

## David S. Beck Bio

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 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.

Mr. Beck'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, Mr. Beck worked at Kentucky Farm Bureau (KFB) for 41 years. Prior to Mr. Beck's retirement at KFB, he served in many capacities including Area Field Service Director, Director of Public Affairs, and Chief Executive Officer.

Mr. Beck is involved in the Louisville community and is a member of several organizations including the Kentucky Ag Council, the Kentucky Fair Council, Friends of Kentucky 4-H, and more. He also sits on the board for Louisville Tourism.

He is a deacon, trustee, and moderator for the St. Matthews Baptist Church. He has also led the St. Matthews Lions Club and served in a senior role at the Masonic Preston Lodge, No. 281.

Mr. Beck 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.

Mr. Beck and his wife Nancy reside in Louisville.

They have three adult children and one granddaughter.