



Farm News

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Phase II Tobacco Payments

The Kentucky Tobacco Settlement Trust (Phase II) Board voted Tuesday to base the 2000 Phase II payment on the 1999 data base of active quota owners and growers. Farm Service Agency records of quotas and marketings of the 1999 crop year will be used as the data base.

The 2000 distribution will be just like last year where the quota owner will receive 1/3 of the distribution funds, the growing farm receiving 1/3 and the owner/tenant also receiving 1/3 of the funds. Payment pounds for quota owners will be based on the 1999 basic quota, while payment pounds for growing farms and grower/tenants will be based on an average of 1999 marketings and effective quota. Although payment pounds will be lower than last year due to quota/marketing cuts, the per-unit payment will be slightly higher resulting in total 2000 Phase II payments being equal to last year's \$114 million dollar distribution. State legislators transferred a portion of

the states Phase I monies to keep 2000 payments for farmers at last year's level.

Specific payment levels will be finalized once the 1999 marketing data are released. Details on the application process are also being finalized. When information is available, a countywide meeting will be held to assist owners, growers and tenants in completing applications correctly.

TOBACCO MEETING:

A Tobacco Outlook meeting will be hosted by the Burley Tobacco Growers Cooperative Association on Wednesday, May 3, at 7:00 pm at the London Community Center located on Main Street just south of the Laurel County Courthouse. This regional meeting will look at pool stocks, no net cost fund, cross county leasing, contracting and overall tobacco outlook. All farmers and spouses are invited to see what is going on with Rockcastle County's and Kentucky's most important cash crop.



Young Farmers Win At State

State contests were recently held for the Kentucky State Young Farmers Organization. Rockcastle County YFA had three regional winners that continued on to compete in the state contest. Allen Hood left, won first place in the State Dairy Production Contest, and Michael Brown, right, won first place in the State Burley Tobacco Production Contest. Not pictured is Gary Hurst, who placed second in the State Beef Production Contest.



Doug Smith, President of the Rockcastle County Beef Cattle Association, presented Anthony Asher with a Kentucky Cattlemen's Association membership jacket. Local members and association officers earned the jacket for their past president by recruiting five new members in the local and state KCA. Currently 31 Rockcastle farmers are members of the state and local beef associations. Association members thank Anthony for all the work he contributed to plan and conduct activities over the past two years.

"It is Written"

Let's notice today a text in Hebrews 13:4. "Marriage is honorable in all, and the bed undefiled: but whoremongers and adulterers God will judge." First, the writer says that marriage is an honorable institution. You look at every nation through out human history and you will find that marriage is a recognized and honored. There is no doubt, that there is good reason for this, because God created this honorable relationship back in the beginning when Adam and Eve were formed in Genesis chapter 2. Next the writer says that the marriage bed is undefiled. The sexual relationship of a husband and wife is pure and holy, nothing dirty about. Sex is "dirty" and wrong outside marriage as we shall see in a moment. Paul in 1 Cor 7:2-5 point out that husbands and wives should render due benevolence toward each other in the marriage bed. Finally our text points out that fornication and adultery is sinful. Premarital sex and extramarital sex is not right. Sexual sin is a sin like no other, as Paul speaks about in 1 Cor 6:18. "Flee fornication. Every sin that a man doeth is without the body: but he that committeth fornication sinneth against his own body." God's wrath will befall those who are involved in the illicit. Consider what Spirit saith in Eph 5:4-6, "For this ye know, that no whoremonger, nor uncleanness person, nor covetous man, who is an idolater, hath any inheritance in the kingdom of Christ and of God. Let no man deceive you with vain words: for because of these things cometh the wrath of God upon the children of disobedience." Be not be deceived!

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Antiques and Collectibles

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Antiques can be an enjoyable and profitable investment if they are selected or purchased carefully. Defining an antique is sometimes a little confusing, however. A 1930 law probably led to the popular belief that an antique must be 100 years old.

Age is not the only qualifying factor for antique labeling. Historical or cultural significance is also considered when classifying an item as an antique. For example, autos that are 25 years old are eligible for 'special antique auto

registration plates.

Prices of both antiques and collectibles have soared as increasing numbers of people have started attending auctions and visiting flea markets. Many pieces that often were placed in the trash a few years ago are now restored. The best of these are objects that have value for the collector because of their beauty, rarity or significance in popular culture. Other less valuable items are often collected because of a special interest or sentiment to the collector.

The monetary value of an object depends on the amount of money that someone is willing to pay for it. Both the investment and market price must be considered. Worth, on the other hand, relates to the importance or esteem in which the object is held. In addition to the dollar value of the object, worth includes the enjoyment, the memories and the family history attached to the object.

Here are some guidelines that will help you make good decisions on the value of antiques and collectibles:

1. Learn all you can about any item of particular interest. This is your best defense against fraud.
2. Make a continuous study of the kinds of antiques and collectible that are available at auctions, flea markets and other sales.
3. Note the collecting trends from year to year.
4. Note the use of Americana as a theme in current national advertising in the media and motion pictures. What trends seem to dominate?
5. Look at books on any American historic theme at your local library.

Do people seem to show more interest in specific areas?

6. Visit and study exhibits at antique shows; museum collections and historic homes.

7. Visit antique, second-hand and gift shops. Note carefully if a major portion of inventory is devoted to certain items. Keep in mind your means, your storage capacity and your lifestyle.

8. Buy the best you can afford, and avoid damaged or repaired pieces.

9. Study the available price guides, but keep in mind that the prices usually represent the highest prices paid for pieces that are in excellent condition.

10. After two or three years of collecting, try a "dry run" and arrange to sell your part of the investment, either through an auction gallery or directly through a dealer's table at a flea or antique mart.

Profits are, of course, subject to appropriate taxation.

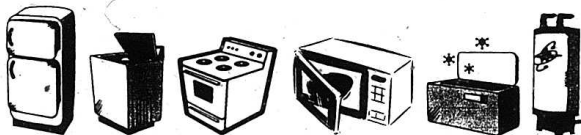
For more information on Antiques and Collectibles, attend a free class offered at the Extension Office on April 27 at 6:30 p.m. Call 256-2403 for details.

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Quail Extension Homemakers members present at their monthly meeting on April 1 at the home of Lorene Lawrence. The Quail Homemakers meet the third Monday evening of each month and welcome any new members. Contact the Extension Office at 256-2403 for more information on the Quail club or other clubs at Livingston, Conway or Brodhead.



WHITE GOODS COLLECTION

MAY 1ST - MAY 5TH, 2000

MT. VERNON SCRAPYARD

8:00 A.M. - 5:00 P.M.

➤ the Rockcastle Co. Conservation District will pay individuals \$5.00 for each large household appliance in addition to Mt. Vernon Scrap payment

➤ this includes: water heaters, stoves, washers, dryers, *freezers, *refrigerators, *air conditioners, etc.

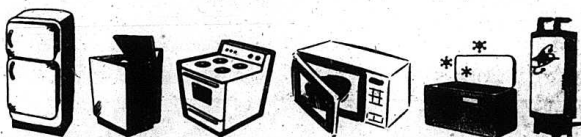
➤ the Rockcastle Co. Conservation District will also be holding a contest for any Civic or Non-profit organizations wanting to participate.

➤ prizes in the amount of \$500.00, \$250.00, and \$150.00 for 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place for registered groups (based on tonnage collected)

➤ call 256-2525, extension 3 for more information

*appliances with a compressor attached cannot be accepted

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Payments will be made while funds are available!