

# Agricultural Education

University of Kentucky

## *Enrollment on the Rise!*



### Undergraduate Program surpasses 50

Indeed, we have potential running out our proverbial ears here in the University of Kentucky Agricultural Education Program! Over the past two decades our program has seen many ups and downs, in terms of student enrollment. Nevertheless, we have weathered the many changes of the education system in Kentucky and somehow come out on top! Currently we have 52 undergraduate agricultural education majors enrolled during the Fall semester, 1997. This includes two students

who have declared double majors, and two who are non-degree. With a combination of 24 females and 28 males our ratios serve us well with outstanding leaders in the College of Agriculture. Our enrollment continues to climb and includes many excellent students and leaders. Our students serve in various roles throughout our college and University with unmatched enthusiasm and dedication. Undoubtedly, we look forward to the future with anticipated certainty that the best is yet to come for our program! (See attached list of students on page 6.)

#### 1998 Student Teacher Placements

- BOURBON COUNTY:**  
 Supervising Teacher- James Cleaver  
 Student Teachers- Camille Creech and Jennifer Jacobs
- CLARK COUNTY:**  
 Supervising Teachers- Clay Wills and Jimmy Powell  
 Student Teachers- Alton Stull, Scott Turpin and Aaron Webster
- JESSAMINE COUNTY:**  
 Supervising Teachers- Gary Burdine, Pam Moore and Dexter Knight  
 Student Teachers- Todd Elgin, Bradley Gray and Mike McHolan
- MADISON COUNTY:**  
 Supervising Teacher- Billy Turpin  
 Student Teachers- Jodi Chaplin and Jason McWhorter
- SCOTT COUNTY:**  
 Supervising Teachers- Brenda Oldfield, John Lacy and Regina Fritsch  
 Student Teachers- Nathan Biggs, Heidi Ernst and Tony Jury.

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## Number of Student Teachers at a 15 Yr. High

Perhaps the only certainty in education is that virtually no two occasions in the life of an educator will be exactly alike. Certainly, this has been the case in recent years for the Student Teaching portion of the curriculum. The number of student teachers each year has varied greatly. Happily, we have come from an all time low of 4 student teachers in 1992 to 13 teachers ready for their student teaching experience in the Spring of 1998.

Admittedly, we have quite a way yet to go in order to again reach the student teacher enrollment high of 30 in 1983. Nevertheless, bigger is not necessarily always better and currently we are quite pleased with both quality and quantity. Certainly we are excited about the potential these young educators hold and wish them the very best in the coming months.

## Profile on:



### Billy Glen Turpin

Twenty years of service to U.K.'s Agricultural Education Program has earned Mr. William Glen Turpin a spot in our first newsletter. As host to 28 student teachers over the years, Mr. Turpin has devoted countless hours to the training of our young agricultural educators. Serving as a role model and mentor, Mr. Turpin has helped teachers to "blaze the trail" in the infancy of their careers. With over 27 years experience in teaching high school agriculture, his record stands as an impressive example to follow. With five National Land Judging Champion Teams and many state champion teams, Mr. Turpin's expertise in this area is matched by none other than his former FFA Advisor and colleague, Mr. Charles Metcalf. Turpin claims that he and Metcalf shared the same office and classroom for twenty years without a single disagreement.

As a graduate of Eastern Kentucky University who attended the University of Kentucky in 1969 to complete his student teaching experience, Turpin credits Dr. Herbert Bruce with helping him through the early years of his teaching career. He further shares

his success with his beloved wife, Mildred, whom he says "has been my most important supporter through the years, and my partner in every endeavor". Together, they have reared two fine children Raglena, a Senior at Madison Central High School, and Scott who will be a part of the agricultural student teaching class at U.K. this Spring.

With much gratitude and sincere appreciation, we thank Mr. Billy Glen Turpin for his service to the University of Kentucky Agricultural Education Program.

