



# *Making a Difference*

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**Remember to vote  
November 4<sup>th</sup>! See  
you at the polls!**

## *From the President –*

Have you registered for the conference? I hope so! It is going to be another exciting event. I am looking forward to seeing old friends and meeting new ones. The “Taste” will be as enjoyable as last year. I am looking forward to the dinner at Holly Hill Inn. I have never been there but have heard so many good things about the restaurant.

I hope your fall is going well. I know here in Owensboro Hurricane Ike took its toll not only on the crop but on several homes and properties. Harvest will be a slow process around here. It seems from asking around we had some of the worst of it over my way.

I cannot believe it is fall and harvest time already. It is hard to think about pumpkins and falling leaves when it is still 90 degrees!

I look forward to seeing all of you at the conference and thank you for allowing me to serve as your president for the last 2 years.

*Jenny Inman*



## A Few Friendly Reminders...

If you are attending this year's conference (and I hope you are!), remember to bring...

- ✓ Your favorite photographs of KWIA members, funny farm escapades, farm work, produce, livestock, farmers markets, flowers, kids on the farm, farm scenes, Kentucky landscapes, etc. to the Conference Committee to show at this year's conference. Send photos to [info@kywomeninag.com](mailto:info@kywomeninag.com) by October 15.
- ✓ Your favorite family recipes along with a brief description or story of why it's a favorite (recipes that portray family traditions and Kentucky's heritage are especially needed) to the KWIA 2008 Conference to be included in the KY Women in Agriculture Cookbook. This cookbook will be used as a KWIA Fundraiser. For more information email [info@kywomeninag.com](mailto:info@kywomeninag.com).
- ✓ Items for the conference auction, door prizes, and goody bags. All items are greatly appreciated and welcome. For more information email [info@kywomeninag.com](mailto:info@kywomeninag.com).

## WOMEN IN AG LETS HEAR YOUR VOICE

Submitted by Alice Baesler, KWIA Member and Past President

We soon will experience a history making presidential election and its time to select who will be guiding our agricultural policies for the next 4 years. When making your selection check where your candidates stand on our agricultural issues such as,

1. Immigration issues that affect our farm labor supply
2. Support of buying locally
3. Biofuels and ethanol
4. Affordable health care for farm families
5. Controlling the high cost for inputs such as fertilizer, feed for animals and fuel
6. Property rights of the landowner



YOUR VOTE COUNTS! SEE YOU AT THE POLLS.

### KWIA Nomination Information

These women have been nominated to serve as KWIA Officers and Delegates for 2009-2010. Voting will take place during the KWIA conference, and the new officers and delegates will be announced during the District Networking Breakfast Session.

#### **Jenny Inman, President**

Jenny Inman currently serves as the President of KWIA. She has been on the Executive Board for 6 years serving as Secretary for one year and Vice-President 3 years before serving her first 2 year term as president. She is a marketing consultant and commodities broker with Commodity Marketing Services in Owensboro. Jenny has been with this group for newly 9 years working with farmers to find the best markets to move their grain products. She is a native of Daviess County where she lives with her husband Todd. She received her BS from Western Kentucky University in Agri-Business. She is a member of the National Alumni Board for WKU, on the advisory council for WKU-O, and serves as the Vice-chair of the Owensboro Daviess County Conventions and Visitors Bureau. In her free time she enjoys working out, boating, and watching sports. Jenny is very honored to be nominated for a second term as President and looks forward to being a part of the continued success of KWIA.

#### **Duties of the President**

- Preside at all general membership and board meetings and perform the duties of Chief Executive Officer.
- Insure that the Constitution and Bylaws are executed by everyone concerned and that all officers of the Organization properly discharge their duties.
- Call special meetings at the request of the Board of Directors.
- Serve as a co-signer for all accounts.
- Appoint committees as needed.
- Serve as the designated representative of the organization.
- Chair the Executive Committee.
- Serve as an ex-officio member of all committees.

*Nomination information continued...*

**Sharon Furches, Secretary**

Sharon is the co-owner and office manager of Furches Farms Partnership with her husband, Tripp. The operation, just West of Murray in Calloway Co., consists of 4500 acres of white corn, soybeans, and wheat, along with a trucking and grain handling business, all started by Tripp's father in 1945!

Sharon and Tripp have two children. Daughter Janna lives in Paducah with her husband Jon, and son Bryan lives in Shelbyville with wife Melanie.

Sharon is also active in the KY Farm Bureau and many church and civic activities. She has served on KARDA since 1996, the Murray-Calloway Co. Hospital Board of Trustees since 2002, and the KY State Parks Foundation since 2007.

