

FFA attends convention

By Chris McGuire & Eric Adams
The Kentucky State FFA Convention was held on June the 7th thru the 9th. The Rockcastle County Chapter had a very successful outing at convention, competing and plac-

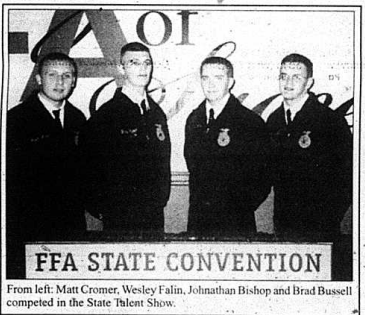
ing very high in various state FFA contests and activities. Our Chapter had four third place finishes, one second, and one state winner. The following is a list of the contests we competed in:
Talent Contest - Team members



State winner John Dyehouse in Home and Community Development Proficiency.



From left: John Dyehouse, Jeremy Reynolds, Kristen Sigmon, Matthew Hayes and Roy Adams received their State Degrees.



From left: Matt Cromer, Wesley Falin, Johnathan Bishop and Brad Bussell competed in the State Talent Show.



From left: Bryanna Bussell, Trenton Harding and Rebekah Lyons won third in the state in Record Keeping.



Competing in the speaking contest were from left: Johnathan Bishop, John Dyehouse, Jeremy Reynolds, Matthew Hayes, Rebekah Lyons, Warren Whitaker and Jason Whicker.

were: Wesley Falin, Matthew Cromer, Jonathan Bishop and Brad Bussell.
Record Keeping - Third in State. Team members were: Bryanna Bussell, Rebekah Lyons, and Trenton Harding.
Chapter Meeting/Parliamentary Procedure - Top team on the written exam, 3rd place overall team. Team members were: Jeremy Reynolds, John Dyehouse, Matthew Hayes, Roy Adams, Jason Whicker, Jonathan Bishop, Warren Whitaker, Zach Gentry, Eric Adams, Brad Bussell, Crystal Mills, Rebekah Lyons, Bryanna Bussell and Chris McGuire.

Speaking Contests - Creed: Rebekah Lyons.
Prepared Public: Jeremy Reynolds.
Sheep Impromptu: Jason Whicker.
Dairy Impromptu: Matthew Hayes.
Extemporaneous Public: John Dyehouse (3rd in State).
Crop Impromptu: Warren Whitaker (Third in State).
Nursery/Landscape Impromptu: Jonathan Bishop (Second in State).
Proficiency Contest - Sheep Production: Kristin Sigmon.

Dairy Production: Matthew Hayes.
Turf/Grass Management: Jeremy Reynolds.
Home & Community Development: John Dyehouse (State Winner).
In addition to the contests we also participated in various activities and achievements at this year's state convention. Two of our members participated in the State Courtesy Corps, the members were: Chris McGuire and Trenton Harding. Matthew Hayes also received a \$1,000 scholarship from the National FFA Foundation. Six members also received the highest degree the state can bestow on a member, the State FFA Degree. The members receiving this prestigious degree include: Kristin Sigmon, Josh McClure, Matthew Hayes, Roy Adams, Jeremy Reynolds and John Dyehouse. Our chapter also received the highest ranking that can be received by a chapter, the State Gold Emblem. In addition to the contests, members had a little fun each night at state convention. The first night was Karaoke Night where Brad, Warren and "Big Daddy" Roy, entertained all. Members also enjoyed the next night's dance. Each of these events were sponsored by the FFA Alumni.

Agricultural News

By: Warden Alexander, FSA Director

Loan Deficiency Payment
Producers who retain beneficial interest in a commodity eligible for a loan or a loan deficiency payment (LDP) are eligible for payment if all of the following remain with the producer.
• Control of the commodity
• Risk of loss
• Title of the commodity
One of the LDP requirements for Loans and Eligibility is the crop must have been produced on contract average (AMTA), exception to soybeans.
A recent bill will not allow non-contract crops to be eligible for LDP's for 2000 year only.
For further information on the LDP program contact the local FSA office.
Lamb Meat Assistance Program (LMAAP)
As part of the Clinton Administration's three-year, \$100 million assistance plan to help U.S.

sheep and lamb farmers, Agriculture Secretary Dan Glickman announced today that sheep and lamb producers will receive a total of \$30 million in direct cash payments to help improve their production efficiency and the marketability of lamb meat. Signup for the program began June 19th.
During the first year of the program (July 21, 1999-Sept. 30, 2000) payments may be made for 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 purpose and owned by the operation 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.
The maximum combined payment per farm is \$5,500. Sheep and lamb farmers whose gross income for 1999 was greater than \$2.5 million are not eligible for payments.
Additional information about this program can be found on the website at www.fsa.usda.gov/dal/pjpd
Pasture Recovery Program (PRP)

USDA's Farm Service Agency Administrator Keith Kelly has announced that about \$40 million will be issued to producers under the Pasture Recovery Program (PRP). PRP was established to help farmers whose pastures were severely damaged by drought in 1999 reestablish pasture crops. Eligible land included pasture which was normally grazed by livestock, but was so damaged by drought that seeding was required to reestablish the forage crop.
County FSA offices conducted a signup from March 20 to June 23, 2000. Since the producer demand exceeded the amount of funds available by approximately \$14 million, a national factor was applied to all requests. Consequently, producers will receive about 73.5 percent of the amount they qualified for under PRP. Payments will be made by county FSA offices in mid-July provided the reseeded has been established successfully.
TLAP
All producers who share in burley tobacco either by owning land with quota, land producing quota or by actually producing quota shall be eligible for TLAP on the 2000 effective quota. Signup should begin in August with payments being issued possibly in October. Watch for further details!

Sign-Up For SIP
The Farm Service Agency is now accepting applications for SIP (Stewardship Incentive Program). SIP is a cost-share program involving forestland. Objectives of SIP are as follows: establishing, managing, maintaining and restoring forestland. Eligible practices are shellbells, windbreaks, sustaining growth and management of forests for timber production, protecting, restoring and using forest wetlands, enhancing manage-

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