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Program:

DISCOVERY TO APPLICATION

Cooperative Extension Innovation for the Next 100 Years

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PROGRAM

Welcome and Introduction

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Distinguished Speaker

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Open Forum

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JANE SCHUCHARDT

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ABSTRACT
On May 8, 1914, the Smith-Lever Act was signed creating the Nation’s Cooperative Extension System operating through 106 land-grant universities. The centennial celebration in 2014 will focus on innovation for Cooperative Extension as it launches the next 100 years of translating agricultural research for practical application, engaging targeted audiences to find solutions to vexing problems, and changing lives through transformational education. While celebrating Cooperative Extension’s rich history, participants will learn what Cooperative Extension accomplishes today and how it is positioning for the future based on relevance, rigor, and relationships. Comments will relate to Cooperative Extension priorities of strengthening the profitability of animal and plant production systems, protecting our rich natural resources, improving human health, ensuring a safe and abundant food supply, and growing the next generation of leaders.

SPEAKER BIOGRAPHY
Jimmy Henning, Ph.D., is the Associate Dean for Extension and Director of the Cooperative Extension Service, University of Kentucky. As Associate Dean, he leads more than 1,200 faculty, specialists, agents, and staff to make a difference in the lives of Kentucky citizens. He is a native of Guymon, Oklahoma, and was reared in several towns and communities in Georgia. Dr. Henning is a graduate of the University of Georgia and the University of Kentucky, College of Agriculture. He began his career at the University of Missouri as a Forage Extension Specialist and has worked at the University of Kentucky since 1990. Dr. Henning is currently serving as Chair of the Extension Committee on Organization and Policy (ECOP), the national governing and leadership committee for the Cooperative Extension System.
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