Sharon says "I have really enjoyed being involved in KWIA since its beginning and serving as Secretary for the past three years. I am very proud of our mission – to empower women through education, involvement, and action".

**Duties of the Secretary**

- Conduct the correspondence of the organization and keep account of the same.
- Keep minutes of all meetings and distribute prior to the next meeting.
- Maintain the books and papers relating to the office of Secretary.
- Issue all notices of meetings.

**Sandra Gardner, Reporter**

Sandra Pyles Gardner is a 1994 graduate of the University of Kentucky with a B.S. in biology and a minor in agriculture. After five years as a research/administrative assistant at UK's Agricultural Economics Department in risk management and agricultural policy, Sandy joined the Governor's Office of Agricultural Policy in 2001.

Sandy is currently Special Projects Coordinator for the Governor's Office of Agricultural Policy. As Special Projects Coordinator, Sandy works on particular projects in three areas: Kentucky Agricultural Finance Corporation, communications, and compliance. Prior to this appointment, Sandy coordinated the Certified Roadside Farm Market program as Director of Commodity Marketing for Kentucky Farm Bureau.

Sandy is the oldest of five children and grew up on and around her grandparents' farms in Shelby County where tobacco, beef & dairy cattle, hay, and corn were raised. Currently Sandy and her husband, Travis, farm over 100 acres of corn and soybeans in LaRue County and look forward to being able to move to the farm in the future. Sandy currently resides in Anderson County with her husband, Travis, and two children, Tyler (7) and Shelby Lynn (3).

**Duties of the Reporter**

- Serve as editor for the KWIA quarterly newsletter.
- Coordinate printing and mailing of quarterly newsletters.
- Work with the website manager to update and maintain the organization's website.
- Prepare and distribute press releases as requested by the Board of Directors.
- Preside over meetings in the absence of the President and Vice-President.

*Nomination information continued...*

**Pam Pilgrim, District 2 Delegate**

Pam Pilgrim has been the District 2 Delegate since January 2007. A bio will be provided at the conference with more information about Pam.

*District 2 - Bell, Breathitt, Clay, Harlan, Jackson, Knott, Knox, Laurel, Lee, Leslie, Letcher, Owsley, Perry, Rockcastle, Whitley and Wolfe.*

**Mattie Clay, District 4 Delegate**

Mattie Clay and her husband have been farming in Franklin Co. for over 17 years as the only African American farmers in the area. She has been a member of KWIA for 7 of those years and was fondly nicknamed "The Mouth". She enjoys growing herbs and veggies, as well as helping the Franklin Co. Senior Citizens group.

**Duties of District Delegates:**

- Represent the members from their respective district.
- Serve as point of contact for recruitment of new members within their given district.
- Serve as Chair or Co-Chair of a KWIA committee.

*District 4 – Anderson, Bourbon, Boyle, Clark, Estill, Fayette, Franklin, Garrard, Harrison, Jessamine, Lincoln, Madison, Mercer, Nicholas, Powell, Scott and Woodford.*

**Linda Dickerson, District 6 Delegate**

Linda is extremely dedicated to her family and the education/promotion of agriculture. She is very involved in several organizations, including the Farm Bureau (as a writer and assistant with the Outstanding Youth program), the Bowling Green Area Agri-Business Committee (as a planning committee member for November Coffee Hour), and as 1<sup>st</sup> Alternate for the Warren County Farm Service Agency. She is also the VP of the BG/Warren Co. Planning & Zoning, President of the District 6 4-H Council and of Warren County 4-H Council, and has been active in the KY Partnership for Farm Family Home & Health Organization for 9 years. Linda lives in Woodburn, KY.

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*District 6 – Allen, Barren, Butler, Daviess, Edmonson, Hancock, Hart, Henderson, Logan, McLean, Metcalfe, Monroe, Ohio, Simpson, Union, Warren and Webster.*

## 2008 KWIA Conference Information

*Empowering Our Me* Kentucky Women in Agriculture District Map *ion* is the theme for the 9<sup>th</sup> Kentucky Women in Agriculture Conference. The schedule is outlined below, including descriptions of our three pre-conference workshops. For additional information, email [info@kywomeninag.com](mailto:info@kywomeninag.com) or call 1-877-266-8823. All registrations must be postmarked by October 20, 2008.

