

Farm News

By: Tom Mills County Extension Agent for Agriculture Cattle farmers need to

he aware of Grass Tetany during early grazing

Adult beef cows nursing young calves while grazing grass or small grain pastures in late winter or early spring are especially susceptible to an extremely acute disorder known as grass steany. Affected cattle can die suddenly and in fact are frequently found dead before the disorder is discovered.

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Symptoms of the disorder usually begin with nervousness and then progress to a stilled gait, staggering, convulsions, coma and death. It always requires with magnesium drivarenously with magnesium of the converted of the conver

This can be done with commercial mineral mixes containing magnesium or with home made mixures. Mixing I part magnesium oxide, I part trace mineral salt and I part distillers dried grain will do fine if it is the cattle's only source of salt. For more information on grass tetany, call Tom Mills at the Extension Service at 256-2400.

4-H Camp gearing up for another exciting summer

By John McQueary

Co. Ext. Agent for 4-H/Youth Dev.
As the school doors in Kentucky, schools close for another summer, thousands of young people will continue the learning, process through 4-H camps. More than 10,000 youngsters will be attending one of the state 5 five residential 4-H camps this summer. Another 15,000 and 15,000 to 15,000 to

More than 3,000 volunteers help direct campers. Each camp is also sailed with emergency medical stated with emergency medical stated with emergency medical instructors for nature and recreation. HI Camp also provides young people with a chance to learn lifetime hobbits. Some will learn to swim, paddle a cance or "square dance. Crafts, nature study, fishing, archery and shooting sports are also lifetime.
More than 3,000 volunteers help

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a part of the long list of activities
available to keep veryone involved
throughout the day;
The Rockastle County 4H camp is held at J.M. Feltner 4H Camp in
London, Kentucky, The modern
facilities include cabins, dining hall,
swimming pool, and a lake for
canceing and fishing. Cost of the
five-day residential camp is 570 per
fored. The costs include
transportation to and from the camp,
3 meals and two snacks per day, and
four nights lodging. This year the
camp is scheduled for June 12 - 16.
All of Kentucky's 4H camps
participate in the federally funded
Summer Food Service Program,
operating under guidelines similar to
public school lunch programs. Free
meal service is based on family size
and income.

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cligible where livestock are normally grazed and that was so damaged by drought that seeding is required to restablish the forage crop. No assistance is authorized for hayland. To be eligible for PRP, producers must meet ALL of the following guidelines: be an owner or operator of eligible land who nibramally grazes of the following and the state of the following and the state of and maintaining the forage crop on the affected land for the 1-year after the date of completing the reseeding; not have grossed annual income in excess of \$2.5 million; certify that the pasture land was so damaged or destroyed by drought in 1999 that seeding is required to reestablish the

seeding is required to reestablish the forage crop.
There will be two practice types, re-seeding with seedbed preparation. The Rockcastle County payment rate of \$44.00/acre was determined by the Farm Service Agency State committee to pay for the cost of seed, seeding and fertilizer, not to exceed \$2500 pre prepare.

and fertilizer, not to exceed \$2500 per person.

Signup for the program will begin March 20 and last until April 14, 2000. The deadline to complete the re-seeding after sign-up is September 30, 2000. Re-seeding conducted before filling an application for PRP assistance will not be eligible for

assistance will not be eligible for PRP payment.

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and other toxic substances Recause the Farm Service Agency cares about farmers and their families, FSA would farmers and their families, FSA would like to encourage safety and urge producers to use protective clothing and equipment when working around hazardous materials. Reading and following label instructions can safe-

guard farmers and their families.
Goggles, gloves and protective gear should be kept away from unprotected family members to avoid accidental contaminant transfer. Pesprotected family members to avoid accidental contaminant transfer. Pesticides, petroleum products and fertilizer can permeate normal clothing which may allow indirect exposure, when holding children, hugging a spouse, or simply bringing gloves and coveralls into the home. Other times the contamination of the contamination

less hand cleaners can be kept handy to facilitate frequent cleanups.

To remain competitive in agricular requires hard work and astute business decisions. Safety is one of the most effective management components a producer can incorpone in his operation. By operation gasfely, both time and money can be saved, two things that are very high on a farmer's list of considerations. As farmers struggle to become more efficient producers, actify must remain part of the products, safety must remain part of the process. The advance planning and precautionary steps a producer takes prior to going to the field will pay big dividends with fewer accidents and injuries, while ensuring a long and healthy life with the family. FSA wants farmers to be successful and that requires a blend of many FSA wants farmers to be successful and that requires a blend of many different skills, and safety practices. Safe farming techniques not only benefits farmers, but their families and communities in which they live. (Michael Kaufman, FSA Regional ublic Affairs.)

