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### Is Your Farm Special?

The farms of Franklin County will soon be receiving special attention from historians. A survey of historic rural sites, conducted by the Kentucky Heritage Council and staff from the Kentucky Archaeological Survey at the University of Kentucky, will begin in September. There will be a meeting the evening of September 15<sup>th</sup>, 7:00 at the Extension



Office to explain what all is involved. This will also be an opportunity for you to talk with those conducting the survey and tell us about the structures you have that we may be interested in.

This survey will document the built environment associated with farming, including houses, barns, outbuildings and landscapes. Some once common outbuildings on farms have all but disappeared – coal houses, chicken houses, smokehouses and privies, to name a few. A team of surveyors from the Kentucky Archaeological Survey, including Janie-Rice Brother and Jennifer Ryall, will conduct the fieldwork over the fall.

“The survey will not only document a record of historic Franklin County farms, but will provide an excellent basis for future heritage tourism efforts, both on the local Preserve America community level and on the state level,” said William Macintire,

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Kylen Douglas poses with Franklin County High School FFA students in front of their Blue Ribbon winning display at the Kentucky State Fair. Congratulations to everyone for their hard work. Additional photos from the state fair can be found on page 3.



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Survey Coordinator with the Kentucky Heritage Council. “Results from surveys like this in Marion and Washington counties have been used for educational tours, festivals, brochures, and other tourism events.”

The data gathered from the survey will be incorporated into a Heritage Farmstead website, which will highlight the rural resources in both Franklin and Taylor Counties as well as information from past documentation efforts. Creating the new Heritage Farmstead website will provide a national and even international forum through which Kentucky’s historic agricultural resources can be understood and appreciated—far beyond the confines of the Commonwealth’s borders. It is hoped that students (of all ages and levels), Kentucky citizens, and people across the United States will be able to easily access information on Kentucky’s significant agricultural past. In addition, the electronic information will form a basis for state or local heritage tourism programs, such as local or regional driving tours; tourism brochures highlighting rural historic places; and or festivals in Preserve America communities focusing on Kentucky’s important agricultural resources.



For each historic resource identified in the new survey, exterior photographs will be taken and a survey form will be completed that includes information such as architectural style, dates of construction, materials, additions or alterations, special features and historic significance. All the collected information will be added to the Kentucky

Historic Resources Inventory at the Heritage Council office in Frankfort, as well as to the Heritage Farm website.

Being included in the survey does not mean that a building or structure will be listed in the National Register, nor does it convey any restrictions on the property. ☀



## WELCOME MARLENE!



Welcome to our new Staff Assistant Marlene Studler. Marlene comes to us from Lawrenceburg and will be answering your calls at the front desk at the Extension Office. Marlene will be joining our two other Staff Assistants, Debbie Bohrn and Gil Thurman. Be sure and say hello when you stop by the office.

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## FALL IS COMING

There’s a 90% of a frost here on October 24<sup>th</sup>, a freeze on November 3<sup>rd</sup> and a hard freeze on November 18<sup>th</sup>.





Above: Rachel Young, Hanna Robertson and Alexa Ferrell working on the Fruit and Vegetable Display at the state fair. The display won a Blue Ribbon.



Right: Ben Laslies' tractor on display. Ben won a Blue Ribbon.



Below: The Franklin County High School FFA Livestock Judging Team, Ryan Halligan, Devin Linney and Justin Akers.



## Faith Feeds— Harvesting for the Hungry

Faith Feeds, based in Lexington, is a cooperative association of individuals and faith communities who seek to assist in alleviating hunger in the Bluegrass. Recognizing both a need and an opportunity within the local food system, a group of gardeners, church members, and emergency food agency folk met to explore creative and effective ways to connect untapped local resources (space, volunteers, excess food) with those who could make good use of them (<http://faithfeedslex.org/about/>).

