



CONGRATULATIONS!

KENTUCKY YOUNG FARMER ASSOCIATION 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, Whayne Supply Caterpillar Challenger and the Kentucky Touchstone Energy Cooperatives. The winner of the 2015 Member of the Year Contest is **Mr. Alan Hubble** of the Central Cumberland Chapter in the Lake Cumberland Region. Alan has been very active in YFA. He has participated in contests on the local, regional and state levels. He is also active in various community and agricultural organizations. Alan's YFA Chapter Advisor is Chris Pierce.



L – R: Roby Foree, Communications Specialist, Kentucky Association of Electric Cooperatives, Contest Judges Paul Cave, Sales Manager, Agriculture and Growth Industries, Whayne Supply Company, Emily Pike, Financial Services Officer, Farm Credit Services Mid-America, Campbellsville, Member of the Year Contest Winner, Alan Hubble and his wife Heidi Hubble, New State YFA President Grant Hildabrand and Contest Judge Dr. Pete Dreisbach, Retired Director of the Kentucky Leadership Training Center, currently from Georgia.

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President's Letter

Greetings Fellow Kentucky YFA Members!

As we all know, farming is a rewarding yet challenging endeavor. Yearly, we face countless variables that we often have no control over, yet we keep coming back for more. With that being said, our winter convention was a lot like our chosen career paths: long on challenges, short on time, but ultimately a great success! I truly appreciate the flexibility that was shown, and how well everyone worked together to make our convention in Louisville a success.

Looking forward to our time together for this year's Summer Tour, we will be gathering on Friday, July 24th and Saturday, July 25th to tour several stops throughout Todd County. Lodging will be available at the Comfort Suites and Hampton Inn of Hopkinsville, Kentucky. We have a very good line-up of tours in the works, hopefully including all of the following: Hart AgStrong (the new canola plant), Perdue Grain facility, the Country Plantation House, Pennyrile Electric Solar Array, Martin No-till Implements, Deerfield Supply, ending with a Saturday Picnic at the Jefferson Davis Monument.

As mentioned above, challenges and time are two things that can often be closely related for farmers. This past winter provided challenges of inclement weather to livestock and crop producers alike. Time was of the essence for livestock and crop farmers, as livestock had to be fed and delivered, and fertilize had to be applied. Even with these challenges, we as farmers still persevere, time after time.

Speaking of time, in Chapter 3 of the book of Ecclesiastes, there is a series of verses that teach about time. The passage was written in the third century BC, by King Solomon, the wisest man who ever lived. Some of you may know that passage of scripture without realizing it, as it was set to music in the 1950's by Pete Seeger, and was later popularized in the 1960's by The Byrds as the song: "Turn! Turn! Turn!" The passage and the song are so special to me, that they were both included in my wedding. The Biblical Passage starts out "For everything there is a season, and a time to every purpose under Heaven: a time to be born and a time to die; a time to plant, and a time to pluck up that which is planted...."

As we enter this "time to plant," I wish each and every one of you a safe and prosperous season. May your challenges be short, your patience be long, and your health and safety remain ever-present. I look forward to seeing many of you for Summer Tour this July 24th & 25th!

*My Best,
Grant Hildabrand*



METZGER'S MEMO

Welcome To Spring!!!!

Another tough winter we will remember for a while. In 2008, Mother Nature gave us another memorable snow right on top of our 50th Anniversary Celebration. That one did allow some of us to get to the Hotel in Lexington before it hit but it closed roads in West Kentucky and kept several former officers and members from attending.

Young Farmers are tough survivors and we had to be to make it through this past convention. Our Thanks to the host Chapters Hardin and Larue County. They did a great job preparing. They made the best of it, they rescheduled somethings that allowed us to get everything completed by the end of Saturday Night.

Our congratulations to Alan and Heidi Hubble being named the 2015 Outstanding Member of the Year!!! We also need to mention Wes and Jennifer Poole of Daviess County and Matt and Rebecca Crain from Hardin County that made the final decision very difficult for the judges. All three couples presented outstanding operations.

Our Judges deserve a special word of thanks for working hard and making a difficult decision. The Judges included; Paul Cave, Sales Manager – Agriculture and Growth Industries, Whayne Supply Company, Owensboro, Emily Pike, Financial Services Officer, Farm Credit Mid-America, Campbellsville, Dr. Pete Dreisbach, Retired Teacher Educator & Director of the KY Leadership Training Center, Hardinsburg, from Snellville, Ga and Curtis Weatherford, KY YFA President, from Clinton, KY.

Special Thanks also goes to our Sponsors for their generous and continuing support. Their support made it possible to provide a great leadership and recognition experience for an outstanding group of Kentucky's finest Young Farmers.

