

An employee of KDA power-rinses a bulk pesticide container.



KDA's **Rinse and Return** program has collected pesticide containers from farms and applicators since 1991. The recycled plastic is chipped into small pieces and made into new containers and products such as curb stops and fence posts.

KDA employees or approved contractors pick up and properly dispose of many kinds of **unwanted or outdated farm chemicals** at the property owner's request — at no charge to the farmer.

For more information about the chemical collection and Rinse and Return programs call (800) 205-6543.

The **Division of Pesticide Regulation** licenses and trains pesticide applicators and helps them comply with state regulations. The Division also registers all pesticide products sold or distributed in Kentucky, and regulates those who retail pesticides in the state, among their many other environmental stewardship duties.

Agri-tourism

The state's budding agri-tourism industry received a shot in the arm when the 2002 Kentucky General Assembly established the **Agri-Tourism**

Advisory Council and the Agri-Tourism Inter-Agency Office.

This office is a combined effort of KDA and the Kentucky Tourism Development Cabinet. It promotes and seeks to expand the state's agri-tourism industry. The Inter-Agency Office strives to augment economic development programs with regional marketing organizations and state agencies.

The 25-member council held its first meetings in early 2003, choosing André Brousseau of Danville as chairman of the fledgling organization. Brousseau owns and operates a bed-and-breakfast and a winery.

The Kentucky Agricultural Development Board awarded the Inter-Agency Office a \$400,000 grant in July 2003 to help promote the up-and-coming agri-tourism industry.

Kentucky has numerous successful agri-tourism destinations such as distilleries, horse farms, vineyards/wineries, pick-your-own fruit and vegetable operations, and mazes artfully carved in cornfields in the fall.

For more information on agri-tourism, and how you could participate either as a provider or a consumer, visit the KDA Web site or contact KDA's Office of Agricultural Marketing and Product Promotion, (502) 564-4983.



Autumn, children and pumpkins – a natural partnership that brings out delightful aspects of Kentucky agri-tourism.