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## 2013 KPF POULTRY FESTIVAL



This was the 15th annual Kentucky Poultry Festival and the Festival Committee and I are excited to announce that this year the KPF has sold 575 tickets. We want to say thank you to the vendors who have purchased tickets and supported the Federation through this event. We also want to say thank you to the festival committee and the employees at our poultry/egg companies that have worked diligently to sell tickets.

**Ticket Sales Award Winners:** This award is based on the number of banquet tickets sold by each company.

- ▼ Third Place – **Pilgrim's**
- ▼ Second Place – **Keystone Foods**
- ▼ First Place – **Perdue**

**Overall Ticket Sales Award Winner:** This award is based on the total dollar amount of all tickets sold – golf, ladies outing, banquet, donations, program ads, and golf sponsorships.

\* Overall Ticket Sales – **Perdue**

The Golf Scramble was once again a success. We played on the beautifully laid out Kenny Perry Golf Course in Franklin, Ken-

tucky. The weather was great, the food delicious and the fellowship excellent. Fun was had by all in attendance. The winning team in the forced flight included team members Russ Bratton, Jim Booth, Murray Franklin and Mark Allgeir. Placing on top of the regular flight was the team of Kenny Bartley, Eric Coffman, Jeff Sims and Barton Williams. Longest Drives were won by Russ Bratton and Chris Cessna. Closest to the Pins were won by Jeff Sims and Tim Raun. Thanks to all that came to play and thanks to all of our sponsors for their support.

Golf towels were sponsored by International Paper. Other sponsors included Capital Solutions, Cal-Maine, Southwestern Sales Company, Weaver Brother Inc., Dar Pro Solutions, Merck, Hubbard, Fisher Co., First Financial Bank, Hired Hand, Tyson Foods, Inc., Feed Products Service, and Cobb.

A Sporting Clay shoot was held as well. The Top Shot was Blaine Culter from Tyson

Next year Kentucky Poultry Festival will be held Oct 11<sup>th</sup>, 2014 in Bowling Green, KY. See you there!

# KPF SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS

Each year the Kentucky Poultry Federation awards four scholarships to benefit the children and grandchildren of our poultry complexes' producers and employees. The scholarships are to encourage graduating high school students to continue their education. The funds for the scholarships are raised through the annual silent auction that takes place at the annual Kentucky Poultry Festival.

This year's recipients are Heath Durbin, Hart Jones, Lauren Settles, and Daniel Choate.

**Heath Durbin** is the recipient of the KFP poultry grower scholarship. Heath and his family farm for Tyson Foods, Robard's Complex. Durb's Poultry in Calhoun has been raising broilers since 2005. Heath is currently a Kentucky State FFA officer and is an agriculture education major at Murray State University. Heath understands the importance of the poultry industry not just for his family but for his community. His administrator said, "Heath has a love for agriculture and is one of the hardest working, dedicated young man. He would not be where he is today if he had not grown up with eight broiler houses." Heath's passion for agriculture, FFA, and education all stem from his family poultry farming experience.

**Hart Jones** hails from Calhoun where his father DeWayne and Grandfather Joey are growers for Tyson Foods, Inc. Hart currently attends Owensboro Community and Technical College and is majoring in radiology. At five years of age, Hart's father and grandfather partnered to start raising broilers. He has been working on the family farm ever since. Hart was active throughout his high school career and is working diligently to earn his radiology degree from OCTCS. The director of radiology said "Hart was inducted into the Phi Theta Honors Society and received the Outstanding Leadership Award for 2011." Hart's perseverance and dedication to his studies are evidence of his agricultural background.

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*Golf Tournament participants*





## KPF SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS ... *continued*

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**Lauren Settles** resides from Owensboro, Kentucky where her father, Chris, is a contract grower with Perdue. Lauren attended Owensboro Catholic High School where she graduated in 2012. Lauren currently attends the University of Kentucky and is majoring in plant and soil science. While at the university, Lauren has been very active in numerous organizations and was recognized on the Dean's list for 2012. Lauren understands that success is a common goal for every farm family in the U.S. Poultry farming has been her family's key to success and has taught her lifelong skills.

**Daniel Choate** resides in Albany, Kentucky where his grandmother, Joetta Choate works for Keystone Foods. Daniel is currently a senior at Clinton County High School and will graduate in May of 2014. Daniel is currently serving as a varsity member of the basketball, soccer and tennis team. He also has worked on the yearbook staff for the past three years. He was recently crowned as Mr. Clinton County High School and has made the honor roll every year since being in high school. After graduation, Daniel plans to major in pharmacology.



