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President's Letter

Greetings Fellow Kentucky YFA Members!

"To everything there is a season!" We have now reached the season of Summer, which is a "time to gain." We see our livestock growing and our crops advancing from seeds and seedlings to vegetative and flowering plants. Although I oftentimes find myself lacking patience, farmers are shown as an example of patience and perseverance in James 5:7 where "...the farmer waits for the precious fruit of the earth, waiting patiently for it until it receives the early and latter rain." My hope is that each of us can be better examples of patient and persevering farmers to our friends and families, because life can be challenging.

This year, the struggles for me have been with health and family. As many of you already know, I was diagnosed with a pituitary tumor on April 30th. Then, only two days later, I lost my grandmother who was like another mother to me. Both of these events were very life-altering, but they were just that-events. Our lives are not defined by any event, but by our reactions to the series of events we endure.

Speaking of events, it is time to register for our Summer Tour. This year, we will be touring Todd County on Friday, July 24 and Saturday, July 25. Hotel accommodations are available at the Comfort Suites (270-985-1101) and Hampton Inn (270-886-8800) in Hopkinsville. Call as soon as possible for the best room rates using Kentucky Young Farmer Association to get the group rate.

Our tour starts on Friday morning with a stop at Martin Industries (martintill.com), followed by a hearty lunch at The Country Plantation House (countryplantationhouse.com). During Friday afternoon, our first stop will be at the Pennyryle Electric Daysville Operation Center (precc.com) to hear about solar energy and electrical safety. After that, we will head to Trenton to tour AgStrong canola crush plant (agstrong.com) and hear about the economics and agronomics of raising canola. While there, a representative from W.F. Ware Company (wfware.com) will also be on-site to discuss their commercial and specialty grain buying operation. For those more interested in fruits and vegetables, you will be able to visit Busy Bee Farm, a family owned greenhouse operation just down the street. Our final stop Friday will be at the Perdue Grain facility at Allensville (www.perdueagribusiness.com), to learn about their corporation and have an on-site meal sponsored by Perdue. Upon returning to the hotel, there will be free time for swimming and socializing.

The Saturday tour will be to MB Roland Distillery (mbrdistillery.com) in Pembroke, Kentucky. After that tour, we will head up the road to Fairview for a picnic luncheon at the Jefferson Davis Monument Historic Site. For those interested, you can tour the museum, look through the gift shop, or ride the elevator to the top of the monument! Others may be more interested in seeing The Country Barn just down the road, where they have numerous planters, hanging baskets, tomatoes, peppers, jellies, and other goods!

As for the pituitary tumor, we are already seeing some signs of improvement even though it is still early in the treatment process. Reflecting on my grandmother's death, I am thankful for her life, her love and her teaching. She helped me get started farming by leasing me her burley tobacco quota in 1997 and then leasing me her farm 10 years later. Without her affording me those opportunities, I do not know that I would be farming today. After both events, I am very appreciative for all of the calls, texts, and emails from so many of you. You have really shown me what a family that this organization is. Thanks again!

My Best,

Grant Hildabrand



METZGER'S MEMO

The 2015 crop season is off to a fast start. Most planting is finished and most of us could use some rain.

This year, the Member of the Year Contest prize distribution was handled a little differently to work with the concerns with all the M O Y Prize Sponsors. The winner still gets to choose a tractor, but the size of the tractor has been reduced to 200 HP as the maximum size.

The Runners Up also had a prize change due to the fact that most Young Farmers already have an ATV. This year, and for the next few years, the Runners Up will receive an iPad to keep instead of the six month loan of an ATV.

We want to remind everyone that the 2016 Member of the Year Contest is just around the corner. Applications are due August 1. Your advisor has a copy of the application and will be glad to help you fill it out. You can turn them in at Summer Tour if you are ready.

Yes, the 2015 Summer Tour is fast approaching. The details can be found in this newsletter and also on the Association Website: www.kentuckyyoungfarmerassociation.com. State President Grant Hildabrand is hosting the Summer Tour with the help of the rest of the State Officer Team. Please see their details elsewhere in this newsletter. Grant has an interesting and exciting tour you will enjoy.

We bid farewell to another Full Time Adult Instructor. Mr. Paul Winkler has informed us that he will be retiring at the end of June. All of us know Paul. He started teaching Young and Adult Farmers in August of 1975. He has worked very hard through the years for the Young Farmers from Daviess County. We want to give him an extra special word of "Thanks!!!" for all the things he has contributed to Young Farmers, locally, state-wide and also nationally. He has been a regular attendee at the National Convention. He has taken several groups of Daviess County Young Farmers to the National Farm Progress Show and to the National No-till Conference. Paul was instrumental in getting no-till planting of grain crops introduced into Daviess County. Let's all wish him a long and prosperous retirement!!!!

