is also included in this issue.

Our Membership continues to grow as we move toward 800 members in our KY YFA Association.

Please take a few moments to read the comments from Jonathan Gosser, your new State President. Jonathan is the first member of the Central Cumberland Chapter to serve as President of our organization. This is another team of outstanding leaders. Please take a moment to meet the new officers that will be featured in this and other newsletters to come. They all have some excellent ideas that should challenge all of us and make us a better organization.

Our Member of the Year winners are receiving their prizes at this time and will be featured in our next newsletter. Our next newsletter will feature the Summer Tour Registration and Information. Hope you are making plans to be with all of us July 27th & 28th in Elizabethtown.

Please check our website. Here is a web address that will take you directly to our website. http://www.kctcs.edu/en/System_Initiatives/KentuckyYoungFarmerAssociation.aspx.

Bruce Metzger, YFA State Advisor



As a member of the KY Young Farmer Association (KYFA), you are provided – at NO COST – a \$2,000 **Accidental Death and Dismemberment** benefit through American Income Life Insurance Company. This benefit provides coverage to all members.

Additional NO-COST benefits provided through American Income Life (AIL) to KYFA members include:

American Income Partners – A health services discount program that provides discounts at point-of-service on prescriptions, vision care, chiropractic care and hearing care. *(Optional discount dental available).*

Child Safe Kit – Endorsed by International Union of Police Associations, the American Federation of Teachers and the American Federation of School Administrators, this kit provides parents with the tools they need to gather vital information for use by authorities, if needed, to search for a missing child.

Official notice about these benefits has been mailed to all KYFA members. Those who return the reply card will be contacted by an AIL representative to arrange a convenient time to deliver the benefits and explain additional supplemental insurance available to KYFA members.

State Convention Highlights

by Jennifer Arnold, State Reporter

The Jessamine County Chapter of Kentucky Young Farmers hosted the State Convention in Lexington Feb. 23 and 24 at the Crowne Plaza Hotel. On Friday, we toured the Alltech Farms in Jessamine County and the new Locust Trace Ag Vocational School in Fayette County. Both tour stops were very informative showing new ways to improve in agriculture. During the Sponsor's Dinner on Friday evening, many of our state sponsors were able to attend. I believe this was the highest number of sponsors that have ever been to our convention. Thanks for all your support throughout the year for our wonderful organization. On Saturday, we had good discussions in our Business Sessions, while the ladies were treated to a wine tasting and the children enjoyed craft time and swimming in the hotel pool. Saturday evening ended with our Member of the Year Banquet where Kerby Grey was honored with this award. Thank you Jessamine County for being such wonderful hosts.



SCHAEFFER OIL SCHOOL TO FARM SCHOLARSHIP



Gary Hornback, Oil Broker & Consultant for Schaeffer Oil presents the Schaeffer Oil School to Farm Scholarship to Laura Winsted, Henderson Community College Young Farmer Chapter Advisor for recipient Bobby Householder from Union County who was not able to attend the convention.

CRAFTS CONTEST — BEST OF SHOW

Mary Weaver (*right*) received Best of Show for the Crafts Division Contest. These contests are sponsored by Southern States Cooperatives.

Photo People

Eric Applegate (*picture left*)

Baked Goods

Christa Applegate

Holiday

Doug Marshall

Scrapbook

Mary Weaver

Floral

Doug Marshall

Farm Photo

Roger Smith



Jonathan Moss - Runner Up Member of the Year

GRAIN and FORAGE PRODUCTION CONTEST WINNERS



Non Alfalfa Hay
Randy Wade, Harrison Co.



Yellow Corn
Scott Lowe, Calloway Co.



White Corn
Phillip Rogers, Hardin Co.



Wheat
Patrick Preston, Hardin Co.



Bottomland Soybeans & High Yield
Joe Thompson, Daviess Co.
74.91 bu/ac



RoundUp Ready Bottomland Soybeans & High Yield
Brian Fischer, Daviess Co.



RoundUp Ready Upland Soybeans
Casey Chittenden, Livingston Co.

Other Grain & Forage Contest Winners

Non Alfalfa Hay

High Yield - Randy Wade - 3.09 Ton/Acre

Straw

First - Tom Tucker, Warren Co.

High Yield - John Michael Puckett - 2.65 Ton/Acre

Yellow Corn

First & High Yield - Philip Thompson, Daviess Co. - 257.78 Bushel/Acre

White Corn

High Yield - Joe Thompson - 219.44 Bushel/Acre

Wheat

High Yield - Joe Thompson - 92.88 Bushel/Acre

Soybeans

Double Crop

First & High Yield - Michael Newman, Daviess Co. - 49.09 Bushel/Acre

Upland

First & High Yield - A J Johnson, Christian Co. - 57.28 Bushel/Acre

RoundUp Ready Double Crop

First & High Yield - Philip Thompson, Daviess Co. - 61.03 Bushel/Acre

RoundUp Ready Upland

High Yield - Robert Lynn Driskill - 59.84 Bushel/Acre

SPONSORS

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Kentucky Soybean Board

Monsanto Life Sciences Company
Kentucky Corn Growers Association
Perdue Farms

TOBACCO PRODUCTION CONTESTS



Burley
 First & High Yield
 Randy Wade, Harrison Co., 3,150 lbs/ac

Dark Air Cured

First & High Yield—John Michael Puckett, Marshall Co.
 4,070 Pounds/Acre

Dark Fire Cured

First & High Yield - Kent Parm, Graves Co.
 4,236.69 Pounds/Acre

SPONSORS

Altria
 Farm Credit Services of Mid-America
 Tucker Farms

DIVERSIFIED CROP PRODUCTION CONTESTS



Diversified Crop
 Dustin Hagan, Daviess Co.



Small Ruminant Animals
 Charlene Canter,
 Jessamine Co.

Large Ruminant Animal

First - Shelley Wade Meyer, Harrison Co.

Diversified Farming

First - Andy Alford, Warren Co.

SPONSORS

KY Department of Agriculture,
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KNOWLEDGE CONTESTS



Agriculture Mechanics Proficiency
 Ernie Sanford, Warren Co.
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Agriculture Mechanics Knowledge
 Casey Chittenden, Livingston Co.
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Farm Management Knowledge
 Josh Seagraves, Hardin Co.

BEEF, DAIRY AND SWINE PRODUCTION CONTEST WINNERS



Beef Production

Wesley Poole, Daviess Co.



Dairy Production

Nathaniel Weaver, Lincoln Co.



Swine - Wean to Finish Production

Benji Hudnall, Warren Co.



Dairy Heifer

Ben Davis, Barren Co.

Beef Feeder

First - James Lyons, Scott Co.

Swine

Farrow to Finish

First - Philip Thompson, Daviess Co.

Feeder Pig Production

First - Nathan Brame, Christian Co.

SPONSORS:

Bluegrass Stockyards
Dairy Farmers of America
KY Cattlemen's Association

LEADERSHIP CONTESTS



Rural Leadership Award

Jonathan Moss

SPONSOR: KY Farm Bureau Federation and
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Spokesperson

Logan Dodson

Henderson Community College

Soil & Water Quality Conservation

First - Jesse Horn, Daviess Co.

Sponsors:

KY Assoc of Conservation Districts
Pioneer Hi-Bred International

Chapter Contest

First - Harrison Co.

Sponsor:

Southern States Cooperative

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