## Getting Into the T.E.P.

Upon nearing completion of basic University requirements, students intending to complete their Ag. Ed. Degree must be admitted to the Teacher Education Program (T.E.P). Students who have, or are completing 60 credit hours during the current semester and have met the other requirements are eligible to apply for the Teacher Education Program (TEP). Admission prerequisites along with continuous assessment throughout the program are designed to insure a standard of excellence for students completing the program. Requirements beyond the completion of 60 credit hours include a minimum G.P.A. of 2.5, an ACTE composite score of 21 or higher, or passing the CTBS. In addition, candidates must complete the application process which includes written references, a written autobiography or resume, evidence of experience with students or community, a "best piece" in the subject matter field, personal knowledge of the Kentucky Professional Code of Ethics, and a personal interview with the selection

committee. Finally, if all requirements are met, the application process is complete and satisfactory, and the interview goes well the student will be recommended to the Vocational Education Program Faculty for final approval. Indeed, the process is rather lengthy. Nevertheless, it serves as a safeguard to ensure only students most likely to succeed in the program are admitted. Qualifying students should see either Rodney Tulloch or Charles Byers for an application for admission to the U.K. Teacher Education Program.

## Profile on:



### Delmer Dalton

"My philosophy has always been to work as a team player." Indeed, it is likely these words of wisdom which have lead Delmer Dalton to become one of the most treasured members of the Kentucky Agricultural Education Family!

Raised on a tobacco and beef cattle farm in Northern Pulaski County, Delmer Dalton attended Eubank High School. Determined to earn a college degree, he attended the University of Kentucky College of Agriculture, where he finished his B.S. Degree in

Agronomy in 1967. He then completed his student teaching experience in May of 1968. Then Mr. Dalton taught agriculture at Bryan Station High School for six years, during which he completed his M.S. Degree in Agricultural Education. Dalton then accepted a supervisory position on the Agricultural Education staff with the Kentucky Department of Education. He became Kentucky's FFA Executive Secretary on January 1, 1977. In addition to serving as the Executive Secretary, Mr. Dalton also took on the responsibility of being the State Director of Agricultural Education, and Kentucky FFA State Advisor in 1991. He functioned in both capacities until February 15, 1993. Currently, he serves as Branch Manager of Agriculture and Industrial Education in the Division of Secondary Vocational Education.

Among all the fury of activity in Mr. Dalton's life is his family, which includes his wife, Linda, and two sons, Darin and Gregory who are both graduates of the University of Kentucky. Reminiscing about his career he stated, "I hope that I have been able to be a role model and made a positive difference in their (my students) lives." Without a doubt, we believe that Mr. Dalton has certainly accomplished this lofty goal.

Adding a compliment to the Agriculture teachers across the state, Dalton stated, "I believe the strength of the program happens first at the local high school level where students are enrolled. He further remarked, "The older I become, the greater the appreciation I have for the education I have received from the public school experiences and the education I received while a student in the College of Agriculture, University of Kentucky." In closing he claimed, "If I had it to do over again, I honestly feel I would take the same trip."

We salute Mr. Delmer Dalton for all of his contributions to agricultural education in Kentucky, as one of our finest graduates!

## —•••— Tooting Our Own Ag. Ed. Horns!



Without a doubt, we are delighted with the recent expansion of the Agricultural Education program here at the University of

Kentucky. More students and more possibilities for achieving higher goals, right? Not necessarily, of course. Fortunately, however, our program is blessed with many outstanding individuals who serve as fine examples for the quality of our program.

### *Southern Region Collegiate Agricultural Leadership Conference*

For instance, during the Fall Semester the Agricultural Education Society (AES) traveled to Covington, Georgia to host the Southern Region Collegiate Agricultural Leadership Conference. Also serving as an active participant during the weekend, UK's AES and its individual members made us proud. The club brought home third place honors, overall. Kristy Burkhead carried on our fine tradition of exceptional public speakers by winning first place in the Extemporaneous Public Speaking Contest. Meanwhile Darla Helm reeled in a win in Talent.

### *National FFA Convention*

The National FFA Convention is always an exciting time for the agricultural community. Four of our agricultural education majors, Kristy Burkhead, Darla Helm, Melanie Turner, and Alison Sexten (also an Agricultural Ambassador), represented the University of Kentucky. Two of our members, Victoria Cannon and Misty Miller, received their American FFA Degrees at the Convention this year. A recent graduate of our program, Darryl Matherly who is now a teacher at Meade County High School, marched across the stage to receive his American Degree in the company of some of his students! At the '96 Convention Nathan Biggs, Kristy Burkhead, and Tony Jury also obtained their golden keys.