For those of you that were not able to attend the convention, please know that our KY YFA State Membership numbers have risen to 781 members representing 657 households. Your continued growth is strong and we encourage you to invite other Young Farmers in your community to get involved w/your local YFA chapter and send this number over 800 by this time next year. I know you can do it!!!!

A Special Thanks to our Advisors for working hard to assist you w/your involvement in your local chapter and our State Association. Your efforts are definitely needed and greatly appreciated!!!!

Our new Officer Team is also very excited to serve you. Grant Hildabrand is hosting the Summer Tour w/the Officer Team. He has all the details in his First Presidents Message. We have some new faces on the team this year. Get to know them. They are a great young group of Young Farmers!!!!

The KY YFA Association will again participate in the American Income Life and Coverage Program. If you happens to move and change your mailing address make sure your advisors lets us know so everyone will receive the correspondence and benefits they provide.

I sure hope the coming Season is a good one for all of you!!! Be safe as you work throughout the year!!!

May Mother Nature give you adequate moisture, excellent crops, great yields and a High Net Income for your efforts this year!!!! Have a Safe and Productive Growing Season!!!! Come and see us for Summer Tour!!!!

Bruce Metzger
YFA State Advisor

2015 STATE CONTEST WINNERS

		Chapter	Region		
Farm Management Contest					
1	Nathan Highbaugh	Hardin	Lincoln Trail		
2	Grant Hildabrand	Warren	Barren River		
3	Brian Fischer	Daviess	Green River		
Ag Mechanics Contest					
1	Nathaniel Weaver	Lincoln	Lake Cumberland		
2	Dylan Gibson	Hardin	Lincoln Trail		
3	Robert Driskill	Fredonia	Pennyrile		
4	Nathan Highbaugh	Hardin	Lincoln Trail		
Alfalfa Hay Production					
1	Larry Davis	Livingston	Pennyrile	Hi Yield	
Mixed Hay Non Alfalfa					
1	Larry Davis	Livingston	Pennyrile		
2	Brandon Givens	Butler	Barren River	Hi Yield	
3	Larry Neal	Marshall	Purchase		
Straw					
1	Phillip Rogers	Hardin	Lincoln Trail		
2	A. J. Johnson	Christian	Pennyrile	Hi Yield	
Yellow Corn					
1	Joe Thompson	Daviess	Green River		
2	Keith Meyers	Ballard	Purchase		
3	Jake Hunt	Warren	Barren River	Hi Yield	
White Corn					
1	Jesse Horn	Daviess	Green River	Hi Yield	
2	Cody Seibert	Marshall	Purchase		
3	Phillip Rogers	Hardin	Lincoln Trail		
Wheat					
1	Roger Marsh	Harrison	Bluegrass		
2	Malcolm Oatts	Christian	Pennyrile		
3	Brian Fischer	Daviess	Green River	Hi Yield	
Soybeans- Bottomland					
1	Joe Thompson	Daviess	Purchase	Hi Yield	
2	Todd Williams	Ballard	Green River		
Soybeans- Double Crop					
1	Phillip Rogers	Hardin	Lincoln Trail		
2	Joe Thompson	Daviess	Green River	Hi Yield	
3	Roger Marsh	Harrison	Bluegrass		
Soybeans- Upland					
1	Kevin Arnold	Harrison	Bluegrass	Hi Yield	
2	Phillip Rogers	Hardin	Lincoln Trail		
3	Andy Alford	Warren	Barren River		
Roundup Ready Bottomland					
1	Jesse Horn	Daviess	Green River	Hi Yield	
2	Mark Thomas	Hardin	Lincoln Trail		
Roundup Ready Double Crop					
1	Brian Fischer	Daviess	Green River		
2	A.J. Johnson	Chrisitan	Pennyrile	Hi Yield	
3	Jeff Burr	Franklin Simpson	Barren River		

