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TO: YOUNG FARMERS IN FARM BUREAU

Dear Friends:

The Tennessee Farm Bureau is pleased to provide this Reference Handbook to you. Included are details of Young Farmers & Ranchers activities that are available for Tennessee's young farmers and your families.

The eighties and nineties were a time of change for agriculture that resulted in fewer numbers of young farmers. The new century presents even more challenges and opportunities for all farmers - young and old alike.

One fact has become increasingly clear. With a smaller farm population, every farmer is an important leader for agriculture. It is vital that you become involved in your farm organization now in order to have a voice on issues that will ultimately affect what you can do on your farm.

Our staff at the Tennessee Farm Bureau is available to assist you should the need arise. We wish each of you a prosperous 2009!

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "W. Lacy Upchurch".

*W. Lacy Upchurch, President
Tennessee Farm Bureau Federation*

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TO: COUNTY YOUNG FARMER LEADERS

Dear Friends,

“Who shall speak for farmers?” This question was asked by the Farm Bureau many decades ago. There are many radical groups attempting to speak for the farmer and tell the story of agriculture. The question is, do we want them telling our story to our legislators and the general public? I don’t think so. It is the responsibility of the farmers to tell their own story and the Farm Bureau gives farmers the platform to do so.

The Tennessee Farm Bureau is committed to providing a voice for farmers through grass roots policy development and member-service programs. Farm Bureau also provides the opportunity for young farmers to become leaders within their communities through involvement in the Young Farmers and Ranchers program.

The Young Farmer and Rancher committee has several events planned throughout the year to provide you with the opportunity to meet other young farmers, share ideas, and renew existing friendships. I encourage you to join us and I assure you that it will be a fun and rewarding experience. Your continued support and active involvement in the Young Farmers and Ranchers organization will ensure the present and future success of farmers as well as Tennessee agriculture.

I look forward to the opportunity to serve you through out the upcoming year as the 2009 state chairman. The 2009 state committee is excited about this year and looks forward to your participation in the upcoming events and activities throughout the year. Please do not hesitate to contact us if we can be of service to you at anytime. I wish you a productive, safe, and prosperous year and remember to tell your story.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Mark Klepper".

Mark Klepper
2009 State Chairman
Tennessee Young Farmers & Ranchers

2009 STATE YF&R CALENDAR

<p><u>JANUARY</u> AFBF CONVENTION San Antonio, Texas – 9-14 *****</p>	<p><u>FEBRUARY</u> Food Check-Out Week – Feb. 15-21 ***** YF&R Young Leaders Conference in Jackson, Tennessee – 20-21 ***** AFBF-YF&R National Leaders Conference – Sacramento, California – 6-10</p>	<p><u>MARCH</u> Young Farmer & Farm Bureau Women District Meetings I - 2 - Jackson II 3 - Nashville III – 5 - Hixson IV – 10 - Cookeville V – 9 – Morristown ***** Mule Day begins – 30-31</p>	<p><u>APRIL</u> Mule Day Activities continue – 1-5</p>
<p><u>MAY</u> County Young Farmer Winner Applications due to State Office – 15</p>	<p><u>JUNE</u> Women's Summer Conference – 19-20 in Columbia, TN at State Office ***** YF&R Environmental Stewardship Applications due in Regional Extension Office by 1st</p>	<p><u>JULY</u> Young Farmers Conference – 24-25 in Columbia, TN at State Office ***** Collegiate Discussion Meet State Finals – 25 at Y.F.C.</p>	<p><u>AUGUST</u> President's Summer Conference – 13-14 - Cool Springs Marriott in Franklin</p>
<p><u>SEPTEMBER</u> County Discussion Meet Contestants should be selected ***** Fall Agriculture Tour – 25-26 ***** FINALS: Excellence in Agriculture Award at Fall Agriculture Tour - 25</p>	<p><u>OCTOBER</u> District Discussion Meet Finals will be held during District Meetings ***** County Activity Reports due to State Office – 15</p>	<p><u>NOVEMBER</u> Credentials, dues and member lists due to State Treasurer – 1 ***** TN Outstanding YF&R Woman Application due to TFBF Office – 15 ***** Discussion Meet Application due to TFBF Office - 15</p>	<p><u>DECEMBER</u> State Farm Bureau Convention 5-8 at Embassy Suites & Cool Springs Marriott in Franklin ***** FINALS: Discussion Meet, TN Outstanding YF&R Woman, State Committee elected and Activity Awards presented</p>