Kim Cowherd, our Horticulture Agent, had met Erica Horn of Faith Feeds earlier in the year and discussed trying to start something similar here in Franklin County. The opportunity arose when David Taylor, a local full-time farmer contacted me about some sweet corn of his. An August storm had blown down one of his patches that had already been picked over some. The damaged stalks would dry down quicker so time was running out to take advantage of what was left before the sugars turned to starch and it would lose its flavor. He gladly accepted the offer to let volunteers harvest what was left and donate their gleanings to the needy.

Kim quickly got back in touch with Erica who almost immediately had a group of volunteers assembled to strip the patch of the remaining Silver Queen. The end result was that over twenty folks were able to harvest almost 2,500lbs of sweet corn! The bounty was taken to the men's and women's shelters as well as the Soup Kitchen and God's Pantry where volunteers there shucked and prepared the some 3,000 ears providing a fresh, healthy food that otherwise would have been "lost" to the elements.

This proved to be a win-win situation. Thanks to the altruism of local volunteers, the farmer or gardener is not out any extra efforts, plus he or she will have a receipt since it is a tax-deductible donation to a charity. Local shelters and food pantries

receive a cornucopia of fresh healthy food. Sound like a good idea? Whether you have acres or just a small patch that you'd like to donate, give the office here a call or contact Erica Horn at 859-333-0247 ☀️



Over 25 volunteers helped glean about 2,500lbs of sweet corn for the needy from David Taylor's farm. The volunteers responded to the call by Faith Feeds and the Extension Office and included FUSION (UK students, faculty, and staff start off their school year in a positive way by serving for three hours at a local non-profit agency), local churches and Master gardeners.



## Supporting Organizations

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- Woodford Co. Cattlemen's Association
- Kentucky Forage & Grassland Council
- KY Department of Agriculture –
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### Directions:

From North:

- 1) Take I-75 South to I-64 West
  - 2) Take exit 65 for KY 341 (Midway/Versailles exit)
  - 3) Turn **left** off exit onto Georgetown Road
  - 4) Turn **right** onto East Leestown Road
  - 5) Turn **left** onto US 62 (Midway Road)
  - 6) Turn **right** into farm driveway after approx. 6 miles
- From Lexington:
- 1) Take Hwy 60 (Versailles Road) west
  - 2) Bear **right** on Hwy 60 (Versailles Bypass)
  - 3) Turn **right** onto Hwy 62 (Midway Road)
  - 4) Turn **left** into farm driveway after approx 1.3 miles



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## Kentucky Forage & Grassland Council Field Day

September 8, 2011  
4:00 p.m. - 8:15 p.m.



C. Oran Little Research Center  
1171 Midway Road (Hwy 62)  
Versailles, KY 40383



Hosted by:

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*1484 Acres, purchased in 1991, includes beef, swine, and sheep research facilities.*

*Previously known as the Woodford County Animal Research Unit, the farm was dedicated C. Oran Little Research Center June 7, 2011.*

*Little, former UK College of Agriculture Dean (1988-2000), directed the purchase and renovation of the farm that now bears his name.*



Above: Roy Smith, Ph.D., discusses alfalfa variety trials with participants at the Eden Shale Pasture Walk in June, 2011.

### GUIDED FARM TOURS

(4:15 - 5:15)

Take walking tour of UK Beef Unit and researchers highlight current experiments

- Recovery Time for Cattle after Grazing KY-31 Tall Fescue  
- Jessica Bussard and Jimmy Klotz, Ph.D.
- Other tour options may include receiving studies, etc.

### FIELD TOURS (5:30 - 7:15)

- “Options When Cattle are Pulled off Fescue in the Summer: Grazing Corn and Bermudagrass.”  
-Eric Vanzant, Ph.D.
- “Seedhead Suppression of Tall Fescue.”  
-Ben Goff and Glen Aiken, Ph.D.
- “Development of UK’s Own Novel Endophyte Varieties: KYFA9301 and KYFA9821.”  
-Tim Phillips, Ph.D.
- “Warm Season Annual Grasses: Opportunities and Limitations.”  
-Ray Smith, Ph.D.