### October 29, 2008

7:30 a.m. – General Conference Registration

8:15 a.m. – Pre-Conference Workshops  
(Pre-Registration required)

5:00 p.m. – Dinner at Holly Hill Inn  
(Pre-Registration required)

2 p.m. – Concurrent Sessions (3 tracks)  
*Education:* Basics of Farm  
Recordkeeping

*Involvement:* Local to National  
Involvement; and Task Force on the  
Future of Agriculture:  
Strategic Plan Update

*Action:* Farm Bill Update and  
Legislative Update

### October 30, 2008

8 a.m. – Breakfast

8 a.m. – General Conference Registration

9 a.m. – KWIA Business Meeting

9:45 a.m. – Conference Opening Session  
Keynote Speaker – First Lady Jane  
Beshear

11:15 a.m. – Concurrent Session (3 tracks)  
*Education:* Getting Online

*Involvement:* Commission on Women

*Action:* One Voice Does Matter

12:30 p.m. – Luncheon featuring  
Performance by Greg Hardison:  
*Tobacco's Tale*

4 p.m. – Outreach Forum: Program  
Availability for Minorities and  
Women

6:00 p.m. – Taste of KY Proud Reception

### October 31, 2008

7:00 a.m. – General Conference Registration

7:30 a.m. – District Networking  
Breakfast/Session

Motivating Membership - What  
Works?

Installation of New Board Members

9:45 a.m. – Roundtable Discussions

11 a.m. – Closing Session

#### *Roundtable Presentations*

Goat and Sheep Production and Marketing  
USDA Programs

Organic and Sustainable Agriculture  
Year Round Greenhouse Techniques

Kentucky Proud Program

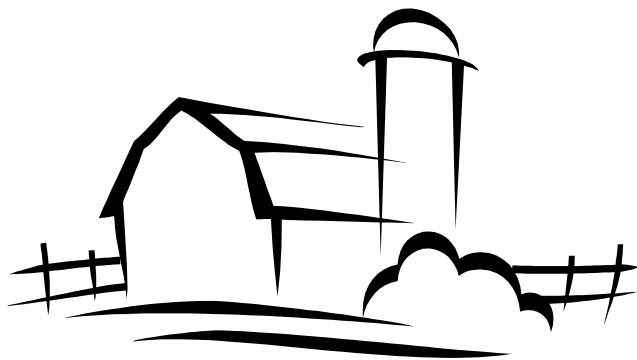
Energy Conservation for Small Farmers

Agriculture Education

Pastured Poultry

Agriculture Tourism

Farm Labor Issues



## Pre-Conference Workshops

### *Unbridled Bluegrass Tour*

Enjoy a full day experiencing Kentucky's Unbridled Bluegrass! The bus will depart the hotel at 7:30 a.m. for Keeneland where participants will enjoy a full breakfast at Keeneland's track kitchen. After breakfast, participants will experience the beauty and history of Keeneland with a tour led by a member of the Keeneland staff. After a stop at the Keeneland Gift Shop participants will board the bus and depart for the Kentucky State University Research Farm to learn about sustainable and small scale agriculture initiatives (including goats, pastured poultry, high tunnels, mobile processing, Third Thursday, and more). Lunch will be provided by KSU. After lunch, participants will visit Happy Jack Pumpkin U-Pick Farm, a major produce and agritourism enterprise transformed from a former tobacco farm. From Happy Jack's, the bus will depart and venture to Midway to shop and learn about the various value-added enterprises and how they use Kentucky products in their businesses. From Midway the bus will return to the hotel. Registration fee is \$25 and includes transportation, breakfast, and lunch. Advance registration is required and limited to the first 40 registrants. A big thanks to KSU for sponsoring lunch and UK for sponsoring transportation!

### *Annie's Project: Retirement and Estate Planning*

Annie's Project is a risk management education program for farmwomen. The first Annie's Project in Kentucky was held during the winter of 2007, since this time, over 200 women have completed the 6-week program. The educational component of the program targets five areas of risk management including human resources risk, legal risk, production risk, financial risk, and market risk. Nine locations of Annie's Project will be offered across the state in 2008/2009. However, you can join us for an Annie's Project Short-Course on Wednesday, October 29<sup>th</sup>, 2008 as part of the 2008 KWIA Conference. The short-course will focus primarily on management skills, retirement, estate planning, and developing a business plan. The cost of the program is \$25 which will include the FinPak Business Plan Software and lunch. The program will begin at 9:00 a.m. and conclude at 4:00. For more information, contact Jennifer Hunter, (859) 257-7272 X 246 or email [jhunter@uky.edu](mailto:jhunter@uky.edu). Advance registration is required and limited to the first 20 registrants.