2009 STATE YF&R CALENDAR

<u>JANUARY</u>	<u>FEBRUARY</u>	<u>MARCH</u>	<u>APRIL</u>
<u>MAY</u>	<u>JUNE</u>	<u>JULY</u>	<u>AUGUST</u>
<u>SEPTEMBER</u>	<u>OCTOBER</u>	<u>NOVEMBER</u>	<u>DECEMBER</u>

PLEASE NOTE THE FOLLOWING 2009 DUE DATES!

May 15	County Young Farmer of the Year Winner State Application due in TFBF office or postmarked.
June 1	Environmental Stewardship due in TFBF Office.
September 15	Excellence in Agriculture Application due in TFBF Office.
October 15	County Activity Program Report due in TFBF Office.
November 1	Final list of members due in TFBF Office
November 1	State Dues (\$25) due in TFBF Office
November 1	Names of Voting Delegates due in TFBF Office
November 15	Outstanding Young Woman Entry due in TFBF Office
November 15	Discussion Meet Applications due in TFBF Office.
December 31	List of new officers and all members with addresses due in Tennessee Farm Bureau Federation office.
January, 2010	Plans should be made by those planning to attend District Meetings or Young Leaders Conference.

**** NOTES ****

2009 COUNTY OFFICERS

DISTRICT I

Carroll County

Guy Williams, Chairman

Crockett County

Daniel Pigue, Chairman

Katie Pigue, Secretary

Decatur County

Stacy Vise, Chairman

Dyer County

Melissa Lowery, Chairman

Jo Ann Maupin, Secretary

Fayette County

John Sidney Sullivan, Chairman

Gibson County

Todd Littleton, Chairman

Celeste Luckey, Secretary

Hardin County

Shawn Duren, Chairman

Vanessa Duren, Secretary

Henderson County

Casey Youngerman, Chairman

Kelli Lewis, Secretary

Henry County

Crystal Norwood, Chairman

Sallieann Atkins, Secretary

Lake County

Will Keiser, Chairman

Lauderdale County

Alan Meadows, Chairman

Ashley Turner, Secretary

Madison County

Brad Tinsley, Chairman

Ginger Kemp, Secretary

McNairy County

Joseph Sparks, Chairman

Obion County

Jason Crabtree, Chairman

Paul Albright, Secretary

Tipton County

Michael Turner, Chairman

David Templeton II, Secretary

Weakley County

Andy Holt, Chairman

Alice Ann Yeargin, Secretary

DISTRICT II

Bedford County

Todd Niehaus, Chairman

Allison Ledbetter, Secretary

Davidson County

Grace Page, Chairman

Dickson County

Caleb Story, Chairman

Giles County

Brandon Holt, Chairman

Melissa McElrath, Secretary

Hickman County

Brad Porter, Chairman

Melanie Porter, Secretary

Houston County

Evan Parchman, Chairman

Lewis County

Colby Hamm, Chairman

Marshall County

Dan Strasser, Chairman

RoseMary Heaton, Secretary

Maury County

Ryan Gardner, Chairman

Jennifer Beard, Secretary

Montgomery County

Jay Head, Chairman

Robertson County

Leslie Calvert, Chairman

Amy Bernard, Secretary

Ethan Stults, Chairman

Rutherford County

Brandon Whitt, Chairman

Laura Upton, Secretary

Williamson County

Andy Miller, Chairman

Stewart County

Shane Keatts, Chairman

Wilson County

Justin Turner, Chairman

Wayne County

DISTRICT III

Bledsoe County

Ethan Loyd, Chairman

Beth Burns, Secretary

Monroe County

Jerry Barr, Chairman

Coffee County

Jamie Weaver, Chairman

Derek McKee, Secretary

Moore County

Sloan Stewart, Chairman

Franklin County

Jacob Morris, Chairman

Cindy Stewart, Secretary

Rhea County

David Freels, Chairman

Hamilton County

Justin McCosh, Chairman

