

Agricultural News

By: Warden Alexander, FSA Director

Tobacco Leasing

July 3rd is the final deadline to sign tobacco leases. Producers are reminded leases filed and/or on file in the county office must have all signatures (transferring and receiving farm) by the deadline to be approved. Leases with all signatures not obtained by the deadline shall be disapproved. If someone is growing your tobacco quota on a farm other than the farm the quota is established to remember: your lease is a lease in the county office by the deadline of July 3rd.

Farm Acreage Reports

Farm acreage reports of crops are now being taken for the current year. When all crops are planted, producers are encouraged to report all ac-

res of crops for history, disaster programs and loan deficiency programs. The final reporting date for all crops, except small grains and tobacco, is July 15th. Producers failing to file by the final reporting date will be charged a late fee.

Conservation Reserve

Program's Continuous Signup

Agricultural Secretary Dan Glickman has announced that landowners can receive more money for participation in the Conservation Reserve Program continuous signup. The new financial incentives - totaling up to \$350 million in the next three years - include signing bonuses and more money for installing and maintaining conservation practices.

Unlike the regular CRP program,

the continuous signup program allows producers to enroll eligible highly environmentally sensitive land anytime, without waiting for a sign-off period of competing against other offers. Conservation practices protect streams and rivers by keeping sediment and nutrients from entering the water, providing cleaner drinking water, enhancing recreation and improving wildlife habitats.

For more information pertaining to CRP contact the local FSA office.

Emergency Conservation

Program (ECP)

Farmers that began work to clean out their ponds during the drought of 1999, prior to making an application to CRP contact the local FSA office for assistance from FSA. Farmers previously notified they were not eligible for assistance under the ECP practice should contact the local FSA office to determine if they now meet the eligibility criteria.

Lamb Meat Adjustment

The Lamb Meat Adjustment Assistance Program (LMAAP) is a 3-year program setting aside \$30 million with a \$10 million target per program year. Year 1, 2001, 1999-Sept. 30, 2000 will be three types of payments:

- Ram payment-payment rate of \$100 per ram purchased during Year 1, 90 days or older at time of purchase, intended for breeding purposes and owned by the operation for at least 90 days.

- Sheep Improvement Program payment-payment rate is \$50 per enrolled sheep and sheep must be enrolled in an authorized sheep improvement program (NSIP).

- Facility Improvement Payment-payment rate is 20% of the total cost of the facility improvement made during Year 1, improvements are used in the operation for three years and

producers submit cost documentation of the improvements made.

Year 2 and 3 involves 2 categories of Sheep and Payment rates:

- Feeder lambs @ \$3.00 per head.
- Slaughter lamb carcasses @ \$5.00 per carcass.

Farm Storage Facility Loan Program (FSFL)

An interim rule announcing the Farm Storage Facility Loan Program published in FR on May 11, 2000 will allow FSA to implement the program and accept public comments before publishing a final rule. The interim rule provides:

- A public comment period of 30 calendar days following the date of publication for not only FSFL provisions but for comments about CCC financing for structures to store commodities harvested as other than grain such as silage, alternative types of storage arrangements such as "condominium storage" and storage facilities for other agricultural products.

- That producers who authorize actions without an approved loan, do at their own risk and without creating any liability on behalf of CCC except for producers who between Feb. 2nd and May 11th, 2000 took action based on the announcement of the program.

Farm Changes

Producers who have purchased or sold land need to contact the local FSA office for proper reconstitution of farms. Farms enrolled with PFC have until the deadline of June 1st to file for reconstitutions of farms. Farms not enrolled with PFC have until the deadline of July 1st. Remember to bring your deed and/or to notify the new owner to do so. Also notify this office of any and/or all address changes. REMEMBER: our records are only as current as producers inform our office.

A time to learn about feelings

By Hazel Jackson

County Extension Agent for Family & Consumer Sciences

Most children have trouble understanding how others feel. When children misbehave, it is the perfect time to teach them about feelings. Talk about feelings in an honest and open way. Don't be afraid to use words like angry and frustrated. Even two year olds can come to understand the meaning of these words. After all, children have these feelings too. Here are some words you can use with your child.

- "You are feeling frustrated because this puzzle piece does not fit."

- "You are angry because I won't give you candy before dinner."

Sometimes just putting the feelings into words helps calm an upset child. Children need to learn that what they do can make people feel both good and bad. Here are some things you can say to help your child learn about feelings:

- "Joe is angry. He was working very hard on that building that you knocked down."

