

## Nancy Urbauer Retiring From KCIA

Nancy Urbauer bids farewell to her KCIA family October 31<sup>st</sup> to embark on what we hope is a long and happy retirement.

Nancy began as a temporary tag-printing lady and office assistant in August 1985, when the KCIA office was still located in Call Hall on the Kansas State University campus. Her husband Dewey, an Ag teacher at Frankfort who also helped with field inspections in the summer, recommended Nancy to Lowell Burchett, the acting KCIA Executive Director. Groundbreaking for the new KCIA office occurred in November of that year, and in January 1986 Nancy was offered a full-time position at the new location which opened in April.

Nancy is still the tag printing lady, but her duties have expanded to those of office administrator and include oversight of membership and seed certification records, a fact to which many who have received a call from Nancy can attest.



Nancy states that she will miss working with KCIA members and will especially miss the conferences where she could put faces to names and voices she became familiar with on the phone. She thanks KCIA for the assistance in attaining her BS in Arts and Sciences, conferred in 2008. She doesn't think she will miss the commute from Frankfort to Manhattan and back every day, especially during bad weather, but she will miss the chance to unwind during the drive.

Traveling is in the future for Nancy, and with 15 grand children, she is likely to do a lot of it. But she is also considering ways to volunteer in her community and may even try her hand at substitute teaching.

We the staff of KCIA bid Nancy long, productive and satisfying retirement.