### *Ag College Leadership*

We are fortunate to have individuals within our program who serve the College of Agriculture in addition to our particular major. The Agriculture Student Council provides service to the College as a coalition of various majors. We are proud to lay claim to some of the individuals involved in such activity. Agricultural education majors, or Ag. Ed. Society members committed to the Agricultural Student Council for both the 1996-97, and 1997-98 academic years are listed below.

### Student Council Members

*1997-98*

*Nathan Biggs  
Kristy Burkhead  
Darla Helm  
Alison Sexten  
Clay Sullivan*

*1996-97*

*J. Vanessa Baker  
Charlie Edgington  
Tony Jury*

*Joe Pat Lee  
Travis Ruda  
Clay Sullivan  
Daniel Tandy*

For three years prior to the 1997-98 academic school year, agricultural education majors served as president of the student council.

*Recent Student Council Presidents who were Agricultural Education majors include:*

*1996-97: Daniel Tandy  
1995-96: Jeremy Hinton  
1994-95: Doug Sullivan*

It is important to note that all Agricultural Student Council Representatives are elected by their peers and are held in high regard.

The College of Agriculture Dean's Ambassador program is another elite leadership opportunity in which to be involved. Our program is pleased to have representatives who serve as Agricultural Ambassadors.

#### *1997-98 Ambassadors*

*Kristy Burkhead  
Amber Fogle  
Alison Sexten  
Clay Sullivan*

#### *1996-97 Ambassadors*

*J. Vanessa Baker  
Kristy Burkhead  
Krist Tina Coil*

#### *Community Service*

Indeed, there are other activities in which we are proud to have our members involved. The Methodist Children's Home Annual Day is an event that our members have volunteered their time to for 26 years. This year along with Dr. Rodney Tulloch, J. Vanessa Baker, Kristy Burkhead, Amber Fogle, Tony Jury, and Travis Ruda helped with this homecoming event. Our

annual Fall Work Day was held at Immanuel Baptist Church. Vanessa Baker, Kristy Burkhead, John Chaliff, Tony Jury, Misty Miller, John New, Korie Wetzel, and Dr. Tulloch raked enough leaves to require three truck-loads to be hauled away!

Undoubtedly, we are very proud of the achievements and service-mindedness of our agricultural education majors, and Ag. Ed. Society members!

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## Old & New State FFA Officers Offer Welcome Contribution

State FFA Officer Teams continue to add welcome contributions to our program as well. Currently, we have *seven* students enrolled in the Agricultural Education Program at UK who are former or current FFA State Officers. Brad Brammell and Matt Chaliff currently serve as 1997-98 Regional Vice-Presidents. Amber Fogle, Secretary, and Misty Miller, Sentinel were both members of the 1996-97 Kentucky FFA Officer team. Clay Sullivan, was the Kentucky FFA State Vice-President during the 1995-96 year. From Ohio's State FFA Officer team of 1995-96 we have Alison Sexten, who was a District Vice-President. Camille Creech, the 1994-95 Kentucky FFA Sentinel, will be student teaching this Spring. Indeed, we are proud to include these leaders on our roll sheet of agricultural education majors!

## Just Down the Road...

The UK Community College system plays host to several agricultural education majors whom we hope to soon include in our campus programs. At Lexington Community College there are eight students, Jennifer Boykin, Matt Elkins, Andrew Fritsch, Jessica Glass, Keith Lancaster, Joe Lipps, Michael Peake and Lisa Robertson, who have been in contact with our department for advising in the agricultural education major. Robert Todd, a current Kentucky FFA State Officer from Henderson County, attends Henderson Community College and has been in close contact with our department, as well. Also, from Maysville Community College we have Rhonda Hargett with a major in agricultural education. At the Hazard Community College is Crystal Noble, another agricultural education major. We look forward to welcoming these students to campus in the near future.

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## Graduating Graduate Students

Numerous graduate students who have toiled long and hard will soon be rewarded for their efforts by receiving their diplomas in December.

#### December 1997 Graduates

##### **Masters Degree**

*Bonnie Bradley*, Business Education, Business Teacher, Paintsville High School.

*Howard Carey*, Vocational Administration, Principal, Marion County Vocational Technical Center.

*Cathy Epperson*, Business Education,  
CEO Adonta Corp., Somerset.