### SCHEDULE

4:00 - 5:00 p.m.	Registration
4:15 - 5:15 p.m.	Guided Tours of UK Beef Research Unit
5:15 - 5:30 p.m.	Welcome and Introduction to Farm
5:30 - 5:35 p.m.	Load Wagons for Tour
5:35 - 5:55 p.m.	1 <sup>st</sup> Stop
6:00 - 6:05 p.m.	Travel
6:05 - 6:25 p.m.	2 <sup>nd</sup> Stop
6:25 - 6:30 p.m.	Travel
6:30 - 6:50 p.m.	3 <sup>rd</sup> Stop
6:50 - 6:55 p.m.	Travel
6:55 - 7:15 p.m.	4 <sup>th</sup> Stop
7:15 - 7:20 p.m.	Return from Tour
7:30 - 8:15 p.m.	Supper

Meal prepared by the  
Woodford County  
Cattlemen’s Association

# Land Extravaganza 2011!

Woods and Waters Land Trust will host the 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Land Extravaganza on Saturday, September 24 at Lee and Betty Troutwine's home on the banks of the Elkhorn Creek. The Extravaganza is a fundraiser for land protection in the lower Kentucky River watershed. This year's event promises to be unforgettable.

Come experience an idyllic location beside the Elkhorn Creek. Tour the beautiful stone walls on the property with master dry stone builder Lee Troutwine. We will have croquet and volleyball, canoes for anyone who wants to float in the creek, and an elegant dinner of locally-grown, locally-prepared food, including Peaks Mill Sourdough, made in Peaks Mill by Stone and Ember Bakery. Peaks Mill musicians will provide entertainment and there will be a talk about the history of Peaks Mill during dinner.

Advance ticket for this unique event are \$25 for adults/\$7 for children and can be purchased at the Tourism Commission, 100 Capital Ave., Frankfort. Or they may be purchased through PayPal. Visit <http://www.woodsandwatertrust.org/> for more info.

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## Free Soil Testing During September and October

Bring in this coupon, print one from our webpage, or stop by the Extension Office and pick up one. During September and October you can get up to FIVE free soil samples per address. That is a \$15.00 savings and you will be ahead of the game for Spring 2012. Beat the rush this Spring and get your soil tested today!

### FREE SOIL SAMPLE COUPON

**During the months of September & October**, we are offering FREE soil testing. By testing in the Fall, you will be ready to plant in the Spring. Eliminate those long waits to get your results. Test NOW! Compliments of the Franklin County Cooperative Extension Service. Bring this coupon in with your soil sample(s) and receive **free basic soil testing.**

Redeemable only at the FRANKLIN COUNTY COOPERATIVE EXTENSION SERVICE located at 101 Lakeview Court, Frankfort KY. (502) 695-9035

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***This coupon expires: October 31, 2011***



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## Franklin County Cattlemans Association Annual Member Meeting

Mark the evening of **October 13<sup>th</sup>** on your calendar for the Annual Membership meeting. Contact the office to let us know if you plan to attend so we can have a steak for you. Gregg Renthrow, UK Meat Specialist, will bring a side of beef and demonstrate the cuts and methods used to create the products that end up in your kitchen or on your grill. This is a very interesting and educational demonstration of what a butcher does. Learn where the different cuts come from and how the new cuts are created. Robert Frey, Frankfort Tractor Supply manager, will help sponsor the meal and be on hand to answer questions about the new store.

The Annual Meeting is a time to renew your membership and friendship with fellow cattlemen. The FCCA will also be voting on new board members. There are 2 vacancies. Terms are for 3 years. If you are interested in nominating yourself or someone you know for a position please contact the Extension Office or President Patrick Stone by October 12th. Current Board Members are Lona Brewer (Vice President), Judy Christian, Ricky Cornish, Stephen Hockensmith, Jim Morse (Treasurer), John Mucci\*, Roger Perkins, Kerry Redding, Thomas Roe\*, Patrick Stone (President) and Susan Wise.

\* indicates expiring term.

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