County Activities of Excellence
2012 Winners

**Project:** Growing Membership through Economic Development

**Program Area:** Member Services

**County Farm Bureau, State:** Stafford County Farm Bureau, KS

**Membership Category:** < 1,000 members

**Program Description:** Through research, advocacy and support, the Stafford County Farm Bureau was instrumental in establishing a county economic development department to address declining economic opportunities and the decreasing local population, which were affecting county Farm Bureau members’ quality of life. There have been short term results including the designation as Rural Opportunity Zone and young people responding to the stimulus to establish residency as well as action on long term issues: addressing the culture of a community that values entrepreneurship.

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