		Chapter	Region	
	Roundup Ready Upland	Sponsor	Monsanto Life Sciences Company	
1	Kevin Arnold	Harrison	Bluegrass	Hi Yield
2	Jesse Horn	Daviess	Green River	
3	Matthew Crain	Hardin	Lincoln Trail	
	Burley Tobacco	Sponsor	Burley Tobacco Coop	
1	Brian Thompson	Daviess	Green River	Hi Yield
2	Mike Meyer	Harrison	Bluegrass	
3	Greg Wilson	Central Cumberland	Lake Cumberland	
	Dark Fire Cured	Sponsor	Altria Client Services	
1	Phillip Jarvis	Marshall	Purchase	Hi Yield
2	Jason Powell	Christian	Pennyryle	
	Diversified Farming	Sponsor	Diversified Services	
1	Mark Thomas	Hardin	Lincoln Trail	
2	Kevin Farrell	Harrison	Bluegrass	
	Diversified Livestock	Sponsor	H & R Agripower	
1	Wes Poole	Daviess	Green River	
2	Shannon Ferrell	Harrison	Bluegrass	
	Beef Production	Sponsor	Kentucky Cattlemens Association	
1	Randy Wade	Harrison	Bluegrass	
2	Cayla Thorn	Marshall	Purchase	
3	Casey Chittenden	Livingston	Pennyryle	
	Beef Feeder Production	Sponsor	Bluegrass Stockyards	
1	Robert Waits	Jessamine	Bluegrass	Hi Gain
2	Nathan Brame	Christian	Pennyryle	
3	Cayla Thorn	Marshall	Purchase	
	Dairy Production	Sponsor	CPC Commodities	
1	Jonathan Gaskins	Central Cumberland	KY River	
2	Nathaniel Weaver	Lincoln	Lake Cumberland	
	Swine Farrow to Finish	Sponsor	Kentucky Pork Producers	
1	Joe Thompson	Daviess	Green River	
	Ag Mechanics Proficiency	Sponsor	Schaeffer Oil	
1	Brandon Tomes	Butler	Green River	
	Ag Mechanics Farmstead	Sponsor	Schaeffer Oil	
1	Chad Pierce	Central Cumberland	Lake Cumberland	
	Diversified Crop Production	Sponsor	Diversified Services	
1	Jesse Horn	Daviess	Green River	
2	Mark Thomas	Hardin	Lincoln Trail	
	Rural Leadership	Sponsor	Kentucky Farm Bureau Federation	
1	Ashley Johnson	Christian	Pennyryle	
2	Kevin Farrell	Harrison	Bluegrass	
	Chapter Contest	Sponsor	Southern States Cooperatives	
1	Harrison County			
2	Washington County			
3	Central Cumberland			
	Spokesperson	Sponsor	Stine Seed Company	
1	McKayla Phillips	Hardin	Lincoln Trail	
2	Grant Hildabrand	Warren	Barren River	
3	Mary Weaver	Lincoln	Lake Cumberland	

CRAFT CONTEST WINNERS

	Stitched Items	
1	Nathaniel Weaver	Lincoln
2	Mary Weaver	Lincoln
3	Deana Tomes	Butler
	Baked Goods	
1	Peggy Jo Tipton	Shelby
2	Heidi Hubble	Cumberland
3	Rusty Tipton	Shelby
	Farm Photo	
1	Deana Tomes	Butler
2	Hudson Brogli	Harrison
3	Joe Brogli	Harrison
	Family Photo	
1	Vicki Taylor	Cumberland
2	Robin Arnold	Harrison
3	Kevin Arnold	Harrison
	Paint	
1	Jennifer Arnold	Harrison
2	Christian Arnold	Harrison
3	Abby Kirk	Fredonia
	Holiday Item	
1	Heidi Hubble	Lincoln
2	David Applegate	Harrison
3	Christa Applegate	Harrison
	Decorative Shirts	
1	Deana Tomes	Butler
2	Katherine Tingle	Shelby
	Scrapbooking	
1	Heidi Hubble	Cumberland
	Jams	
1	Deana Tomes	Butler
2	Tammy Stevenson	Christian
3	Brandon Tomes	Butler
	Floral	
1	Heidi Hubble	Lincoln
2	Tammy Stevenson	Christian
3	Mary Weaver	Lincoln
	1st Overall Crafts	
1	Deana Tomes	BEST OF SHOW



Congratulations — Best of Show
Deana Tomes, Butler County

Children attending state convention were
recognized for their participation in the
coloring contest!



KYFA Advisors Recognized at State Convention



Dee Brasher, Caldwell & Crittenden Counties, and **Chris Pierce**, Central Cumberland, both received 10 Year Service Awards.

Jeff Futrell, Marshall and Livingston Counties, received his 30 Year Service Award (accepted by his grandchildren)

KYFA SUMMER TOUR

July 24-25, 2015

Todd County

Summer Tour will be in Todd County, KY this July 24th & 25th, with hotel accommodations available at Comfort Suites of Hopkinsville (270) 985-1101 as well as Hampton Inn of Hopkinsville (270) 886-8800. Please make your reservations as soon as possible to guarantee the best rate. We will be visiting Hart AgStrong to tour their canola crush plant in Trenton. While there, we will also hear from an agronomist about raising canola in Kentucky. A representative from WF Ware Company will also be on-site to discuss their operation, which receives: popcorn, white corn, yellow corn, barley, soybeans, wheat, and canola. Our tour will also include a stop at the Pennyryle Rural Electric Solar Array, to learn about renewable energy sources in Kentucky. Martin Implement Company will also be giving us a tour of their production facility, and Perdue Farms will be hosting us for a talk about their operation and the vertical integration of their businesses. We also plan to have our Friday luncheon at The Country Plantation House (www.countryplantationhouse.com) and conclude with a Saturday picnic at the Jefferson Davis State Historical Site in Fairview.

2015-2016 KENTUCKY YOUNG FARMER ASSOCIATION EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE



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