Kentucky Agricultural Leadership Program Class XI Selected

Will Snell and Steve Isaacs, Co-directors of the Kentucky Agricultural Leadership Program, are pleased to announce the selection of the twenty-two members of Class XI. The class is representative of Kentucky agriculture and agribusiness. Like Classes IX and X, it will include two Tennesseans thanks to the financial support of interests in that state.

Geographically, the class has eight Western, eight Central, and four Eastern Kentucky members.

Vocationally, Class XI has large grain and tobacco farmers, small livestock and vegetable farmers, ag lenders, ag sales reps, and participants from the poultry, equine, forestry, and distilled spirits industries.

Demographically, they range in age from mid-twenties to mid-forties, and are the second youngest KALP class ever at 31.5. KALP XI has a record number of female participants – ten.

Here’s Class XI:

Alana Baker – Full-time grain and cattle farmer from Trigg County
Brad Bolinger – President of agribusiness division of Higgins Insurance and Benefits, Christian County
Maggie Bowling – Full-time vegetable and livestock farmer in Clay County
Joanna Carraway – Full-time grain and tobacco farmer, Calloway County
Robert Elliott – Certified Crop Advisor, Reliance Ag, LLC and part-time farmer, Cheatham Co, TN
Jamie Guffey – Executive Director of the Kentucky Poultry Federation
Spencer Guinn – Ag engineer and grain and cattle farmer from Boyle County
Kendall Henson – Marketing Manager, Astra LifeScience and part-time farmer in Harrison County
Elizabeth Lunsford – North American Dairy Marketing Manager, Alltech, Rutherford County, TN
Kristin Meadors – Director of governmental affairs, Kentucky Distillers’ Association
Suzanne Miles – Field Representative for Congressman Guthrie and Kentucky State Representative
John Pedigo – Full-time tobacco and cattle farmer from Monroe County
Michael Peterson – President and co-owner of Kentucky Nutrition Service from Pulaski County
Brandon Reece – Lexington firefighter and part-time fruit, vegetable, and livestock farmer, Clark County
Stacy Lowe Sipes – Area 3 Program Director, Kentucky Farm Bureau, and part-time farmer, Meade Co.
Joseph Sisk – Full-time grain farmer from Christian County
Michael Smith – Regional VP, Farmcredit MidAmerica and part-time farmer from Jessamine County
Casey Story – Key Account Manager for Neogen and part-time cattle farmer in Fleming County
Jessica Wilkerson – Lender, Farmcredit MidAmerica and part-time farmer in Garrard County
Willie Wilson – Lender, Central KY Ag Credit Association and part-time farmer from Fayette County
Hagan Wonn – Chief Forester, Kentucky Hardwood from Pulaski County