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THANK YOU! THANK YOU!! THANK YOU!!!!!!!

The 2014 National Institute has come and gone!! Joe Thompson and I (Peggy Jo) would like to THANK our Committee, the State Board, the Advisors, and ALL the Volunteers who contributed toward making this Institute a SUCCESS!! We especially want to Thank our SPONSORS, who generously provided the means for us to showcase our State with excellent tours and venues. Congratulations to our SALUTE TO AG recipients, Joe Neal Ballance and John Crowder.

JOB WELL DONE, KENTUCKY!!

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President's Letter

Dear Fellow Members,

I hope that this newsletter finds everyone in good health and are finally done with a long fall harvest. It's also time to complete contest forms and register for state convention. I would also like to encourage everyone to book your room early, because due to other events being held the same weekend in Louisville, the hotel won't be able to hold the room rates past the date we have.

I would also like to thank the National Institute Committee for putting on an excellent institute. Not only do I thank the committee, but also all those who were behind the scenes either getting auction items, sponsorship money, or helping out during the institute. It took everyone to make this one of the best institutes that we have attended.

The board also wants to make sure everyone can attend state convention this March in Louisville. We want to remind the winners of the contests that you have a discounted registration fee, and first time attendees get half of their registration paid. We have also tried hard to keep costs down and comparable to past conventions and think that we have done a good job at providing a venue and attractions that everyone will both enjoy and benefit from.

As I conclude this letter, I would like to thank the board for all the work that they have done this year and the work that they will continue to do to help grow our organization. They have been more than willing to not only think outside the traditional box to attract members, but also jump at the chance to get involved with the actions that we have decided to pursue.

I look forward to seeing everyone in March. Be safe in planting this year's crops and may this year be a bountiful harvest for everyone.

Sincerely,

*Curtis Weatherford
State President*



METZGER'S MEMO

HAPPY NEW YEAR EVERYONE!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

I hope 2015 is your best year yet!!!!

The KY Young Farmer Association is an action-packed group. The Association just finished sponsoring the National Young Farmer Institute. If you missed it, you missed a great Kentucky Experience. **The National Institute Committee did an outstanding job presenting many unique things about Kentucky to one of the largest Institute group in recent years. We owe them a huge word of THANKS for a great job well done!!!!** As I said, if you missed it, you missed a fun, informative and entertaining experience. I'm sure you will see some of the pictures of the activities included in this newsletter.

There's seldom a dull moment in the KY Young Farmer Association Program. We finish one activity and look ahead to another activity barreling down the road in our direction. First, let me encourage you to attend your Young Farmer Classes that your advisor has planned for you during the next two months.

It's also time for you to fill out your proficiency contest applications and enter your best efforts. The due date this year will be Friday, January 30, 2015 — entries are to be postmarked by that date. Contest entries will be judged on Friday evening and Saturday morning on February 6th & 7th at the convention site in Louisville.

The State Convention details and Registration Information will appear in this newsletter to help you plan.

With the Convention in early March, we are able to take additional time to get more contest applications completed and submitted. It "pays" to win the region, as well as the State!!!

The convention is scheduled for the same weekend as the KY Beef Expo. The good part is that we will have time on Friday afternoon and possibly some on Saturday to attend the KY Beef Expo since it is just across the street at the KY Fair and Expo Center. Bring your trailer if you are looking to add some of Kentucky's finest beef seed stock to your operation.

The March convention date also allows us more time to schedule our Regional Banquets around the National Farm Machinery Show. A set of Regional Banquet dates appears in this newsletter.

Hope you and your family have a Safe, Productive and Prosperous 2015!!!!!!

See you in Louisville!!!!!!

*Bruce Metzger
YFA State Advisor*

Kick 'em Up!
In Kentucky



LOUISVILLE
48th NYFEA INSTITUTE



57th Annual Kentucky Young Farmer Association Convention

MEMBER REGISTRATION FORM

Crowne Plaza Louisville Airport
830 Phillips Lane
Louisville, Ky 40209

March 6-7, 2015

ALL PERSONS PLANNING TO ATTEND THE CONVENTION SHOULD RETURN THIS FORM BY FEB 20TH

All rooms reservations must be made by February 3rd to receive the convention rate. The Hotel wants to make it known they are on track to be fully booked on our convention weekend. Please make reservations as early as possible!

