



Summer Tour Highlights

*by Jennifer Arnold
State Reporter*

The 2013 KYFA summer tour was held in the beautiful Mammoth Cave area of Cave City in Barren County on July 26 & 27. There was a wonderful turnout of farm families from across Kentucky. We began with an early tour of Coral Hill Dairy where they are currently milking 1,500 cows. We then ventured to the Park City Southern States Feed Mill to enjoy lunch and a tour of the facilities. Annually, the maximum tonnage capacity is 100,000 tons. They produce feed for beef, dairy, horses and poultry. During the afternoon, young farmers were given some free time to enjoy surrounding activities at Mammoth Cave or take a much needed nap. As we headed to dinner at the Burley Fields Livestock Center, we were greeted by Tim and Wanda Quiggins, former LaRue County YFA advisor. They currently own the show and sale facility with a 200 head capacity. As the evening came to an end, there were young farmers covering the hotel lawn playing corn hole, enjoying a late night swim or simply catching up on the latest farming issues.

On Saturday morning, the group was ready to taste the different types of cheese made by Kenny's Country Cheese. His family currently milks 120 dairy cows and last year produced 70,000 pounds of various cheeses. After tasting the delicious cheese, many young farmers purchased cheese from the country store. Next, we were able to tour the livestock facilities and mill at CPC Commodities. CPC produces 185,000 tons of feed per year. As our summer tour came to a close, we were graciously welcomed for lunch at Brenda Hunt's farm. She currently farms 2,500 acres with brood cows, corn and burley tobacco. The views were absolutely amazing on her farm with the covered bridge and ponds.

Thanks Barren County for giving us a glimpse of your beautiful area of Kentucky.

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President's Letter

Hello Ky YFA members,

This is the time of year that is so busy for us farmers. It's my favorite season because of all the colors of fall. From the changing colors of the tree leaves to the colors of the corn and soybeans getting ready for harvest. It's the time of year we get to see how much God has blessed us with the abundant harvest. I hope everyone has had a safe and productive year.

The National Institute is just around the corner. This year it is in San Antonio, TX. Hope that everyone will be able to join the group that's going and help represent the GREAT State of Kentucky. The National Institute is Dec. 4-7 2013. Also, remember that Kentucky's Institute is next year. The committee is still working hard to put on the best institute ever. Thanks to all the committee members for their hard work.

The 2014 State Convention is March 6-8, 2014 in Bowling Green. There will be more information on the website soon at kentuckyyoungfarmerassociation.com. Since we are having such a GREAT harvest this year, don't forget to get your contest forms filled out. We have such GREAT sponsors and we thank them for everything they do to help us.

This year, I had the privilege of being on the Member of the Year judging team. What a wonderful experience. We visited four wonderful farms and toured them all. All contestants did a great job and I wish each of you good luck in winning this year's State Member of the Year Award.

As I close this letter, I would like to thank everyone for allowing me serve as your president this year. I look forward to seeing everyone at the National Institute or State Convention. Have a safe rest of the year and God Bless.

Jeff Burr

YFA State President



METZGER'S MEMO

Hi, Everybody!!!!

What a difference a year makes. Last fall, we were trying to harvest a crop that had been deprived of adequate moisture; this fall, we have had plenty of moisture and our crops looks like it might be one of the best crops we have raised. Harvest is moving a little slower than we like, but the extra moisture we have had is still causing issues for some folks. This last stretch of dry weather should really help all of us.

A big word of Thanks to the Barren County YFA for an excellent Summer Tour. We saw some interesting operations in Barren and surrounding counties. There was homemade cheese to eat and time to visit Mammoth Cave National Park, see how protein tubes are made, see how cattle are purchased and developed into loads for the MidWest Feed Yards and enjoy a final meal at a beautiful farm facility there in Barren County. Our thanks to the Barren County Chapter for a great Summer Tour. We also want to thank Tim and Wanda Quiggins for allowing us to enjoy a meal at their Burley Fields Livestock Facility. This facility is currently available for livestock shows and sales.

