WINDOWS 7 POLICY FOR COUNTY EXTENSION
The Technology Management unit (DEITC’s) of Ag Communications supports the extension mission by providing information technology leadership and services throughout the state of Kentucky. This document details the policy the unit will use during our soft migration to Microsoft Windows 7 operating system.

The purpose of this policy is to prevent network and virus related problems related to outdated computer operating systems, along with keeping county workstations current with the Microsoft end of life road map.

Currently all workstations operating in the extension support pool are running Windows XP or Windows Vista. Over the next year we will institute a policy of a soft migration to Windows 7. A soft migration will occur as counties order new workstations, they will arrive from the Dell factory with Windows 7 (soft migration). The DEITC group has also identified a few deployed applications as having known issues with Win7. Extension personnel should consult with their District Tech, to determine eligibility for upgrading an older system to Win7.

Exclusions

Under appropriate conditions, a computer with an obsolete operating system (prior to Windows XP) may continue to be used, but full support will not be rendered. (Beginning Spring of 2011).