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## TOBACCO

### Market questions overhang improved political outlook

The political outlook for tobacco has taken a remarkable upturn over the past 60 days, on the heels of favorable court rulings and a stalemate in Congress.

But the improvements on the policy side now may take a back seat to concerns about the commodity's commercial prospects, as farmers continue to harvest a crop that may be more than buyers need.

On the plus side, two recent court victories have given an enormous boost to the morale of tobacco partisans. Within weeks of each other, federal judges in separate cases invalidated the Food and Drug Administration's attempt to regulate tobacco, and threw out the Environmental Protection Agency's classification of secondhand smoke as a Class 1 carcinogen.

The FDA ruling, probably the anti-tobacco lobby's most serious setback in years, threw out the agency's attempt to regulate nicot-

tine content of cigarettes and chewing tobacco, restrict the industry's advertising and extract huge sums of money from manufacturers to fund ambitious anti-smoking campaigns.

The secondhand smoke decision, though more lightly reported in the media, was significant for the braking effect it had on the government's attempts to virtually ban indoor smoking.

There the court said that EPA had jury-rigged its research, throwing out findings that contradicted its anti-smoking bias and lowered its own standard of proof to validate its classification decision.

The effects of the rulings, says Kentucky Farm Bureau national affairs director Tim Cansler, were to substantially deflate and unhinge the anti-tobacco momentum that seemed so strong at the midpoint of the summer.

Now, the attention of tobacco



UK Wildcat football coach Hal Mumme and Farm Bureau President Bill Sprague pose with the team for a picture that adorns a new full color poster, sponsored by Farm Bureau and distributed through county offices, at the UK-IU game and at Farm Bureau events this month.

### Birthday party keys day at fair

The question came up: what to do on the 40th birthday of the Kentucky State Fair's most famous personality, Freddy Farm Bureau?

The answer was in the form of a Farm Bureau Day birthday party, featuring balloons, a decorated cake with cupcakes for the kids, celebrity guests and all.

Freddy, the 13-foot-tall official greeter of the fair, has welcomed visitors from his perch in front of Freedom Hall since 1958.

This year, no lesser notables than Farm Bureau CEO David Beck, Lt. Gov. Steve Henry and State Fair Board member Mary Kate Gatton showered Freddy with praise and honors.

Gatton presented him with a

poster declaring Freddy the "Lifetime Blue Ribbon Winner" of the state fair.

Freddy's party came just after the 35th Kentucky Country Ham Breakfast and auction for the Grand Champion Country Ham.

This year, Maggie Hitron again demonstrated her persistence as a bidder when she submitted the winning bid of \$47,700 for the Dulin ham, from Christian County.

More than 1,700 gathered for the event, which saw the final head-table appearance at the breakfast for retiring Sen. Wendell Ford. Ford got a standing ovation following his farewell remarks.

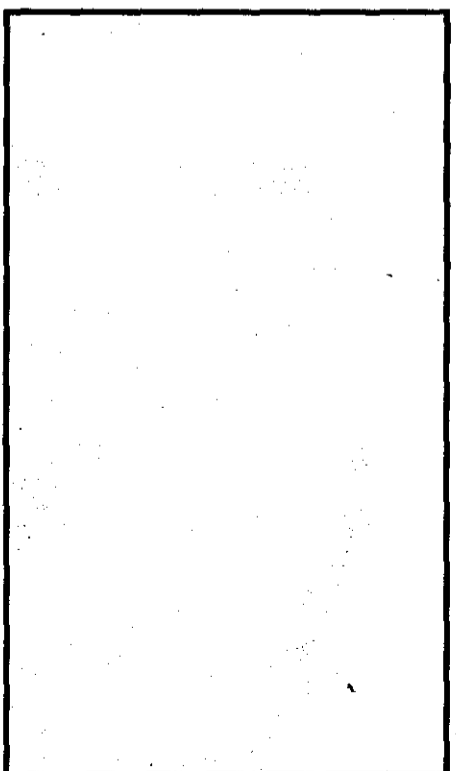
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growers turns to completing the harvest and preparing the crop for what many see as an uncertain market climate.

University of Kentucky economist Will Snell has warned growers that manufacturers are unlikely to buy all the 700 to 750 million pound burley crop. And he's projecting a large inflow of unsold burley to the pool, and resulting reductions in quota for next year.

In one set of scenarios, Snell says the pool take could range from a low of 150 million pounds to a high of 250 million pounds. Depending on the actual crop size, that level of surplus could foretell a minimum reduction of 20 per cent in next year's basic burley quota. Or that quota cut could amount to 40 per cent or more, based on how much the companies cut their purchases.

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# County leaders are source of pride

*"I think the purpose of life is to be happy, to be useful, to be responsible, to be honorable, to be compassionate. It is, above all, to matter, to count, to stand for something, to have made some difference that you lived at all."*

Leo Rosten  
American Author

If you have picked up a newspaper or tuned in to your car radio in the past few months you definitely have heard about the leadership crisis facing America. It seems that many of our elected leaders are not honorable people, and the public feels extremely frustrated with the idea of placing trust in others.

Being scornful of those in leadership positions who betray us is justifiable, but we must remember that not all who accept the mantle of leadership are destined to disappoint. Kentucky Farm Bureau has a field full of local leaders whom you know to be decent and responsible men and women, and we value each for their contributions to our lives.

Just what makes these county Farm Bureau leaders so important to us all? I believe it is because they embody the principle which defines service to others, and they all serve as volunteers – without compensation. There is no money in being a county Farm Bureau officer or board member; just hard work and the satisfaction that they have been useful, have counted for something and that they have made some difference in the lives of their fellow

## KENTUCKY grassroots

William R. Sprague

President

Kentucky Farm Bureau



farmers.

All around Kentucky we find people like this to serve – in 120 counties we proudly elect our neighbors to work for us, not just themselves, and this grass roots system protects the interests of all.

Let me tell you of the qualities which we find in our county leaders and suggest that their attributes should serve as a model for all elected leadership in this nation.

• **Trustworthy** – Our leaders believe that their word is their bond. When they accept a leadership position they are more concerned with shouldering responsibility than receiving honors. They will put honesty and trust above all else and realize that integrity is the basis for any attempts they make to influence others.

• **Diligent** – Farm leaders understand well the value of hard work and dedication to the task at hand. It is not easy to speak up on issues like property rights, environmental concerns, or the benefits of animal agriculture; but our

county leaders do not shy away from their dedication to improving farm income and quality of life for rural people.

• **Visionary** – A farmer must look beyond the present to see what potential the future holds for him. Our county leaders are individuals with imagination, initiative and fresh ideas. A Biblical warning asserts that, "Where there is no vision, the people perish." Not so with grass roots people accustomed to looking for new survival techniques in an industry fraught with adversity. Looking ahead and adapting are second nature to our farm leadership.

• **Encouraging** – Finding ways to keep others going when the going is tough is always on the mind of good county leaders. Farmers are eternal optimists as evidenced by their commitment to each new planting season, and their desire to stay in the game is unparalleled by other industries. A spirit of encouragement and acceptance of others infuses their relationships with their friends and neighbors. Don't you find your

local Farm Bureau people to be positive and enthusiastic most of the time?

• **Courageous** – Farm leaders are not afraid to take a stand when they believe that right is on their side. Even in the midst of conflict and criticism they will represent strength and confidence when necessary. With dwindling farm population numbers they realize that the masses may differ with their views; but they believe in the words of Andrew Jackson who said that "One man with courage makes a majority." They are able to stand both under adversity and praise.

• **Resourceful** – The county leaders in Farm Bureau never lose their hunger for learning new ways to solve problems. Maybe it is because farming requires such resourcefulness that our people seem to be so adaptable, but we do see this quality as a plus for moving our organization forward at the local level. Problem-solving skills are highly valued traits in our society.

All of you Farm Bureau members – almost 400,000 of you – should be grateful for the leadership exhibited in your own county. Whether large in numbers, or little by name, each county member is served effectively by volunteers who are happy to be useful to you. These unselfish leaders are honorable men and women who want to count for something in improving your life and theirs.

Why not say thank you the next time you see one of these fine people.

## Birthday party, ham auction draw crowds

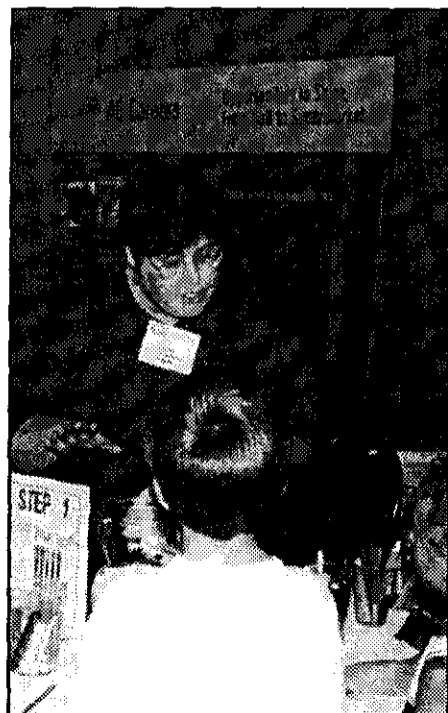
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Seventeen of the state's best gospel singing groups competed for the title of State Champion at the Gospel Quartet Contest that day.

Surviving the competition was blue-ribbon winner The Childress Family, from Madisonville. Placing second was the Stone Ridge Quartet from Louisville, and third-place winner was Encore, from Frankfort.

A Green County promotional display won Best Exhibit Award at the Pride of the Counties show, sponsored during the fair by Farm Bureau Insurance.

A total of 36 exhibits were featured at this year's Pride expo, showcasing local tourism attractions, industries, crafts, historic sites and distinctive foods and fes-



Faye Lowe greets visitors to an interactive State Fair exhibit.

tivals.

Farm Bureau Insurance also took part in the State Fair Sale of Champions auction, purchasing the Reserve Champion Steer in tandem with the Kentucky

Cattlemen's Association.

Price for the animal was \$15,000, with proceeds split between the exhibitor, Kelly Clark of Jessamine County, and the 4-H and FFA organizations.

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# Farm Bureau Bank to open in '99

A new Farm Bureau banking service is on its way to Kentucky, offering credit and debit cards, as well as checking and savings accounts for Farm Bureau members.

The Farm Bureau Bank is expected to begin operation in Kentucky and 38 other states as early as January.

The banking service will be offered as a member service to county Farm Bureaus across the state. The bank would be officed in county Farm Bureau facilities, once the service is approved by the local FB leadership.

Eventually, the bank would expand its services, offering loans and investment options to patrons.

Kentucky Farm Bureau Executive Vice President David S. Beck says the new bank is a logical next step for the soon-to-be 400,000-member organization.

"We see the banking service dovetailing naturally with our existing insurance services," Beck said. "Farm Bureau leadership across the country has committed the resources necessary to launch the bank and assure a strong start with aggressive growth potential."

Kentucky Farm Bureau President Bill Sprague said the new bank will add value to Farm Bureau membership and said its product lines will be particularly attractive to those living in rural areas of the state.

"A large percentage of our members live in non-urban areas, currently underserved by the banking

industry," Sprague noted. "The new bank will increase their access to banking services that our members have long needed."

Thirty-nine state Farm Bureau federations and 19 Farm Bureau insurance companies have joined to capitalize the \$60 million initial investment to launch the new bank.

Kentucky's federation and insurance service have combined to provide a share of the start-up capital, and the state will be represented on the Board of Directors of the bank.

Twenty-one of the board's 24 directors will be state Farm Bureau presidents, ensuring that the bank will retain member service as its primary emphasis.

Initially, most transactions with local offices of the Farm Bureau bank may be by mail or wire transfer. But officials plan to move quickly to install automated teller machines and other technological innovations for patrons' convenience.

Beck, who has been closely involved in the planning for the bank's start-up, says that new banking products will be brought on line as quickly as possible.

Future products will likely include lines of credit, home equity and educational loans, ag leases, trust services and Individual Retirement Accounts.

"Farm Bureau's leadership and management plan to move quickly on this banking venture, but they also will manage the growth in the

correct way," Beck said.

"Kentucky's business climate is changing rapidly, and Farm Bureau is committed to an expanded level of service for its

members.

"We will offer quality banking products at competitive rates, providing that much-needed financial edge for our members."



This county FB office staff was among those reaching membership quota early this year. Wayne County - Tracy Decker, Dan Vickery, Brenda Carroll, and Jennifer Neal.

