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Kentucky Fort Harrod Beef Festival set for June 3-4; Ag Credit WoodSongs Music Stage will Present Three Bands

April 15, 2011 - Dr. LeMayne Ellis and Dana Anderson, co-chairs of the *Kentucky Fort Harrod Beef Festival*, have announced that the Festival will take place in Harrodsburg at the Mercer County Fairgrounds on June 3-4 this year.

The popular Kentucky Fort Harrod Beef Festival has become a summer favorite with the regional population. The Beef Grill-Off Contest on Saturday features brisket, steak and burger.

Attendance at the event during recent years has provided a boost to the Mercer, Boyle and Anderson County area economy, with over 5,000 people attending during the two-day event. Ellis and Anderson say the event has been refined this year, notably with the Saturday music appearance of three (3) music groups who will entertain all afternoon.

The *Central Kentucky Ag Credit WoodSongs Music Stage* will return this year, after making its debut at the Festival last year. Last year's entertainer was the Bluegrass group, Katie Penn & New Town.

This year the *Ag Credit WoodSongs Music Stage* has been expanded to include three music groups, shelter under a big top tent, and full concerts for all bands.

Dale Cinnamon, Ag Credit's Assistant Vice President at the Danville Ag Credit Office, said performers will include *No Tools Loaned*, a Bluegrass group that is growing in popularity

across Kentucky; *Next of Kin*, a vocal group who will present a variety of country, pop and cross-over music; and *Stringtown*, an energetic Bluegrass band from the Central Kentucky region.

As sponsor of the *Ag Credit WoodSongs Music Stage*, Dale Cinnamon said he and Tina Roney, also of the Ag Credit Danville Office, have arranged to have each band perform in concert. All performers will present an hour of great music on the *Ag Credit WoodSongs Music Stage* at the *Kentucky Fort Harrod Beef Festival*.

“Last year we had Katie Penn perform in brief segments in an open-air environment,” said Cinnamon. He explained that each band will perform in full concert at designated times this year. In addition, the *Ag Credit WoodSongs Music Stage* will take place under a big top tent, allowing shelter for visitors if the day is hot or if it is raining. The Festival’s *Chef Competition* will also take place under the tent on the *Ag Credit WoodSongs Music Stage*.

Moreover, Dr. Ellis and Dana Anderson have confirmed that tables and seating will be provided at the *Ag Credit WoodSongs Music Stage*. “For the first time, visitors can enjoy music, eating, the *Chef Competition*, and contest awards, all in sheltered surroundings,” they said.

Admission to the *Kentucky Fort Harrod Beef Festival* is free, including activities on the *Ag Credit WoodSongs Music Stage*.

The Beef Grill-Off will also take place throughout the afternoon at the Mercer County Fairgrounds on Saturday. Winners of the contest will be chosen by taste-testers who will cast votes. The public is encouraged to participate in taste-testing activity. Taste-testing participants will pay a contest fee of \$6, which includes an event bracelet, unlimited beef tasting activity, and the right to vote in the contest.

The Saturday schedule at the *Kentucky Fort Harrod Beef* will be as follows:

- 11:00 a.m. - Taste-Testing Registration
- 12:00 Noon - Taste-Testing Begins
Next of Kin in Concert
- 1:00 p.m. - Chef Competition on Stage
- 1:45 p.m. - *No Tools Loaned* in Concert
- 3:00 p.m. - Chef Competition on Stage
- 3:45 p.m. - *Stringtown* in Concert
- 5:00 p.m. - Beef Grill-Off Awards

Note to Media: The official logo of the *Ag Credit WoodSongs Music Stage* is in the attached file. It may be used at the discretion of media.