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Crop Disaster Program Funds
USDA's Farm Service Agenc,
Administrator Keith Kelly announced that approximately 260,000 American farmers hit by natural disasters will receive the final installment of the 1999 Crop Disaster Program. Over 5500 million has already been issued as advanced payments; the balance of the S1.5 billion total available for the program will be jasted starting this week. Because the total of the claim field exceeds \$1.3 billion, farmer will be paid 69.6 percent of their qualifying losses.
In response to the nation's farmerisis, the United States Department

of Agriculture's Commodity Credit Corporation has already issued over \$17 billion in direct payments this fiscal year for ongoing programs and for programs with emergency fund-

ing.

Since enactment of last year's appropriation bills, emergency funds already issued to farmers include: already issued to farmers include nearly \$5.5 billion in Market Loss Assistance Program payments, nearly \$200 million for the Livestock Assis-S200 million for the Livestuck Assistance Program (L.P.) and Livestuck Assistance Program (L.P.) and Livestuck Indemnity Program (L.P.) 328 million issued to States for delivery of funds to tobacco quota holders, and more than \$50 million for peanut armers. On March 14, 2000, the Rockeastle County FSA office issued 216 LAP payments equalling \$77,338. On March 8 and April 7, 2000, CDP payments were made to Rockeastle County producers, equalling \$41,180.
Producers should contact their local Farm Service Apents of fine for

equalling \$44,180.
Producers should contact their local Farm Service Agency office for additional information about these and other USDA programs.

Classified Deadline is Noon Tuesday

Agricultural News By: Warder, Alexander, FSA Director

Spring Fuel Sale

J&L Equipment Co., Inc.

5¢ per gallon off posted price April 15th - June 15th for cash order of 150 gallons or more. Fill up now before prices increase again on heating and farm fuels.

Some distance limits do apply

Tobacco Leasing
Quotas for the 2000 crop year will
be mailed on April 7, 2000. Leasing
for the crop year 2000 will be April
10th through July 3rd.
Tobacco Loss Assistance

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Program Funds
Governor Paul Patton has requested that the United States Department of Agriculture release,
\$121,645,774 to the Chase Manhatna Bank for distribution to Kentucky
tobacco quota holders and growers.
The money is Kentucky's share of
the Tobacco Loss Assistance Program, funded by the Agricultural
Appropriations bill passed by the U.S.
Congress. It will be shared by tobacco quota holders and growers
using the same formula that was used
to distribute Phase II payments late
last year.

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The Kentucky Tobacco Settlement
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That Corporation, the state entity
handling Phase II payments, is also
serving as the point for the distribution of the federal funds. Corporation staff indicated that growers would probably see their payments within the next six to eight weeks. Growers

ply. Oilseed Program Signup

Extended
In order to be eligible, a producer
must have planted or shared in the
production of an eligible oilseed in
1999. Prevented planted oilseed acreage cannot be used to determine 1999 1999. Prevented planted oilseed acreage cannot be used to determine 1999. OP eligibility nor can it be used for history or actual yield purposes. 1999. OP payments may be available to producers who planted or shared in the productors who planted or shared in the productors of the following oilseeds in 1999: soybeans, canola, crambe, flaxesod, mustard seed, rape-seed, saflower seed, sunflower seed (oil and confectionery). OP applications shall be submitted to the country that controls pay-ted to the country that controls pay-

OP applications shall be submitted to the county that controls payment limitation for the producer. KCMO determined the "control' required for the producer specification of the producer with April 149.

Producers growing small grains (wheat) must report their acreage by May 31, 2000. If crop acreage is not filed timely and producer applies for a Loan Deficiency Payment, then a charge of \$26.50 will be applied for a late file.

PRP Signup
Eligible farmers whose pastures
were damaged by drought in 1999
can receive payments to help them
re-establish forage crops. The Pasture Recovery Program is funded at
\$40 million. Established pasture is

HEALTHY KIDS FAIR

Saturday, April 15 **11:00** a.m. - 2:00 p.m. Mt. Vernon Elementary School

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