

THELMA CUNNINGHAM

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The Putnam County Soil Conservation District is pleased to welcome Thelma Cunningham as the newest member of the Board of Supervisors. Thelma is a native of Putnam County and was appointed to serve a three-year term beginning in April of 2008.



The Board is very glad to have Thelma as a member. She brings a lifetime of experience as a farmer. Her experience and knowledge began on the family farm that has been in the King family since the 1800s.

Thelma is the daughter of Chester and Lorelle King. She and her twin sister Velma were the first twins born in the old Cookeville Hospital and Dr. Thurman Shipley's first set of twins to deliver. She and sisters Velma and younger sister Martha still maintain the farm. Thelma raises cattle, chickens, peacocks and guineas along with harvesting hay, and keeping up with a garden.

She is a member of the Farm Bureau Volunteer Ladies organization and even though she is quite busy she makes time to attend and contribute to the monthly SDC Board meetings and help with SCD activities.

The Putnam County Soil Conservation District Board is dedicated to informing and educating farmers and other land users about the importance of soil and water conservation. They also work to help

the NRCS staff provide technical and financial assistance to help farmers install conservation practices and improve their management.

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