## THERE'S AN APP FOR THAT

One of the goals of the Kentucky Poultry Federation is to educate the public about the poultry and eggs industry. One way we can start to educate the public is through games and entertainment. And if they learn something along the way, it's a win-win.

Armed only with my iPhone, I started to hatch my plan. The game must meet the following criteria that I have set:

- ⇒ it must be free,
- ⇒ it must be entertaining or helpful around the farm;
- ⇒ and it must be agriculture and poultry friendly.

I have found a game that I would recommend you to check out today it's: Don't Drop the Eggs. In this game you help Harry with his daily chores. The object is to collect all the good eggs without gathering any of the rotten ones. The app is fun for all ages and tests your hand- eye coordination.

Jamie Guffey  
KPF Executive Director



## 2013 ENVIRONMENTAL AWARD WINNERS

The **Cohron family farm**, also known as Heritage Farms, has been in production for four generations. Over the years they have been diversified in many different crops and livestock enterprises such as hogs, dairy and beef cattle, and poultry. They built two poultry houses in 1996 and have grown for Perdue Foods since then. Craig Cohron has been a part of the family farming operation as long as he has been able to walk. After graduating from Western Kentucky University with a degree in Agriculture, Craig now works full-time on the farm.

The Cohrons have many management practices that they use to manage litter and utilization. They have a large hoop structure to store litter and keep it dry. They have a larger litter spreader with floatation tires that lets them spread on the cropland and pasture without leaving ruts and compaction in the spring season. They use GPS guidance with mapping to guide the spreader through the field. They have grass waterways and drainage areas that serve to filter the water leaving the fields. When spreading, we pull away from these areas to ensure that the nutrients don't leave the field.



The **Myatt's** were the second winners of the environmental awards. In 2010 they purchased a new farm. And have numerous projects to make it very wildlife friendly. They built levees to hold water and planted corn for the winter waterfowl. They have planted food plots for the turkey and deer. Also, in the last three years they have planted 1500 trees to provide food and cover for the wildlife and planted corn for the wintering waterfowl.

The Myatt's are active members in local and state activities. They are members of the Kentucky Poultry Federation, the Kentucky Cattleman Association and the American Red Angus Association. They are also active members of Ducks Unlimited, Delta Waterfowl, and Whitetail Unlimited. Deena is employed at the University of Kentucky Cooperative Extension Service in Ballard. She works with the farmers of the county and also with 4-H and Homemakers.

The Myatts have two daughters, one son, four grandsons, and one granddaughter. Their hope is to make and maintain their farm so that one day the kids and grandkids will have a farm they can be proud of.



*Kristine Gillenwater, Allen County*



*Caroline Clevenger, Lawrence County*



## STATE 4-H CHICKEN AND TURKEY BARBECUE CONTESTS

The state 4-H chicken and turkey barbecue contests were held October 7 in Lexington, Ky.

In the chicken barbecue contest participants are required to cook three chicken halves and hand in two. The contestants are judged on their ability to start and control a fire, the skill at the barbecue, food safety, and the appearance and taste of the chicken that they submit for sensory evaluation.

The winners in the junior division (under 14 years) were Dakota white from Nicholas County (first place) and Harley Tabor from Allen County (second place). In the senior division Cody Nayhew from Allen County (first place) and Kelli Lemaster from Lawrence County (second place). Cody Nayhew will be representing Kentucky at the national 4-H chicken barbecue contest November 21 in Louisville, KY.



*Dakota White, Nicholas County*



*Harley Tabor, Allen County*



*Cody Mayhew, Allen County*



*Kelli Lemaster, Lawrence County*

With turkey barbecue contest, participants are required to barbecue two turkey breast fillets and submit one for sensory evaluation. As with the chicken barbecue contest, participants are judged on their ability to start and control a fire, the skill at the barbecue, food safety, and the appearance and taste of the chicken that they submit for sensory evaluation.

There were only seniors in the turkey barbecue contest. Kristine Gillenwater from Allen County placed first with Caroline Clevenger from Lawrence County placed second. Kristine Gillenwater will represent Kentucky in the national turkey barbecue contest November 21 in Louisville, KY.



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*The Kentucky Poultry Federation  
&*

*Kentucky Egg Council  
would like to say  
"Thank you"*

*to all those who have contributed to our organization in 2013.  
It is our members and allies who are the backbone of our organization;  
through your continued support and dedication to our organization  
we will continue to strive in 2014.*

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