

HISTORY OF KENTUCKY ASSOCIATION  
OF  
EXTENSION HOME ECONOMISTS



Kentucky Agents have just cause to be proud  
Of the Emblem for Extension Home Economists

The emblem is composed of three concentric circles, which typify the home, the state and the nation.

The hearth fire in the center symbolizes the home and expresses the spirit of the finer attributes of the home, such as fellowship, hospitality, comfort, peace and protection.

The Oak Leaf symbolizes the strength of the home; the lamp of knowledge, the wisdom with which a home and family must be created; the wheat, productivity and richness of family and community life.

Around these symbols are the words, "Home, Family, Community" with "COOPERATIVE EXTENSION SERVICE" in the outer center – designating the cooperation of the county, state, and nation in the Extension Program.

The history of the emblem dates back to 1934 when a committee was appointed to work on an insignia for home demonstration work. Miss Ida Hagman, Home Management Specialist and Miss Myrtle Weldon, State Leader, Kentucky, served on this committee. Miss Weldon composed the wording and Miss Hagman designed the emblem.

The emblem was patented in November, 1936, with the understanding that it should not be used for any commercial purposes or in connection with any advertising, but should only be used by members, officers and leaders of the home demonstration clubs.