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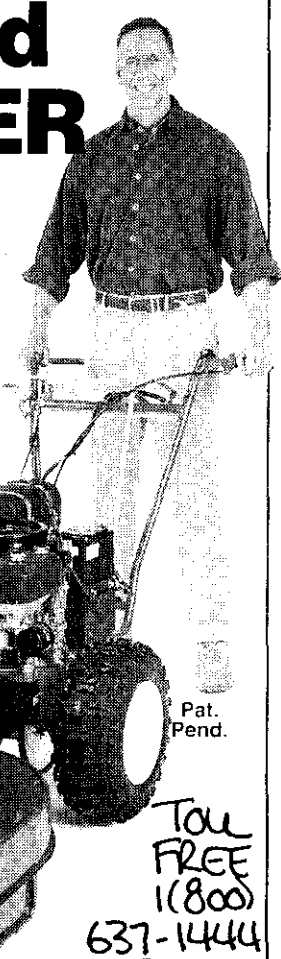
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# Farm Safety Week theme is precise

**"Precision Farming Includes Safety and Health"** is the theme of the 1998 National Farm Safety and Health Week - our 55th year focusing on safety and health on the farm.

From September 20-26, and the rest of the year for that matter, Farm Bureau will be working to remind farmers that to be proactive in the area of precision farming, safety and health must be included as a management decision.

Safety and health in precision

farming simply refers to providing farmers with more information about their operations that they can use to gain more control over the farm or ranch profitability.

This information can include such things as injuries, illnesses, close calls, hazards, importance of safety devices, safe work practices, personal protective equipment and more.

Although the theme of this year's observance focuses on the economic toll resulting from unintentional injuries and deaths on

the farm, a far more tragic side affects farmers and their families every day of the year.

Over 700 lives were lost and over 150,000 people were severely injured in farm-related activities last year alone. Safety and health education plays a vital role in reducing fatalities and injuries on the farm.

Take note of the following brief reminders about hazards associated with farm life, and how to reduce the likelihood of death or injury:

**Older tractors** - The operation of a tractor equipped with a Rollover Protective Structure (ROPS) and the use of a seat belt are considered to be 99 percent effective in preventing death due to tractor rollovers.

Major tractor manufacturers have special programs so a ROPS can be obtained for most tractors manufactured since 1970. Contact your local farm equipment dealer today for information on a ROPS for your tractor.

**Harvest highways** - Country roads can be beautiful during the fall, but always be on the lookout for farm vehicles. Farmers must transport grain and other harvest equipment to and from fields. Sometimes it's "slow going," which can be frustrating to both farmers and motorists who share the roads.

Use understanding when you come upon farm vehicles. Slow down, be ready to react and wait until it is safe to pass.

**Chemicals and kids** - Chemicals and kids are a deadly combination. Keep pesticides and other toxins away from youngsters.

Remind them that chemical storage areas are "off limits" and not play areas. And, after using toxic chemicals, immediately clean and dispose of the containers. Remember... a poisoning can occur in the time it takes to turn your back.

**Extra riders** - Parents, say "no" to children from being an extra rider on farm tractors. Children and adults riding along on a tractor can be severely injured or killed if they fall off the tractor.

Say "no" extra riders and "yes" to a safe future.

**The PTO** - Has your PTO-driven equipment ever broken down? Many farm workers can answer "yes."

Unfortunately, many also admit they've been too close to an operating PTO.

This could cause their clothes to wrap around the shaft. A few lucky victims had their garments torn away. Others suffer serious injury and even death.

**The heat** - When the weather turns hot, many farmers run the risk of heat exhaustion and an increased risk of unintentional injury. Get extra rest when the heat is on. After eating lunch, take time to relax.

Drink plenty of non-alcoholic fluids to keep fatigue in check. Follow these guidelines to stay safe and healthy.



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# Hog regs set for fifth hearing

Frankfort's latest version of hog regulations goes up for review at Lake Barkley State Park Sept. 21, the fifth public hearing in the past year to deal with the controversial topic.

But this newest set of rules governing large-scale swine farms is, in many ways, worse for farmers than the previous seven or eight models, says Kentucky Farm Bureau Public Affairs Director Ronny Pryor.

"We plan to go to this hearing with the same message we've

taken to the others," Pryor said. "We favor the adoption of reasonable and balanced statewide regulations covering hog production.

"But these regs do little to protect the environment, they simply place hardships on hard-working family farmers for the sake of placating bureaucrats and politicians."

Pryor said the regs place unreasonable restrictions on the land application of manure, and set unyielding limits on expansion for many existing farms.

"These regs are written in such a way that a producer could be in violation if his sows produce more pigs per litter this year than they did last year," Pryor noted. "There has to be some reasonableness applied instead of the arbitrary approach that Frankfort is using."

Pryor said Farm Bureau continues to oppose a provision setting joint liability for contract producers and processors. He said farmers are much more likely to operate in a responsible manner if they are the ones to be held account-

able.

"If that accountability shifts to the home office of the contracting firm, will that farmer be as alert to environmental risks?" Pryor asked. "It is possible he might not be."

Kentucky Farm Bureau President Bill Sprague has said the liability provisions could discourage contractors from operating in Kentucky, denying farmers the option of contract growing.

The manure application restrictions continue to be a contested issue between producers and regulators. The new rules force farmers to avoid manure spreading for several hundred feet adjacent to property lines and other boundaries.

"Applying animal waste to crops is a practice as old as agriculture itself," Pryor noted. "Natural fertilization goes to the very heart of organic agriculture. This policy would unnecessarily impede organic food production, which is a highly viable niche industry in Kentucky."

Pryor noted that low hog prices are combining with environmental restrictions to chase farmers out of the hog business in the state.

Currently, some 560,000 hogs are produced in Kentucky, less than half the number from 10 years ago and only about one-third the production in the mid-1950's.

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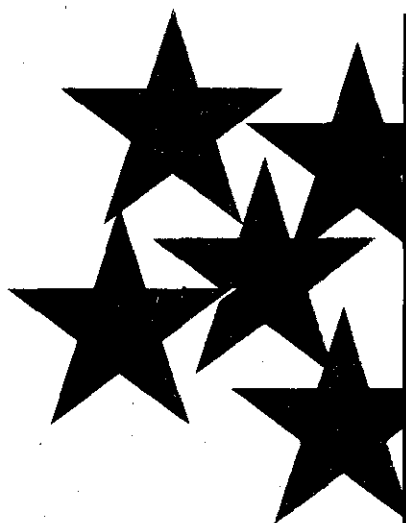
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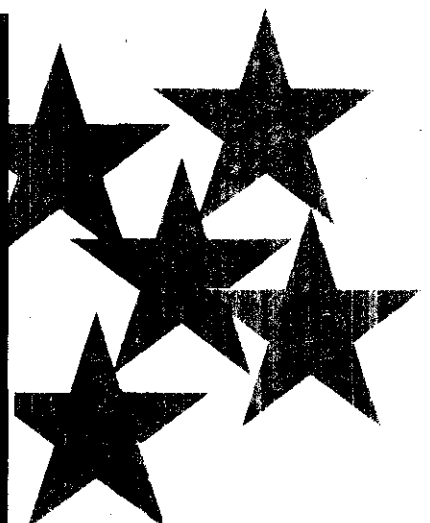
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One of the most important functions of Farm Bureau is to provide its members with the information necessary to make informed decisions on whom to choose as their political leaders. While Farm Bureau does not endorse political candidates, it makes a concerted effort to inform voters about the candidates and their positions on the issues of interest to Farm Bureau.

This 1998 Election Directory is intended to provide an overview of the November 3 general election. To be sure, there's much at stake as Kentuckians make their choices for one of our two United States Senators, all members of both the U.S. and Kentucky House of Representatives and half of the state Senate.

This special eight-page pull-out section provides a handy reference guide for the 400,000 subscribers to "All Around Kentucky." This is part of a comprehensive political education program that also includes "Measure the Candidate" meetings, get out the vote, voter registration drives and various political surveys.

Farm Bureau believes that it's not only important to exercise your right to vote, but it's equally important to make an informed decision. Indeed, if Farm Bureau is to strengthen its role as the "Voice of Agriculture," it must continue to take an active role in determining who will lead our local, state and federal governments.

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#### A Message from Kentucky Farm Bureau

On November 3, Kentucky's 2.5 million registered voters will go to the polls to cast their ballots for national, state and local leaders. As part of our continuing efforts to encourage participation in the political process, we are pleased to present this directory to the forthcoming general election. Without question, this year's election will have a dramatic effect on the future of our nation. Kentucky Farm Bureau encourages you to vote on Nov. 3rd



William R. Sprague  
President



David S. Beck  
Executive Vice President



# CAN YOU AFFORD MORE GOVERNMENT? FARM BUREAU SAYS "NO."

## CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENTS

### Kentucky Farm Bureau policy states:

"We are opposed to annual legislative sessions." This year Kentucky voters will face two constitutional amendments on the November 3 ballot. The ballot language will read:

**Amendment #1:** Are you in favor of amending the Kentucky Constitution to reduce the General Assembly's organizational session by five days and to allow the General Assembly to meet in interim session in odd-numbered years for twenty-five days?

**Background:** Speaker of the House of Representatives, Jody Richards, D-Bowling Green, introduced a bill that would have allowed the Kentucky General Assembly to meet in annual legislative sessions with a limited agenda. The agenda would have included organizational matters and three issues presented by the Governor, two from the Senate President and two issues from the Speaker of the House. Unfortunately, this legislation was amended to allow for an unlimited number of bills on any issue to be considered.

**Opposition:** Kentucky Farm Bureau estimates that the proposed amendment, which if approved by voters, could result in over 700 additional bills being introduced. Based on the percentage of bills and resolutions that passed

the 1998 General Assembly, over 40 percent or almost 300 bills, could end up becoming law. Each law must also have administrative regulations written to provide direction for implementation of the bills.

Furthermore, each day the Kentucky General Assembly is in session costs \$40,000. Passage of Amendment #1 equates to an additional \$1,000,000 of meeting costs (25 days @ \$40,000) with Kentucky taxpayers picking up the tab. That cost to taxpayers may be pale in comparison to the cost the private sector may incur as a result of implementing up to 300 laws such as prevailing wage, health care reform, workers' compensation etc.

Proponents of this not so new "more government" concept argue that annual sessions would reduce the number of special sessions called by governors. Not so, according to Governor Patton. He has publicly stated that if voters pass Amendment #1, it would have zero effect on his decision to call a special session. Special sessions are called to address unexpected developments or emergencies or to allow lawmakers to focus on single issues rather than dealing with them while embroiled in the normal work of the legislature, including hundreds of bills and political agendas. It's not realistic to assume emergencies are going to be eliminated or confined to 25 days in odd-numbered years. If reducing special sessions were the true objective, the amendment should have been targeted to that end. Governor Patton has also said it would increase the difficulty of being a citizen lawmaker which helps assure a legislature which reflects the diversity of society.

Do we want only the wealthy, retired or professional politician serving our needs in Frankfort or do we want the farmer, small businessman, school teacher, plumber, housewife, relator and others who are willing to sacrifice their time away to serve in the people's branch of government and then go home to their regular full time jobs? Proponents also point out that 43 other states have annual sessions. Is that justification to imitate states like California, Hawaii, New York and others which have laws passed while in annual sessions that average Kentuckians would find offensive? The choice is clear. If you want more government, less of a citizen's legislature and the opportunity for increased burdensome laws and regulations, vote yes on Amendment #1. If not, vote NO and send a message that you have all of the government you can afford.

### Kentucky Farm Bureau policy states:

"We oppose Kentucky's intangible property tax."

**Amendment #2:** Are you in favor of amending Section 170 of the Constitution of Kentucky to permit the General Assembly to exempt motor vehicles and any other class of personal property from the levy of all or any portion of the property tax and to extend the homestead property tax exemption to persons who are classified as totally disabled by any public or private retirement system?

#### Background

Under the current constitution all property must be taxed unless there is

a specific exemption written into the Constitution. This proposed amendment would allow the legislature to exempt personal property from taxation. For instance, intangibles such as accounts receivable, bank deposits, tobacco base quota, bonds, etc., are subject to personal property tax unless a court rules that the taxation of these intangibles is unconstitutional as it did for the taxation of stocks. The ballot will specifically identify motor vehicles as a class of property which might be reduced or eliminated along with various types of tangible property. In fact, if this amendment passes, the legislature could exempt any class of personal property from taxation.

#### Support

We believe that this amendment is worthwhile and therefore urge a YES vote on Amendment #2.

## ISSUES RELEVANT TO THIS ELECTION

When making your decision on election day, it's always good to know what issues potential lawmakers will be addressing upon their election. We are happy to provide you with the following outlook to pending and upcoming legislation.

