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KENTUCKY 4-H FOUNDATION DISTRIBUTES MONEY STATEWIDE

LEXINGTON, Ky. - Kentucky Commissioner of Agriculture James Comer announced in February that for the first time, the proceeds from the farm license plate - voluntary donations would be divided equally among 4-H, FFA, and Kentucky Proud. Farmers can make the $10.00 donation when they renewed their license plates.

The 4-H share for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2012 was $121,708.64 and benefits all levels of Kentucky 4-H. The Kentucky 4-H Foundation splits the donations equally between the county from which the funds originated and the Foundation. Half of the donations used by the Foundation will support state level programs. The other half will support county programs where the donation originated, making this a great opportunity for local 4-H Councils, Clubs, and members to increase financial support for their program.

“The voluntary donations from the Kentucky farm license plate renewals will help Kentucky 4-H give young people around the Commonwealth opportunities that develop leadership, citizenship, and life skills,” said Agriculture Commissioner James Comer.

Over 228,000 youth are involved in KY 4-H programs. Kentucky ranks in top 10 in several 4-H enrollment categories nationwide. All 120 counties in Kentucky have 4-H programs, and all counties will receive a portion of the support from this new fund raising opportunity.

“The Kentucky 4-H Foundation is working with Commissioner Comer and the Kentucky FFA Foundation to raise awareness about the farm license plate voluntary donation program,” said Keith Rogers, Executive Director of the Kentucky 4-H Foundation. “This is an excellent opportunity for our agricultural community to support the youth of Kentucky and Kentucky Proud program. We encourage those with farm tags to make the $10.00 donation next March when they renew their farm license plates.”

Below are the top five counties in total donations for fiscal year 2011-2012.

1. Allen - $16,860.00
2. Fayette - $14,260.00
3. Jefferson - $13,840.00
4. Bullitt - $13,340.00
5. Hardin - $11,790.00

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. Please visit the 4-H Foundation's new website at www.kentucky4hfoundation.org.

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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 228,532 different youth involved in 4-H programs, about one of every four youth in Kentucky.

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