We had four outstanding candidates in our Member of the Year Contest. I have never seen a set of candidates with more passion for what they were doing in their operations. The candidates were: Shelly & Mike Meyers, Harrison Co. Shelly is the first female member to enter this contest. Tom & Jennifer Tucker, Warren Co., Alan Hubble, Central Cumberland, and Wes & Jennifer Poole, Daviess Co. Come to the convention and see who won.

Most of you have heard the shocking news about Gary Rock's silage chopper accident. Gary lost both lower legs in the accident. A special article will appear in this edition of the newsletter. Gary has no health care insurance and a website is being set up to help him. Please read that article. His YFA Membership will also allow him to receive a benefit from the American Income Life Insurance Program.

We want to take this opportunity to thank Forrest Dunagan for his many years of service to Wayne County and to the KY YFA. Forrest retired at the end of June. We wish him and his family many happy years of retirement.

I also want to welcome Carrie Taylor to our Adult and Young Farmer Family. Carrie is a Horticulture Instructor at The Maysville Community College Campus. She has been working in the Baccalaureate Degree Program there and is changing over to the Adult Upgrade Program to work with adults in the Maysville Service Area in the field of Horticulture.

The National Institute is just around the corner. This year, it is in San Antonio, Texas. You can access the details at the NYFEA Website at NYFEA.Org and click on the institute button. Hope to see you there. I'm sure our state committee will have some information on our upcoming institute in this issue.

Don't forget to gather your information on your crops for the upcoming Production Contests. It will be convention time before you know it.

It's a busy time. PLEASE TAKE TIME TO OPERATE ALL YOUR MACHINERY AND EQUIPMENT SAFELY!!!!!!!

Bruce Metzger
YFA State Advisor

SUMMER TOUR 2013



Barren County YFA host group, with Advisor, Chris Elkins, at Brenda Hunt's farm.



Storage bins at CPC Commodities.



The group views bulk storage at CPC Commodities.



The children enjoy petting the calves at Coral Hill Dairy.



The milking parlor at Coral Hill Dairy.



Covered bridge at Brenda Hunt's Farm.



Kevin Arnold, Brian Fischer and Joe Thompson — nothing more to say!



Harold & Katherine Tingle, Shelby County, have been long-time supporters of KYFA and enjoy attending the annual activities.



State Officers pose for a picture during their visit at Kenny's Country Cheese.



Bruce Metzger, State Advisor, at Brenda Hunt's Farm.



Gary has been a long-time member of the Kentucky Young Farmer Association, and we ask for your continuous prayers and support in his journey to get back to the milking parlor.

Visit his website at www.keepegarymilking.com for more information.



(This excerpt from Facebook)

Come out to our "Fun on the Farm" day (SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 2) to help us support one of our local farmers and friend. As most of you know, Gary had a farming accident, and as most of us know insurance is expensive to carry as a self-employed person, therefore, Gary did not carry insurance. We are hosting this Benefit to help cover some of those medical bills. So come out and enjoy our Fun on The Farm. There will be activities for the whole family. From 2:00 to 5:00, there will be a SILENT AUCTION, TRACTOR SHOW, CORN HOLE, HAY BALE TOSS, THE HEN PEN (with Scentsy, Mary Kay, Pampered Chef, Avon, Paparazzi Jewelry, Thirty-One, and Amway), DUCK POND RAFFLE, AND KIDS CORNER WITH MANY THINGS FOR KIDS TO DO!! Then starting at 5:00, we will have a meal. At 6:00 we will start the LIVE AUCTION and then stick around for the HOEDOWN!!! ALSO we are selling T-SHIRTS. They are black with a cow on the back and say FARMERS ROCK, they are \$10!!!!!! Hope to see everyone we can come out and support a great man!!