Shorty (Renita) Beaty, Secretary

Roane County

Travis Tilley, Chairman

Brandon Houston, Secretary

Loudon County

Josh Watson, Chairman

Sequatchie County

Flavius C. Barker, Chairman

Lisa Barker, Secretary

McMinn County

Jonathan Lee, Chairman

Jason Robertson

Secretary

DISTRICT IV

Cannon County

Jared Franklin, Chairman

Tim Gentry, Secretary

Kevin S. Herman, Chairman

Fentress County

Bryan Moody, Chairman

Clay County

Ronnie Smith, Chairman

Melissa Smith, Secretary

Macon County

Jackie Wayne Russell, Chairman

Rachel Russell, Secretary

Cumberland County

Danny Wilson, Chairman

Brandi Wilson, Secretary

Overton County

Joseph Smith, Chairman

Samantha McLerran, Secretary

DeKalb County

Pickett County

Daniel Masiongale, Chairman

Putnam County
Nate Houser, Chairman

Scott County
Steven Lee Armstrong, Chairman

Smith County
Joe Darren Boze, Chairman
Olivia Bush, Secretary

Trousdale County
J. J. Holder, Chairman
Christina Ray, Secretary

Van Buren County

Benjamin Grissom, Chairman
Amanda Cline, Secretary

Warren County
Jason Blankenship, Chairman
Mandy Blankenship, Secretary

White County
Luke Teeple, Chairman
Leah Bumbalough, Secretary

<i>DISTRICT V</i>

Blount County
Lynn Waters, Chairman

Carter County
Jamie Hughes, Chairman

Claiborne County
Alexis Bailey, Chairman
Carrie Collins, Secretary

Cocke County
Anthony Mason, Chairman
Julie Mason, Secretary

Grainger County
Jordan Combs, Chairman
Sarah Stratton, Secretary

Greene County
Eric Southerland, Chairman
Cindy Klepper, Secretary

Hamblen County
Carla Cullip, Chairman

Hancock County
Melissa Brandon, Chairman

Hawkins County
Renn Lawson III, Chairman
Derrick Siclari, Secretary

Jefferson County
Nick Larrance, Chairman
Gloria Larrance, Secretary

Johnson County
Aaron Shull, Chairman

Knox County
Cory Thompson, Chairman
Kerri Ammons, Secretary

Sevier County
Paul Bogart, Chairman

Sullivan County
Bill Hunigan, Chairman

Union County
Sidney Jessee Jr., Chairman

Washington County
Anthony Shelton, Chairman

2009 DISTRICT OFFICERS

DISTRICT I

Chairman	Shawn Duren
Vice-Chairman	David Corvin
Secretary-Treas.	Grant Norwood
Reporter	Mary Margaret Chester

DISTRICT II

Chairman	Dan Strasser
Vice-Chairman	Brian Wright
Secretary	Angie Gillespie
Treasurer	Jason Gillespie
Reporter	Leslie Wright

DISTRICT III

Chairman	Jason Sims
Vice-Chairman	Julie Johnston
Secretary-Treas.	Whitney Tilley
Reporter	Flavius Barker

DISTRICT IV

Chairman	Jackie Russell
Vice-Chairman	Brian McLerran
Secretary-Treas.	Brandi Wilson

DISTRICT V

Chairman	Carla Cullip
Vice-Chairman	Lynn Waters
Secretary-Treas.	Carrie Collins

2009 STATE COMMITTEE

Mark Klepper Chairman	Greene County District V		alklepper@comcast.net
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2009 TENNESSEE YOUNG FARMERS & RANCHERS STATE COMMITTEE



Mark Klepper
Chairman
District V
Greene County
Spouse: Cindy



John Chester
Vice-Chairman
District I
Weakley County
Spouse: Mary
Margaret



Whitney Tilley
Secretary
District III
Roane County
Spouse: Travis



Bradley Richardson
Treasurer
District II
Maury County



Melissa Lowery
Reporter
District I
Dyer County
Spouse: Spence

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Grace Page
District II
Davidson County