Advance Registration Fee will be **\$65.00** per person for members, spouses and guests. Do not include sponsors or supporting members unless they plan to stay for the entire convention. Late registration (postmarked after February 20th) will be \$85 per person. Registration for children (ages 5-12) is **\$45.00** per child (or \$60.00 if postmarked after February 20th). Children 0 to 4 are FREE. A different form must be used for student teachers and teacher educators. Individual meal fees are available upon request by emailing kylfatreasurer@gmail.com. **If you have any special meal need, please note this on the registration form.** Refunds will only be made from this office if requested 72 hours prior to the beginning of the convention.

Room reservations can be made by the Crowne Plaza Louisville Airport hotel link on kentuckyyoungfarmerassociation.com. If you need help, call Mark Thomas @ 270-723-6175. You may also call the hotel at 800-633-8723. Room rates are \$100+tax/night. Price depends on what kind of room is needed. **All room reservations must be made by February 3rd to receive the convention rate.**

_____ Chapter
Please list all members on the back of this form.

_____ Adults @ \$65.00 early registration = \$ _____
_____ Adults @ \$85.00 late registration = \$ _____
_____ Children 5 thru 12 years old @ \$45.00 = \$ _____
_____ Children late registration @ \$60.00 = \$ _____
_____ Friday Only @ \$30 (\$20 for children) = \$ _____
_____ Saturday Only @ \$50 (\$35 for children) = \$ _____
_____ Children 4 & Under – FREE (but please register)

Complete and mail to: Kentucky YFA
c/o Mark Thomas
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**** PLEASE MAIL REGISTRATION**
MEALS CANNOT BE GUARANTEED WITH
ON-SITE REGISTRATION.**

**PLEASE NOTE THE MENUS ON
SEPARATE PAGE.**
**SHOULD YOUR CHILD NOT WANT THE
KIDS MENU, YOU MUST REGISTER
THAT CHILD AS AN ADULT.**

**NO CASH WILL BE
ACCEPTED AT CONVENTION.**

REGIONAL BANQUET DATES

Region	Date	Time	Location	Host Chapter
Purchase / Pennyrite	Feb 9 th	7:00 p.m.	Majestic Restaurant Draffenville, KY	Crittenden & Marshall Co.
Barren River / Green River	Feb 5 th	7:00 p.m.	Wayne Supply Bowling Green	Barren Co.
Bluegrass / Northern	Feb 23 rd	7:00 p.m.	Jessamine Co. Technology Center Nicholasville	Jessamine Co.
KY River / Lake Cumberland	Feb 19 th	7:00 p.m.	Oak Hill Baptist Church Somerset	Lincoln Co.
Lincoln Trail	Feb.17 th	7:00 p.m.	Hodgenville	Larue Co.

STATE CONTESTS

Contest forms due (postmarked) January 30, 2015

The regional winner will receive a \$15 check and a voucher for \$10 off state convention registration. This will be applicable to each contest a member wins.

ALL contests are located on the KYFA website
www.kentuckyyoungfarmerassociation.com

If there are problems or suggestions for the contests, please contact Mark Thomas or Bruce Metzger.

2015 CONTESTS

Ag Mechanics	Dairy Production
Grain Crop	Hay Production
Beef Feeder Production	Beef Production
Burley Tobacco Production	Member of the Year
Chapter Contest	Rural Leadership
Dark Tobacco Production	Straw Production
Dairy Heifer Production	Soil and Water Conservation
Diversified Crop Production	Swine Farrow to Finish
Diversified Animal Production	Swine Wean to Finish
Diversified Farming	Swine Weaner Pig Production

2014-2015 KENTUCKY YOUNG FARMER ASSOCIATION EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE



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