



KENTUCKY STATE FAIR BOARD

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KENTUCKY STATE FAIR BOARD APPOINTS NEW EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF EXPOSITIONS

LOUISVILLE, KY (August 14, 2015) – Steve Kelly of Owen County has been named Executive Director of Expositions for the Kentucky State Fair Board, effective September 16. Kelly will oversee the National Farm Machinery Show, the Kentucky State Fair and the North American International Livestock Exposition.

Kelly has served in the Kentucky Department of Agriculture since 2008 as Executive Director of Budget and Personnel and most recently as Deputy Commissioner. Prior to KDA, Kelly worked in the Kentucky Transportation Cabinet for 19 years.

An Owen County, Kentucky native, Kelly has extensive involvement in agriculture, including serving as President and Vice President of the Owen County Cattlemen's Association, Owen County Agriculture Development Board, local Kentucky Farm Bureau and Owen County Fair Board, 4H livestock advisor and the Owen County Cooperative Extension Board.

Kelly and his family own S & K Farms in New Liberty, a registered Charolais cattle operation.

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The Kentucky State Fair Board operates two properties, the Kentucky Exposition Center and Kentucky International Convention Center. The Kentucky State Fair Board accounts for \$460 million annually in economic impact for the community and commonwealth.