Jamie Weaver
District III
Coffee County
Spouse: Ashley



Rebecca Smith
District IV
Overton County
Spouse: Joseph



Danny Wilson
District IV
Cumberland County
Spouse: Brandi



Jessica Waters
District V
Blount County
Spouse: Lynn



Lynn Waters
District V
Blount County
Spouse: Jessica

2009 SUB-COMMITTEES

YOUNG LEADERS CONFERENCE – JACKSON, TENNESSEE

Chairman – Mark Klepper
Co-Chairman – John Chester
Registration – Melissa Lowery & Whitney Tilley
Hospitality/Entertainment – Danny Wilson & Rebecca Smith
Meeting Rooms – Bradley Richardson & Jamie Weaver
Program Coordinator – Mark Klepper
AITC Auction – Jessica Waters & Grace Page
Evaluations – Lynn Waters
Door Prizes – John Chester

YOUNG FARMERS CONFERENCE - COLUMBIA, TENNESSEE

Chairman – Mark Klepper
Co-Chairman – John Chester
Registration – Jessica Waters & Rebecca Smith
Tour Coordination – Bradley Richardson
Hospitality/Entertainment – John Chester & Grace Page
Meeting Rooms – Lynn Waters & Whitney Tilley
Collegiate Debate Chairman & Moderator – Lynn Waters & Bradley Richardson
Collegiate Debate Time Keeper – Grace Page
Young Farmers Olympics –
.....Olympic Team Captains... Blue Melissa Lowery & John Chester
.....Red Grace Page & Bradley Richardson
.....Green Whitney Tilley & Jamie Weaver
.....Yellow Rebecca Smith & Danny Wilson
.....Orange Jessica Waters, Lynn Waters & Mark Klepper
YF Contestant Line-up/Pictures/Interviews – Melissa Lowery
Door Prizes – Danny Wilson
Evaluations – John Chester, Whitney Tilley

FALL AGRICULTURE TOUR – EAST TENNESSEE

*Planning Committee/Tour Coordinators – Whitney Tilley, Jamie Weaver & Mark Klepper
*Hospitality/Entertainment – Lynn Waters & Jessica Waters
Excellent in Agriculture Contest – Grace Page & Bradley Richardson
****These two committees will need to work together & share ideas.

STATE CONVENTION - FRANKLIN, TENNESSEE

Chairman – Mark Klepper
Co-Chairman – John Chester
Registration – Grace Page & Melissa Lowery
Credentials/Dues – Jamie Weaver
Resolutions – John Chester & Danny Wilson
Outstanding Young Woman Contest – Jessica Waters & Rebecca Smith
Discussion Meet Moderators – John Chester & Jamie Weaver
County Power Point Presentation – Lynn Waters & Bradley Richardson

MISCELLANEOUS

Safety Project – Danny Wilson & Jamie Weaver

Agri-Business Award – Whitney Tilley & Bradley Richardson

Ag In The Classroom – Melissa Lowery, Rebecca Smith & Jessica Waters

Reference Handbook Review – John Chester, Lynn Waters & Jamie Weaver

SUB-COMMITTEE JOB DESCRIPTION

Ag In The Classroom - Promote use of program in schools across the state; make certain that information and materials are provided to all interested parties; enlist the aid of county organizations in contacting schools in their areas.

Agribusiness Award - Encourage participation in each county; contact counties and receive a copy of application form from each winner; make certain each county receives an award and a letter of congratulations for each winner; encourage counties to submit press releases to their local newspapers and/or radio stations.

Auction - Contact counties and compile list of items to be auctioned; collect items at conference; coordinate each item's auction number with number on list; work with program coordinator and meeting room chairman to make certain equipment and set up is correct and on schedule; record each item's price at time of auction; collect all payments and present to Treasurer.

Collegiate Discussion Meet - Get suggestions for judges from state committee and advisors; will have authority to pick which judges to use out of those suggested and will be responsible for acquiring said judges; will be responsible along with meeting room chairman for debate/discussion meet room set-up, time-keeping, moderating, etc.; state committee members need to contact counties in their districts and get possible contestants' names from their districts to these sub-committee members for follow-up calls, etc.

County PowerPoint Presentation - Encourage participation from all active county organizations; review each county's pictures at state convention; assist county representatives during presentation.

Evaluations - Collect evaluation forms at end of activity and review; write report reflecting the information received and submit at next state committee meeting.

