



Scott Lowe (*sixth from the left*), member of the Calloway County Chapter, was named KY YFA Member of the Year at the 2013 State YFA Convention. Pictured with Scott are (*left to right*) contest sponsors Rob Foree, representing KY Touchtone Energy Cooperatives, John Danesi, Agribusiness General Manager for Wayne Supply, Shea's parents, Joe & Dana Stonecipher, daughters Saylor and Sadie, parents Randy & Mary Lowe, Mark Baker, Farm Credit Services

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President's Letter

Hello Kentucky YFA members,

I would like to start out by saying thanks for giving me this opportunity to serve as your State President for 2013-2014. I'm very thankful for being part of such a great organization. I'm glad I have so many new friends around the state and look forward to new friends as this organization grows. This has been one heck of a spring. Everyone I talk to is behind on putting out crops and cutting hay. I thank the Lord everyday for the rain because if it wasn't for both of them we would be out of a job as farmers. I hope everyone is able to get the crops out soon and does it in a safe manner. Always remember safety first.

On a better subject, I would first like to thank Roger Smith and the Shelby Co. Chapter for putting on a GREAT 2013 convention. A BIG thank you to all the members and the sponsors who attended this year's convention. Congratulations to all the award winners. I believe that this year's convention was a success with everything that went on during the jam-packed two days. The 2014 convention will be in Bowling Green. The Butler and Warren Co. Chapters will be hosting it. Look forward to seeing what they have in store for us in February.

I would like everyone to mark their calendars for the 2013 Summer Tour in Cave City. It's hosted by Barren Co. I have talked to Chris Elkins several times. I think they are going to put on a summer tour that you don't want to miss. They have worked extremely hard on this summer tour. The date for summer tour is July 26th and 27th. I look forward to seeing everyone there. Also, we need to keep the 2013 National Institute marked on the calendar. This year, it will be in San Antonio, Texas on December 4th -8th, 2013. I have been to several of these and it's an experience that is very rewarding. Getting to experience farming styles and site-seeing around the U.S. is something I look forward to every year. If you can't make it to this year's national institute, Kentucky's is next year. I look forward to attending both of them and hope you do, too.

As I close this letter, I hope everyone has a safe and prosperous year. When the rain stops, I hope and pray it doesn't stop for good. Please feel free to call, text, or e-mail me anytime. The organization now has an official website. You can use it for everything regarding Kentucky Young Farmers. I would like to thank Mark Thomas for the hard work he has put into making the website possible. If there is anything you would want to put on the website, please notify Mark or one of the board members. The website is www.kentuckyyoungfarmerassociation.com. Check it out for the upcoming event information. The board and I are always a call away if you have any questions or concerns. Thank you for making this a great organization and I look forward to writing to you throughout the year.

Jeff Burr

YFA State President



METZGER'S MEMO

Hello Everyone!!! Today is beautiful and everyone is in the field planting or spraying or cutting/baling hay. You can feel the excitement when you walk outside into the sunshine.

We had a great group of folks attend the State Convention at General Butler State Park in Carrollton. It was a very nice convention. A very special word of thanks goes to Roger Smith, from the Shelby Co. Chapter and the other Shelby County members who helped make the convention a huge success. Roger handled a majority of the details and deserves thanks from everyone that attended. The tours were very interesting as were the sights we visited in the Carroll County area. The local Agriculture Extension Staff was very helpful with identifying the top agricultural sites to visit. Thanks to the Officer Team and everyone that contributed to a fun and interesting experience for KY YFA.

Our Association Sponsors are a very generous group of supporters. Please make an effort to extend a word of thanks to all the Sponsors and give their products and services some strong consideration when you are purchasing farm supplies, machinery and/or equipment, looking for operating credit or looking for a trade or commodity group to help you make a greater profit with your farming operation.

This year, your State Association continues to grow. Our board has been expanded to include a Membership Chairperson and we selected our first official Sponsor's Coordinator. Amanda Fischer has been working with our membership rosters for several years and decided to continue this service for the Association. Samantha Weatherford was selected to serve as our first Sponsor's Coordinator. Samantha is the wife of Curtis Weatherford, your President-Elect, and both are working very hard to serve the association, as is each member of the officer team.

Our new officer team is a very interested and very involved group. They have some very interesting ideas for improving and maintaining the KY YFA Website and making it more easily accessible to everyone. We will continue to operate the KCTCS Website link but, thanks to our new officer team, we will also have a website that is easier to find and enjoy. The new officer team deserves the credit for this important contribution to our association. Please contact one of the officers with ideas and stories you want to see on the new website. You can access the new KY YFA Website at: www.kentuckyyoungfarmerassociation.com.

Our thoughts have been with Peggy Jo Tipton since the convention. The weather was very cold and Peggy Jo fell on the ice on Thursday evening and injured a knee (*editor's note: "broke her leg!"*). She was forced to miss work for six weeks following the accident to allow the knee to heal. Peggy Jo is a tough lady. Her knee has healed and she has returned to work.

Please check out the Summer Tour Information included in this newsletter. The Barren County Chapter has been working very hard and has an exciting and informative Summer Tour planned for all of us.

