



## KFB's Ag Central Debuts at 2006 Kansas State Fair

Kansas Farm Bureau will debut a new focus with their space at this year's Kansas State Fair in Hutchinson, September 8-17. Attendees will travel through a hands-on and interactive exhibit called *Ag Central* to learn about commodities produced in Kansas and how they relate to their everyday lives.



While walking through *The House That Ag Built* kids will see how soybeans are found in products like cereal, potato chips, paint, printing ink, cleaning supplies and lotions. Items from many commodities in Kansas are displayed in a life-sized kitchen, bathroom and garage.

The *Farmer's Tool Chest of Jobs* highlights the many occupations of an ag producer. By opening the tool chest drawer titled "Independent Businessman" a student can see items such as a grain market data sheet, a calculator and ag publications. Other drawers spotlight: mechanic, heavy equipment operator, plant biologist and caretaker of the land.

The finale to the exhibit is a booth called *What Is This?*, where students can take a closer look at items relating to agriculture and complete a Kansas Farm Facts trivia card for a prize. Teachers will be provided with classroom curriculum to use with the students after returning to school and each student will take home a book mark that when planted produces a flower.

"We are very excited about our agriculture education efforts at this year's State Fair," KFB Safety and Ag Education Program Manager Jeff Sutton, says. "The exhibits are hands-on, interactive and designed for all ages with the goal of educating more than 300,000 fairgoers about the value of

agriculture in their everyday lives."

Kansas Farm Bureau President Steve Baccus will host the annual Ag Leadership Breakfast on Sat. Sept. 9. Kansas Congressional members, state legislators and industry leaders are invited to attend.

Farm Bureau members will want to bring their membership card to *Ag Central* on Farm Bureau Day, Sept. 15 to enter their name in a drawing for a special member prize to be awarded on that day. As a free health service for fairgoers, Farm Bureau State Women's Committee representatives will also be present on Farm Bureau Day with the Glow-Essence Skin Analyzer to help identify various skin conditions.

In addition, staff will offer free ice water and the opportunity to enter drawings for a John Deere ATV and ethanol-powered miniature Plymouth Prowler. These prizes are offered in conjunction with the Kansas Agricultural Network and Kwik Shop. Magician Rex Getz will also provide the Magical World of Agriculture show at the top of each hour.



**BUILDING THE HOUSE THAT AG BUILT.** KFB Staff have spent considerable time and effort organizing our newest agriculture education programs. This month, KFB's State Fair team traveled to Hutchinson and spent two days building, designing and organizing a hands-on agriculture exhibit. Pictured are Warren Parker, John Shostak and Debbie Hargrave, who are putting together the frame for a workbench to be featured in the mock garage in "The House That Ag Built."

The county Farm Families of the Year, Century Farm Award recipients and district Natural Resources Award winners will also be honored at a recognition lunch in the 4-H Encampment Building on Sept. 15. Nearly 200 FB members will be recognized during this annual event.

Rounding out the State Fair activities, KFB and Kwik Shop will sponsor the Ethanol Classic on Sunday afternoon, Sept. 17.

## WTO Talks Suspended – Again

Farm Bureau is openly disappointed in the decision from the World Trade Organization to suspend the Doha Development Agenda negotiations last week. AFBF stands behind its belief that freer and fairer agricultural trading rules would benefit all people of the world.

"Global trade does not just magically disappear, simply because the governments in some countries seem unwilling or unable to think beyond their borders," said KFB President Steve Baccus. "International trade is a daily fact of life on our planet and a big part of the future success of Kansas agriculture lies in opening new foreign markets."

"Unfortunately, the World Trade Organization negotiations allow one step forward and two steps backward. Farm Bureau will continue working hard on every front – within our own government and abroad – to bring about enlightenment on this crucial agricultural issue. We view this as only a temporary setback. Eventually, Kansas farmers will reap the benefits to be gained through enhanced global trade."

Baccus serves on the American Farm Bureau Federation Trade Advisory Committee.