Hospitality/Entertainment - Contact state committee members and give food assignments; acquire hospitality room and set-up; supply music, cards, games, etc.; unlock door or lock door as required; monitor refreshments, make visitors feel welcome and encourage participation in games, etc.

Meetings Rooms - Obtain keys to and unlock meeting rooms (if applicable); work with TFBF and/or hotel staff to make certain all equipment required is available and setup is in order.

Outstanding Young Woman Contest - Get suggestions for judges from state committee and advisors; will have authority to pick which judges to use out of those suggested and will be responsible for acquiring said judges; will be responsible for accepting applications, putting together and setting up slide presentation, writing script for slide presentation, setting up rooms for interviews, etc.; also, all state committee members need to personally contact counties in their district to encourage participation and then submit names of prospective contestants to sub-committee for follow-up calls/or visits.

Program Coordination - Coordinate committee members, guest speakers and/or any other scheduled persons or activities; keep program on schedule; be constantly aware of time/agenda relationship the event as a whole is conducted in a well organized and timely fashion.

Reference Handbook Review - Read through all of By-Laws and Resolutions, contest rules and applications, etc. to determine if changes are needed; clear up any confusing or incorrect wording, punctuation or spelling; make certain handbook is current and up-to-date; receive suggestions from state committee members; each

state committee member should contact the counties in their district through the year and encourage them to submit proposed changes in the information included in the handbook; state committee members shall then turn this information over to the review committee; the review committee, in turn, should compile the information received from across the state and prepare a report to be presented at the next state committee meeting.

Registration - Greet all Young Farmer and Rancher members upon arrival; print name badges, distribute schedules and other registration materials; answer questions and make everyone feel welcome.

*******This is an important job: First impressions will set the mood for each conference or convention!!*******



TENNESSEE YOUNG FARMERS & RANCHERS 2009 GOALS

1. Promote positive image of agriculture in society.
2. Promote the recruitment of YF&R members to all agriculture related fields.
3. Increase county participation and attendance at all activities.
4. Increase media contact for YF&R events and achievements.
5. Increase education to the general public about YF&R. Emphasize education in our committees about YF&R.
6. Continue to strengthen our internal communications and commitment to the YF&R and Farm Bureau organizations.
7. Promote an environment of fun, fellowship, and social activities at all YF&R events.
8. To promote an awareness of the future social and environmental impact on agriculture.
9. Maintain a TN YF&R Web Site including all activities.

The 2009 YF&R Goals listed above were developed by the State Committee at their organizational meeting.

As a suggestion, county young farmer committees can also set priorities and plan programs by small group Brainstorm Sessions. To assist in planning the details of any program or project, ACTION PLANNING SHEETS follow on pages 18-22 of this section. Both examples and blank sheets are included.

Good luck in planning and carrying out your activities in 2009!

ACTION PLANNING SHEET

GOAL (Carefully define in specific terms what is to be done): **To increase YF&R involvement at local level by 5%**

Who is in charge and how can they be reached? **State YF&R Committee**

Budget: **Yes**

WHAT STEPS HAVE TO BE TAKEN	WHO WILL DO IT?	WHEN WILL IT BE DONE?	HOW WILL IT BE ACCOMPLISHED?
Contact future prospects in high school, age 16-18	Local YF&R, Farm Bureau & Extension Agents	May 31, 2009	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Speak with ag & ranchers' classes. 2. Provide handouts on YF&R (activities, information, etc.) 3. Offer incentive for participation.
Membership Drive	County YF&R Members	April 1, 2009	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Phone 2. Personal contact 3. By awarding the member bringing in more new members (with appropriate prize or awards.)
Increase awareness of purpose of YF&R and Farm Bureau.	State Committee & appointed county reporter	Monthly basis	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Newspaper 2. Radio 3. Newsletter 4. Personal contact

ACTION PLANNING SHEET

GOAL (Carefully define in specific terms what is to be done): **To plan diverse, attractive, entertaining, and education ideas and program at county and state level.**

Who is in charge and how can they be reached? **State YF&R Committee, District & County Officers.**

Budget: **Yes**

WHAT STEPS HAVE TO BE TAKEN	WHO WILL DO IT?	WHEN WILL IT BE DONE?	HOW WILL IT BE ACCOMPLISHED?
Survey the membership to find out what they would like to do at a meeting.	State Committee	By October meeting	Appoint committee at appropriate level.
Draw up list of leisure activities that the membership would like.	Appointed committee	By October meeting	
Plan a monthly schedule of activities for the meetings.	State Committee	By February meeting	
Have a variety of meeting location.	State Committee		
Study county activity award handbooks.	State Committee	At State Convention or at Leadership Conference	State Committee summarize activities from previous year.