*David Pelphrey*, Agricultural  
Education, Agriculture Teacher,  
Johnson Central High School.

*Tonya Phillips*, Agricultural  
Education, Agriculture Teacher,  
Fleming County High School.

*Katherine Rogers*, Family &  
Consumer Sciences Education,  
Substitute Teacher, Bourbon  
County Schools.



### August 1997 Graduates

#### **Doctoral**

*Fred Scheffler*, Faculty, Kentucky  
State University.

#### **Rank I**

*David Bird*, Agriculture Teacher,  
Woodford Co. High School.

*Barbara Brown*, Business Teacher,  
Pendleton Co. High School.

*Marilyn White*, Business Teacher,  
Pendleton Co. High School.

#### **Masters Degree**

*Valerie Cecil*, Business Education,  
Business Teacher, Tates Creek High  
School.

*Theresa Epperson*, Agricultural  
Education, Agriculture Teacher  
Woodford Co. High School.

*Robert "Bow" Switzer*, Agricultural  
Education, Agriculture Teacher,  
Harrison County High School.

*Jennifer Kaech*, Agricultural  
Education, Former 4-H Agent,  
Mercer Co.

*Jennifer Allen*, Business Education,  
Coordinator Family Resource Ctr.,  
Paris.

*Jennifer Cocanougher*, Agricultural  
Education, Cooperative Extension  
Program Extension Associate.

*Rob Dehaven*, Agricultural  
Education, Agriculture Teacher,  
Breckinridge County High School.

*Pam Moore*, Agricultural Education,  
Agriculture Teacher, West  
Jessamine High School.

*Michael Pettitt*, Agricultural  
Education, Horticulture Specialist,  
Cooperative Extension Program.

*Deanna Shewmaker*, Family &  
Consumer Sciences Education  
Family & Consumer Sciences  
Teacher, Mason County High  
School.

*Kathy Spears*, Business Education,  
Business Teacher, Spencer County  
High School.



### May 1997 Graduates

#### **Doctoral**

*Earl Blair*, Faculty, Eastern  
Kentucky University.

*Rod Stanley*, Faculty, Morehead  
State University.

#### **Rank I**

*Glen Croley*, Agriculture Teacher,  
Whitley County High School.

*James Brumagen*, Agricultural  
Education, Agriculture Teacher,  
Deming High School.

### December 1996 Graduates Masters

*Rosie Allen*, Family & Consumer  
Sciences Education, Area Extension  
Specialist in Nutrition, Boone County.

*Kara Colvin*, Agricultural Education, 4-  
H Agent, Boone County.

*Fran Dundon*, Vocational Education,  
Service Coordinator, Workforce  
Development Cabinet.

*John Shelburne*, Vocational Education,  
Carpentry Teacher, Luther Lockett  
Technical Center.

### August 1996 Graduates



*Joana Booher*,  
F a m i l y &  
Consumer Sciences Education, Family  
& Consumer Science Teacher, Taylor  
County High School.

*Tim Gray*, Agricultural Education,  
Agriculture Teacher, INDIANA.

*Barry Kizer*, Agricultural Education,  
Agriculture Agent, Morgan County.

*Elizabeth Kingsland*, Family &  
Consumer Sciences Education, Part-  
time Instructor, College of Human  
Environmental Sciences.

*Joe Myers*, Agricultural Education,  
Agriculture Teacher, Montgomery  
County High School.

*Anthony Strong*, Agricultural  
Education, Agriculture Teacher,  
Pendleton County High School.

Congratulations and best wishes to all  
of our recent and soon to be graduates  
of the University Of Kentucky  
Vocational Education Graduate  
Program!!

## Graduate Assistantship Available for 1998-99

The Agricultural Education Program offers one graduate assistantship for each academic school year. The position requires you to work twenty hours weekly for the program as a Teaching Assistant in return for (approximately) \$9250 and waiver of your tuition. Interested parties should contact Charles Byers at (606) 257-8796 for further information. Deadline for application is February 15, 1998.