## CRP Emergency Haying and Grazing Area Expanded

Kansas Farm Service Agency (FSA) has approved emergency haying and grazing of Conservation Reserve Program (CRP) ground.

Counties approved for emergency haying and grazing of CRP acreage are Cherokee, Cheyenne, Clark, Comanche, Decatur, Edwards, Ellis, Ellsworth, Finney, Ford, Gove, Graham, Grant, Gray, Greeley, Hamilton, Haskell, Hodgeman, Kearny, Lane, Lincoln, Logan, Meade, Morton, Ness, Osborne, Rawlins, Rush, Russell, Scott, Seward, Sherman, Stanton, Stevens, Thomas, Trego, Wichita and Wallace.

At least 50 percent of each field or contiguous fields must be left unhayed for wildlife and at least 25 percent of each field or contiguous CRP fields must be left ungrazed for wildlife, or graze not more than 75 percent of the

stocking rate. Emergency haying and grazing in Kansas is allowed through Sept. 11. Livestock must be removed by Sept. 12 and hay must be removed from the field within 30 days from the end of the haying period. Emergency haying and grazing is not allowed on the same acreage.

Livestock producers in the 38 eligible Kansas counties may purchase hay or conduct emergency haying or grazing of eligible CRP acres from CRP participants in any county in the expanded area in the Midwest. The expanded area includes counties within 150 mile radius of any approved county in Arkansas, Colorado, Iowa, Kansas, Minnesota, Missouri, Montana, Nebraska, New Mexico, North Dakota, Oklahoma, South Dakota, Texas and Wyoming. A map is available at [fsa.usda.gov](http://fsa.usda.gov).

## Rural Development Meeting Set to Connect KFB and USDA Leaders

In an effort to bring together the state's largest ag advocacy organization with the nation's best source for rural community information, a meeting is in the works for KFB leaders and USDA Rural Development Undersecretary Tom Dorr.

Dorr, along with Congressman Jerry Moran, R-Kan., and USDA Rural Development State Director for Kansas Chuck Banks will join KFB board members and leadership on August 23 in Junction City. KFB has

long been involved in efforts to revitalize the state's rural communities and USDA Rural Development is currently making plans for future farm policy.

Topic of discussion for the meeting will be the rural development title in the 2007 Farm Bill. Attendees will discuss an enhanced rural focus and potential grant programs available, as well as opportunities to increase rural residents' economic opportunities and improve their quality of life.

## AFBF President Stallman to Headline Annual Meeting

At this year's annual meeting, Kansas Farm Bureau will look around the corner to see what's coming in the next decade, help FB members prepare for industry changes and ultimately place farmers and ranchers in a position of profitability.

The theme "Leading Agriculture's Future," will carry farmers and ranchers through the two-day annual meeting venue, Friday and Saturday, Nov. 17-18 in Manhattan. Members will hear from American Farm Bureau Federation President Bob Stallman and KFB President Steve Baccus on the

importance of looking to the future in agriculture. Activities have been enhanced as Young Farmer & Rancher events will be held at KFB headquarters and district caucuses are back into Friday's annual meeting schedule.

Friday's schedule continues to offer educational workshops, the opening session of annual meeting and the traditional recognition and awards banquet. Saturday's activities include the all-important business session where members vote on Farm Bureau policies that will guide the organization for the year in Topeka and in Washington, D.C.



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## LIVING TRUSTS

*Reprinted from previous issue: with correction on fourth bullet point.*

Revocable living trusts are an excellent means of transfer of property to the next generation. They offer many advantages over traditional estate planning documents such as wills.

A living trust is placed into effect during a person's lifetime by executing a trust document and transferring to the trust assets a person desires to be in the trust. The trust will provide for distribution of trust assets upon death, which the trustee will administer.

