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When you
support Extension
Equine, farms
with horses adopt
new practices to
maintain health of
animals, increase
profitability and
preserve the
economic and
social value of the
equine industry.



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EXTENDING KNOWLEDGE *Changing Lives*



Kentucky is home of 242,400 horses and approximately 35,000 equine operations. (2012 Kentucky Equine Survey)

Extension Equine Expo Supports Horse Owners and Farm Managers in Kentucky

Extension demonstrates the benefits of rotational grazing, diversified operations, weed and grass identification, animal health, and improving farm safety at the Equine Expo.



University of Kentucky Extension Specialists and Agents conducted an **Equine Farm and Facilities Exposition**. Horse owners and farm managers participate in demonstrations on **drainage and footing options for exercise areas, temporary fence, water system establishment, and hay production testing**. Experts demonstrated benefits of **rotational grazing, integrating cattle into equine operations, weed and grass identification, parasitology, multivalent vaccines, and improving farm safety**.



Hay huts hold round bales of hay and preserves the quality and reduces waste

The 2013 Expo was hosted by Tollgate Farm, a diversified farm that produces tobacco, row crops, and beef cattle in addition to breeding, training and racing Thoroughbred horses.

A healthy equine industry is one way to attract Kentuckians to agriculture, to educate them about livestock husbandry, to teach youth patience and responsibility and to provide a physically active job or hobby (2012 Kentucky Equine Survey).

While the horse industry has had many challenges in the past due to the economy and cost of horse ownership, people are still purchasing horses for use in sport and recreation activities. Many of these horse owners have limited experience with horses and are often from a non-agricultural background. This group seeks basic non-technical information on nutrition, health care, facilities, basic training, and riding so they can enjoy their horses in recreational activities. To meet this need for information, the **Extension specialists, associates, and agents coordinate and deliver a wide variety of educational activities across the state for both youth and adult audiences**.



Educational programs of Kentucky Cooperative Extension serve all people regardless of race, color, age, sex, religion, disability, or national origin.

Kentucky's equine industry had a total economic impact of almost \$3 billion and impacts 40,665 jobs. The tax contribution of the equine industry to Kentucky was approximately \$134 million.

-2012 Kentucky Equine Survey



Farmers and specialist discuss forage and rotational grazing