### ★ ★ ★ ★ ★ STATE ISSUES:

**The Budget:** Appropriate state funding for an industry that fuels the economics of all 120 counties is always a challenge and is often overlooked! Funding improvements for agriculture attained in the 1998 legislature will be difficult to sustain. Agriculture must receive its share of state dollars for agriculture research and extension, vocational education, livestock and disease control, soil erosion and water quality cost share programs, regional university farms and Kentucky's Department of Agriculture. An investment in Kentucky agriculture pays dividends for all citizens of the Commonwealth.

**Environment:** Over the past 12 months, perhaps no issue has been more cussed or discussed than how Kentucky will regulate large commercial swine operations. While

the Commonwealth, for many years, has had a no discharge, in essence "thou shalt not pollute" law, the administration believes more expensive, burdensome regulations are necessary to ensure environmental protection from such operations.

Your organization supports strengthening our state laws and regulations to guarantee environmental protection, while allowing and encouraging our livestock industry to expand. Unfortunately, what the administration has proposed, thus far, goes well beyond what is necessary to achieve environmental protection. Elected lawmakers in Frankfort, like Farm Bureau, clearly recognize that Kentucky does not have an environmental emergency and sent a strong signal to the administration that they are unwilling to correct an environmental problem that does not exist in the name of political expediency. As a result, the legislature unanimously rejected the governor's punitive approach against small family farmers and the saga continues.

Four sets of proposed regulations and five public hearings later, small family farmers and their communities continue to be

economically stifled as they await common sense solutions to what appears to be nothing more than a political problem. In addition, discussion has already begun regarding regulations on the poultry industry. One can only wonder, can dairy and beef cattle be far behind?

Being a good neighbor, protecting the land and water for the next generation and growing is what agriculture is all about. Only when government bureaucrats recognize this reality, can Kentucky's animal agriculture industry move forward into the 21st century.

**Collective Bargaining for Public Employees:** There continues to be legislation introduced each session that would allow collective bargaining for public employees, including teachers, police officers, and firefighters. Forced collective bargaining would result in limited tax dollars paying for less education and public services. There is also a potential for security lapses if police officers and firefighters were allowed rights to bargain. The education

funding needs of our children would be hampered by diverting money to fund experts that forced bargaining requires — attorneys, negotiators, and arbitrators. Local communities can already choose to negotiate with teachers, therefore, forcing teachers unions on communities radically changing the nature of current agreed upon negotiating and would result in state and national union agendas being promoted over local ones. Collective bargaining fosters an adverse and hostile climate of confrontation instead of cooperation.

**Taxation:** A growing economy and fiscal prudence has resulted in recent state revenue surpluses. Does our level of taxation produce the revenue essential to support the services that farmers and other citizens demand? Maybe—maybe not. Comprehensive tax reform could be the answer to these and other questions. Two areas that obviously need changes are the phase out of the intangibles tax, which the Court system began, and the elimination of the unmined minerals tax. One area that does not need reform is H.B. 44, which limits real property tax increases.

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**NATIONAL ISSUES**

**Farm Policy:** Before the 105th Congress adjourned for the August recess, attempts to reopen the 1996 Federal Agricultural Improvement and Reform Act, FAIR, were thwarted during consideration of the \$57 billion agriculture spending bill. Debate on the bill centered on numerous amendments to financially help farmers in certain sections of the country who faced bad weather along with reduced farm prices.

This clash, the first between House and Senate members on opposing sides of the agriculture policy argument, gave some farm state members a campaign issue to use against opponents. This means continuing debate in the future over who is right on farm policy; those who believe U.S. farmers can compete in the international marketplace with reduced barriers to trade, or those who wish to keep farm safety nets traditional to agriculture policy first-crafted in the depression era.

Farm Bureau urged Congress to "stay the course" with the current farm bill and address farmers' concerns about trade, international market development, regulatory reform, taxes and additional enhancements for risk management tools. Farm Bureau reminded Congress that the loan program was intended to lessen pressures to sell at harvest time and to spread sales throughout the marketing year. It is a marketing tool, not an income support program. This year alone, under the 1996 FAIR, farmers will be able to receive an additional \$7.5 billion over that which would have been available under previous farm program legislation.

**International Trade:** This year marks the 50th Anniversary for the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade, GATT. Over this lengthy period, the GATT has increased the number of participating countries from the initial 23 in 1948 to 132 today. Average tariffs have also been reduced to one-tenth of previous levels resulting in tremendous growth in world trade.

Last year, international trade grew by nearly ten percent, over three times faster than global output. However, globalization and opening markets have left many countries, including the U.S., reluctant to further reduce trade barriers for fear of political reprisal from those few industries perceived to be negatively affected by barrier reductions. For instance, according to reports from the Economist, the U.S. charges an import tariff of 14.6 percent on clothing, which is five times higher than its average tariff.

Throughout the history of GATT, agriculture has been a strong supporter of reducing tariffs. The average tariff on farm goods is 40 percent worldwide, according to the Stanford University. Next year that could change as a new set of global farm talks is planned. Considering the magnitude of such talks, Kentucky agriculture could gain significantly if barriers to U.S. farm products including tobacco, live animals, feed grains, soybeans and wheat are reduced.

Since the 1994 implementation of the North American Free Trade Agreement, Kentucky's total exports to Canada have continued to increase from \$2.1 billion to last year's \$3.5 billion. Since 1995, Kentucky exports to Mexico have doubled from \$158 million to \$313 million last year. Soybeans, live animals and dairy products are Kentucky's leading agricultural exports to Canada and Mexico. All have witnessed significant increases since the implementation of NAFTA.

Without question, continuing to reduce barriers to trade around the globe will increase tremendous opportunities for Kentucky agricultural products. Agricultural exports exceeded \$1 billion in 1996, nearly one-third of our Commonwealth's agricultural economy.

If future trade talks are to succeed, then positive legislative signals must be sent from the U.S. Congress. Specifically, fast track negotiating trade authority must be re-established for the President. Also, trade agreements, such as the North American Free Trade Agreement, must be expanded to reduce trade barriers and increase economic opportunities for American farmers.

**Environmental Policy:** The Endangered Species Act was originally adopted in 1973. When the law was enacted, there were only 109 species listed for protection. Today that number is 1135, with 295 species considered as candidates. In its 25 year history, only 21 species have been removed from the list. A majority of these de-listings were due to improper status. However, on May 6, 1998, Interior Secretary Bruce Babbitt announced that the federal government will remove 29 plant and animal species from the endangered species list over the next two years.

In Kentucky, 33 species are considered endangered, while eight are considered threatened. In addition, 22 species are considered candidates and two are proposed to go onto the list. Secretary Babbitt's announcement in May to remove certain species only affects two in Kentucky which are the American Peregrine Falcon and the Bald Eagle.

Livestock is a valuable component in Kentucky's agriculture economy. We have approximately 2.4 million head of cattle, which is the most of any state east of the Mississippi River, and we rank 8th in the nation in beef cows. Livestock income accounts for approximately one half of Kentucky's annual agriculture income of nearly \$4 billion.

Livestock producers are very concerned and interested in protecting our environment. Our families are the first ones to benefit or suffer, based on the quality of the environment. Over the past 12 years, farmers have achieved tremendous conservation successes through voluntary, incentive-based programs to conserve fragile soils and wetlands, along with protecting water quality and wildlife habitats.

Kentucky Farm Bureau has taken a proactive lead at the state level in addressing water quality issues through the passage and implementation of the Agricultural Water Quality Act. The Act, along with other accomplishments, have and will continue to be successful, if they are incentive-based rather than strong-armed mandates from the government. Those type of mandates have producers concerned.

The EPA is attempting to expand its jurisdiction under the Clean Water Act to regulate Animal Feeding Operations (AFOs). Under the Clean Water Act, Congress gave EPA broad authority to regulate Concentrated Animal Feeding Operations (CAFOs) for point-source pollution. The Clean Water Act, however, stopped well short of giving the agency the power to regulate animal feeding operations and, thus, they are now trying to expand the CAFO definition to include operations that have historically been treated as animal feeding operations. This is nothing more than a blatant attempt by EPA to go well beyond congressional intent.

Farmers are aware of the potential of runoff from livestock operations. At the same time, we've always believed that regulations to address this issue are more appropriate for state government rather than federal government. Also of concern, is EPA's plan to treat runoff from precipitation as a point source discharge. The Clean Water Act is very clear; precipitation induced runoff from fields is not a point source and therefore does not require an EPA permit.

We believe states with existing regulatory programs, like ours, are adequate to address the issue, in Kentucky the Law is simple Thou Shalt Not Pollute! If additional laws and regulations are necessary to assure that livestock producers are operating in an environmentally acceptable manner, Farm Bureau believes they should be done on a state-by-state basis not a one-size fits all approach by an agency of the federal government.

**Budget:** According to a July 1998 report by the Congressional Budget Office, CBO, the federal budget will be balanced this year for the first time since 1969. And, if current economic factors hold, annual surpluses could grow to roughly \$251 billion by year 2008.

Don't strike up the band just yet! Consider, the U.S. still has public and federal debt totaling over \$5.5 trillion. That's \$21,000 for every man, woman and child.

Furthermore, over the next few decades, the demographic structure of the American population will change considerably. The Social Security Administration estimates that between now and 2030, the number of people age 65 or older will double, while the number of people ages 20-64 (the U.S. labor force) will increase by only 15 percent. The results of such a demographic shift, as the large baby-boom generation begin to retire, will be federal revenues increasing at a slower rate and

federal outlays for Social Security, Medicare and Medicaid rising. In 1999, it is estimated that Social Security, Medicare, Medicaid and Interest on the National Debt will make up over 55 percent of federal outlays.

Without question, the U.S. government cannot continue down its current financial path. Congress must look for solutions which protect the benefits of current recipients, while at the same time creating an adequate pension system for younger workers. Farm Bureau advocates that surpluses in the deficit be utilized to pay down on our national debt and that Congress exercise restraint in federal spending. Reducing the national debt further reduces interest payments and spending restraints free up additional dollars for other federal programs or tax reductions.

**Tobacco:** During settlement negotiations and U.S. Senate deliberations in 1998, as lawyers and lawmakers debated the future of tobacco policy as it relates to health risks and advertising ethics, the federal tobacco program once again came under congressional scrutiny. This has left thousands of tobacco farm families questioning the future of the federal tobacco program.

Tobacco farmers were divided on the issue of protecting the tobacco program when presented with an opportunity for just compensation for the loss of income and equity that the federal tobacco program preserves. Further escalating that division between tobacco farmers were small start-up groups and other entities that do not possess the historical credibility nor the incorporated requirements to engage in policy development and lobbying activities.

The Public Health Community, also added to the division of tobacco farmers. While coaxing some farm leaders into their lair, their leading advocates in the U.S. Senate, both Republican and Democrat, led the charge to ultimately destroy the U.S. Tobacco industry. One of their leading proponents, Senator Richard Lugar, R-IN, Chairman of the U.S. Senate Agriculture Committee pointed out, "Many Americans are unaware that the same government that tells you not to smoke, that taxes cigarettes, that spends money on cancer research, that incurs billions of dollars in Medicare and Medicaid costs because of smoking that same government makes it lucrative to grow tobacco by guaranteeing a price and limiting supply. It makes no sense for our government to do this. We should stop."

It is without question that the federal tobacco program remains in legislative jeopardy and continues to be attacked in the appropriations process by Public Health supporters and their "amen corner in Congress." Also, under current estimates, the program could fall on its own weight as an expected 700 million pound crop goes to market this year resulting in rising pool stocks. Should this transpire, it is further estimated that 1999 marketing quotas could be reduced by more than 20 percent.

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**Jim Bunning, (R)**

Congressman Bunning was first elected to represent the 4th Congressional District of Kentucky in 1986. Prior to that, he served four years in the Kentucky State Senate and two years on the Ft. Thomas, City Council. After a very successful career as a professional baseball player, Bunning was inducted into the Baseball Hall of Fame in August 1996. Bunning, born



October 23, 1931, currently serves as Chairman of the Social Security Subcommittee on Ways and Means, and is a member of the Budget and Ethics Committee.

Congressman Bunning received his B.S. degree in Economy from Xavier University, Cincinnati, Ohio. He and his wife Mary Catherine have nine children and twenty-seven grandchildren.

**Scotty Baesler, (D)**

Congressman Baesler is currently serving his third term as congressman for the Sixth Congressional District and serves on the Committee on Agriculture and the House Budget Committee. Congressman Baesler has served as Mayor of Lexington, a council member, vice mayor, district judge, and the administrator for the Fayette County Legal Aid Office. He has



served as a practicing attorney and is a tobacco farmer. Baesler is a graduate of the University of Kentucky, and was captain of the University's basketball team under legendary coach Adolph Rupp. The congressman earned his B.S. degree in accounting in 1963 and his law degree from the University of Kentucky College of Law in 1966. He and his wife Alice have two children.

