

**State Apiarist**

*Phil Craft, State Apiarist*..... (502) 573-0282

- Coordinates information services, networking, and disease/pest control data for state beekeepers.

**Value-Added Horticulture and Aquaculture**

*Jim Mansfield, Director*..... (502) 564-4696

- Develops markets for the state’s horticulture and aquaculture crops by helping develop handling, processing, storage and marketing facilities.
- Helps fund and organize Farmers’ Markets for direct consumer access to Kentucky farm products.
- Certifies producers, processors and handlers of organic products.

**Value-Added Livestock, Poultry & Forage Promotion**

*Mark Straw, Director*..... (502) 564-4896

- Develops direct marketing opportunities for Kentucky’s livestock, poultry, and forage producers.
- Promotes improved forage quality and marketing through the hay testing program.
- Produces weekly state livestock market sales summaries.

**Value-Added Wood Promotions**

*John Cotten, Director*..... (502) 564-4696

- Promotes wood as a sustainable and renewable resource that can help Kentucky farmers diversify as they supply wood product manufacturers.
- Publishes Kentucky Log Marketing Report.

**Office of Consumer and Public Service**

*Mike Stivers, Executive Director*..... (502) 573-0282

**Food Distribution**

*Pat Cassetty, Director*..... (502) 573-0282

- Administers U.S. Department of Agriculture feeding and nutrition programs, providing Commodity food to the elderly and new mothers and their infants, and providing supplementary food for the school lunch program.

**Regulation and Inspection**

*Randy Wise, Director*..... (502) 573-0282

- Inspects eggs, gasoline pumps, amusement park rides, limestone, supermarket price scanners, motor fuel quality, liquid fertilizer meters, frozen poultry, retail prepackaged commodities, and commercial scales.
- Operates the Hay Testing Program to maximize hay quality, improve farmers’ forage management, and assist hay buyers and sellers.
- Regulates and licenses the Kentucky grain industry and tobacco warehouses.
- Coordinates the Teenx and Tobacco Program, which strives to prevent the sale of tobacco products to those under age 18.



REGULATION AND INSPECTION: Keeping the gas pumps on standard.

**Office of Environmental Services**

*Ira Linville, Executive Director*..... (502) 564-4696

**Agriculture and Environmental Education**

*Rayetta Boone, Director*..... (502) 564-4696

- Coordinates educational activities including displays and exhibits at the Kentucky State Fair.
- Operates the Kentucky Agriculture and Environment in the Classroom program.
- Schedules the KAEC mobile unit’s school appearances promoting agricultural literacy statewide.
- Coordinates Project Food, Land and People, a classroom curriculum emphasizing the interdependence of natural resources and population.



AGRICULTURE AND ENVIRONMENTAL EDUCATION: Teaching agriculture not only creates respect for the farm way of life, it adds an appealingly hands-on dimension to classroom work.

**Environmental Assistance**

*Bill Fraser, Director*..... (502) 573-0282

- Helps agricultural operations and local governments control weeds and pests such as mosquitoes, rats, thistles, blackflies, and others.
- Administers chemical collection and pesticide container recycling programs.



ENVIRONMENTAL ASSISTANCE: Working to control insect and weed pests across Kentucky.

**Farmland Preservation**

*Bill Burnette, Director*..... (502) 564-4696

- Administers the Purchase of Agricultural Conservation Easements (PACE) program, obtaining conservation easements to keep farmland in agricultural production.
- Advises local programs that purchase development rights.
- Administers farm registration programs.