The advantages of a revocable living trust are as follows:

- ✓ The trust is revocable and amendable.
- ✓ The trust is in effect during a person's lifetime so it can provide for management of trust assets in the event the Grantor of the trust becomes incapacitated.
- ✓ No probate administration is necessary for distribution of assets in the trust, which can save time and expense in estate administration.
- ✓ A trust can be helpful for estate tax planning. If a husband and wife each have a trust, their assets can remain separate and each will use their estate tax exemption for their own trust property. If they do not leave their trust to the surviving spouse, the assets do not increase the survivor's estate.
- ✓ The Grantor may leave assets in the trust for minor beneficiaries until they attain a certain age and use the trust for their education until that age. The trust may also hold assets for incapacitated beneficiaries during their lifetime and qualify as "special needs trusts," if desired.

A disadvantage of a living trust is it will cost more to establish than a will because there is more work involved but the overall expense, considering administration of the estate, should be substantially less.

For more information, call Terry Arthur, General Counsel, at (785) 587-6614 or visit the KFB Legal Foundation Web page at [kfb.org](http://kfb.org).

# FARM FLASHES . . .

## Counties Recognized for Activities of Excellence

■ “Motivating Action ... Celebrating Success” is the theme of this year’s *County Activities of Excellence* (CAE) competition. Originally known as the County Farm Bureau Idea Exchange, the program now focuses on the priority areas of the organization.

Fifteen county Farm Bureaus from across the nation will be selected to present a display of their innovative, action-oriented activity at the American Farm Bureau Federation Annual Meeting, Jan. 7-8, 2006, at the Salt Palace Convention Center in Salt Lake City, UT. Selected counties will receive \$2,000 toward expenses incurred to participate in the CAE program.

The five program categories for entries are education and ag promotion, leadership promotion, member services, policy implementation and public relations and information.

Entries must be submitted to KFB Member Services by Sept. 8. To download the PDF application form or apply online, go to the AFBF Web site, [www.fb.org/programs/countyx/](http://www.fb.org/programs/countyx/).

## KFB Represented at National Ag in Classroom Event

■ Farm Bureau members attended the 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the National Agriculture in the Classroom Conference last month in Atlantic City, NJ.

The hands-on conference brings together educators, volunteers and program staff to interact and share ideas among states who work diligently to promote agriculture. Among the more than 300 people who attended the national event include Farm Bureau members (pictured inset) Helen Norris, Fran Force, Lois Moss, Vicki Haydock, Gay Beth Moore and Barbara Oplinger.



## USDA Offers \$6 Million for Community Development

■ USDA Rural Development is making available more than \$6.2 million in grant funds through its Rural Community Development Initiative Program (RCDI). The program offers funds to qualified intermediary organizations to develop their capacity to undertake housing, community facilities and community and economic development projects in rural areas.

The grant funds are available to intermediaries and have a dollar for dollar matching fund requirement, intended to double the impact of the grants. Qualified organizations can be public or private (including tribal organizations) that have been legally organized for at least three years and have experience working with eligible recipients. Recipients of the funds from the intermediary can be non-profit organizations, low-income communities or federally recognized tribes.

Applications must be received by October 12. The application and additional info is available at [rurdev.usda.gov/rhs/rcdi](http://rurdev.usda.gov/rhs/rcdi).

## Guide Released for Producers to Protect Our Food Supply

■ The U.S. Department of Agriculture has released a guide to help agricultural producers enhance security at the farm level. The Pre-Harvest Security Guidelines and Checklist 2006 offers practical measures to help protect against natural disasters, as well as the unintentional or intentional introduction of plant or animal diseases.

The voluntary guidelines and checklists were developed based upon recommendations made by producers throughout the United States. Guidelines have been developed for general agriculture, dairy, crops, cattle and poultry security. This guide is the latest in a series of materials produced by USDA to bolster food and agriculture security.

To view the guide, go to [kfb.org/safety/crimeprevention.htm](http://kfb.org/safety/crimeprevention.htm).

## Rooks County Offers Prize Money for Open Class Beef

■ Cattle producers are invited to exhibit bulls and females in the Rooks County Free Fair Open Class Beef Show. A new class will offer the Supreme bull and heifer \$500 and award \$250 for the reserve bull and female. The show is set for 1 p.m., August 17 at the Rooks County Fairgrounds, Stockton. Entry deadline is Aug. 7. For more info, contact David Pieper at (785) 737-2830 or E-mail: [dpieper@ruraltel.net](mailto:dpieper@ruraltel.net).

