

2009 Ag Mechanization and Marketing Innovations Contest

Have you built labor saving equipment of your own design, modified existing equipment to make it do your job better, come up with a great Farmers Market display item or a better way to handle and move product to the market? Then you should enter the Ag Mechanization and Marketing Innovations Contest at the 2009 Kentucky Fruit and Vegetable Conference!

The contest will offer cash prizes of \$50 first place, \$25 each for second and third place.

Contest Rules:

- 1. Contest limited to people registered for the 2009 Kentucky Fruit and Vegetable Conference.
- 2. Entries should be new innovations or modifications to existing equipment, relating to any aspects of crop production, from ground prep through harvesting and post harvest handling. Can include cover crops and crop protection. Entries can also be innovative marketing display items at farmers markets, or innovations for moving product to the market and handling it at the market.
- 3. Contestants must submit pictures and a description of the innovation, with enough explanation that it is clear what the innovation is and how it works. Video footage encouraged, but not required. Electronic submissions to address below preferred, but you can also mail a hard copy. Deadline January 2, 2009.
- 4. By entering the contest, contestants agree to allow pictures of their entry to be shown during a presentation devoted to the contest at the conference the morning of January 6^{th} in the Marketing session.
- 5. Contestants are welcome to bring their innovative piece of equipment to the conference to show others.
- 6. Prizes will be awarded at the conference. The decision of the judges is final.

Judges:

Janet Eaton, Farmers Market Specialist, KDA

Terry Jones, Vegetable Specialist, Robinson Station, UK

John Wilhoit, Specialty Crops Mechanization Specialist, UK

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