- "It made me happy when you helped me put away the toys."

- "When you say please, I want to help you."

It is important to teach children that they can make people feel good, as well as bad. Children learn best about feelings when they are talking about real things that matter to them. Teach your child about his feelings and the feelings of other people.

For more information, contact the Extension Office at 256-2403.

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growing in strength? a) 35, b) 18,

c) 21, or d) 15

12. How can you tell Holstein cows

apart? a) their eyes, b) their spots,

c) their noses, or d) their colors

13. Which state makes the most ice

cream? a) Vermont, b) New York,

c) California, or d) Wisconsin

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astroporosis by doing this: a) drinking milk, b) eating hamburgers,

c) drinking soda, or d) eating

15. Which of the following is not a

nutrient in milk? a) Vitamin D, b)

protein, c) calcium, or d) Vitamin E

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b) 45 degrees, or c) 41 degrees

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11) A; 12) B; 13) C; 14) A; 15) D;

16) C; 17) A

Farm News

By: Tom Mills
County Extension Agent
for Agriculture

June -
Dairy Month



June 2000 marks the first June Dairy Month Celebration for the new millennium. Many changes have taken place in the Dairy Industry since that first celebration. Even in Rockcastle County, many changes have taken place in the last 40 years. In the early 60's, nearly 100 dairy farms were in the county. Today, only 16 farms sell milk. In the 60's, most farms were manufacture-grade milk producers. Today all farms are grade A and are regularly inspected to keep this rating. Dairy farmers continue to produce a nourishing product which can be used in a variety of ways. In fact, one could say that going through a day without using dairy products in some form would be unlikely.

Test your knowledge of the Dairy Industry in the following dairy trivia quiz:

1. What was the first year June Dairy Month was started. a) 1939, b) 1941, or c) 1969

2. How many pounds of milk does the average cow produce in a year? a) 11,223, b) 16,945, or c) 14,782

3. How many cows are in the United States? a) 9,258, b) 10,693, or c) 56,002

4. Which percentage of calcium is your bones? a) 33, b) 99, or c) 66

5. What food generally has the most calcium per serving? a) cheese, b) ice cream, c) butter, or d) milk

6. What is the cheese produced most often in the U.S.? a) Cheddar, b) American, or c) Mozzarella

7. How much broccoli would you have to eat to meet the calcium equivalent of one cup of milk? a) 1/2 cup, b) 4 cups, or c) 2 cups

8. When did cows first come to America? a) 1776, b) 1912, c) 1611, or d) 1707

9. Who of the following was not a milk mustache celebrity? a) Spike Lee, b) Michael Jordan, or c) Melanie Griffith

10. How many servings of dairy products a day do teenagers need? a) 2, b) 3, c) 4, or d) 5

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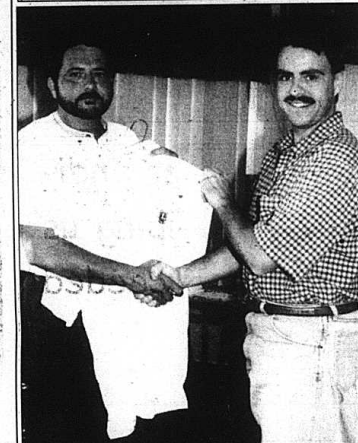


Kentucky Cancer Program

Kentucky Cancer Program would like to recognize the following Rockcastle County physicians for completing *Prostate Cancer Prevention (PCP)*, a continuing medical education program focusing on Breast & Cervical Cancer screening.

Jon Anthony Arvin, M.D.
Kimberly Cornelius, M.D.

PROGRAM SPONSORS
Kentucky Cancer Program at UofL
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and Centers for Disease Control
and Prevention



The Mt. Vernon Lions Club met last Thursday night and elected a new president, David DeBoard. In the top photo from left are past president, Alfred McNew welcoming David DeBoard and sitting is secretary Cleidith Thacker. In the bottom photo, Lions Club member Anthony Asher presents DeBoard with a Lions Club shirt.



EDWARD B. HATCHETT, JR.
AUDITOR OF PUBLIC ACCOUNTS

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Honorable Burt Carroll, Rockcastle County Judge/Executive
Honorable Shirley Smith, Rockcastle County Sheriff
Members of the Rockcastle County Fiscal Court

Independent Auditor's Report

We have audited the accompanying statement of receipts, disbursements, and excess fees of the Sheriff of Rockcastle County, Kentucky, for the year ended December 31, 1997. This financial statement is the responsibility of the Sheriff. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on this financial statement based on our audit.