See you In Barren County!!!!

Bruce Metzger
YFA State Advisor

55th KYFA State Convention Highlights

by Jennifer Arnold
State Reporter

The 55th KYFA State Convention was held February 22 - 23, at the beautiful General Butler State Park in Carrollton, KY. The Shelby County Chapter hosted the convention with many wonderful activities for everyone to enjoy. Despite the icy weather on Thursday evening (and Ms. Peggy Jo falling and injuring her knee), there was a very good turnout for touring this part of the state. After opening lunch, we were able to tour a tobacco warehouse and see a demonstration of how they clean the styrofoam trays and fill them back up with soil ready to plant the seeds. We also toured a cattle farm that serves as a resource for beef producers to become more efficient and maximize profits. Upon returning to the lodge, we welcomed many sponsors to our annual Sponsor's Dinner. Our organization was very honored to have KY Ag Commissioner, James Comer, attend and give us some insight to his position and future endeavors. We also enjoyed encouraging words from Senator Paul Hornback (District 20). We appreciate the support from these politicians and sponsors to help our organization be what it is today. Thank you!!

On Saturday, the crop awards were given out at breakfast and the livestock awards during lunch. The day was jam-packed with fun activities. The children enjoyed a magic show in the morning and created their own tie-dyed T-shirt in the afternoon. The ladies were given the opportunity for a relaxing time, with facials and hand care treatments, compliments of Mary Kay products. The board members, advisors and delegates discussed possible chapter realignment to follow the FFA chapters, upcoming summer tours and convention highlights during the business session. Our evening came to a close with the Member of the Year banquet. This year, we had three very impressive candidates to represent our state: Patrick Preston (Hardin Co.), Scott Lowe (Calloway Co.) and Tom Tucker (Warren Co.). Congratulations to Scott Lowe for becoming our newest Member of the Year in KYFA. Afterwards, many members enjoyed some karaoke and chatting with great friends. It sure is good to gather with those that have a common love for the land! Thanks for another great convention Shelby Co.!!!!



Paul Hornback, District 20 State Senator, brought a KY Legislative Update to the group at the Sponsor's Dinner.



KY Agriculture Commissioner James Comer, addresses the group during the Sponsor's Dinner on Friday night.



KY State Park Commissioner Elaine Walker addresses the Opening Luncheon.



Steve Meredith made a presentation on government grants available for farmers to use for food production enterprises.

2013 STATE CONTEST WINNERS

Alfalfa Hay

1 Mark Thomas Hardin Co Lincoln Trail

Alfalfa Hay Mixed

1 Matt Adams Hardin Co Lincoln Trail
 2 Randy Wade Harrison Co Bluegrass
 3 Larry Neal Marshall Co Purchase

Non-Alfalfa Hay

1 Joe Howard Daviess Co Green River
 2 Casey Chittenden Livingston Co Pennyryle
 3 Mark Thomas Hardin Co Lincoln Trail

Straw

1 Matt Crain Hardin Co Lincoln Trail
 2 Will Edwards Marshall Co Purchase
 3 Mike Newton Daviess Co Green River

Yellow Corn

1 Jake Hunt Warren Co Barren River
 2 Dustin Hagan Daviess Co Green River
 3 JP Amberg Fulton Co Purchase

White Corn

1 Philip Thompson Daviess Co Green River

Wheat

1 Malcolm Oatts Christian Co Pennyryle
 2 Keith Myers Ballard Co Purchase
 3 Joe Thompson Daviess Co Green River

Bottom Land Soybeans

1 Brian Fischer Daviess Co Green River
 2 Will Edwards Marshall Co Purchase
 3 Andrew Newcomb Scott Co Bluegrass

Upland Soybeans

1 Mike Newman Daviess Co Green River
 2 Andrew Alford Warren Co Barren River
 3 Andrew Newcomb Scott Co Bluegrass

Double Crop Soybeans

1 Joe Thompson Daviess Co Green River
 2 Sam Marsh Harrison Co Bluegrass
 3 James Lyons Scott Co Bluegrass

Round Up Ready Bottom Land Soybeans

1 Amanda Fischer Daviess Co Green River
 2 Mike Siebert Marshall Co Purchase
 3 Robert Driskill Fredonia Pennyryle

Round Up Ready Double Crop Soybeans

1 Tony Folz Christian Co Pennyryle
 2 Mike Newman Daviess Co Green River
 3 Wes Shelton Barren Co Barren River

Round Up Ready Upland Soybeans

1 Brandon Winkler Daviess Co Green River
 2 Matt Crain Hardin Co Lincoln Trail
 3 Smith Sexton Franklin Simpson Barren River

Dark Air Cured Tobacco

1 Jason Hagan Daviess Co Green River
 2 Scott Lowe Calloway Co Purchase
 3 Jason Powell Christian Co Pennyryle

Burley Tobacco

1 Landen Westbrook Warren Co Barren River
 2 Kevin Farrell Harrison Co Bluegrass
 3 Nicholas Hardesty Hardin Co Lincoln Trail