Ben Mullins, Full Time Instructor for Fulton and Hickman Counties retired earlier this year. Ben began his service to Fulton and Hickman County in August 2001. We also want to take this opportunity to thank Ben for all the time and effort he gave to the Young Farmer Programs at the local and state level in West Kentucky. Ben has moved on to work with Agrigold Seed Company. Best wishes to Ben and his new job!!!!

That just about brings us up to date. Hope everyone will plan to attend the Summer Tour. You'll be glad you did. See you at the Summer Tour!!!!

*Bruce Metzger
YFA State Advisor*

FARM CREDIT SERVICES provides an IPAD to the 2015 Runner Up Member of the Year, **Matt Crain**, of the Lincoln Trail Region. Making the presentation are Emily Duckworth (*left*) and Jade Saddler (*right*).



KY YFA Social Media

New KY Young Farmer Website

www.kentuckyyoungfarmerassociation.com

KY YFA Facebook Page

<https://www.facebook.com/KentuckyYoungFarmersAssociation>



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YFA Summer Tour Todd County, July 24-25

The YFA summer tour will be held by the YFA State Officer Team on July 24 and 25. Hotel reservations can be made by calling either the Comfort Suites of Hopkinsville at 270-985-1101 or Hampton Inn of Hopkinsville at 270-886-8800. Specify Kentucky Young Farmers Association when registering for rooms for discounted rate.

Hotel Reservations need to be made by July 10th.

Our tour leaves Hopkinsville on Friday morning at 9:00 am, starting with a stop at Martin Industries, followed by a hearty lunch at The Country Plantation House. During Friday afternoon, our first stop will be at the Pennyrile Electric Daysville Operation Center to hear about solar energy and electrical safety. After that, we will head to Trenton to tour AgStrong canola crush plant to hear about the economics and agronomics of raising canola. While there, a representative from W.F. Ware Company will also be on-site to discuss their commercial and specialty grain buying operation. For those more interested in fruits and vegetables, you will be able to visit Busy Bee Farm, a family owned greenhouse operation just down the street. Our final stop Friday will be at the Perdue Grain facility at Allensville, to learn about their corporation and have an on-site meal sponsored by Perdue. Upon returning to the hotel, there will be free time for swimming and socializing.

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	Names:	Chapter
1.	_____	_____
2.	_____	_____
3.	_____	_____
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Registration Fee: *Children under age 3 are Free* Children under 3 = _____
Adults: **\$65 by July 10th** _____ YFA members, spouses, x \$65 = _____
 \$75 after July 10th _____ YFA members, spouses, x \$75 = _____
Children: **\$35 children (4-12)** _____ children age 4 - 12 x \$35 = _____
 \$45 children _____ children (late) x \$45 = _____

Make checks payable to: **Kentucky YFA Total** = _____

Mail check and registration form to:

Grant Hildabrand
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Livingston Central Chapter
Lincoln County Chapter
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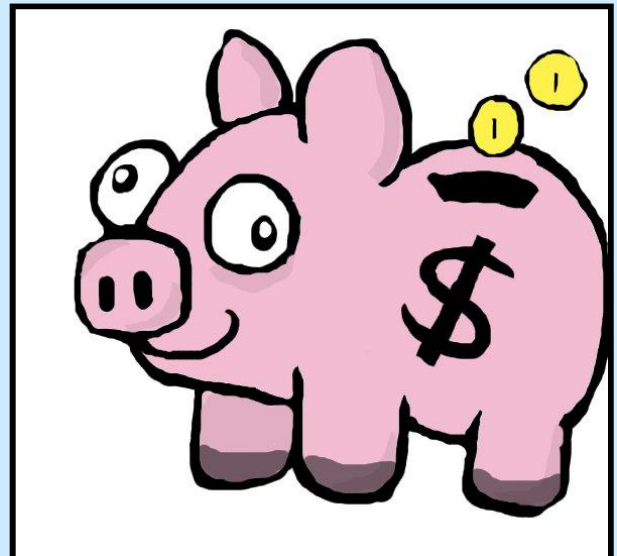
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Grain Crop
Beef Feeder Production
Burley Tobacco Production
Chapter Contest
Dark Tobacco Production
Dairy Heifer Production
Diversified Crop Production
Diversified Animal Production
Diversified Farming
Dairy Production
Hay Production
Beef Production
Member of the Year
Rural Leadership
Straw Production

Soil and Water Conservation
Swine Farrow to Finish
Swine Wean to Finish
Swine Weaner Pig Production



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