# SENATORIAL QUESTIONNAIRE

In July, U.S. Senate Candidates Jim Bunning and Scotty Baesler participated in a Farm Bureau "Measure the Candidate" program that was broadcast throughout the state on a satellite network. Following the event, they were asked to provide written responses to a questionnaire on key Farm Bureau policies. Following are their replies:

**Question: Should such good economic forecast reign true, is there a need for and would you support a balanced budget amendment to the U.S. Constitution? Why, or why not?**

**Bunning:** Because of the Balanced Budget Act that we passed last year, we have balanced the budget and do anticipate sizeable budget surpluses for at least the next ten years. However, Congress could change things very quickly. The President proposed billions of dollars worth of new spending programs this year and if Congress gives into the temptation to go on a spending spree, our budget could easily head south again. We need to continue trying to pass a Balanced Budget Amendment to the Constitution as a means of preventing a return to deficit spending. It took us 30 years to get to a balanced budget. We cannot afford to let it slip away from us.

**Baesler:** I am a long-time supporter of a Balanced Budget Amendment. This discussion helped our nation focus on the need for deficit reduction and fiscal responsibility. We have the possibility of a balanced budget for the first time in years; however, economic projections show this may be short-lived. Even without tax cuts or increased spending, surpluses are likely to decline and disappear after 2008 as the "baby-boom" generation begins to qualify for Social Security and Medicare. Consideration of a Balanced Budget Amendment helped put us on the path toward a balanced budget-enactment of that amendment would help maintain that progress.

**Question: Do you support the idea of revamping the U.S. tax code? If so, what do you recommend in place of the current tax code?**

**Bunning:** Yes. We should pull the existing income tax system out by its roots and replace it with a system that is fair and understandable. The income tax is broken beyond repair. It is too complicated and too wasteful. A flat tax or a sales tax, or some combination of the two, seem to be the most likely candidates to replace the current code. This year, I supported legislation and served as its floor manager when it was passed by the House, which would sunset the income tax code by the year 2002. This would force Congress to start working on tax reform. It is something we definitely need to do.

**Baesler:** Our tax system is complex and sometimes unfair, and my goal is to provide greater fairness for working families across Kentucky. I support eliminating the marriage tax penalty. I cannot support Republican "flat tax" plans that provide tax breaks for the wealthy by exempting income from stocks and bonds, especially when those proposals eliminate tax provisions that

benefit working families like deductions for home mortgage interest and health insurance. As Congress discusses additional tax changes, I will work to make certain they achieve the goal of providing greater tax fairness and reducing the tax burden for Kentucky's working families.

**Question: Do you support or oppose the following tax reform measures? Why, or why not? Reducing further, the capital gains tax rate? Eliminating the federal estate tax?**

**Bunning:** I have always supported efforts to lower or eliminate the capital gains tax and I played an active role in the passage of legislation last year which did reduce the capital gains tax. The capital gains tax discourages investment and is counterproductive. In a similar vein, I have always believed that the estate tax, or as I call it, the death tax should be repealed altogether. It destroys family farms and family businesses. I did help pass the tax bill last year which reduced the estate tax bite but I will continue working until it is repealed.

**Baesler:** I voted in favor of a capital gains tax rate reduction in 1997, and I would do so again if it is part of a balanced and appropriately offset tax package. The same is true for further reductions in the estate tax. In 1997, I voted for significant reductions in the estate tax that are currently being phased in. I would vote for further reductions if they are part of a tax package that meets the goal of providing greater tax fairness for working families across Kentucky.

**Question: Give us your thoughts on the Supreme Court decision. Would you support or oppose a Constitutional Amendment to grant the President line-item veto authority?**

**Bunning:** The first two bills I co-sponsored when I came to Congress 12 years ago were the balanced budget amendment and the line-item veto bill. I served on the conference committee which hammered out the final line-item veto legislation that was recently struck down by the Supreme Court. The Supreme Court's decision is unfortunate. The only real alternative we have is to try to pass a line-item veto Constitutional Amendment and we should definitely do it. The Line-Item veto is a cost cutting tool that the President should have.

**Baesler:** I supported and continue to support giving the President the authority to veto specific wasteful spending measures. This authority would have assisted the President in constraining the government's inclination to increase spending. Every day you read stories in the paper about outlandish government programs buried in huge pieces of legislation that spend billions of dollars. Many programs contained in these bills are important and worthwhile, but under present law the President cannot veto specific items without opposing the entire bill. The line-item veto will change this law and allow the President to stop frivolous spending without jeopardizing legitimate federal programs.

**Question: What role do you believe the federal government should play in U.S. farm policy in the future?**

**Bunning:** Hopefully, we can get the government out of the farming business altogether. We started in this direction with the passage of FAIR in 1996, which I supported, and we need to continue that progress. We need to reform regulatory programs that impact dramatically on farmers such as the Clean Water Act and Endangered Species Act. Regulatory programs should be redesigned so that regulators work with farmers instead of taking an adversarial approach. On the other hand, the federal government should continue to work to open up markets to U.S. agricultural products, continue to encourage agriculture research and it provides a safety net for times of disaster and dislocation with agriculture.

**Baesler:** The federal government must play a role in U.S. farm policy. However, the 1996 Farm Bill was a mistake. I voted against it. I feared the consequences of tossing aside depression-era farm subsidy programs for a post-modern but unproven approach called the Freedom to Farm Act. My fears are being realized in the current devastation in the Midwest. In a few weeks we will have an opportunity to revisit the law which reduced crop subsidies while giving farmers more freedom to switch crops in response to market demand.

**Question: If submitted to the U.S. Senate in its current form for ratification, as Kentucky's new U.S. Senator, will you vote in favor or oppose ratification of the Kyoto Agreement?**

**Bunning:** I would oppose it with every ounce of energy that I could muster. The Kyoto Agreement would result in tremendous increases in energy and production costs in this country, put us at a serious competitive disadvantage with other countries and would create real hardships for people on fixed incomes. And it is not even based on sound scientific data. It just makes no sense.

**Baesler:** I oppose ratification of the Kyoto protocol. I believe passage of the treaty could have serious implications for Kentucky and its industries and communities. Some estimate that adoption of the Accord could lead to increased energy prices for working families. Farmers could face higher prices for fuel and fertilizers. I am also concerned about passage of such a massive Treaty when scientists cannot state beyond a reasonable doubt that recent extreme weather conditions can be attributed to global warming. Although at this point implementation methods are still unclear, states like Kentucky with high coal production would be especially hard hit.

**Question: Do you support the deregulation of electricity? Why, or why not? How do you ensure rural users of electricity that their rates will not increase to subsidize large commercial and industrial users?**

**Bunning:** Philosophically, I do support the idea of deregulation and

I think that is the way things are headed whether or not the federal government takes action on the issue. However, I also recognize the fact that we have been blessed with low-cost electricity in Kentucky and I certainly don't want to jeopardize that by moving too quickly or without careful consideration of any potential legislation on the subject. If we do proceed with deregulation in the future, we will have to address the problem facing rural customers and we will have to provide some kind of protection to insure that their rates do not escalate unnecessarily.

**Baesler:** At this point, I do not support electricity deregulation plans because I do not believe they protect Kentucky's rural consumers from rate increases that could be made to offset costs for large industrial consumers. Kentucky enjoys one of the lowest electricity rates in the nation, and past experience in other industries has shown that deregulation does not necessarily benefit the consumer. I believe that meeting consumer demands for electricity and continuing quality service should be a top priority.

**Question: Will you support or oppose legislation to create a temporary agricultural worker program to relieve farmers from such burdensome regulations while attempting to hire adequate labor?**

**Bunning:** Yes, I would support legislation to relieve farms from the burdensome regulations of the temporary worker program. In fact, this year, I have co-sponsored legislation which would create a temporary pilot program to make it easier and impose less of a bureaucratic nightmare for small farm operations to utilize the H2A program.

**Baesler:** The issue of temporary agriculture workers has become a thorny one for farmers. It's a problem facing the growers of vegetables as well as tobacco producers. It affects productivity.

Given the good shape of the state's economy, there are plenty of jobs around. We are losing our labor pool to other industries. Our farmers can't find enough local workers to harvest their crops. The Immigration Reform and Responsibility Act had an impact on the situation. We need to revisit the issue in a way that benefits the farmer who needs seasonal workers. I am considering legislation to do just that.

**Question: As Kentucky's new U.S. Senator, what is your best projection for the future of the federal tobacco program? What key provisions must be included in any tobacco legislation to gain your support?**

**Bunning:** I don't have a crystal ball but we have to recognize that the anti-tobacco forces in Congress are not going to go away. We have to be prepared to keep fighting to preserve the tobacco program and to keep fighting efforts to tax or regulate tobacco farmers, producers and warehousemen out of business. The key provision that must be in any tobacco legislation that I would support is the continuation of the tobacco program.

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**Baessler:** Tobacco is Kentucky's number one cash crop. My goal is to protect the future of tobacco. I have introduced two bills to protect tobacco farmers and communities dependent on tobacco production. I introduced the Tobacco Community Economic Stabilization and Support Act to protect the existing tobacco program, while providing an annual fund for farmers wishing to sell their quotas. I also introduced the Long-Term Economic Assistance for Farmers Act to protect Kentucky's quota holders, tenant farmers and warehousemen. Thousands of Kentucky working families rely on tobacco

to make ends meet. A strong tobacco program means a strong rural Kentucky.

**Question: Will you support granting the President fast track negotiating authority? Why, or why not? Do you support the expansion of free trade agreements like the North American Free Trade Agreement? Why, or why not?**

**Bunning:** I did not support NAFTA because I believed that it would be devastating to many industries in Kentucky and put thousands of people out of work. This is what has happened. However, in most instances, I do support fair and free

trade and recognize the importance of opening new markets for Kentucky products and Kentucky agricultural exports. For this reason I did support GATT and I do support giving the President "Fast Track" negotiating authority. Last year, I did support Fast Track in committee and I intend to support it when it reaches the House or Senate Floor.

**Baessler:** I don't support unlimited fast track at this time. Fast track may make sense for specific agreements, but the President doesn't need a blank check on trade deals right now. For example, we

need to see how the World Trade Organization does before expanding it. NAFTA's labor and environmental agreements need to be stronger. International trade is essential to Kentucky agriculture, and is important to the success of the Toyota plant in Georgetown. However, I think Congress should go slow right now before expanding NAFTA or fast track. I believe that a cautious approach is what most Americans want.

## KENTUCKY CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICTS

U. S. House of Representatives \* denotes incumbent

### CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT 1

Dem (69.6%) Rep (25.5%) Other (4.9%)

**Ed Whitfield, (R)\***

— Congressman Whitfield was elected to Congress on November 8, 1994 and is a member of the Commerce Committee, serving on the Health and Environment and the Energy and Power Subcommittees. Whitfield received his Bachelor of Science in Business from the University of Kentucky in 1965. After graduation, he attended the American University's Wesley Theological Seminary in Washington, D.C. He later went on to earn a law degree at the University of Kentucky in 1969. He served in the 100th Division, United States Army Reserve and in 1973 was elected to the Kentucky House of Representatives, serving one term. Whitfield and his wife Connie have one daughter.



**Tom Barlow, (D)**

— Presently, Mr. Barlow is a Life and Commercial Insurance Agent for Bradshaw and Weil, Inc., in Paducah, Ky. Prior to becoming an Insurance Agent, Mr. Barlow served as a U. S. Representative for the First Congressional District from 1993 - 1995, serving on the Agriculture Committee, Merchant Marine and Fisheries Committee and the Environment and Natural Resources Committee. Mr. Barlow received his B.A. in History from Haverford College, Haverford, PA in 1962. Barlow and his wife Shirley have five children and currently live in Paducah.



### CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT 2

Dem (61.4%) Rep (31.2%) Other (7.4%)

**Ron Lewis, (R)\***

— Congressman Ron Lewis was sworn into the United States Congress on May 26, 1994 after winning a special election to replace the late U.S. Rep. William Natcher. A native of Greenup County, Lewis earned his Bachelor of Arts degree in History and Political Science from the University of Kentucky and a Master of Arts degree in Higher Education from Morehead State University. Congressman Lewis has served as a Baptist minister, and has owned a small business. Since coming to the United States Congress, Lewis has secured a seat on the House Agriculture and National Security Committees. He is a member of the Pro-Family Caucus steering committee and the GOP Task Force on Regulatory Reform. Congressman Lewis and his wife Kayi have two children



**Bob Evans (D)**

— Mr. Evans was born in Bradfordsville (Marion County), Kentucky, where he attended Rush Branch School for the first four years in a one room schoolhouse. He furthered his education at the University of Kentucky, Eastern Kentucky University and the University of California. Although not receiving a degree he went on to successfully operate a small taxi cab company in Honolulu, Hawaii, and eventually started a successful sightseeing operation. Evans returned to Kentucky to his family farm near Bradfordsville to live with his mother. He is presently growing tobacco in Bradfordsville and Casey County. He also works for the Southwestern Tobacco Company during the tobacco season.



### CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT 3

Dem (59.2%) Rep (29.3%) Other (11.5%)

**Anne Northup, (R)\***

— Congresswoman Anne Northup was elected to represent the Third Congressional District in 1996. Representative Northup has been appointed to the prestigious Appropriations Committee, where she serves on the Labor, HHS, and Education; Treasury, Postal Service and General Government, and the District of Columbia Subcommittees. Before her election to Congress, she represented the 32nd Legislative District of Kentucky in the Kentucky House of Representatives for nine years, where she served five consecutive terms from 1987-1996. Representative Northup graduated from St. Mary's College in 1970 with a B.A. in economics and business. She is married to Robert Wood Northup, a small business owner. She and her husband and six children reside in Louisville, Kentucky.



**Chris Gorman, (D)**

— Former Attorney General Chris Gorman is an experienced public servant and community leader in Louisville. Mr. Gorman graduated from the University of Kentucky with degrees in political science and law. After law school, he practiced in Louisville. He also served as a juvenile court prosecutor while an Assistant County Attorney. Mr. Gorman has served as County Commissioner in Jefferson County and Attorney General for the Commonwealth of Kentucky from 1992 to 1996. Following his service as Attorney General, Gorman returned to private life as a businessman, until taking a leave of absence to run for Congress. Mr. Gorman was born in Frankfort and is married to the former Vicki Beekman and they have two sons.



### CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT 4

Dem (57.7%) Rep (32.4%) Other (9.9%)

**Ken Lucas, (D)**

— Mr. Lucas was appointed to an unexpired term of Boone County Judge-Executive on January 1, 1992. Thereafter, he achieved success in two general elections until stepping down from the post in July of 1998 to dedicate his full attention to the 4th District Congressional race. Lucas received his B.S. from the University of Kentucky, his Masters in Business from Xavier University and received an Honorary Doctorate from Northern Kentucky University. After graduating from college Mr. Lucas was a pilot in the United States Air Force, attaining the rank of Major. Lucas has served two terms as Florence City Councilman, eight years as Boone County Commissioner, and most recently six and one half years as Boone County Judge Executive. Lucas is married to the former Mary Kappas and they have five children.



**Gex Williams, (R)**

— Edwin Gex Williams, III, was born in Ft. Lauderdale, Florida. Mr. Williams received his B.A. in Computer Science and M.A. in Computer and Information Engineering from the University of Florida. From 1993 to present he has been self employed as a computer consultant. His service in the General Assembly began in 1990 when he won the 60th district House seat. In 1993 he won a special election to serve in the Kentucky State Senate in District 24. Mr. Williams is married to Judy and they have six children.



## CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT 5

Dem (52.6%) Rep (44.8%) Other (2.6%)

### Hal Rogers, (R)\*

— Congressman Rogers defeated ten other candidates in 1980 for the Republican congressional nomination and was elected that year to the 97th Congress and has been re-elected to each succeeding Congress. The congressman is Chairman of the House Appropriations Subcommittee on Commerce, Justice, State and the Judiciary. He also serves as Vice-Chairman of the Energy and Water Development Subcommittee, as well as the Transportation Subcommittee. Rogers, born in 1937, earned his bachelor's and law degrees from the University of Kentucky. He served for eight years in the National Guard and was elected, for two terms, as Pulaski-Rockcastle County Commonwealth's Attorney. The congressman was married to the late Shirley McDowell Rogers and has three children.



### Sidney Jane Bailey-Bamer (D)

— Ms. Sidney Jane Bailey-Bamer was born in Langley, Kentucky. She received her BA from Morehead State University in 1984. Ms Bamer has also received a Child Development Associate (C.D.A.) degree and attended the Vogue School of Modeling, Lexington, KY.



## CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT 6

Dem (66.8%) Rep (26%) Other (7.2%)

### Ernesto Scorsone, (D)

— State Senator Ernesto Scorsone is a practicing attorney in Lexington. Since being elected State Senator in 1996, he has served on the Judiciary Committee (Chair), Education Committee (Chair of subcommittee on Post-Secondary Education and Teaching Profession), Banking and Insurance Committee. Senator Scorsone received his undergraduate degree from Eastern Kentucky University in 1970. Upon graduation, he went to the University of Kentucky and received a B.A. in Political Science in 1973. In 1976 Senator Scorsone received his J.D. degree from the University of Kentucky College of Law.



### Ernest Fletcher, (R)

— Dr. Fletcher is the State Representative for the 78th District serving on the Judiciary Committee, Licensing and Occupations Committee, and Health and Welfare Committee. He is also currently the Medical Director of St. Joseph Family Medical Group. Dr. Fletcher is a native Kentuckian, born November 12, 1952 in Mt. Sterling. He received a degree in Mechanical Engineering in 1974 from the University of Kentucky and in 1984 graduated from the University of Kentucky College of Medicine. He served in the United States Air Force as F-4E Aircraft Commander and NORAD Alert Force Commander. He and his wife Glenna have two children.



## HOW THEY VOTED ON THE ISSUES

During their January 27, 1998 Board of Directors meeting, the Kentucky Farm Bureau Board of Directors established as their national priority issues the following:

- Achieve further reductions in estate and capital gains taxes.
- Re-authorize fast track trade authority
- Monitor the national tobacco settlement.

- Dairy federal order reform.
- Monitor legal services funding.
- Monitor changes in Department of Labor H2A Program

Based upon vote-monitoring by the American Farm Bureau, the following chart will indicate how your member of Congress and United States Senator voted

on Farm Bureau priority issues as of our press deadline, August 28, 1998.

- \* Capital letters denote favorable Farm Bureau vote
- \* small case letters denote an unfavorable Farm Bureau vote
- \* (?) denotes did not vote Yea or Nay

## Roll Call Votes - U.S. House of Representatives

### Ed Whitfield, 1st Congressional District

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### Ron Lewis, 2nd Congressional District

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### Anne Northup, 3rd Congressional District

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### Jim Bunning, 4th Congressional District

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### Harold Rogers, 5th Congressional District

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### Scotty Baesler, 6th Congressional District

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### Issues by number:

1. On May 7, 1997, the House passed (227-196) a substitute amendment to provide waivers of the Endangered Species Act consultation regulations for repair or replacement of flood control projects in counties declared federal disaster areas through 1998 and waive the requirements for repairs to any project that presents a substantial threat to human lives and property.
2. On May 21, 1997, the House passed, 333-99, the 1998 fiscal budget resolution (H. Con. Res. 84). Adoption of the resolution sets in motion the plan agreed to by the White House and congressional leaders, which would balance the federal budget by 2002. The plan would cut projected spending by \$308.1 billion and provide a net tax cut of \$85 billion, leaving a net deficit reduction of \$204.3 billion over the next five years. The resolution allows \$139.1 billion in cuts from discretionary spending, reduced Medicare spending by \$115 billion and Medicaid spending by \$13.6 billion.
3. On June 24, 1997 the House rejected, 173-259, H.J. Res. 79, which would have disapproved President Clinton's decision to renew most-favored-nation (MFN) trading status to China. MFN status grants China the same low tariffs and market access as other U.S. trading partners, and allows U.S. goods to enter China under the same low-tariff conditions. Given the political climate in China, MFN status is usually granted only one year at a time. Opponents sought to revoke MFN because of China's human rights abuses and arms sales. Supporters said ending MFN status, however, would do more harm than good regarding U.S. influence on the Chinese people and government. A "nay" was a vote in support of the president's position.

4. On June 26, 1997, the House passed, 253-179, a bill (H.R. 2014) to provide a net tax cut of \$85 billion over five years. The bill lowers the top capital gains tax rate from 28 percent to 20 percent, raises the amount exempt from the federal estate tax gradually from \$600,000 to \$1 million by 2007.

5. **Agriculture Appropriations** - On July 24, 1997, the House rejected (175-253) an amendment to prohibit the use of funds to pay the salaries of Department of Agriculture personnel who issue nonrecourse loans to sugar beet or sugar cane processors.

6. **Agriculture Appropriations** - On July 24, 1997, the House rejected (209-216) an amendment to prohibit the use of funds to pay the salaries of Department of Agriculture personnel who provide tobacco crop insurance or non-insured crop disaster assistance for tobacco.

7. **Agriculture Appropriations** - On July 24, 1997, the House rejected (185-242) an amendment to prohibit the use of funds to pay the salaries and expenses of Department of Agriculture personnel who maintain a quota price for peanuts in excess of \$550 per ton, effectively establishing the maximum market price for peanuts at that level.

8. **Agriculture Appropriations** - On July 24, 1997, the house rejected (150-277) an amendment to prohibit the use of funds to pay the salaries and expenses of Department of Agriculture personnel who administer the Market Access Program. This would have limited funding for the program that provides grants to businesses and associations to promote exports of agricultural products.

9. **1998 Fiscal Budget Reconciliation-Revenue-Conference report** - On July 31, 1997, the House passed the tax package portion of the 1998 fiscal budget reconciliation conference report (389-43). The package provides a net tax cut of \$95.3 billion over five years. It lowers the top capital gains tax rate from 28 to 20 percent and raises the federal estate tax exemption gradually from \$600,000 to \$1 million.

10. On March 12, 1998, the House voted, 230-180, for passage of a bill (H.R. 992) that provides landowners greater leeway in suing the federal government for disputes over government seizure of private property. The provision would allow such suits to be heard either in U.S. District Court or the U.S. Court of Federal Claims. It would ease the problems landowners now face when they are shuffled back and forth between courts in such property lawsuits.

11. **Small Business Paperwork Reduction Act** - On March 26, 1998, the House passed (267-140) a bill to suspend most civil fines on small-businesses for first-time paperwork violations. Under the bill, the federal regulating agency could choose to suspend the fine if the violation had not caused actual harm to the public health or safety, and the business corrects the violation within six months.

12. On May 19, 1998, the House voted, 279-132, for passage of H.R.3534, a mandates information bill. The measure requires congressional committees, when submitting reports on legislation, to include detailed information on how potential government mandates would affect the private sector. The legislation covers mandates exceeding \$100 million in cost. It also provides for points of order to be used to block consideration of legislation that contains such private sector mandates, or whose committee reports lack the required information.

13. On May 22, 1998, the House rejected (120-289) the rule on S. 1150, the conference report on agriculture research, crop insurance and food stamps for legal immigrants. Approval of the rule would have killed the bill.

14. On May 22, 1998, the House passed (297-86) the transportation conference report, H.R. 2400. The bill authorizes approximately \$216 billion from 1998-2003 for federal highway programs and extends the ethanol tax incentive.

15. On June 4, 1998, the House voted, 364-50, to adopt the conference report on the bill (S. 1150) to reauthorize agricultural research and education programs through fiscal 2002. The bill directs about \$600 million over five years to a new, mandatory agriculture research program and about \$500 million in mandatory funding for crop insurance programs. It restores about \$800 million over five years in food stamp funding for certain legal immigrants.

16. On June 23, 1998, during debate on the 1999 agriculture appropriations bill, the House rejected, 181-244, an amendment by Rep. Mark Neumann (R-Wis.) to lower the maximum market price for peanuts from \$610 to \$550 per ton.

17. On June 24, 1998, the House rejected, 167-258, an amendment by Rep. Dan Miller (R-Fla.) to lower the loan rates the Agriculture Department provides to sugarcane and sugar beet processors by 1 cent.

18. On June 24, 1998, House rejected, 118-307, an amendment by Rep. Edward Royce (R-Calif.) to prohibit funds for salaries or expenses of personnel in the market access program, which promotes U.S. agriculture programs abroad.

19. On June 24, 1998, the House rejected, 192-232, an amendment by Rep. Charles Bass (R-NH) to reduce funding for USDA's wildlife service livestock protection program, which controls predators in Western states. (This reversed an earlier 229-193 vote on the amendment that stripped \$10 million from the program.)

20. On July 22, 1998, the House rejected, 166-264, a bill denying President Clinton's request to provide "normal trade relations" with China.

21. On July 23, 1998, the House rejected, 176-243, an amendment that would have removed Farm Bureau-supported language from the Veterans Affairs, Housing, and Urban Development appropriations bill. The language directed EPA to follow a fair implementation process for the Food Quality Protection Act and the regional haze program.

