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NYFEA INSTITUTE TAMPA, FLORIDA—December 2016

The Kentucky YFA Delegation enjoying Busch Gardens, Tampa, Florida with the National Young Farmer Education Association during the 50th Anniversary Celebration of the National Institute. This year's institute recognized the contributions of states and institute chairs who have hosted the annual gathering over the last 50 years, along with some great tours and always great fellowship.

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President's Letter

Hello Fellow KY YFA Members,

I hope this letter finds everyone in good health and spirits as this holiday season has come to a close and a new year has begun. May your 2017 be Prosperous and Profitable.

In this edition of the newsletter you will find a recap of the 2016 NYFEA National Institute in Tampa, Florida, an updated contest list and information, and the schedule and registration for the 2017 convention. I will start with a quick recap from nationals. We had a good turnout in Tampa from Kentucky, we spent one day touring Tampa, one day touring Florida agriculture, and the last day Remembering 50 years of Institutes at Busch Gardens. 2017 Institute will be held in Savannah, Georgia. I would encourage everyone to attend, as it promises to be a good time.

State Convention is scheduled for March 2-4th 2017 in Lexington Kentucky. We will begin the convention on Thursday, March 2nd, with a short board meeting, then we will have officer interviews, followed by officer's dinner. Then we will finish the day with the final board meeting to finalize plans for the weekend. On Friday, we will begin the day with the ag mechanics and farm management written contests followed by the opening lunch. We will then have a tour of Hallway Feeds and an educational presentation from the UK Diagnostic Lab. Friday will conclude with the sponsor's dinner and fundraising auction followed by the hospitality room. Saturday has taken a little different shape this year and we will see how everyone likes it. Instead of breakfast and lunch we will have a Brunch starting later in the morning. At this brunch, we will give all crop and livestock awards. Following this, we will have our business session and children's program. Once these items are done, there will be some free time before we begin the Member of the Year Banquet. We had 2 great candidates this year, Matt Crain from Hardin County and Jeff Burr from Franklin-Simpson. I would like to wish each of these candidates the best of luck.

The final thing I would like to touch on is the contests for this year. We have made a few changes making some of them easier to fill out. First: the Hay contests have had the requirement for a hay test lifted. This will make it easier and more appealing for members to fill out. Secondly, we have changed the Diversified Crop and Vegetable production contest to be based on Net profit per acre, not net profit per hour of labor. This was always hard for the producer to fill out, and confusing for the judging committee. One additional comment I would like to make is that in an effort to maximize the number of members that we recognize, we would like to get involvement in every category of contests. For Example: If there is someone out there who has a Swine operation, but does not have the required number of head to meet the minimum, please go ahead and fill out the contest. If there are no other entries, we will declare that person the winner. The state board feels this will help our membership be recognized and our sponsors to get the most out of their sponsorship.

I look forward to seeing everyone in March in Lexington, if there are any questions, please feel free to contact myself, or any other board member, and we will get an answer as soon as possible.

Thanks and Happy New Year!
Mark Thomas



Ross' Ramblings

Greetings and Happy New Year to one and all. It is hard to believe we are beginning a new year already and all that means. Time seems to always be in short supply and moving much quicker than we desire.

The Kentucky YFA State Convention is right around the corner. This year's State Convention is being hosted by the Bourbon County Chapter and will take place in Lexington, Kentucky, at the Clarion Hotel on March 3-4, 2017. I am confident that you will be pleased with the tours and activities planned for this year's convention. Details and registration information appear in this newsletter to help you make plans for attending or they can be found on the YFA website: <http://www.kentuckyyoungfarmerassociation.com/index.asp>.

I just returned from the 50th National Institute in Tampa, Florida, where Kentucky was well represented by President Mark Thomas and President Elect Robert Driskill as our national delegates, along with strong contingent attendees representing Kentucky YFA. I would be remiss without some special congratulations to Danielle Milburn, Jessamine County Chapter, who represented Kentucky in the National Communications Contest. The 2017 Institute will take place in Savannah, Georgia. If you have not had the chance to attend a National Institute, I would encourage you to start making plans now. Check out the activities for 2017 at: <http://www.nyfea.org/institute-brochure---on-line-registration.html>.

I would also encourage all members to fill out applications for the YFA Production Contests. Those applications can also be found at the KY YFA website above. One thing that traveling throughout Kentucky and nationally has convinced me of is that Kentucky members are doing some great things. Your participation in a contest is a great way to compete and be recognized for the great work you are doing.

I am looking forward to seeing many of you at Regional Banquets that will be taking place in February after state judging. The schedule of those banquets are also included in this newsletter. Mark those dates to attend now.

See you in Lexington!

