

Subject: Young Farmer & Rancher Group Promotes Industry Success

Story Summary: Young farmers and ranchers from throughout the nation met in Kentucky to talk about the future of their vocation. As part of the American Farm Bureau Young Farmer and Rancher Program they work together to get over the hurdles of their tough job.

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Suggested Lead: Farming is one of the toughest businesses around, but there is a program that serves as a kind of support group for young farmers and ranchers throughout the country. Johnna Miller tells us more.

Suggested Supers:

Lexington, KY
@ :02

Todd Clark
Kentucky Young Farmer
@ :06

Gary Baldosser
Former Young Farmer & Rancher Committee Chairman
@ 1:11

Johnna Miller
Reporting
@ 1:40

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<p>Locator-Lexington, KY</p> <p>Farmer covering tobacco bale</p>	<p>VO/ TODD CLARK MAY KNOW BETTER THAN MOST HOW HARD IT IS TO MAKE A LIVING AS A FARMER THESE DAYS.</p>
<p>Soundbite</p> <p>Todd Clark Kentucky Young Farmer</p>	<p>SOT/ I THINK HALF MY FASCINATION IS WITH THE JOB ITSELF AND HALF OF IT WITH THE FACT THAT I'M SUCCEEDING AT SOMETHING THAT'S HARD.</p>
<p>More of farmer covering tobacco</p>	<p>VO/ HE'S A FIRST GENERATION TOBACCO AND CATTLE PRODUCER. NO PARENTS OR GRANDPARENTS PAVING THE WAY.</p>
<p>Soundbite, Clark</p>	<p>SOT/ I ACTUALLY GOT A LOT OF ENCOURAGEMENT AND WAS BLESSED THAT THERE WAS A LOT OF GOOD FARMERS IN THIS AREA. SO I WAS SURROUNDED BY GOOD PEOPLE AND PEOPLE THAT WANTED TO SEE SOMEONE GET STARTED AND DO WELL.</p>
<p>Young farmer members on farm tour</p>	<p>VO/ CLARK ALSO FOUND HE COULD GET GUIDANCE AND ENCOURAGEMENT FROM THROUGHOUT THE NATION WHEN HE JOINED THE AMERICAN FARM BUREAU'S YOUNG FARMER AND RANCHER PROGRAM. MORE THAN 750 MEMBERS OF THE GROUP GATHERED RECENTLY FOR THE ANNUAL CONFERENCE – THIS YEAR IN CLARK'S HOMETOWN OF LEXINGTON, KENTUCKY.</p>

<p>Soundbite, Clark</p> <p>Young farmer members on farm tour</p>	<p>SOT/ IT'S BEEN HELPFUL TO BE ABLE TO MEET AND DISCUSS TOPICS WITH OTHER PROGRESSIVE YOUNG FARMERS FROM ACROSS THE STATE, ACROSS THE NATION AND TO SEE DIFFERENT IDEAS AND PERSPECTIVES ON SITUATIONS I'M INVOLVED WITH.</p>
<p>Large group of young farmers listening to speaker</p>	<p>VO/ THESE 18 TO 35 YEAR OLDS WORK TO IMPROVE THEIR LEADERSHIP SKILLS, LEARN ABOUT TIMELY AGRICULTURAL ISSUES AND NETWORK WITH OTHERS WHO FACE SIMILAR HURDLES.</p>
<p>Soundbite</p> <p>Gary Baldosser Former Young Farmer & Rancher Committee Chairman</p>	<p>SOT/ AGRICULTURE BENEFITS BECAUSE THEY HAVE VOLUNTEERS WHO ARE WILLING TO DEDICATE THEIR TIME AND PUT A COMMITMENT TOWARDS FURTHERING THEIR VOCATION. (CUT) THERE'S A STORY THAT NEEDS TO BE TOLD AND THE BEST PEOPLE TO TELL THE STORY ARE THOSE INDIVIDUALS WHO WORK AND MAKE A LIVING IN THAT VOCATION.</p>
<p>Horses running</p> <p>Group looking at stallion</p> <p>Tobacco hanging in barn above groups heads</p> <p>Young farmers shaking hands and hi- fiving each other</p> <p>Johnna Miller Reporting</p>	<p>VO/ THIS TRIP TO THE BLUEGRASS STATE OFFERED THE CHANCE TO LEARN ABOUT SOME OF THE STATE'S TOP INDUSTRIES... THOROUGHbred HORSE FARMING AND BURLEY TOBACCO FARMING. (NAT BREAK) BUT THEY ALSO MAKE PERSONAL CONNECTIONS AND CAN BE REASSURED THAT COMRADES NATIONWIDE ARE ROOTING FOR THEIR SUCCESS. FROM LEXINGTON, KENTUCKY, I'M JOHNNA MILLER</p>

