

**Agricultural Development Board Committee**  
**[Summary of Goals by LG]**

*Goal 1*

Insure an effective and properly funded Ag Development Fund to serve the broad interests of agriculture on local, regional and state levels

*Actions*

By August 16 have a "Call to Action" statement that can be used by KAC member organizations to do one-on-one education of legislators to insure a properly funded ADF

Collect data on projects funded by ADF by county so that each policy-maker can be informed about the impact of the ADF in their community

Create key message points on the impact of the ADF that can be used by all member organizations

Mobilize all farmers and farm organizations KY to the loss of ADF funding and the consequences for their farm and local economies

*Goal 2*

Investigate additional funding sources beyond the Master Settlement Fund

*Goal 3*

Explore opportunities to use the ADF to increase ag exports (domestic and international)

## **AGRICULTURAL DEVELOPMENT FUND COMMITTEE**

NOTES FROM 7/11/12

### **Goal 1**

To ensure an effective, properly funded Ag Development Fund that can serve the broad interest of Agriculture on the local, regional and state level.

#### Barriers:

Large amounts of the Agricultural portion of Master Settlement Agreement funding is going to service debt on projects that do not directly increase net farm income and therefore should be more properly paid by the General Fund.

#### Action Steps:

Mobilize Farm Organizations

Farm organizations initiate an educational campaign including legislators

State Board provides statistics / data on historical funding; create a focus on the Economic Impact of ADF investments

Create a consolidated message about this.

### **Goal 2**

Investigate additional funding sources

### **Goal 3**

Explore Opportunities to increase Agricultural Exports

#### **Summary of Action Steps**

1. Mobilize Farmers and Farm Organizations
2. Historical Data on projects and programs, by County
3. Consolidated message
4. Organizations sign on (resolutions)

#### **Benchmarks**

1. Draft data report by August 16
2. Meeting of Key leaders in organizations on August 16 with sign-on by 100% of Farm organizations
3. Report on Progress Action taken by organizations
4. Action by Legislature in 2013

## **Sustaining the Agricultural Development Fund**

Notes from May 30, 2012 Discussion

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- Last Task Force report referenced as a top priority – but appears to be less enthusiasm now
- Now fund more important than ever – but fund at risk – debt service obligations now limiting impact of fund
- Unified Plan Group and others fought for 50% of tobacco settlement dollars to agriculture in 2000– need to fight for the real 50% or some continued funding mechanism
- Is there a clear understanding of what the Ag Development Fund has meant to member partners in the KAC?
  - o Testimonials? (interview recipient groups)
  - o Who is the audience? (cross reference work of consumer outreach/ policy-maker education groups)
- Kentucky Chamber of Commerce / Kentucky Farm Bureau policy priorities
- Success of State cost-share program in DOC
- What is going to happen if groups don't figure out how to get funded for their programs?