

MEET DAVID S. BECK

David S. Beck began his tenure as President and CEO of Kentucky Venues on July 1, 2018.

Kentucky Venues operates the Kentucky Exposition Center (KEC), the Kentucky International Convention Center (KICC) and produces six signature events including the Kentucky State Fair, North American International Livestock Exposition, and National Farm Machinery Show. Kentucky Venues is the organizational brand for the Kentucky State Fair Board.

David's vision for Kentucky Venues includes reimagining facility use, bringing together urban and rural communities, and forming strategic partnerships across the state. He not only wants to preserve the rich tradition of Kentucky Venues but also enhance it for future Kentuckians and guests.

Prior to his role at Kentucky Venues, David worked at Kentucky Farm Bureau (KFB) for 41 years. Prior to his retirement at KFB, he served in many capacities including Director of Public Affairs and Chief Executive Officer.

David is involved in the Louisville community and is a member of several organizations including Louisville's Chamber of Commerce Greater Louisville Inc. as a member of the Board of Directors, a member of the Executive Committee of the Louisville Sports Commission, and a Director of the Kentucky Derby Festival, American Heart Association, and several agriculture organizations including Kentucky Ag Council, 4H and FFA.

David is a native of Lyon County and he received Bachelor of Science in Agriculture from Murray State University. In 1992, he was selected Outstanding Agriculture Alumnus of the Year by the Murray State University Agriculture Alumni Association and in 2016 was named a Distinguished Alumnus. In 2017, the Kentucky Council on Post-Secondary Education presented David with the OAK Award on behalf of Kentucky colleges and universities.

In 2021, David was honored as the Distinguished Rural Kentuckian at Kentucky Electric Cooperatives' 75th Annual Meeting. The award is the highest honor bestowed by Kentucky's electric cooperatives.

David and his wife Nancy reside in Louisville. They have three adult children and three granddaughters.