### *Homebased Microprocessor Workshop*

This workshop is designed to provide information concerning food safety, sanitation & home canning procedures. This workshop is required for Homebased Microprocessor certification. The registration fee is \$50 & includes lunch. Advance registration is required. Please note: all participants attending the Homebased Microprocessor Workshop must register online at [www.ca.uky.edu/agc/micro/](http://www.ca.uky.edu/agc/micro/). Registration form and fee information provided at website. Pre-registration and payment is required for attendance.



## Hotel Information

The conference will be held at the Crowne Plaza ~ Campbell House in Lexington, Kentucky. Conveniently located just off South Broadway, the Crowne Plaza is within minutes of entertainment, shopping and a multitude of restaurants. To make reservations, please call (859)-255-4281 or toll free 1-877-2-CROWNE. Request the Kentucky Women in Agriculture Conference Rate - \$93.00 per night for standard rooms. This rate applies to up to 4 people per room. **Please make your reservations before October 13 to receive our special conference rate.** Parking is complimentary. Additional information about the hotel is available on-line at: [www.crowneplaza.com](http://www.crowneplaza.com).

# Calendar of Events

## October – All month

*Children's Environmental Health Month*

For information visit

[www.ca.uky.edu/enri/ceh](http://www.ca.uky.edu/enri/ceh).

## October 1-3

*Equine Abuse Investigation Training Seminar*

This course, which investigates equine abuse and neglect, is offered by the Kentucky Horse Council (KHC) in cooperation with Morehead State University (MSU). The class is part of the KHC horse welfare program and is designed for animal control officers, sheriffs, and other Kentucky law enforcement officials involved in investigating and prosecuting equine neglect and abuse. Contact: Essie Rogers with the Kentucky Horse Council 866.634.0030/[erogers@kentuckyhorse.org](mailto:erogers@kentuckyhorse.org) or go to [www.kentuckyhorse.org](http://www.kentuckyhorse.org) for more information.

## October 3

*The 2008 Cow/Calf Conference*

Western KY University L.D. Brown Agriculture Exposition Center, Bowling Green, KY

For more information or to register visit

[www.dicksoncountyag.com](http://www.dicksoncountyag.com).

## October 16

*5<sup>th</sup> District Kentucky Farm Bureau Outstanding Youth and Variety Contest*

Spencer County Christian Church, Fisherville, KY

The event will be held at the Spencer Christian Church at 5720 Taylorsville Road, Fisherville, KY. Interviews start at 4:30 and dinner will begin at 6:30. For information, call Michelle Armstrong at 502-477-2363 or email [Makarmtrong@agristar.net](mailto:Makarmtrong@agristar.net).

## October 21

*2nd Annual Kentucky Farm Women Field Day*

Hughes Cattle Company, Hiseville, Kentucky

The field day will begin at 4:00 pm CT at Mark Hughes of Hughes Cattle Company near Hiseville, Kentucky. All Kentucky farm ladies are invited to enjoy an afternoon with educational sessions and a free dinner featuring rib eye sandwiches. Sponsors are KY Department of Agriculture, KY Farm Bureau, KY Women in Agriculture, Inc., Governor's Office of Agricultural Policy, and Hartland Equipment. Please RSVP by calling Jean Marie Weis at 502-239-8484.

## October 22-25

*National FFA Convention*

For information visit <http://www.ffa.org/>.

## October 25

*Kentucky Sheep and Wool Producers Association and Kentucky Goat Producers Association Joint Annual Meeting*

Muhlenburg County Agriculture and Convention Center, Powderly, KY

For more information contact the Kentucky Sheep and Goat Development Office at [info@kysheepandgoat.org](mailto:info@kysheepandgoat.org) or call 502-352-2434.

## October 25 - 26

*Bluegrass Green Living and Energy Expo*

Heritage Hall, Lexington, KY

For information visit

<http://www.bluegrassenergyexpo.org/>.

## October 29-31

*9th Annual Kentucky Women in Agriculture Conference*

Crowne Plaza Hotel, Lexington, KY

For information visit [www.kywomeninag.org](http://www.kywomeninag.org) or call 1-877-266-8823.

## November 8-21

*North American International Livestock Exposition*

Kentucky Exposition Center, Louisville, KY

## November 13-14

*Kentucky Direct Marketing Conference*

For information contact Kristen Branscum at (502) 564-4983.

## November 15

*America Recycles Day*

For information visit

[www.ca.uky.edu/enri/ard/](http://www.ca.uky.edu/enri/ard/).

