

Agricultural News

By: Warden Alexander, FSA Director

County Committee (COC) Election

The County committee election ballots for LAA#2, Community B were counted December 7, 2000. Durrell Wayne Whitaker was elected to fill the position for a three-year term, beginning January 1, 2001.

USDA Programs

Agriculture Secretary Dan Glickman reminds farmers of pending application deadlines for emergency assistance programs.

There are many USDA programs that are available to farmers this year to help them through difficult times," said Glickman. "I urge farmers to call or visit their local USDA office to ensure that they know about all the help they may be eligible for and to sign up before the deadline."

Application deadlines for programs previously announced this year are:

1. 2000 Oilseeds Program: \$500 million in payments is available to the more than 600,000 producers of the 200 crops of certain oilseeds.

Eligible oilseeds include canola, crambe, flaxseed, mustard, rapeseed, safflower, sesame, soybeans and sunflowers. Application deadline is January 12, 2001.

2. 2000 Crop Year Peanut Market Loss Assistance Program: An estimated \$61 million is available to partially compensate over 16,000 peanut producers for low commodity prices and increasing production costs. Application deadline is February 1, 2001.

3. Flood Compensation Program: \$24 million is available to producers to help offset losses due to land inundated with flood waters. Application deadline is January 19, 2001.

4. Wool and Mohair Market Loss Assistance Program: Approximately \$11 million in relief is available for farmers who suffered economic loss due to low prices during the 1999 marketing year. Application deadline is December 29, 2000.

5. 2000 Lamb Meat Adjustment Assistance Program: Approximately \$10 million is available to producers whose lamb carcasses meet minimum grade specifications. Application deadline is August 15, 2001.

Local USDA Farm Service Agency offices also will begin accepting applications soon for the following programs:

1. 2000 Crop Disaster Program (CDP): Funds will be made available to producers who have been affected by crop disaster. The sign-up period will begin January 18, 2001.

2. 2000 Livestock Assistance Program (LAP): An estimated \$438 million is available to producers for grazing losses due to weather related disasters. The sign-up period will begin January 18, 2001.

3. Dairy Market Loss Assistance (DMLA III): Payments to operations that received assistance under DMLA II will be automatically issued to producers later this month. Payments will also be available to new operations and to operations that did not have 12 months of marketing established under DMLA II, and will be based on October 1999-September 2000 marketings. The four-week sign-up period for these producers will begin in late January 2001.

4. 2000 Livestock Indemnity Program (LIP): Up to \$10 million will be available to producers who lost livestock due to natural disaster, fire and anthrax. The sign-up period will begin January 18, 2001.

5. Extension of the 1999 Livestock Indemnity Program/Contact Growers (CG-LIP): Program coverage of last year's CG-LIP will be extended through February 7, 2001. The sign-up period will begin January 18, 2001.

6. Apple Market Loss Assistance: Up to \$100 million will be available to apple producers to help offset low market prices experienced during the 1998 and 1999 crop years. The sign-up period will begin January 18, 2001.

Office Closure
The USDA Service Center will be closed Monday, December 25th in observance of Christmas. The office will reopen on Tuesday, December 26th.

FSA Website
The Farm Service Agency, Natural Resources Conservation Service, and Rural Development agencies announced the availability of a new e-commerce service on the World Wide Web. The address of the new web site is <http://www.sc.gov.usda.gov>. The new web site will be available on December 18, 2000 and will replace other sites for these agencies that provide electronic forms.

The first feature on the new web site is electronic forms (eForms). This service offers access to many of the forms customers most frequently use. To access it, log on to the Internet through your Internet service provider and enter the address above. That will take you to the service center e-commerce home page. Click on the "eForms" icon to go to the page where you can search for forms by number, program area, or agency.

