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Sheep, Goat Development Awarded Grant

Agricultural Development Board Invests \$85,000 in coordinated industry development

FRANKFORT, Ky. (Sept. 8, 2009) -The Kentucky Agricultural Development Board, chaired by Gov. Steve Beshear, approved the **Kentucky Sheep & Goat Development Office** for \$85,000 in state Agricultural Development Funds for continuing service of the education, promotion, and marketing needs of Kentucky's sheep and goat producers.

"I am committed to creating opportunities that will make Kentucky's agricultural community stronger," said Gov. Beshear. "Projects like the Kentucky Sheep & Goat Development Office, supported by the Kentucky Agricultural Development Fund, play an integral role in achieving this goal."

The goal of this project is to continue to provide support to Kentucky's sheep and goat producers. These funds will support the implementation of a web-based marketing tool, HoofTrader.com, and other promotional activities for Kentucky's sheep and goat industries.

This project was one of 18 proposals approved at the Kentucky Agricultural Development Board's August business meeting.

For more information about the Kentucky Sheep & Goat Development Office, visit www.kysheepandgoat.org or contact Ray Bowman at (502) 352-2434 or info@kysheep.org.

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Governor Steve Beshear and the Kentucky Legislature continue to make great strides toward lessening Kentucky's dependence on tobacco production while revitalizing the farm economy by investing 50 percent of Kentucky's Master Settlement Agreement into the Kentucky Agricultural Development Fund.

To date, Kentucky has invested more than \$293.6 million to an array of county, regional and state projects designed to increase net farm income and create sustainable new farm-based business enterprises. This project represents one of more than 3,565 projects that have been funded through the Kentucky Agricultural Development Fund, since the inception of the program in January 2001.