## Free Meth Watch Decals Available for Anhydrous Tanks

■ Anhydrous ammonia is a key ingredient in the manufacture of methamphetamine and is frequently stolen from nurse tanks at farms, ranches and co-ops. Meth Watch decals placed on nurse tanks may act as a theft deterrent and will provide farmers and ranchers an opportunity to become involved in their community’s efforts to address the meth problem.

To order free, weather resistant decals for distribution in your community, contact KDHE’s T.J. Ciaffone at (785) 368-7301 or [tciaffone@kdhe.state.ks.us](mailto:tciaffone@kdhe.state.ks.us).

## Kansas Farm Bureau CALENDAR

### August 1

Farm Family of the Year  
Applications due

### August 15

Natural Resources Award  
Applications Due

### August 23

State NER Committee Meeting,  
Winfield

### August 27

State Committee of Farm Bureau  
Women Meeting, Beloit

### August 28

Governor’s Farm and Ranch Tour,  
Smith and Jewell Counties

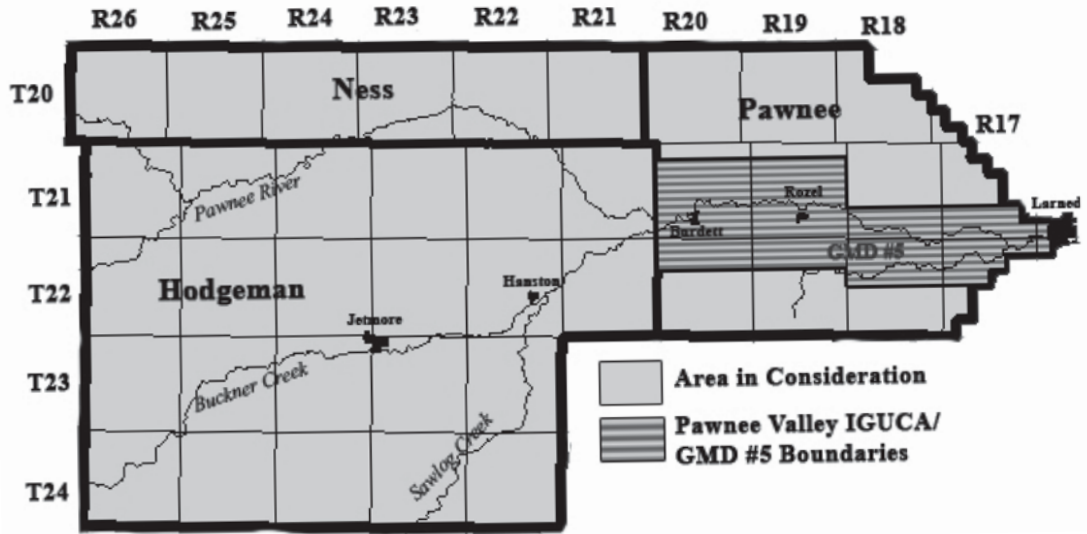
# Proposal in the Works to Expand Pawnee IGUCA


Water users in Pawnee, Hodgeman and Ness counties are invited to public information meetings on a proposal to modify the existing Pawnee Valley Intensive Groundwater Use Control Area (IGUCA) to include part of the Pawnee-Buckner-Sawlog subbasins. If the proposal is adopted, groundwater irrigation will be restricted during a drought based on water right priority and historical use. Notice was reportedly sent to all documented water right holders in the affected areas.

This month, public info meetings were held in Jetmore and Larned to offer more info to water right holders on the public hearing process. A pre-hearing conference is

scheduled for August 16 at Larned City Hall, 1 p.m., with the formal public hearing set for October 24-25 in Larned.

The map (above) includes the area proposed for inclusion into the IGUCA.





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