ACTION PLANNING SHEET

GOAL (Carefully define in specific terms what is to be done): **For State Committee to take an active role in organizing county clubs.**

Who is in charge and how can they be reached? **State YF&R Committee**

Budget: **Yes**

WHAT STEPS HAVE TO BE TAKEN	WHO WILL DO IT?	WHEN WILL IT BE DONE?	HOW WILL IT BE ACCOMPLISHED?
Make county Farm Bureau Boards aware of YF&R	State Committee members & Farm Bureau Staff	At a monthly meeting	Slide presentation with short discussion.
Use their Farm Bureau to get eligible members.	Farm Bureau Board, Farm Bureau Women, & District Officers	Special called meeting	With a banquet meal or other entertainment idea.
Have State Committee member attend 1st meeting and promote YF&R programs.	State Committee & District Representatives	At a called meeting	Invite an adjoining organized county club.
Make sure a next meeting date is set and program is planned.	The elected county chairman	At first meeting	A discussion of possible programs & times survey members on possible ideas.
Follow-up thru year	State Committee & District Officers	All through the year especially before State Convention	By calling and attending meetings.

ACTION PLANNING SHEET

GOAL (Carefully define in specific terms what is to be done _____

Who is in charge and how can they be reached? _____

Budget: _____

WHAT STEPS HAVE TO BE TAKEN	WHO WILL DO IT?	WHEN WILL IT BE DONE?	HOW WILL IT BE ACCOMPLISHED?

ACTION PLANNING SHEET

GOAL (Carefully define in specific terms what is to be done): _____

Who is in charge and how can they be reached? _____

Budget: _____

WHAT STEPS HAVE TO BE TAKEN	WHO WILL DO IT?	WHEN WILL IT BE DONE?	HOW WILL IT BE ACCOMPLISHED?

**RESOLUTIONS
ADOPTED BY THE YF&R VOTING DELEGATES
AT THE ANNUAL CONVENTION
DECEMBER 5, 2008**

SECTION I - INFORMATION

1. We recommend that copies of the Tennessee YF&R Resolutions, as printed in The State Reference Handbook, be sent to each county YF&R chairman and secretary; Farm Bureau president and secretary; extension office; district Farm Bureau directors; district YF&R officers; and district extension officers no later than February 15.

We recommend that counties forward to the resolutions chairman any proposed changes before September 1st and that the resolutions chairman forward each district chairman a copy of the proposed resolutions changes before October 1.

We recommend that each county club become familiar with the resolutions of the state YF&R.

We further recommend that copies of proposed resolutions be made available to voting delegates at the State Convention at the earliest possible time.

2. We urge that each county have a Resolutions Committee to change and add to the resolutions as they feel are appropriate, and that each district have a Resolutions Committee made up of one representative from each county and the district executive committee. The district committee will collect and summarize the recommendations for the resolutions and be responsible for reporting these corrections and additions to the State Resolutions Committee at the State Convention.
3. Be it resolved that the State Committee exert every effort to send information on activities and contests to every club and district officer as promptly as possible.

We insist that the clubs should cooperate by sending in on time all dues, membership rolls, and other information needed by the committee.

4. We strongly urge county chairman, secretaries, district chairman and secretaries telephone numbers and e-mail addresses be included in the county and district officers list and be sent to the State TFBF office by December 15th.
- *5. **We request that the revised County Activity Report be mailed to each county and updated on the Young Farmer Website as early as possible.**

We suggest that each county send a copy of their county program notebook to the district and state secretaries by April 15.

