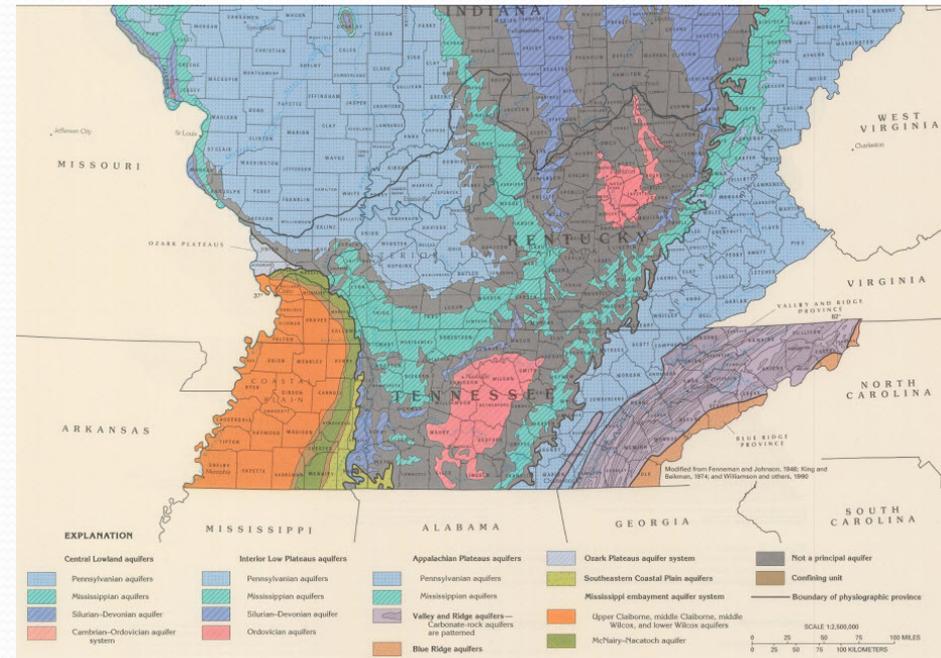




WATERMANAGEMENT
WORKING GROUP

Water Management Working Group (WMWG)

- First meeting was December 10, 2014
- Nine meetings of the WMWG so far
- Focus of meetings has been to collect data, review policy and develop recommendations for future policy and action



Water Management Working Group (WMWG)

- 20-member diverse Working Group

- Steve Coleman-Chairman
- Warren Beeler-KDA
- Todd Clark-AG
- Dr. Nancy Cox-UK CAFE
- Sharon Furches-AG
- Terry Gilbert-AG
- Peter Goodmann-KDOW
- Pat Henderson-AG
- Kenny Imel-AG
- Kevin Jeffries-AG
- Gary Larimore-KY Rural Water

- Kentucky League of Cities
- David Rowlett, KACD
- Larry Thomas, Ag
- Roger Thomas, GOAP

- **Ex-officio members**

- Tom Fern, State Director of the USDA Rural Development office
- Michael Griffin, Kentucky Director of the U.S. Geological Survey
- John McCauley, KY FSA
- Kim Richardson, KY Division of Conservation
- Karen Woodrich, NRCS

WMWG Focus

- The WMWG has collected data on weather and water resources in Kentucky
- All information can be accessed at kyfb.com/water and on the Kentucky Farm Bureau App.
- Three site visits thus far
 - Irrigation site at the Bob Wade Jr. farm in Hardin County
 - Soil health demo plots developed by Monty's Plant Food at the Sen. Paul Hornback farm in Shelby County
 - Louisville Water Company



WMWG Recommendations

- The WMWG submitted initial policy recommendations to the KYFB Resolutions Committee
- Several resolutions were accepted and were considered by voting delegates at the annual convention
- Resolutions became KFBBF policy, they will set the foundation for future work with the KY General Assembly and Congress
- We are currently conducting a Weather Data Survey



WMWVG Recommendations

- Support increased monitoring of KY's water resources for both quantity & quality
- Support the creation of a KY Water Resource Management Commission to coordinate efforts to manage water resource projects and programs
- Support UK Grain Center for Excellence for water resource development and irrigation research
- Support USDA program modifications to allow NRCS to provide technical assistance for the planning and development of new on-farm water supplies and irrigation systems
- KY Drought Mitigation and Response Plan be updated specific to address agriculture concerns
- Support tax incentives for crop irrigation and livestock system development

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Thank You! Any Questions?