## January 12

*Kentucky Landscape Industries Winter Conference and Kentucky Certified Nurseryman's Exam*

Kentucky Exposition Center, Louisville, KY

For information contact Betsie Taylor at 800-735-9791 or [knla@mis.net](mailto:knla@mis.net), or visit [www.knla.org](http://www.knla.org)

## January 13-14

*Mid-States Horticultural Expo*

Kentucky Exposition Center (North Wing), Louisville, KY

For booth information contact Louree Walker 931-473-3951 or [louree@tnla.com](mailto:louree@tnla.com). For advertising information contact Betsie Taylor at 800-735-9791 or [knla@mis.net](mailto:knla@mis.net), or visit [www.mshe.org](http://www.mshe.org).

## January 15

*Governor's Office of Agricultural Policy Annual Meeting*  
Lexington Center, Lexington, KY

The Kentucky Agricultural Development Board and the Kentucky Agricultural Finance Corporation would like you to join them at the Governor's Office of Agricultural Policy Annual Meeting. More information to come.

## February 11-14

*National Farm*

*Machinery Show & Championship Tractor Pull*

Kentucky Exposition Center, Louisville, KY



**9<sup>th</sup> Kentucky Women in Agriculture Conference**  
***Empowering Our Membership ~ Education-Involvement-Action***

Registration Form (page 1 of 2)

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Fax: \_\_\_\_\_

E-Mail: \_\_\_\_\_ County of Residence: \_\_\_\_\_

**Pre-Conference Workshops/Tours:**

I plan to participate in the following activities:

**Wednesday, October 29:**

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Unbridled Bluegrass Tour  
(Wed., 8:15 a.m. – 4:45 p.m. EST)  
**Limit: 40**  
*Registration fee \$25 (includes transportation, full breakfast, and lunch)*

Annie's Project: Retirement and Estate Planning  
(Wed., 8:15 a.m. – 4 p.m. EST)  
**Limit: 20**  
*Registration fee \$25 (includes FinPak Business Plan Software and lunch)*

Holly Hill Inn Dinner  
(Wed., 5 p.m. – 6:30 p.m. EST)  
Participants are responsible for transportation and cost of meal.

**Lodging Plans:** I plan to:  stay on-site at the Crowne Plaza Hotel  commute to the hotel

VISIT [WWW.KYWOMENINAG.COM](http://WWW.KYWOMENINAG.COM)  
FOR CONFERENCE UPDATES!



**Registration Fees:**

*(Check all that apply and total)*

A limited number of scholarships are available. To apply, contact Jenny Inman (jennysinman@yahoo.com) or download the scholarship form from our Web site at [www.kywomeninag.com](http://www.kywomeninag.com). Scholarship applications will be accepted until October 1.

\_\_\_ Registration fee \$75 \_\_\_\_\_  
(Includes 2009 KWIA membership dues, continental breakfast, lunch and Taste of KY Proud Reception on Thursday, and breakfast on Friday.)

\_\_\_ Student Registration fee \$65 \_\_\_\_\_  
(Includes 2009 KWIA membership dues, continental breakfast, lunch and Taste of KY Proud Reception on Thursday, and breakfast on Friday.)

\_\_\_ October 29 Unbridled Bluegrass Tour \$25 \_\_\_\_\_  
(Includes transportation, breakfast, and lunch)

\_\_\_ October 29 Annie's Project Workshop \$25 \_\_\_\_\_  
(Includes lunch and software)

\_\_\_ Guest tickets for the Thursday evening Taste of KY Proud Reception (\$10 each for KWIA members and \$15 each for non-members) \_\_\_\_\_

*Please add a \$10.00 late registration fee for forms postmarked after October 8, 2007.* \_\_\_\_\_  
*All registration forms must be postmarked by October 20, 2008.*

TOTAL \_\_\_\_\_

**Membership Dues:**

Conference attendees are not required to pay 2009 membership dues. If you are a paying conference attendee you automatically are considered a KY Women in Agriculture member for 2009. Please fill in the needed information below.

\_\_\_ Regular membership  new  renewal      \_\_\_ Full-time student membership  new  renewal

I prefer to receive my quarterly newsletter via:     Standard Mail     Email

If not attending the conference you may submit your new or renewal membership on this form and mail to address below.

\_\_\_ Regular membership \$25 [ new  renewal]    \_\_\_ Full-time student membership \$10 [ new  renewal]

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Make checks\* payable to Kentucky Women in Agriculture, Inc. All registrations must be received by October 1, 2008. Mail to Sharon Furches (address below).

**Mail to:**

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c/o Sharon Furches/Registration  
Furches Farms PTN  
3390 State Route 94W  
Murray, KY 42071

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***Pre-registration is required, and registration is limited.***  
***No registrations accepted at the door.***