



Kentucky Agricultural Council Task Force on the Future of Agriculture Member Organizations Survey | Part 1

This survey is to be completed by the members, alternates, and participating organizations of the Kentucky Agricultural Council's Task Force on the Future of Agriculture. Responses will be summarized and presented to the Task Force at its second meeting.

Your responses are critical to helping us identify priority areas for action in the next five years. Please return this survey to: Dawn Riley, PO Box 5478, Louisville, KY 40255-0478

Please circle your response for each item.

How important are each of the following as challenges that will affect the future vitality of agriculture in Kentucky?	Very important					Not important
Climate change affecting the suitability of particular types of crops for production in Kentucky	5	4	3	2	1	
Increased competition for productive agricultural land	5	4	3	2	1	
Price of productive agricultural land	5	4	3	2	1	
Lack of access to internet, broadband, wireless	5	4	3	2	1	
Lack of qualified labor	5	4	3	2	1	
Cost of qualified labor	5	4	3	2	1	
Lack of access to processors or processing facilities	5	4	3	2	1	
Lack of access to refrigerated storage	5	4	3	2	1	
Lack of access to local distributors and consumers	5	4	3	2	1	
Increasing encroachment on active farms urban development	5	4	3	2	1	
Restrictions due to federal climate change regulations	5	4	3	2	1	
Access to adequate fresh water	5	4	3	2	1	
Lack of planning and zoning	5	4	3	2	1	
Access to credit at reasonable interest rates	5	4	3	2	1	
The changing eating habits/food choices of consumers	5	4	3	2	1	
Cost of environmental regulations	5	4	3	2	1	
Cost and income levels limiting the number of young people owning or operating a farm	5	4	3	2	1	
Threats from bioterrorism	5	4	3	2	1	
Rising feed and/or hay costs	5	4	3	2	1	
Epidemic disease outbreaks	5	4	3	2	1	
Cost of land for young people trying to enter farming	5	4	3	2	1	
Bad publicity due to food contamination events	5	4	3	2	1	
Federal estate tax laws make long term estate planning uncertain	5	4	3	2	1	
Farm families find it difficult to structure the management and ownership succession of their enterprises	5	4	3	2	1	

Too much planning and zoning limiting choices	5	4	3	2	1
Access to affordable health insurance	5	4	3	2	1
Reduction of federal subsidies for field crops	5	4	3	2	1
The number of injuries and deaths on Kentucky farms	5	4	3	2	1

To what extent do you see the following situations providing opportunities to improve the vitality of Kentucky's agricultural sector?

	Very important			Not important	
Energy production from wind and solar energy collectors	5	4	3	2	1
Growth in number of local farmers markets	5	4	3	2	1
New crop opportunities because of climate change	5	4	3	2	1
Financial incentives from carbon trading from more trees being planted on farms	5	4	3	2	1
Direct marketing to retail outlets	5	4	3	2	1
Income from wildlife management practices	5	4	3	2	1
Developing stronger ties with consumers	5	4	3	2	1
Alternative energy crops such as cellulosic biomass and algae	5	4	3	2	1
Increased consumer understanding of food production systems	5	4	3	2	1
Agricultural education in high schools developing new agricultural owners and operators	5	4	3	2	1
Carbon cap and trade programs	5	4	3	2	1
Local food movements creating more demand for local products	5	4	3	2	1
Legalization of hemp production	5	4	3	2	1
Research on more innovative on-farm energy efficiency	5	4	3	2	1
Increased interest in agricultural or ecological tourism	5	4	3	2	1
Research on production of alternative energy sources	5	4	3	2	1
Research on improving yields with fewer inputs	5	4	3	2	1

The following describe some policies or actions that might be taken to enhance the vitality of Kentucky's agriculture. Please indicate the importance you would give to each of these.

	Very important			Not important	
Subsidies for fruits and vegetables to lower consumer prices and increase consumption	5	4	3	2	1
More agricultural education at the University level for new agricultural owners and operators	5	4	3	2	1
Agricultural industry organizations joining forces to give agriculture more political strength	5	4	3	2	1
Supply controls to limit the amount of production and increase prices	5	4	3	2	1

Policies to limit liability for enterprises involved in eco-tourism or recreational activities	5	4	3	2	1
Stronger ties between agricultural organizations and environmental organizations	5	4	3	2	1
Incentives to increase the number of food processors in Kentucky	5	4	3	2	1
Lower property taxes on agricultural land because of its lower tax burden on local communities	5	4	3	2	1
Maintaining conservation practices with reductions in conservation program funding	5	4	3	2	1
Agricultural education for all students in K-8	5	4	3	2	1
Information about different types of local markets	5	4	3	2	1
More technical support for sustainable growing practices	5	4	3	2	1
Research on new product development	5	4	3	2	1
Implement policies to assist retirement and farm succession	5	4	3	2	1
Incentives for the production of alternative energy crops	5	4	3	2	1
Development of market options	5	4	3	2	1
Policies to limit liability for enterprises involved in agricultural tourism	5	4	3	2	1
Reduced paperwork for agri-businesses	5	4	3	2	1
Immigration policies to ease labor shortage	5	4	3	2	1
More food quality and safety programs for producers	5	4	3	2	1
Increased focus on developing international trade agreements	5	4	3	2	1
Legalize apprenticeships for farmers to ensure a safe work environment and fair compensation for farm apprentices	5	4	3	2	1
Incentives to increase the number of meat processing plants	5	4	3	2	1
Competitive small grants for to help beginning farmers	5	4	3	2	1
Public policies to increase the availability of local labor	5	4	3	2	1
A statewide health insurance pool for farmers and their families and employees	5	4	3	2	1
An Agriculture Education Loan Forgiveness program for graduates to repay student loans while working in agriculture	5	4	3	2	1
Legislation that requires working agricultural land in conservation easements be resold at agricultural value	5	4	3	2	1
Tax incentives to landowners who rent or sell their agricultural land to a beginning farmer	5	4	3	2	1

Submitted by (Name of member organization)



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Name of submitting organization: _____

A. What is the most critical challenge and/or the best emerging opportunity for all agriculture sectors in Kentucky to prosper?

What is the important thing that must happen to address the challenge and/or take advantage of the opportunity?

Where does the responsibility for this action lie?

What resources are needed to make this happen?

B. What is the most critical challenge and/or the best emerging opportunity for your sector of agriculture in Kentucky to prosper?

What is the important thing that must happen to address the challenge and/or take advantage of the opportunity?

Where does the responsibility for this action lie?

What resources are needed to make this happen?

C. What is the most critical challenge and/or the best emerging opportunity for our rural communities in Kentucky to prosper?

What is the important thing that must happen to address the challenge and/or take advantage of the opportunity?

Where does the responsibility for this action lie?

What resources are needed to make this happen?

Thank you for your input.