Dark Fire Cured Tobacco

1 Scott Lowe Calloway Co Purchase
 2 Jason Powell Christian Co Pennyryle

Diversified Livestock Production-Large Animal

1 Wes Poole Daviess Co Green River
 2 Shannon Farrell Harrison Co Bluegrass

Diversified Farming

1 Wes Poole Daviess Co Green River
 2 Matt Crain Hardin Co Lincoln Trail
 3 Joe Brogli Harrison Co Bluegrass

Diversified Crop Production

1 Jason Hagan Daviess Co Green River

Beef Production

1 Randy Wade Harrison Co Bluegrass
 2 Casey Chittenden Livingston Co Pennyryle
 3 Jake Marksberry Daviess Co Green River

Beef Feeder Production

1 James Lyons Scott Co Bluegrass
 2 Jimmy Thorn Marshall Co Purchase
 3 Adam Marsh Harrison Co Bluegrass

Dairy Heifer Production

1 Adam Westbrook Warren Co Barren River

Dairy Production

1 Mary Weaver Lincoln Co Lake Cumberland

Swine Production—Feeder Pig

1 Benji Hudnall Warren Co Barren River

Swine Production—Farrow to Finish

1 Joe Thompson Daviess Co Green River

Agriculture Mechanics Proficiency

1 Colby Bradshaw Barren Co Barren River
 2 Kerby Grey Hardin Co Lincoln Trail
 3 William Hager Jessamine Co Bluegrass

Soil Conservation and Water Quality

1 Wes Poole Daviess Co Green River

Chapter Contest

1 Jessamine Co Bluegrass
 2 Shelby Co Northern



Bob Middleton, Ballard Co. Full Time Adult Instructor for Ballard and McCracken Co. was recognized for 25 years of service to the Ballard Co. YFA Chapter.



Shawn Harper, was recognized for 15 years of service to the Graves County Young Farmer Chapter.

YFA Degree Plaques were presented to the following KY YFA Members

Matt Graves	Ballard Co.	Charlene Canter	Jessamine Co.
Ryan Hedrick	Ballard Co.	Christi Hack	Jessamine Co.
Jeana Williams	Ballard Co.	Josh Hack	Jessamine Co.
Margret Taylor	Central Cumberland	Keith Harvey	Jessamine Co.
Angie Wilson	Central Cumberland	Julian Jennette Jr.	Jessamine Co.
Dustin Hagan	Daviess Co.	Charles Miller	Jessamine Co.
Jason Hagan	Daviess Co.	Jeff Albright	Rockcastle Co.
Jacob W. Marksberry	Daviess Co.	Chris Bowen	Warren Co.
Wesley Poole	Daviess Co.	Grant Hildabrand	Warren Co.
Nick Stuecker	Hardin Co.	Jake Hunt	Warren Co.
Candace Mane	Hardin Co.	Kyle Jackson	Warren Co.
Matt Adams	Hardin Co.	Justin Pearson	Warren Co.
Drew Langley	Hardin Co.	Adam Westbrook	Warren Co.
Blake Bennett	Jessamine Co.	Landon Westbrook	Warren Co.
Sam Burton	Jessamine Co.		

Kentucky Young Farmer Association Joins with American Income Life

The Kentucky Young Farmer Association is pleased to announce that all members now have additional benefits through American Income Life Insurance Company. As a paying dues member, your family will receive an accidental death and dismemberment benefit up to \$2,000. There are also health service discounts up to 60% for your family at no additional cost. Child safety kits are available for those members with children. This is the second year that KYFA has joined with American Income Life and one of our own members has been able to collect from this benefit. Ronnie Arnold, member of the Harrison County YFA, was in a motorcycle accident in September 2012. Injuries sustained from the accident resulted in the loss of his left foot. Ronnie was able to collect from American Income Life, simply from being a member of KYFA. Ms. Amanda Cross, AIL representative, was able to present this check to Ronnie. Unfortunately, Ronnie passed away in April, after receiving his benefit check two weeks earlier at the Harrison County YFA banquet. Please continue to keep the Arnold family in your prayers during this difficult time.

All members should have received a letter within the past month to renew/add any benefits. Please return your card to take advantage of these additional benefits offered through American Income Life. If you have any questions, please contact Bruce Metzger or AIL at 1-800-495-1213.



2013 KY YFA Summer Tour July 26-27

Host Chapter: Barren County
Days Inn Cave City - 270-773-3101
Rates: \$ 79 plus tax

Registration Rates:

Early Registration by July 1st

\$55.00 YFA members/spouses

Children ages 4-12 is \$30.00

Late Registration after July 1st

\$75.00 YFA members/spouses

Children ages 4-12 is \$40.00



July 26th tours include:

Coral Hill Dairy

Southern States Feed Mill

Lunch provided by Southern States Feed Mill

Free Time in Cave City (Can visit things to do in Cave City on web browser)

Dinner will be at Burly Fields Livestock Center - Owner is a former YFA advisor in Larue Co.



July 27th tours include:

Ken Mattingly farm - "Kenny's Country Cheese"

CPC commodities

Brenda Hunt farms (tobacco producer) and Lunch



A Summer Tour Flyer w/times & details
will be mailed to everyone later in June

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