## Roll Call Votes - U.S. Senate

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\*(?) denotes did not vote Yea or Nay

### Wendell Ford

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### Mitch McConnell

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### Issues by number:

1. On March 4, the Senate voted down, 66-34, a measure to require a balanced budget amendment to the Constitution. The proposed amendment fell short of the required two-thirds majority needed - 67 in this case. The measure would have amended the Constitution to require a balanced federal budget by 2002 or two years after ratification by three-fourths of the states, whichever is later. Under the plan, a three-fifths vote of the entire House and Senate would be required to approve deficit spending or an increase in the public debt limit. A simple majority would be required to waive the requirement in times of war or when the United States is engaged in a military conflict that could cause a national security threat.

2. On May 23, 1997, the Senate voted, 78-22, in favor of the concurrent resolution (H. Con. Res. 84) to adopt a five-year plan that would balance the budget by 2002. Projected spending would be cut by \$308.1 billion and taxes cut by \$85 billion. Spending cuts would come from reductions of \$115 billion to Medicare, \$13.6 billion to Medicaid and \$139.1 billion in discretionary spending. The resolution also calls for additional \$16 billion over five years to provide health insurance to up to 5 million uninsured children. It earmarks an additional \$9.7 billion to restore Supplemental Security Income and Medicaid benefits for some legal immigrants scheduled to lose benefits under the 1996 welfare system overhaul.

3. On June 27, 1997, the Senate passed, 80-18, HR 2014 providing a net tax cut of about \$77 billion between fiscal 1998 and fiscal 2002. The bill reduces the top capital gains tax rate from 28 percent to 20 percent, increases the exemption for estate taxes to 1 million by 2006 and indexes the exemption for inflation, establishes income averaging, and increases the self-employed health insurance deduction to 100% by 2007.

4. Agriculture Appropriations - On July 23, 1997, the Senate voted, (53-47) to table (kill) the Durbin amendment that would eliminate funding for tobacco crop insurance.

5. Agriculture Appropriations - On July 23, 1997, the Senate voted, (59-40) to table (kill) the Bryan amendment that would reduce funding for subsidized overseas market promotion programs from \$90 million to \$70 million.

6. On July 31, 1997, the Senate passed, (92-8) the tax package portion of the 1998 fiscal budget reconciliation conference report. The package provides a net tax cut of \$95.3 billion over 5 years. It lowers the top capital gains tax rate from 28-20 percent and raises the federal estate tax exemption from \$600,000 to \$1 million.

7. On November 4, 1997, the Senate voted (69-31) to invoke cloture on a bill (S.1269) that would grant the administration fast-track trade negotiating authority. The move allowed 30 hours of debate on the fast-track measure. A three-fifths vote of the Senate (60 votes in favor) was required. Of the members, 43 Republicans voted in favor and 26 Democrats also voted for the motion. Fast-track passage would allow trade negotiations and would require Congress to vote on any agreements without the option of amendment. The measure, which includes agriculture-specific language, also would require negotiators to keep Congress apprized of the progress on trade talks.

8. On March 11, 1998, during debate on the highway bill, the Senate voted, 71-26, to table (kill) an amendment offered by Senator John McCain (R-AZ) to remove the ethanol tax incentive extension included in the bill. The McCain amendment would have removed language by Senator Charles Grassley (R-IA) that extends the highway tax exemption for ethanol from 2000 to 2007 with slight reductions in 2001, 2003 and 2005. Current law maintains the incentive through 2000. Farm Bureau supports the incentive, saying it benefits the environment, U. S. energy independence and the farm economy.

9. On May 12, 1998, the Senate rejected, 23-77, a motion by Sen. Phil Gramm (R-Texas) to send the conference report on agriculture research (S.1150) back to conferees, with instructions that the bill's expanded food stamp eligibility only apply to immigrants who were lawfully residing in the United States on August 22, 1996. The conference report would allow future legal immigrants to qualify for food stamps for five to seven years. The measure also provides new funding for agriculture research, along with some reforms to the research program. And, it contains funding and reforms for the crop insurance program.

10. On May 22, 1998, the Senate passed (88-5) the transportation conference report, H.R. 2400. The bill authorizes approximately \$216 billion from 1998-2003 for federal highway programs and extends the ethanol tax incentive.

11. On July 9, 1998, the Senate voted, 98-0, for passage of a bill (S. 2282) to overturn agriculture sanctions on India and Pakistan.

12. On July 13, 1998, the Senate rejected, 52-42, a cloture motion on a bill (S. 2271) that would provide private property owners with new legal rights to challenge decisions of local zoning and planning boards in federal court.

13. On July 16, 1998, the Senate adopted, 71-28, a sense of the Senate amendment that urges Congress and the president to approve trade, tax and other farmer relief measures.

14. On July 15, 1998, the Senate voted, 56-43, to table a Daschle marketing loan amendment.

15. On July 15, 1998, the Senate voted, 53-46, to table a Lugar amendment to revise the sanctions process.

16. On July 15, 1998, the Senate voted, 70-29, to table a Bryan amendment to eliminate MAP.

17. On July 23, 1998, the Senate voted, 68-31, to establish a registry of temporary workers to link U.S. farm workers to agricultural jobs. The program would admit foreign workers for those jobs if there were insufficient U.S. workers.

## KENTUCKY DISTRICTS

### KENTUCKY SENATE

(\*) denotes incumbent

#### DISTRICT 2

Dem (78.1%) Rep (16.2%) Other (5.7%)  
Ballard, Marshall, McCracken  
Robert J. "Bob" Leeper (D)  
Kathy J. Hogancamp (R)

#### DISTRICT 4

Dem (81.2%) Rep (13.9%) Other (4.9%)  
Crittenden, Henderson, Livingston,  
Lyon, Union, Webster  
Paul Herron (D)\*

#### DISTRICT 6

Dem (70.5%) Rep (25.1%) Other (4.4%)  
Butler, Hopkins, McLean, Muhlenburg  
Richard "Dick" Adams (D)  
Dan McGary (R)

#### DISTRICT 8

Dem (68.2%) Rep (24.4%) Other (7.4%)  
Daviss and Hancock  
David E. Boswell (D)\*  
Gerald S. Chapman (R)

#### DISTRICT 10

Dem (59.8%) Rep (28.7%) Other  
(11.5%) Hardin and part of Jefferson  
Charles E. Wise (D)  
Elizabeth Tori (R)\*

#### DISTRICT 12

Dem (51.6%) Rep (36.7%) Other  
(11.7%) part of Fayette  
Don Todd (D)  
Alice Forgy-Kerr (R)

#### DISTRICT 14

Dem (73.2%) Rep (22%) Other (4.8%)  
Larue, Marion, Nelson, Spencer,  
Taylor, Washington  
Joe Evans (D)  
Dan Kelly (R)\*

#### DISTRICT 16

Dem (26.5%) Rep (70.5%) Other (3%)  
Clinton, Cumberland, McCreary,  
Monroe, Wayne, Whitley  
David L. Williams (R)\*

#### DISTRICT 18

Dem (58.2%) Rep (36.3%) Other (5.5%)  
Carter, Greenup, Lewis, Mason,  
Robertson  
Phillip E. Miller (D)  
Charlie Borders (R)\*

#### DISTRICT 20

Dem (76%) Rep (18%) Other (6%)  
Franklin, Henry,  
part of Jefferson, Owen, Shelby  
Marshall Long (D)  
J. T. Harmon (R)

#### DISTRICT 22

Dem (64.2%) Rep (28.3%) Other (7.5%)  
Anderson, Boyle,  
part of Fayette, Jessamine, Mercer  
Don R. McCormick (D)  
Tom Buford (R)\*

#### DISTRICT 24

Dem (52.4%) Rep (35.6%) Other (12%)  
Campbell and Pendleton  
George Buddy Merritt (D)  
Katie Kratz Stine (R)

#### DISTRICT 26

Dem (57.3%) Rep (32.4%) Other (10.3%)  
Carnoll, Gallatin, Grant, part of Jefferson,  
Oldham, Trimble  
Norman Brown (D)  
Ernie Harris (R)\*

#### DISTRICT 28

Dem (73.4%) Rep (23%) Other (3.6%)  
Bath, Clark, Estill, Fleming,  
Montgomery, Powell  
Dale Shroud (D)  
David D. Lanier (R)

#### DISTRICT 30

Dem (76%) Rep (18%) Other (6%)  
Bourbon, Bracken, Harrison, Nicholas,  
Scott, Woodford  
Ed Miller (D)  
Ethyle Noel (R)

#### DISTRICT 32

Dem (67%) Rep (25.1%) Other (7.9%)  
Logan and Warren  
Ron Murphy (D)  
Brett Guthrie (R)

#### DISTRICT 34

Dem (54.6%) Rep (37.7%) Other  
(7.7%) part of Fayette, Garrard, Lincoln,  
Madison  
Ed Worley (D)  
Mark Metcalf (R)

#### DISTRICT 36

Dem (45.7%) Rep (42.7%) Other  
(11.6%) part of Jefferson  
Teena Halbig (D)  
Julie Carman Rose (R)\*

#### DISTRICT 38

Dem (64.2%) Rep (23.3%) Other (12.5%)  
part of Jefferson  
Dan Malano Seum (D)\*

### KENTUCKY HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

(\*) denotes incumbent

#### DISTRICT 1

Dem (85.6%) Rep (10.3%) Other (4.1%)  
Ballard, Carlisle, Fulton, Hickman,  
McCracken  
Charles Geveden (D)\*  
Larry Wilson (R)

#### DISTRICT 2

Dem (86.4%) Rep (10%) Other (3.6%)  
Graves, McCracken  
Fred Nesler (D)\*

#### DISTRICT 3

Dem (74.6%) Rep (18.4%) Other (7%)  
McCracken  
Frank Rasche, (D)\*

#### DISTRICT 4

Dem (75.3%) Rep (20.3%) Other (4.4%)  
Caldwell, Crittenden, Livingston,  
McCracken  
Mike Cherry (D)  
Sandy F. Furjanic (R)

#### DISTRICT 5

Dem (75.6%) Rep (16.4%) Other (8%)  
Calloway, Trigg  
Robert "Buddy" Buckingham (D)

#### DISTRICT 6

Dem (81.6%) Rep (13.3%) Other (5.1%)  
Lyon, Marshall, McCracken  
J. R. Gray (D)\*

#### DISTRICT 7

Dem (80.4%) Rep (14.1%) Other (4.5%)  
Daviss  
John A. Arnold, (D)\*

#### DISTRICT 8

Dem (74.8%) Rep (19.2%) Other (6%)  
Christian, Trigg  
John W. Adams (D)\*  
Jimmy Burks (R)

#### DISTRICT 9

Dem (68%) Rep (23%) Other (9%)  
Christian, Hopkins  
James E. "Jim" Bruce, (D)\*

#### DISTRICT 10

Dem (77.7%) Rep (17.2%) Other  
(5.1%) Hopkins  
Eddie Ballard (D)\*

#### DISTRICT 11

Dem (79.7%) Rep (14.2%) Other  
(6.1%) Henderson  
Gross Clay Lindsay, (D)\*

#### DISTRICT 12

Dem (81%) Rep (14.7%) Other (4.3%)  
Daviss, Henderson, Hopkins,  
McLean, Webster  
Jim Gooch (D)\*

**DISTRICT 13**Dem (68.4%) Rep (23.7%) Other (7.9%)  
DayvissRichard B. Thomson (D)  
Brian Crall (R)\***DISTRICT 14**Dem (67.2%) Rep (25.7%) Other (7.1%)  
Daviss, HancockBob Payne (D)  
Mark A. Treesh (R)\***DISTRICT 15**Dem (78.1%) Rep (17.7%) Other (4.2%)  
Christian, Hopkins, Muhlenberg

Brent Yonts (D)\*

**DISTRICT 16**Dem (81.4%) Rep (14%) Other (4.6%)  
Logan, Todd

Sheldon E. Baugh (R)\*

**DISTRICT 17**Dem (32.4%) Rep (63.5%) Other (4.1%)  
Butler, Grayson, Hardin

Woody Allen (R)\*

**DISTRICT 18**Dem (51.2%) Rep (44%) Other (4.8%)  
Breckinridge, Ohio

Dwight D. Butler (R)\*

**DISTRICT 19**Dem (62%) Rep (35.3%) Other (2.7%)  
Edmonson, Hart, LarueDottie J. Sims (D)\*  
Steve Hornback (R)**DISTRICT 20**Dem (59.7%) Rep (30.4%) Other (9.9%)  
Warren

Jody Richards (D)\*

**DISTRICT 21**Dem (67.2%) Rep (24.6%) Other (8.2%)  
Warren

Roger Thomas (D)\*

**DISTRICT 22**Dem (57.5%) Rep (36.4%) Other (6.1%)  
Allen, Simpson, WarrenRob Wilkey (D)\*  
Elvis F. Russell (R)**DISTRICT 23**Dem (67.4%) Rep (27.2%) Other (5.4%)  
Barren, Warren