Report from the 2014 National Institute Committee

The 2014 National Institute Committee, especially our Finance Committee Co-Chairs, Mark Rock and Rusty Tipton, have been working hard to raise sponsor money so that we can make final arrangements for our tours and activities during the institute. We will be touring the Bowling Green and Lexington areas on Thursday and Friday. We want to do many things, but they all take a lot of money, and we are hoping that our final registration fee can be kept at a minimum. If you are aware of a local or regional company or association that you would like to contact for sponsorship, please contact Peggy Jo Tipton at pjotipton@yahoo.com or (502) 321-3971 for more information.

Our most important role is to get our Kentucky folks to attend. Please mark your calendar and make plans now to attend - the dates are December 10-13, 2014, and we will be housed at the Marriott Downtown in Louisville. Room rates are \$106/night. If you've never attended a national institute, Kentucky will be a great place to start this ritual. You get to see the country at a reduced price, and most importantly, you meet lots of people that have the same interests as you - farming and agriculture!!



2013 NYFEA Institute December 4th – 7th, 2013 San Antonio, Texas - **Registration Form**

Hotel: **Omni San Antonio Hotel at the Colonnade**, 9821 Colonnade Boulevard, San Antonio, Texas 78230. Phone: (210) 691-8888, Fax: (210) 691-1128 <http://www.omnihotels.com/SanAntonioColonnade>. **Note:** NYFEA attendees let the hotel know you are with NYFEA Institute group (\$99 / night -until block is filled or deadline passes).

Schedule:

- Wed., Dec. 4th** – King Ranch Tour – Leaves Hotel @ 7:15am and returns @ 4:45pm. (includes lunch) (\$75.00 per person payable to Texas Young Farmers separate from the NYFEA Institute)
- Thurs. Dec. 5th** – Breakfast at Hotel, Morning - Mission San Jose and James Madison High School Tours, Lunch, Afternoon – Downtown San Antonio (Alamo, Mexican Market and The Riverwalk), “Taste of Texas” at the Hotel from 6:30pm – 9:30pm.
- Friday, Dec. 6th** – Breakfast at Hotel, All Day, Lunch included, Tours of the “Hill Country” (Wildseed Farm, LBJ Ranch and Johnson City). Followed by dinner at Luckenbach, TX with a dance.
- Sat., Dec. 7th** – NYFEA Institute Activities. a) 7:00am – NYFEA Delegate meeting b) 8:00am – Ag Decision Makers College featuring insight on TX agriculture and previews of future institutes c) 10:00am - YALE program featuring Ag Communication Award d) 11:30am – Salute to San Antonio lunch e) 1:30pm – Conclusion of Ag Communication Award f) 2:00pm – Texas Young Farmer State Meeting g) 3:00pm - Farm Management Contest h) 4:00pm – NYFEA and TX Reception and Auction h) 5:00pm – Evening Activities – Banquet and a presentation of the John Deere Ag Communication Award. (Also, we are currently negotiating for a NIGHT with the SAN ANTONIO SPURS – email us for updates on this extra item – nyfea-main@nyfea.org)

Register On Line at NYFEA website <http://www.nyfea.org/institute-brochure.html>

If a computer is not available, you can mail Registration Form and Registration Fees (payable to NYFEA) to:

NYFEA: P. O. Box 20326, Montgomery, AL 36120

Early Bird Registration Deadline: October 31, 2013 (Late registration add \$25 to cost)

Name(s): _____ YF State: _____ Area: _____ Chapter: _____

Address: _____ City, State and Zip: _____

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(Registration will be confirmed utilizing email)

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NYFEA Daily Rate is \$100 each day Friday	# _____	@ \$100 =	_____	_____
NYFEA Daily Rate is \$100 each day Saturday	# _____	@ \$100 =	_____	_____
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(Students must attend AG Decision Makers College & YALE on Saturday)				
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