We conducted our audit in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards, Government Auditing Standards issued by the Comptroller General of the United States, and the Audit Standards for County Executives issued by the Auditor of Public Accounts, Commonwealth of Kentucky. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statement is free of material misstatement. An audit includes examining, on a test basis, evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the financial statement. An audit also includes assessing the accounting principles used and significant estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall financial statement presentation. We believe that our audit provides a reasonable basis for our opinion.

As described in Note 1, the Sheriff is required to prepare the financial statement on a prescribed basis of accounting that demonstrates compliance with the cash basis and laws of Kentucky, which is a comprehensive basis of accounting other than generally accepted accounting principles. This cash basis system does not require the maintenance of a general fixed asset group or general long-term debt group of accounts. Accordingly, the accompanying financial statement is not intended to present financial position and results of operations in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles.

In our opinion, the financial statement referred to above presents fairly, in all material respects, the receipts, disbursements, and excess fees of the Sheriff for the year ended December 31, 1997, in conformity with the basis of accounting described above.

Based on the results of our audit, we have presented the accompanying comment and recommendation, included herein, which discusses the following area of noncompliance:

- The Fiscal Court Should Annually Set The Maximum Amount For Deputies And Assistants Salaries

In accordance with Government Auditing Standards, we have also issued a report dated April 3, 2000, on our consideration of the Sheriff's compliance with certain laws and regulations and internal control over financial reporting.

Edward B. Hatchett, Jr.
Auditor of Public Accounts

Audit fieldwork completed - April 3, 2000

The above transmittal letter accompanied the audit report presented to the fiscal court, KRS 43.090(2) requires that this letter be published in this newspaper. Copies of the complete audit report, including the accompanying financial statements and this letter, are available in the reports section of the Auditor of Public Accounts' website at www.kyauditor.net or upon request by contacting the Auditor of Public Accounts, 144 Capital Annex, Frankfort, Kentucky 40601.

ABSOLUTE

Auction

of Mr. and Mrs. Ralph McClure's

House, Barn and

19.75 Acres in 4 Tracts

Saturday, July 1st @ 10:00 a.m.

Level Green Section of Rockcastle County



LOCATION: Approximately 8 miles west of Mt. Vernon, follow Hwy. 150 about one mile west of Mt. Vernon to Highway 461. Follow Highway 461 west approximately 5 1/2 miles to 461 loop. Go 3/10 of a mile and turn on Level Green Road. Follow Level Green Road 1 3/10 mile to the property. Auction signs are posted.

Mr. and Mrs. McClure have purchased other property and will be moving soon. Therefore, they have authorized our firm to market this dandy farm and home at absolute auction.

TRACT 1: Contains 2.14 acres with over 300 feet of road frontage and is improved with the above pictured two story home. The floor plan consists of living room, kitchen/dining combination, one bedroom, bath and utility room on the first floor and 3 bedrooms and a bath on the second floor. Added features include: oak cabinets, lots of closets, carpet, washer/dryer hookup, electric heat and a fireplace with an insert. The exterior of the house is vinyl siding. This tract is also improved with an excellent 54x72 horse barn as well as a 24x24 concrete block garage.

TRACT 2: is an excellent country lot measuring 1.43 acres with 141 feet of road frontage.

TRACT 3: is a large building lot with 1.50 acres and 145 feet of road frontage.

TRACT 4: contains 14.64 acres of mostly tillable farm land. There is approximately an acre of woods with some marketable timber. This tract has 50 feet of road frontage and has a pond for stock water.

When combined, there is a total of 19.75 acres with over 650 feet of frontage on Level Green Road. The farm has city water, a spring and a pond. The property will be offered in tracts and as a whole selling in the manner which reflects the best returns for the sellers.

There is a basic tobacco allotment of 508 lbs. which will be selling separately from the farm.

Auctioneer's Note:
If you're looking for a nice home with some acreage, or a building lot or even a mini farm, then be sure to mark your calendar to attend this absolute auction on Saturday, July 1st at 10:00 a.m.

Terms: Real estate: 20% down day of sale, balance in 30 days.
Announcements day of sale take precedence over printed matter.
For additional information, contact the selling agents.

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