Recent Teaching Assistants of the Agricultural Education Program are as follows:

*J. Vanessa Baker, 1997-98*  
*Darryl Matherly, 1996-97*  
*Rob Dehaven, 1995-96*  
*Myron Moore, 1994-95*

## Our Ag. Ed. Scholars!

As we all know, financing a college education can be very tough. Fortunately, the UK College of Agriculture makes every effort to help assist deserving students with this challenge. This year we are grateful to the College of Agriculture, and the Agricultural Education Society for providing scholarships to 17 of our Ag. Ed students / AES members.

### *1997-98 Scholarship Recipients*

Kristy Lynn Burkhead  
John Matthew Chaliff  
John Brent Cornett  
Treva Camille Creech  
Amber Lee Fogle  
Darla Christy Helm  
Tony Ray Jury  
John Casey Mulberry  
Mary Nicole Rehtin  
Travis Smith Ruda  
Alison Marie Sexten  
Mary Beth Shackelford  
Christi Shawn Stafford  
Robert H. Stewart, Jr.  
Clay Andrew Sullivan  
Aaron Matthew Webster  
Travis Gene York

We hope that alumni and friends of the college will continue to be able to contribute to the College of Agriculture scholarship fund when contacted during the phone-a-thon!

## Fall 1997 Ag. Ed. Undergraduates

Stacy Renee Allen, Lincoln Co  
Nathan Even Bailey, Christian Co  
Nathan Lee Biggs, OHIO  
Robert Thomas Bingham, Jackson Co  
Bradley Allen Brammell, Carter Co  
Kristy Lynn Burkhead, Garrard Co  
Stephaine Chamberlain, Bourbon Co  
John Matthew Chaliff, Rockcastle Co  
Jodi Elizabeth Chaplin, Pendleton Co  
Jarrod Brent Cornett, Clay Co  
Treva Camille Creech, Wolfe Co  
Dennis Arthur Dever, MICHIGAN  
Heidi LeeAnn Ernst, NEW YORK  
Branson Eubank, Bourbon Co  
Amber Lee Fogle, Pendleton Co  
Mary Christine Grachus, VIRGINIA  
Lloyd Bradley Gray, Henry Co  
Chad Halsey, Scott Co  
Darla Christy Helm, LaRue Co  
Jennifer Marie Jacobs, Scott Co

Anthony Ray Jury, Nelson Co  
Matthew Ryan Koch, Bourbon Co  
Joseph Patrick Lee, Bullitt  
Alissa Faye Little, Scott Co  
Erika Catherine Lynch, Fulton Co  
Christi L. Marksbury, Spencer Co  
Misty Ruth Miller, Garrard Co  
John Casey Mulberry, Scott Co  
John R. New, Owen Co  
A. Brian Osterman, Lincoln Co  
Wesley Edward Purcell, Bourbon Co  
Matthew Prewitt, Whitley Co  
Mary Nicole Rehtin, Bracken Co  
Alison Marie Sexten, OHIO  
Mary Beth Shackelford, Todd Co  
Crystal D. Sorrell, Montgomery Co  
Christi Stafford, Jessamine Co  
Michael Shawn Staton, Bath Co.  
William Todd Stephens, Scott Co  
Robert H. Stewart, Jr., Hardin Co  
Amanda Lane Stull, Meade Co  
Clay Andrew Sullivan, Pendleton Co  
Melanie Lynn Turner, Whitley Co  
Aaron Matthew Webster, Grant Co  
Korie Lynn Wetzel, OHIO  
Tammy Fryman White, Scott Co  
Travis Gene York, Franklin Co  
John Robert Zinner, Boyle Co

### Double Majors

Victoria Cannon, Flemming Co  
Alton Stull III, Montgomery Co

### Non-Degree Majors

Michael Wayne McHolan, Boyle Co  
William Scott Turpin, Madison Co

### Future Ag Education Majors

### Transferring Into the Program (during the Fall semester 1997)

Jason Begley, Harlan Co  
Ryan Dale Bivens, Spencer Co  
Jennifer Boykin, Scott Co  
Robert Morris Coots, Spencer Co  
William Davis, Carter Co  
Jaime Dement, OHIO  
Andrew Fritsch, Bourbon Co  
Walter "Cory" Maggard, Carter Co  
Stacy Oak, Trimble Co

## Fall 1997 Graduate Students

Melinda Pickard Armstrong  
 J. Vanessa Baker  
 Garry Banks  
 Ann D. Bishop  
 Amanda Barnett Byrne  
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