## **Rodger Bingham**

Like his parents, grandparents and great grandparents before him, Rodger Bingham has lived in Crittenden, Kentucky all of his life and presently resides there on the family farm. Rodger attended Eastern Kentucky University and graduated with a B.S and M.A. in Industrial Education.

He has one daughter and two grandchildren that he describes as the pride of his life.

A self admitted work-aholic; Rodger has been Chief Executive Officer of a bank, a school teacher, owner of a building supply and hardware store, owner of two mobile home parks, a farmer and has been involved in real estate development. He is an Elder in the Crittenden Christian Church in Crittenden, Kentucky.

In 2001 Rodger was one of the contestants on the popular CBS show Survivor II, The Australian Outback and was given the name of Kentucky Joe while on the series. He was able to survive 36 of the 42 days before being voted off.

In January of 2004 Rodger accepted a position with the Department of Agriculture and serves as the Deputy Executive Director of Ag Marketing & Product Promotion. It all just goes to prove that a country boy can survive.