<http://www.kentuckyyoungfarmerassociation.com/index.asp>

Sincerely,

Mike Ross, State Advisor

2017 State YFA Convention Schedule

Thursday March 2, 2017

| | | |
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| 3:00 PM | Executive Committee Meeting | Henry Clay Room |
| 4:00 PM | Officer Interviews | Claiborne Room |
| 6:30 PM | Officer and Candidate Dinner | TBD |
| 8:00 PM | Executive Committee Meeting | Henry Clay Room |

Friday March 3, 2017

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| 8:00 AM | Registration Opens | Barbaro Board Room |
| 9:00 AM | Spokesperson Contest | Man-o-war/Secretariat/ Thoroughbred |
| 9:30 AM | Farm Management Contest | Man-o-war/Secretariat/ Thoroughbred |
| 10:00 AM | Enter Crafts | Derby/Preakness/Belmont |
| 10:30 AM | Ag Mechanics Contest | Man-o-war/Secretariat/ Thoroughbred |
| 12:00 PM | Opening Luncheon | Derby/Preakness/Belmont |
| 1:00PM | Silent Auction Opens | Derby/Preakness/Belmont |
| 1:30-5:00PM | Diagnostic Lab Demonstration and Hallway Feeds | Man-o-war/Secretariat/ Thoroughbred |
| 5:30 PM | Sponsors Reception | Pre-Function Expanded |
| 6:30 PM | Sponsors Dinner | Derby/Preakness/Belmont |
| 9:00 PM | Hospitality Room Opens | Bourbon Co (location TBD) |

Saturday March 4, 2017

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| 9:00 AM | Silent Auction Opens/ Enter Crafts | Derby/Preakness/Belmont |
| 10:00 AM | Crop and Livestock Awards Brunch | Derby/Preakness/Belmont |
| 12:30 PM | Business Session | Man-O-War/Secretariat/Thoroughbred |
| 1:00 PM | Childrens Program | Claiborne Room |
| 3:00 PM | Ladies Program | Henry Clay Room |
| 3:00 PM | Judge Crafts | Derby/Preakness/Belmont |
| 4:00 PM | Silent Auction Closes | Derby/Preakness/Belmont |
| 5:00 PM | Member of the Year Reception | Pre-Function Expanded |
| 6:00 PM | Member of the Year Banquet | Derby/Preakness/Belmont |

Sunday March 5, 2017

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| 8:30 AM | Officers Breakfast and Orientation | Hotel Restaurant |
| 9:00 AM | Worship Service | Man-O-War/Secretariat/Thoroughbred |

59th Annual Kentucky Young Farmer Association Convention
MEMBER REGISTRATION FORM

Clarion Hotel
1950 Newtown Pike
Lexington, KY. 40511

March 3-4, 2017

ALL PERSONS PLANNING TO ATTEND THE CONVENTION SHOULD RETURN THIS FORM BY FEB 10TH

All rooms reservations must be made by Feb 9th 2017 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 **\$60.00** 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 10th) will be \$85 per person. Registration for children (ages 5-12) is **\$40.00** per child (or \$60.00 if postmarked after February 10th). 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 kymtreasurer@gmail.com. **If you have any special meal need, please note these 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 calling the Clarion Hotel and using the group code Kentucky Young Farmers Association. If you need help, call Mark Thomas @ 270-723-6175 or by calling the hotel at 859-233-0512. Room rates are \$92 +tax/night. Price depends on what kind of room is needed. **All room reservations must be made by February 9th to receive the convention rate.**

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

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| _____ Adults @ \$60.00 early registration | = \$ _____ |
| _____ Adults @ \$85.00 late registration | = \$ _____ |
| _____ Children 5 thru 12 years old @ \$40.00 | = \$ _____ |
| _____ 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 Bourbon County YFA
943 Hawkins-Cummins Rd
Paris, KY 40361

PLEASE NOTE THE MENUS ON
SEPARATE PAGE.

**** PLEASE MAIL REGISTRATION****
MEALS CANNOT BE GUARANTEED
WITH ON-SITE REGISTRATION.

SHOULD YOUR CHILD NOT WANT
THE KIDS MENU, YOU MUST
REGISTER THAT CHILD AS AN
ADULT.

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

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| Name | Member X | Spouse X | Child X | Guest X | Child FREE X | Friday Dinner Please indicate Fish or Chicken (Please note any allergies here) |
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CONTEST CHANGES

**IMPORTANT
CHANGES
TO
NOTE!!!**

Hay: NO hay test requirements.

Diversified Crop and Vegetable Production: Based on Net profit per acre, not net profit per hour of labor.

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Ag Mechanics
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

FOOD / CRAFT CONTESTS

Categories:

Breads
Jams, Jellies & Preserves
Decorated Shirts
Wreaths & Swags
Photography
Holiday Items
Hand Stitched and Quilted Items

2017 YFA Regional Banquet Schedule and Locations

| Region | Date | Alt Date | Time | Location | Host Chapter |
|----------------------------|---------|----------|-----------|---|---------------------|
| Purchase / Pennyrile | 2/21/17 | 2/28/17 | 7:00 p.m. | | |
| Barren River / Green River | 2/9/17 | | 6:30 p.m. | Wayne Supply Facility Bowling Green, KY | Regional Chapters |
| Bluegrass / Northern | 2/6/17 | 2/13/17 | 7:00 p.m. | Scott County Extension Office Georgetown, KY | Regional Chapters |
| KY River / Lake Cumberland | 1/30/17 | | 7:00 p.m. | Oakhill Baptist Church Somerset KY | |
| Lincoln Trail | 2/7/17 | 2/21/17 | 6:30 p.m. | Breckinridge Extension Office, Hardinsburg, KY | Breckinridge County |

2016-2017 KENTUCKY YOUNG FARMER ASSOCIATION EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE



| <u>Office</u> | <u>Name</u> | <u>Chapter</u> | <u>Address</u> | <u>City</u> | <u>Zip</u> | <u>Cell Phone</u> |
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