

Content of the five *New Teacher Workshop* sessions is fairly fluid but the agenda follows the following patterns:

The *New Teacher Workshops* are hosted within selected agriculture departments throughout the Commonwealth. Important: reinforced at every workshop is (1) classroom instruction, (2) co-curricular FFA, (3) Supervised Agricultural Experience (SAE) and (4) involvement in our professional organization KVATA and NAAE.

Also at each workshop location, the agriculture teachers are asked to

- (a) share their program
- (b) tell us what agricultural career majors (and related courses) they offer
- (c) how they share/distribute duties (if a multi-teacher department)
- (d) determine who teaches which classes. In addition they share how they
- (e) incorporate SAE and record keeping
- (f) how they make FFA an integral/co-curricular part of the overall program,
- (g) how they utilize community resources to benefit their program (i.e. working with local agricultural business and organizing an active FFA Alumni affiliate).
- (h) provide a tour of their facilities
- (i) share any unique programs (i.e. Freshman Leadership Conference, or unique FFA Alumni relationship, etc.) they may have.

Workshops

Teachers' Conference NTW (July?) . . . introduction to the greatest profession in the world!

Those who work with their hands are laborers.

Those who work with their hands and head are professionals.

Those who work with their hands and head and **heart** are **teachers of agriculture!**

Agenda:

Introduction of new Teachers of Agriculture

Opportunity to learn more about each other and the new teachers of agriculture.

Greetings and Q & A from Teacher Educators

This gives the new teacher opportunity to be introduced to Teacher Educators from all five Kentucky TE institutions.

Greetings and Q & A from State (KDE) Staff

Introduction of State Staff, how they can be accessed, their function, and how they can benefit the new teacher.

Greetings and Q & A from KVATA Executive Board members
Opportunity to promote our professional organization KVATA and NAAE. The Executive Board may provide pizza and drinks and spend time socializing with the new teachers. Kentucky is also in the beginning stages of implementing a mentorship program between experienced teachers and new teachers coordinated by KVATA.

Sharing by the NTW Completers

First year completers are asked to share with the new teachers, "What I know now that I wish I knew then." We also ask them to share resources (i.e. web sites, etc.) that they have found particularly helpful.

Overview of Local Program Success

This also gives opportunity for National LPS staff to interact with the New Teachers of agriculture.

Wrap up and Conclusion

(2) Fall NTW (September/October?) . . . all you ever wanted to know about the FFA and more (i.e.. SAE and the co-curricular role of FFA) by J. Matt Chaliff (Executive Secretary Kentucky Association FFA).

Agenda:

Overview of how FFA operates in Kentucky with emphasis on making FFA an integral part of the agriculture program ~ along with the other two components- Classroom Instruction and SAE. Discuss everything from electing officers and raising money to coaching state winning teams. Compare a single teacher department with a multi-teacher department.

(3) Winter NTW (January?) . . . all you ever wanted to know about agriculture programs including curricula and teaching expectation, Program of Studies, Skill Standards, and KDE expectations by C. Curt Lucas (State FFA Advisor and Ag Ed Program Director).

Agenda:

Agricultural education curricula and teaching expectations including Kentucky's CAERT curricula, Kentucky Program of Studies, Skill Standards, and KDE expectations.

(4) Spring NTW (April?) . . . support for agricultural education programs.

This workshop focuses on support for local programs and is presented by Kentucky FFA Foundation director, Billy Ray Smith, the Kentucky FFA

Leadership Training Center director, Pete Dreisbach, and the Kentucky Young Farmers Association director, Bruce Metzger and/or a YFA Officer and a Kentucky FFA Alumni Representative.

Agenda:

This workshop is usually held at the Kentucky FFA Leadership Training Center and new teachers of agriculture will be provided a tour of the facilities and the leadership program will be explained. This workshop will cover the local Advisory Committee. Participants will also be presented with how participating in the *Kentucky FFA Leadership Training Center* benefits the local program. How the Kentucky FFA Foundation supports the local program. The benefits of having an FFA Alumni and a brief overview of the Kentucky Young Farmer Association.

(5) Teachers' Conference (¿July?) . . . "What I Know Now That I Wish I Knew then." *NTW* wrap-up.

This is a repeat of the first workshop with a role reversal of the first year completers with the incoming new teachers.