

# BY-LAWS

Kentucky Agriculture Advisory Council, Inc.

## ARTICLE I

### NAME

The name of the organization shall be the Kentucky Agriculture Advisory Council, Inc. Its location shall be in the office of the University of Kentucky, College of Agriculture, Assistant Extension Director for Agriculture, Room N122, Ag Science Building- North, University of Kentucky, Lexington, Kentucky 40546.

## ARTICLE II

### PURPOSE

The Purpose of the Council shall be:

To provide leadership to the University of Kentucky College of Agriculture, Cooperative Extension Service, Research, and Instruction Programs and Kentucky State University Land Grant Programs.

To provide a mode of communication between the University of Kentucky, College of Agriculture and Kentucky State University Land Grant Programs of the issues and needs of Kentucky's agriculture industry.

To assist in the identification, coordination and advancement of agriculture development initiatives among all segments of the agriculture industry.

## ARTICLE III

### MEMBERSHIP

Membership shall be composed of four voting delegates from each of the state's 7 Extension districts and two voting delegates from Kentucky State University Land Grant Programs that have been duly selected by the District Director with assistance from Agriculture/-Horticulture Agents in the district and Kentucky State University Land Grant program participants.

Two County Extension Agents for Agriculture/Horticulture from each Extension District shall be selected by the District Director in cooperation with the Assistant Director for Agriculture & Natural Resources, to serve a two year term as a non-voting advisor to the State Council. Agents may serve two consecutive terms. One agent from each District will rotate off each year unless reappointed for a second term. Terms will end on December 31 of each calendar year.

Delegates will be appointed to a three year term and no delegate shall serve more than two consecutive terms. Terms will end on December 31 of each calendar year.

Membership is open to all people regardless of race, color, age, sex, religion, disability or national origin.

## ARTICLE IV

### MEETING

A regular business meeting of the Council, with University of Kentucky College of Agriculture/Kentucky State University Land Grant faculty and staff attending shall be held in January or February of each year. Called meetings may be held with the approval of the majority of the Board of Directors. All meeting notifications shall be at least two weeks prior to the date of the meeting.

The Board of Directors shall meet as deemed necessary by a majority of the Board.

The agenda will be set by the Board of Directors in consultation with University of Kentucky College of Agriculture/Kentucky State University Land Grant faculty and staff. The January/February meeting agenda shall include but not be limited to the following:

- A. In order to meet the purposes of the Kentucky Agriculture Advisory Council, the January/February meeting will address the identification of statewide agriculture issues and needs.

## ARTICLE V

### QUORUM

The members present at regular and called meetings of the Council, which has been properly called, shall constitute a quorum and conduct any business on which action needs to be taken. Each member shall have one vote and voting by proxy shall not be permitted.

## ARTICLE VI

### OFFICERS

Officers of the Council shall consist of a President, Vice President, Secretary/Treasurer and two Directors elected from the membership and comprise the Board of Directors. No more than one board member shall be elected from an Extension District. The Board of Directors will have charge of the management and affairs of the Council in the interim between regular business meetings. A quorum shall consist of three members of the Board of Directors.

Officers shall be elected for a term of one year, and no officer shall serve more than two consecutive terms in the same office. The President shall appoint a nominating committee that recommends nominees for each office. Nominations can be made from the floor.

## ARTICLE VII

### COMMITTEES

Committees of the Council shall be appointed by the president in conjunction with the Board of Directors as deemed necessary to accomplish the goals and objectives of the council. The Nominating Committee shall be a standing committee of the Kentucky Agriculture Advisory Council to report at the Winter Annual Meeting.

## ARTICLE VIII

### FISCAL YEAR

The Council's Fiscal Year shall be from January 1 to December 31.

## ARTICLE IX

### DISSOLUTION

The Council may be dissolved by a majority vote of the general membership at a meeting which has been duly publicized and announced as the purpose of the meeting.

## ARTICLE X

### AMENDMENTS

By-Laws may be altered or amended at a regular or called meeting of the membership by a majority of all members present, provided due notice of regular or called meeting was given.

Approved this 19 day of January, 2005, by the delegates of the Kentucky Agriculture Advisory Council, Inc. Amended this 12<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2008, by the delegates of the Kentucky Agriculture Advisory Council, Inc.

Secretary\_\_\_\_\_