- *6. **We recommend that the Farm Bureau YF&R advisor send one copy of the State Reference Handbook to the district and county extension office, county Farm Bureau office, and county YF&R chairman & secretary as soon as these programs are available. (Note: more handbooks can be acquired on request.) The handbook will also be accessible on the Young Farmer Website at www.tnfarmbureau.org.**
7. We recommend that the State Committee continue the County PowerPoint Presentation of county clubs as an annual event. Also, we recommend that the State Committee recognize all clubs which participate.
8. We recommend that the State Committee provide each county with suggested recreational information in the State Reference Handbook.

SECTION II - ORGANIZATION

1. We strongly recommend that the State Committee send a letter to each county Farm Bureau president and extension office requesting assistance in helping the present YF&R club or organizing a YF&R club in their county.

We urge each organized YF&R club to make an effort in helping organize or reorganize clubs in other counties. Additional points should be awarded to the existing club in their County Activity Report.

2. We recommend that the county YF&R clubs elect their county officers before the December meeting and install them at their December meeting so that this will coincide with the state calendar year.

SECTION III - RULES, CONTESTS AND AWARDS

1. We urge the State Committee to enforce, and each county adhere to, all rules set forth by the State Committee. Special emphasis should be given to meeting deadlines.
2. We request and strongly urge that the State Committee continue the rules of the Tennessee YF&R Outstanding Young Woman Contest to include her activities in Young Farmers and Ranchers. Brief discussion questions relating to YF&R activities will be included as part of the judging for the finalists.

We recommend that the State Committee send letters to Farm Bureau Presidents and Secretaries to encourage participation in the Young Farmers and Ranchers Outstanding Young Woman Contest.

3. We recommend that the Outstanding Young Woman Contest include the following.....
 - A. A display with three photos and a brief biography by each contestant.
 - B. District winners to be awarded incentives to attend the Young Leaders Conference.
 - C. Improve the recognition of state winner (i.e. special ribbon or nametag at National and State events.)
 - D. Encourage press releases for winner in hometown areas.
 - E. Restructure contest application as needed.
 - F. Print the responsibilities and application in the State Reference Handbook and the Tennessee Farm Bureau News.
4. We recommend that the Tennessee YF&R Outstanding Young Woman, Young Farmer Achievement Award winner(s), the Excellence in Agriculture Award winner(s), and Discussion Meet winner be recognized every time the State Committee is recognized at YF&R events.
5. We suggest that the State Committee encourage the State Discussion Meet winner, Young Farmer Achievement Award winner, Excellence in Agriculture winner, and the Outstanding Young Woman winner to attend The Young Leaders Conference by providing hotel accommodations as an incentive for their attendance.
6. We strongly urge that all State Committee members and state representatives (Tennessee YF&R Outstanding Young Woman, Discussion Meet winner, etc.) make a determined effort to attend all district and state events.
7. We suggest that the YF&R State Chairman recommend to the State Farm Bureau Board that the National Convention expenses of the current Achievement Award winner(s), Achievement Award Runner-up winner(s), the Excellence in Agriculture Award winner(s), and the Discussion Meet winner and spouse be paid by Tennessee Farm Bureau.
8. We recommend that the expenses of the current YF&R Outstanding Young Woman and spouse be paid to the Tennessee Farm Bureau Convention and National YF&R Leadership Conference.

9. State Committee members are ineligible for Tennessee YF&R Outstanding Young Woman, the State Young Farmers Achievement Award winner(s), and the Excellence in Agriculture Award winner(s) during the year they serve on the State Committee.
10. We recommend the scorecard for judging the State Young Farmer Achievement Award Contest, Excellence In Agriculture Award Contest, Outstanding Young Woman Contest, and Discussion Meet Contest be included in the State Reference Handbook.
11. We recommend that each county present an Agribusiness Award and those counties and recipients be recognized at the State Convention and/or Young Leaders Conference. We recommend that a guideline for the Agribusiness Award be included in the State Reference Handbook.
12. We encourage participation in the Environmental Stewardship Award by eligible members.

