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## **RENEWING FARM TAGS BENEFITS 4-H**

Grayson, KY – 4-H has an opportunity to raise funds for Carter County and statewide 4-H programs again this year, through the Kentucky Ag Tag Donation program.

“Kentucky 4-H has been given a tremendous opportunity by Commissioner Shell to once again raise significant funds to support 4-H,” said Melissa G. Miller, Executive Director of the Kentucky 4-H Foundation. “This funding creates life-changing opportunities for local 4-H’ers and cultivates future leaders – instilling leadership skills, citizenship, and life skills in a learn-by-doing atmosphere.”

Since 2012, Kentucky Farmers have the option to make a \$10.00 voluntary donation when they purchase or renew their license plate. Commissioner of Agriculture, Jonathan Shell, will equally divide the amount raised among 4-H, FFA and Kentucky Proud.

With more than 185,500 farm plates bought or renewed each year in Kentucky, the Commissioner’s action can generate significant funds to support these three outstanding programs. All 120 counties in Kentucky have 4-H programs and all counties will receive a portion of the support from the Ag Tag Donation program.

In 2023, Kentucky 4-H received \$244,490, from the Ag Tag Donations. These funds are split between the county where the funds originated and the Kentucky 4-H Foundation for state level programs. That means half of the Ag Tag donations made in Carter County stay in Carter County funding programs and activities that teach children and teens about leadership, citizenship, science and technology, communications, public speaking, agriculture, and more.

If every Carter Countian renewing an Ag Tag were to make the voluntary \$10 donation, \$15,420 could be raised.

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