Stephen R. Nunn (R)\*

**DISTRICT 24**Dem (51.3%) Rep (46.2%) Other (2.5%)  
Casey, Marion, Pulaski

William U. Scott (D)\*

**DISTRICT 25**Dem (62.5%) Rep (28.1%) Other (9.4%)  
Hardin

Jimmie Lee (D)\*

**DISTRICT 26**Dem (56.6%) Rep (28.9%) Other (14.5%)  
HardinJohn Michael Weaver (D)\*  
C. Ray Story (R)**DISTRICT 27**Dem (70.2%) Rep (20.3%) Other (9.5%)  
Hardin, MeadeJim Thompson (D)  
Theresa L. Padgett (R)**DISTRICT 28**Dem (56.2%) Rep (32.2%) Other (11.6%)  
JeffersonCharles Miller (D)  
Doug Hawkins (R)**DISTRICT 29**Dem (53.1%) Rep (34.8%) Other (12.1%)  
JeffersonJoyce McClain (D)\*  
Kevin D. Bratcher (R)**DISTRICT 30**Dem (66.5%) Rep (21.9%) Other (11.6%)  
JeffersonThomas J. "Tom" Burch (D)\*  
Patrick Hughes (R)**DISTRICT 31**Dem (52.7%) Rep (35.4%)  
Other (11.9%) JeffersonSteve Riggs (D)\*  
James Kute (R)**DISTRICT 32**Dem (49.5%) Rep (40.1%)  
Other (10.4%) JeffersonSusan D. Johns (D)\*  
Scott W. Brinkman (R)**DISTRICT 33**Dem (47.1%) Rep (41.4%)  
Other (11.5%) Jefferson

Bob Heleringer (R)\*

**DISTRICT 34**Dem (61.2%) Rep (27.8%)  
Other (11%) JeffersonMary Lou Marzian (D)\*  
Todd Lally (R)**DISTRICT 35**Dem (63%) Rep (25.8%) Other  
(11.2%) JeffersonJim Wayne (D)\*  
Donna D. Lawlor (R)**DISTRICT 36**Dem (43.7%) Rep (51.2%)  
Other (5.1%) Estill, Garrard, Madison

Lonnice Napier (R)\*

**DISTRICT 37**Dem (60.3%) Rep (27%)  
Other (12.7%) Jefferson

Perry B. Clark (D)\*

**DISTRICT 38**Dem (59.5%) Rep (28.8%) Other (11.7%)  
Jefferson

Denver Butler (D)\*

**DISTRICT 39**Dem (58.5%) Rep (32%) Other (9.5%)  
Fayette, Jessamine

Robert R. "Bob" Damron (D)\*

**DISTRICT 40**Dem (68.6%) Rep (19.6%)  
Other (11.8%) Jefferson

Dennis L. Horlander (D)\*

**DISTRICT 41**Dem (69.2%) Rep (17.8%)  
Other (13%) Jefferson

Tom Riner (D)\*

**DISTRICT 42**Dem (77.8%) Rep (11.1%) Other  
(11.1%) JeffersonEleanor Jordan (D)\*  
Chris Zeria Collins (R)**DISTRICT 43**Dem (80%) Rep (10.1%) Other (9.9%)  
Jefferson

E. Porter Hatcher (D)\*

**DISTRICT 44**Dem (64.6%) Rep (24.4%) Other (11%)  
JeffersonJoni Jenkins, (D)\*  
J. Brent Maxfield (R)**DISTRICT 45**Dem (46.3%) Rep (42.2%) Other (11.5%)  
FayetteCarolyn Stone Edwards (D)  
Stan Cave (R)\***DISTRICT 46**Dem (57.8%) Rep (30.7%) Other (11.5%)  
JeffersonLarry Clark (D)\*  
M. T. "Tommy" Riddle (R)**DISTRICT 47**Dem (44.7%) Rep (43.7%)  
Other (11.6%) JeffersonWilliam Anthony Bohnert (D)  
Ron Crimm (R)\***DISTRICT 48**Dem (45%) Rep (43.1) Other (11.9%)  
JeffersonMichael A. "Mike" Kennedy (D)  
Bob M. DeWeese (R)\***DISTRICT 49**Dem (65.4%) Rep (25.3%) Other (9.3%)  
BullittLarry L. Belcher (D)  
Allen Maricle (R)\***DISTRICT 50**Dem (74.9%) Rep (17.3%) Other (7.8%)  
Bullitt, NelsonJodie Haydon (D)\*  
David Floyd (R)**DISTRICT 51**Dem (44.1%) Rep (52.5%) Other (3.4%)  
Adair, TaylorRussell Montgomery (D)\*  
Ricky Lee Cox (R)**DISTRICT 52**Dem (35.5%) Rep (61.2%) Other (3.3%)  
McCreary, Pulaski, WayneArthur J. Bolze (D)  
Ken Upchurch\***DISTRICT 53**Dem (35.2%) Rep (62.4%) Other (2.4%)  
Cumberland, Green, Metcalfe, MonroeChristopher Brian Eaton (D)  
Billy Polston, (R)\***DISTRICT 54**Dem (71.2%) Rep (22.9%) Other  
(5.9%) Boyle, WashingtonJohn W. D. Bowling (D)  
Mike Harmon (R)**DISTRICT 55**Dem (76.6%) Rep (18.6%) Other  
(4.8%) Anderson, Franklin, MercerJack L. Coleman (D)\*  
K. Louis Dean (R)**DISTRICT 56**Dem (65.3%) Rep (27%) Other (7.7%)  
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**DISTRICT 81**Dem (60.2%) Rep (30%) Other (9.8%)  
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Other (3.2%) Clinton, Pulaski, Russell

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Breathitt, Jackson, Laurel, OwsleyTimothy Johnson (D)  
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(1.8%)  
Clay, Laurel, Leslie

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(1.9%) Letcher, Pike

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Floyd, PikeIra Edsel Branham (D)  
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Floyd

Gregory D. Stumbo (D)\*

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Carter, LewisRobin L. Webb (D)  
Ramona Gee (R)**DISTRICT 97**Dem (33.6%) Rep (64.4%) Other (2%)  
Johnson, MartinHubert Collins (D)\*  
John David Preston (R)**DISTRICT 98**Dem (63.6%) Rep (30%) Other (6.4%)  
GreenupDavid Aaron Harris (D)  
Hoby Anderson (R)\***DISTRICT 99**Dem (68.1%) Rep (28%) Other (3.9%)  
Boyd, Elliott, Lawrence

Rocky Adkins (D)\*

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Boyd

John Vincent (R)\*

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# County Farm Bureau annual meetings set

**BOONE COUNTY**  
 Date: Sept. 8  
 Time: 6 p.m.  
 Place: Boone County extension Office  
 Event: Hamburger/Hot Dog Cookout and guest speaker

**CLINTON COUNTY**  
 Date: Sept. 11  
 Time: 6:30 p.m.  
 Place: Clinton County High School  
 Event: Election of directors and officers with guest speaker and door prizes.

**RUSSELL COUNTY**  
 Date: Sept. 11  
 Time: 6:30 p.m.  
 Place: Fairgrounds  
 Event: Meal furnished for member and spouse

**HOPKINS COUNTY**  
 Date: Sept. 12  
 Time: 6:30 p.m.  
 Place: Hopkins County Fairgrounds Activities Building  
 Event: Meal catered by Lovan's Catering. Tickets will be sold at the Farm Bureau Office beginning 8/24 at a cost of \$3.00 per ticket.

**LOGAN COUNTY**  
 Date: Sept. 12  
 Time: 6 p.m.  
 Place: Logan County High School, Hwy. 68/80, Russellville  
 Event: Meal will be catered by Roy's Bar-B-Que. Program consists of outstanding youth contest and talent contest. Also a Measure the Candidate forum for candidates running for Kentucky State Senate. The Gospel Sounds will perform during the meal.

**ROCKCASTLE COUNTY**  
 Date: Sept. 18  
 Time: 6 p.m. food and entertainment - 7 p.m. annual meeting.  
 Place: Roundstone Elementary School  
 Event: Food and entertainment

**LAUREL COUNTY**  
 Date: Sept. 18  
 Time: 6 p.m. - 8 p.m.  
 Place: London-Laurel County Community Center on Main Street, London  
 Event: Annual Fish Fry

**ALLEN COUNTY**  
 Date: Sept. 18  
 Time: 6 p.m.  
 Place: Allen County-Scottsville High School

**CUMBERLAND COUNTY**  
 Date: Sept. 18  
 Time: 6:00 p.m.  
 Place: Cumberland County High School  
 Event: Talent Show

**HARLAN COUNTY**  
 Date: Sept. 19  
 Time: 12 noon  
 Place: FB Building in the Pine Mt. community

**BARREN COUNTY**  
 Date: Sept. 19  
 Time: 6 p.m.  
 Place: Barren County High School Cafeteria  
 Event: Ham dinner, business meeting, outstanding FB youth and variety contest. Door prizes.

**WARREN COUNTY**  
 Date: Sept. 19  
 Time: 6:30 p.m.  
 Place: Warren East High School  
 Event: Dinner and entertainment

**GARRARD COUNTY**  
 Date: Sept. 19  
 Time: Barbecue 6 p.m. - Meeting 7:30 p.m.  
 Place: Garrard County High School - Maple Avenue, Lancaster, KY  
 Event: Beef Barbecue Dinner, \$2 adults, \$1 school children, no charge for preschoolers. Annual Meeting with Talent and Youth contests. Door prizes.

**MCCRACKEN COUNTY**  
 Date: Sept. 19  
 Time: 4 p.m. youth contest; 5 p.m. free meal; 6 p.m. meeting. Tickets required.  
 Place: Robert Cherry Civic Center  
 Event: Annual meeting and picnic. David S. Beck, executive vice president, will be guest.

**PENDLETON COUNTY**  
 Date: Sept. 19  
 Time: 6:30 p.m.  
 Place: Northern Elementary School - Butler, Ky.  
 Event: Pot-luck dinner. Meat, drinks and table service provided. Bring a covered dish. Brief

business meeting, entertainment and door prizes.

**MERCER COUNTY**  
 Date: Sept. 21  
 Time: 6:30 p.m.  
 Place: Anderson Circle Farm Sale Barn

**ELLIOTT COUNTY**  
 Date: Sept. 22  
 Time: 6:30 p.m.  
 Place: High School Cafeteria  
 Event: Pot luck - meat and bread provided. Election of directors and officers.

**MEADE COUNTY**  
 Date: Sept. 22  
 Time: 6 p.m.  
 Place: Meade County FB Community Building at fairgrounds  
 Event: Potluck dinner and variety show

**JACKSON COUNTY**  
 Date: Sept. 24  
 Time: 5:30 p.m.  
 Place: Jackson Energy Farm  
 Event: Fish fry for members. Pick up ticket at Farm Bureau office.

**SCOTT COUNTY**  
 Date: Sept. 24  
 Time: 6:30 p.m.  
 Place: Scott County High School Cafeteria

**METCALFE COUNTY**  
 Date: Sept. 25  
 Time: 6 p.m.  
 Place: Metcalfe Co. Extension Office  
 Event: Potluck meal, gospel singing contest.

**LIVINGSTON COUNTY**  
 Date: Sept. 25  
 Time: 7 p.m.  
 Place: Livingston Central High School Cafeteria

Event: A meal, catered by the Livingston Co. 4-H, followed by a short business meeting.

**LARUE COUNTY**  
 Date: Sept. 26  
 Time: 7:30 p.m.  
 Place: LaRue County High School

**CARTER COUNTY**  
 Date: Sept. 28  
 Time: 6:30 p.m.  
 Place: Farm Bureau Office  
 Event: Election of directors and officers

**CALLOWAY COUNTY**  
 Date: Sept. 29  
 Time: 7 p.m. CST to 9 p.m.  
 Place: Calloway County High School Cafeteria  
 Event: Speaking and talent contests with youth, business meeting, refreshments, door prizes and fellowship

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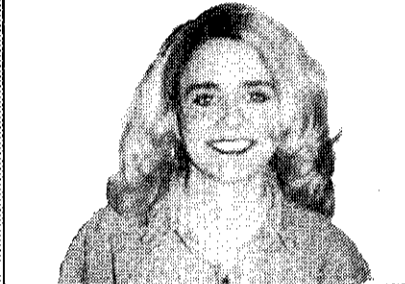
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# Squirrel hunting leads off season

By Art Lander

Forests were so vast in pioneer Kentucky that it was said a squirrel could travel from the Big Sandy to the Mississippi River without ever having to touch the ground.