SECTION IV - PUBLIC RELATIONS

1. We recommend that the YF&R continue to promote a closer relationship with the 4-H, FFA, FHA and other relevant youth programs.
2. We recommend that each county YF&R club work jointly with the county Farm Bureau in promoting county safety, first-aid, anti-crime programs and environmental issues.
3. We suggest that the YF&R State Chairman recommend to the State Farm Bureau Board that the National Convention expenses of the current Achievement Award winners and the Discussion Meet winner and spouse be paid by Tennessee Farm Bureau.
4. We recommend that the expenses of the current YF&R Outstanding Young Woman be paid to the Tennessee Farm Bureau Convention and National YF&R Leadership Conference.
5. We recommend that each county YF&R club become familiar with the resolutions of the Tennessee Farm Bureau Federation and present a program at a county meeting.
6. We recommend that the county YF&R and county Farm Bureau assist each other in their membership drives.
7. We recommend that each county YF&R recruit the involvement of insurance agents of the Tennessee Farmers Mutual Insurance Company and all Agricultural Extension Agents and urge them to promote YF&R. We recommend that YF&R clubs invite their agents to all county functions.
8. We recommend that each county club chairman be notified of their Regional Farm Bureau Policy Development Meetings. We also recommend that the county club chairman urge the members of the YF&R to attend and participate.

SECTION V - INSIGNIA

1. We strongly recommend that each county obtain a standardized YF&R flag and that the flag be displayed at every YF&R event.

SECTION VI - RECREATIONAL ACTIVITIES

1. We suggest that the state and district committee urge county clubs to participate in the Fall Agriculture Tour.
2. We encourage YF&R to participate in all district and state YF&R recreational activities, and other state and local agricultural related events. For example, (Ag Day, no-till field days, Farm Days, etc.)

SECTION VII - MISCELLANEOUS

1. We recommend each county participate in the Adopt-A-Highway program across the state.
2. We suggest that the outgoing State Committee change the County Activity Report in whole or in part as they deem necessary placing equal emphasis on farm related activities and other activities.
3. It has been RESOLVED that the Resolutions Committee meet in closed session in the coming years to prevent confusion in developing the resolutions.
4. We strongly recommend that each State Committee member file a written report of his/her year's activities to be passed on to next year's State Committee members.
5. We recommend that the State Farm Bureau Board of Directors study ways to increase the involvement of young farmers in the organization and activities of the county Farm Bureaus statewide.
6. We greatly appreciate the Tennessee Farm Bureau Federation's increased sponsorship of all Young Farmer and Rancher's contests and conferences.
7. We greatly appreciate the sponsorship of:
 - *A. **American Cellular, Case IH, Dodge Corporation, Stihl Corporation, Farm Credit, and Tennessee Farm Bureau for the State Young Farmer Achievement Award winner(s) and the Excellence in Agriculture Award winner(s).**
 - *B. **The Dodge Corporation, Massey Ferguson and Cleburne Farms Supply for the State Discussion Meet winner.**
 - *C. **Tennessee Farm Bureau Federation for the Outstanding Young Woman Award winner.**
8. We gratefully acknowledge the Tennessee Farm Bureau Federation's sponsorship of the Young Farmers and Ranchers Awards Banquet at State Convention.

We also appreciate the Tennessee Farm Bureau Federation Staff's efforts to continue fundraising and improvements for recreational activities of YF&R organization. We feel the support of the TFBF to these and other Young Farmer Programs will encourage increased participation.

We further urge continued support and guidance to enhance additional participation of young farmers in Tennessee.

9. We recommend all county YF&R clubs give consideration to starting a list of all eligible Young Farmers and Ranchers between the ages of 18 to 34 and that list be used for recruitment by county YF&R Chairmen.

***Changes to the Resolutions at the Annual Convention on December 5, 2008.**

All type in **BOLD PRINT** contain 2008 changes in the Resolutions. All other Resolutions were adopted or changed at previous conventions.

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| 1. | 2009 State YF&R Chairman | Mark Klepper
Greene County |
| 2. | 2008 Young Farmer of the Year
2009 National Winners | Donald & Alicia Blankenship
Rutherford County |
| 3. | 2008 Excellence in Agriculture
2009 National Winners | Dan & Cara June Strasser
Marshall County |
| 4. | 2008 Outstanding Young Woman of the Year | Amy Williams
McMinn County |
| 5. | 2008 Discussion Meet Winner | Scott Woolfolk
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| 6. | 2008 Environmental Stewardship Winner | Brian & Samantha McLerran
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| 7. | 2008 Collegiate Discussion Meet Winner | Jessica Jarrell
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