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KENTUCKY 4-H FOUNDATION DISTRIBUTES AG TAG FUNDS STATEWIDE

LEXINGTON, KY – The Kentucky 4-H Foundation is distributing over \$84,000 to County 4-H Councils across the Commonwealth. The funds are the county's share of the 2014 Ag Tag voluntary donations. For the third year, thanks to Commissioner of Agriculture James Comer, proceeds from the voluntary donations to the Agricultural Program Trust Fund are divided equally among 4-H, FFA, and Kentucky Proud.

Earlier this year, Commissioner Comer along with 4-H and FFA asked farmers across the Commonwealth to step-up and make the Ag Tag donation. Farmers have the option to donate \$10.00 when renewing their farm license plates.

The 4-H share for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2014 is \$169,280.21. These funds benefit all levels of Kentucky 4-H, as they are split equally between the county where the funds originated and the Kentucky 4-H Foundation. All 120 counties will receive support from the Ag Tag donations, funding local 4-H programs and activities for the youth in the community; while the Foundation's share is used to support state level programs many of our 4-H members participate in, furthering their positive experiences and opportunities.

"This is an excellent opportunity for the agriculture community to support Kentucky's youth," said Keith L. Rogers, executive director of the Kentucky 4-H Foundation. "The entire 4-H family thanks Commissioner Comer and all the farmers who made the voluntary donation. These funds help us to provide life-enriching opportunities for the more than 238,000 Kentucky 4-H members so they can develop leadership and citizenship, and learn important life skills."

The 4-H Foundation congratulates the top 10 counties in total donations for 2014. For a complete listing of county results, please visit our website at www.kentucky4hfoundation.org.

TOP 10 COUNTIES FOR TOTAL DONATIONS

Hardin	\$20,522.00
Allen	\$19,870.00
Logan	\$19,470.00
Fayette	\$14,870.00
Muhlenberg	\$14,230.00
Jefferson	\$14,190.00
Bullitt	\$13,740.00
Warren	\$13,182.00
Franklin	\$11,850.00
Edmonson	\$11,060.00

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About the Ag Tag Program: Commissioner of Agriculture James Comer announced in February 2012, that proceeds from voluntary donations to the Agricultural Program Trust Fund would be divided equally among 4-H, FFA, and Kentucky Proud. Farmers can make the voluntary donation of \$10 when renewing their farm license plate at the county clerk's office. More than 180,000 farm plates are bought or renewed each year.

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About 4-H: 4-H youth are a living, breathing, culture-changing revolution for doing the right thing, breaking through obstacles, and pushing our country forward by making a measurable difference right where they live.

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About Kentucky 4-H Foundation: The Kentucky 4-H Foundation exists to advance today's Kentucky 4-H Youth Development Program. The Kentucky 4-H Foundation raises funds to support Kentucky 4-H programs that provide leadership development, life skills, citizenship, and positive experiences and opportunities. Kentucky ranks in the top 10 of several 4-H enrollment categories nationwide, with over 238,000 youth involved in 4-H programs, about one of every four youth in Kentucky. Please visit the 4-H Foundation's website at www.kentucky4hfoundation.org.

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