Explorers and settlers hunted

squirrels for food and sport, with the firearm of the day -- the flintlock longrifle, a small caliber muzzleloader which shot round lead balls.

In the essay "To the Frontier," John James Audubon recalls a squirrel hunting trip with Daniel Boone:

"Barking off squirrels is a delightful sport, and in my opinion requires a greater degree of accuracy than any other. I first witnessed this manner of procuring

squirrels near Frankfort. The performer was the celebrated Daniel Boone. We walked out together along the Kentucky River until we reached a flat thickly covered in black walnuts, oaks and hickories. Because the nuts were generally good that year, squirrels were gambling on every tree around us.

"The stout, hale, athletic Boone, in homespun hunting shirt, moccasined but barelegged, carried a long heavy rifle. As he loaded it, he said he hoped it would prove as efficient as it had on other occasions, because he felt proud to show me his skill.

"He wiped it, measured powder, patched the ball with six-hundred-thread linen, and sent the charge home with a hickory rod. We moved not a step, for the squirrels were so numerous that it was unnecessary to go after them.

"Boone pointed to one crouched on a branch about fifty paces off, watching us. He bade me mark the spot well, and gradually raised his rifle until the bead or sight was in line with the spot.

"A whip-like report reverberated through the woods and along the hills. Judge of my surprise when I saw that the ball had hit the piece of bark just beneath the squirrel and shivered it into splinters. The concussion killed the animal and sent it whirling through the air as if it had been blown up by a powder magazine explosion.

"Since that first interview with our veteran Boone, I have seen many others perform the feat."

Hunters and firearms have changed drastically since the late 1700s, but the lure of squirrel hunting is still the same for thousands of Kentuckians -- foggy mornings in quiet woods, testing marksmanship skills and harvesting wild game for a vegetable stew simmered in a big iron pot over an open fire.

Today's squirrel hunter is more likely to be a youngster learning woodmanship and firearms safety under the guidance of a parent or relative, but the sport is still popular with muzzleloading enthusiasts who shoot reproductions of the rifles that Boone and other frontiersmen carried.

Squirrel season is the first season to open on Kentucky's fall hunting calendar. It is 170 days long, opening Aug. 15, and continuing through Jan. 31, 1999.

Populations fluctuate with food availability each year, but overall Kentucky has abundant squirrel numbers due to its vast forestlands.

While hunttable populations are



*Daniel Boone*

found throughout Kentucky and maturing forests have improved habitat in recent years, squirrel hunting has waned in popularity. This is probably due to increased interest in deer and wild turkey hunting.

Hunting pressure is now concentrated at the beginning of the season.

Last year was the first year that Kentucky's squirrel season extended through January, but not many hunters ventured out during the late season. About 11 percent of the hunts, and 6 percent of the squirrel harvest occurred in January.

According to data from last season's squirrel hunter survey, about 75 percent of the harvest is gray squirrels. Hunters seem to prefer to hunt in big woods rather than the woodlot and fencerow habitat favored by fox squirrels.

This fall it looks like there's a pretty good crop of hickory nuts, a favorite food of squirrels early in the season. Look for nut cuttings on the ground, to determine in which trees squirrels are actively feeding.

The nuts from shellbark, shagbark and mockernut hickory trees are preferred by squirrels. Dogwood and persimmon are also a favorite food of squirrels early in the season.

In early September, hunters should concentrate their efforts early and late in the day on high, dry sites where hickories tend to mature first.

Later in the month, squirrels start feeding on acorns and progress to walnuts after the leaves fall.

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# Annual meeting schedule fills up

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**ROWAN COUNTY**  
 Date: Sept. 29  
 Time: 6:30 p.m.  
 Place: Carl D. Perkins Community Center, Morehead, Ky.  
 Event: Refreshments only. Election of directors and officers.

**MONTGOMERY COUNTY**  
 Date: Oct. 1  
 Time: 6:30 p.m.  
 Place: High School Building Number 1 Cafeteria  
 Event: Meal provided. Election of directors and officers.

**WOLFE COUNTY**  
 Date: Oct. 2  
 Time: 6:30 p.m.  
 Place: Cliff View Resort, Rogers, KY  
 Event: Fish fry. Members bring dessert. Election of directors and officers.

**BATH COUNTY**  
 Date: Oct. 3  
 Time: 6:30 p.m.  
 Place: Lion's Club Park - Kendall Springs Rd., Owingsville  
 Event: Dinner will be provided

**MONROE COUNTY**  
 Date: Oct. 3  
 Time: 6:30 p.m.  
 Place: Monroe County High School  
 Event: BBQ meal with the business session, outstanding youth and talent to follow.

**OWEN COUNTY**  
 Date: Oct. 3  
 Time: 6 p.m.  
 Place: Owen County Extension Office  
 Event: Meal at 6 p.m.; meeting at 7 p.m.

**WOODFORD COUNTY**  
 Date: Oct. 3  
 Time: 7:00 p.m.  
 Place: Midway College

**GALLATIN COUNTY**  
 Date: Oct. 5  
 Time: 6:30 p.m.  
 Place: Meb Extension Building, 1 mile west of Warsaw on US 42

**CHRISTIAN COUNTY**  
 Date: Oct. 5  
 Time: 6:30 p.m.  
 Place: Western Ky. State Fair Convention Center, Hopkinsville  
 Event: A meal will be served.

**HENRY COUNTY**  
 Date: Oct. 5  
 Time: 6:30 p.m.  
 Place: Henry County Middle School, New Castle, Ky.

**WASHINGTON COUNTY**  
 Date: Oct. 5  
 Time: 7 p.m.  
 Place: Washington County Extension Office meeting room  
 Event: Meal will be provided; three year business plan to be discussed; door prizes

**BOYD COUNTY**  
 Date: Oct. 6  
 Time: 6:30 p.m.  
 Place: Ashland Plaza Hotel Banquet Room.  
 Event: Meal provided. Election of directors and officers. Reservations must be in two weeks prior to meeting. Call the FB office (606) 928-9561.

**FRANKLIN COUNTY**  
 Date: Oct. 6  
 Time: 6:30 p.m.  
 Place: VFW Second Street, Frankfort

**MENIFEE COUNTY**  
 Date: Oct. 7  
 Time: 7 p.m.  
 Place: Farm Bureau Office, Frenchburg, KY  
 Event: Meal provided. Election of directors and officers.

**MORGAN COUNTY**  
 Date: Oct. 8  
 Time: 7 p.m.  
 Place: Community Center Room Downstairs, old high school.  
 Event: Refreshments served. Election of directors and officers.

**BRECKINRIDGE COUNTY**  
 Date: Oct. 8  
 Time: 6:00 p.m. Central Time  
 Place: Breckinridge County Extension Office  
 Event: Dinner and Meet the Candidate

Program. Call FB office at 756-5131 for dinner reservations.

**BOURBON COUNTY**  
 Date: Oct. 8  
 Time: 6:30 p.m.  
 Place: Bourbon County Park  
 Event: Fish fry with meeting afterwards

**FAYETTE COUNTY**  
 Date: October 8  
 Time: 6:30 p.m.  
 Place: Fayette County Extension Office, 1145 Red Mile Place

**GREEN COUNTY**  
 Date: Oct. 8  
 Time: 6:30 p.m.  
 Place: Green County High School Concourse

**PULASKI COUNTY**  
 Date: Oct. 8  
 Time: 6:30 p.m.  
 Place: Southwestern High School

**HART COUNTY**  
 Date: Oct. 10  
 Time: 7 p.m. CST  
 Place: Hart County Library, Munfordville

**ANDERSON COUNTY**  
 Date: Oct. 12  
 Time: 5:30 p.m.  
 Place: Alton Ruritan Club

**BRACKEN COUNTY**  
 Date: Oct. 13  
 Time: 7:30 p.m.  
 Place: Watson Community Building, Brooksville

**POWELL COUNTY**  
 Date: Oct. 13  
 Time: 7 p.m.  
 Place: Farm Bureau office

**OLDHAM COUNTY**  
 Date: Oct. 15  
 Time: 7 p.m.

Place: Brownsboro Community Center in Brownsboro

**BULLITT COUNTY**  
 Date: Oct. 17  
 Time: 6 p.m.  
 Place: Bullitt Central High School

**LAWRENCE COUNTY**  
 Date: Oct. 20  
 Time: 6 p.m.  
 Place: Front Porch Restaurant, Louisa, KY

**CALDWELL COUNTY**  
 Date: Oct. 22  
 Time: 6:30 p.m.  
 Place: UK Research Center

**GREENUP COUNTY**  
 Date: Nov. 2  
 Time: 6:30 p.m.  
 Place: Farm Bureau Building

**JEFFERSON COUNTY**  
 Date: Nov. 12  
 Time: 7:30 p.m.



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The 1999 class will be introduced in December at the Kentucky Farm Bureau convention. A schedule of seven three-day sessions has been set for next year running from January through December.

Described as "a one-year intensive learning experience which will prepare future agricultural leaders for tomorrow's challenges," the LEAD program is open to Farm Bureau members age 25 to 40.

INSURANCE ISSUES

# Protecting yourself from an earthquake

By Linda Goff

Are you ready? Experts agree that it's a matter of time until a catastrophic earthquake will strike in the United States. While there is nothing that can be done to prevent it, there are measures that can help us prepare for the disastrous outcome of such a catastrophe.

According to data from several sources, the prediction is that the probability for the next major event along the New Madrid Fault is between 15 years (from 1990) and 30 years. Dr. Neil Weber, Geoscience Chair at Murray State University, indicates "there is a 90 percent chance of a 6.5 magnitude earthquake within the next 50 years."

Another frightening statistical prediction is there is a 50 percent chance that a 6.5 magnitude earthquake will occur by the turn of the century.

What does an earthquake rated 6.5 on the Richter scale feel like? It is hard to stand up, chimneys can fall, some houses collapse.

One source shows extreme western Kentucky at risk for a

Class X quake. The Modified Mercalli Intensity Scale describes the effects of a quake of this class as "disastrous"; the ground cracks badly, many buildings are destroyed, railway lines are bent, and landslides develop on steep slopes."

Further east, predictions are for quakes ranging from Class VIII to IX. These are described as "ruinous and destructive, with walls and plaster cracking, cracks in masonry, falling chimneys, poorly constructed buildings are damaged, and water well levels may change."

The New Madrid fault zone is the most famous in our area, but certainly not the only active earthquake zone in Kentucky. In the period from 1965 to 1985, 18 quakes, with magnitudes greater than 2 on the Richter Scale occurred across Kentucky. These quakes ranged from western to eastern Kentucky, and from the northern part of the state to the southern.

What can you do to protect yourself from an earthquake? While you won't get warnings,

there are things you can do to minimize injury and loss from damage when the shaking starts.

One step is to make sure you have insurance protection for earthquake. Homeowner's insurance policies do not cover the earthquake peril. Most companies, however, do offer the protection in an added endorsement.

Although earthquake deductible reduces the amount you are able to recover, (deductibles range from 5 to 20 percent of the insured value of the dwelling and contents, separately) you will be assured of having protection for major losses to your home and contents, and additional funds for living expenses if you are forced out of your home.

Regardless of whether you purchase the coverage for earthquake, you should be aware of the limits of your policy.

We can't live our lives as if disaster is about to occur. We can and should plan so that if it does take place, we can minimize injury and inconvenience until help arrives.

Check your surroundings. Look for hazards such as heavy, break-

able items hung over beds. Some experts suggest bolting heavier items, such as refrigerators, entertainment centers, other large furniture pieces, to the walls for added stability. Secure large mirrors, pictures, and bookcases to wall studs.

Establish a family meeting place in the event of a disaster.

Have a plan for getting in touch with one another.

You should also consider collecting and storing items which will be helpful in surviving the first hours or days following an earthquake. Remember to rotate items such as foods, batteries, and medicines to ensure freshness.

Catastrophic earthquakes threaten our society because they are unpredictable, can kill thousands of people, cause billions of dollars in property damage, and weaken our nation's financial system. It is important that citizens, insurers, and the state and federal government take earthquake predictions seriously, and prepare as much as possible to react when disaster strikes.

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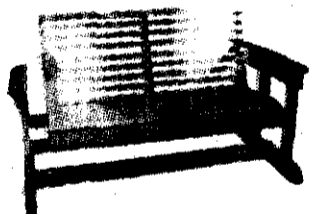
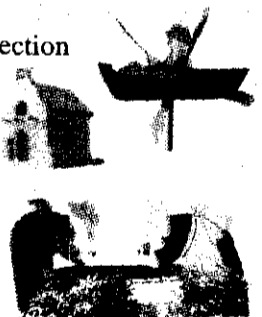
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