First time users need to download and install a "plug-in" to take full advantage of the services available on the eForms website. Installing the plug-in is easy. Connect the Internet through your Internet service provider. Once you're on-line, type <http://www.sc.gov.usda.gov> in the address and press the enter key. That

will take you to the USDA e-commerce homepage. Now click on the eForms icon to go to the eForms page and click on the "help" link. Now click on the "Need help downloading and installing the eForms or Adobe Acrobat" link and follow the instructions.

Once the plug-in is installed on your computer, go back to the USDA e-commerce homepage and click on the eForms icon to go to the eForms page. Here you can search for forms either by their numbers or by a program area or agency's name. When you find the form you want, click on the blue highlighted eForm icon and it will appear on the screen.

Fill it out, print it, and you have a completed form that's ready for faxing or mailing. Many of the forms are also available in the PDF format for a limited time.

Using the eFormForms version of the forms provides a significant advantage over the PDF version. The forms and information recorded into the eFormForms version can be downloaded and saved on your own computer, giving you access to the forms and information without having to go online. This will permit you to reuse standard information, like your name and address, without having to retype it.

Your FSA, NRCs, or RD service center office will be available during normal business hours to provide any assistance you need in understanding the forms or the information that needs to be recorded. We will continue to be your point of contact for any questions of this nature.

Technical assistance on using the website and the eFormForms plug-in is available by calling 1-800-557-3642. The technical help service is available Monday through Friday from 5 a.m. to midnight (mountain time) and from 7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. (mountain time) on Saturday and Sunday.

will take you to the USDA e-commerce homepage. Now click on the eForms icon to go to the eForms page and click on the "help" link. Now click on the "Need help downloading and installing the eForms or Adobe Acrobat" link and follow the instructions.

Once the plug-in is installed on your computer, go back to the USDA e-commerce homepage and click on the eForms icon to go to the eForms page. Here you can search for forms either by their numbers or by a program area or agency's name. When you find the form you want, click on the blue highlighted eForm icon and it will appear on the screen.

Old Town Furniture

125 Broadway • Berea • 256-2981

9 pc. Maple Table & Chairs
\$179

Library Table, Curio Cabinet, Trunk, Server,
2 China Cabinets and various other items.

"What Is Written"

I hear people say things like folks have missed the true meaning of Christmas, that Jesus is the reason for the season, but Christ back in Christmas. The problem with all this, is that they are ignorant of the true historical development of Christmas. The word Christmas is an abbreviated form of the phrase Christ's Mass. This should give insight that Christmas has roots in Roman Catholicism. I do not celebrate "mass" at Christmas nor am any other time of the year, our friends from Rome are wrong! How did this apostate church come up with Christmas as the celebration of the birth of Christ? Pagans who were "converted," brought their pagan customs of festivals with them. So the apostates (Christians) these events to things like Christmas and Easter, giving them "Christian meaning," thus accommodating these pagan "converts." God doesn't give us authority for the religious celebration of Christmas. Matt. 7:21 "And then will I profess them: I never knew you: depart from me, ye that work unrighteousness." (You who do things unrighteous!) Paul said in Gal. 4:10-11. "Ye observe days, and months, and times, and years, I am afraid of you, lest I have bestowed upon you labor in vain."

Providence church of Christ

Dan McKibben 758-0716 E-mail: Dan.McKibben@Juno.com

Web Page: <http://www.hyperaction.net/providence>

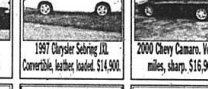
Time of Services Sunday 10am Bible Study Worship 10:45 & 1pm

Wednesday 7:00pm Radio program Sunday Sam. 1460 AM

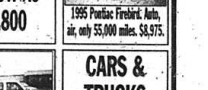
TOYOTA OF SOMERSET

Beats-Em All • North - South - East - West

FOR THE BEST SELECTION OF USED CARS!

 TOYOTA COROLLA'S AS LOW AS \$8,000	 1998 Ford Mustang GT V-6, low miles, mid condition. \$16,935.	 1999 Acura Integra, GTE, leather, roof, low miles. \$15,900.	 1999 Audi A8, loaded, V-6, roof, spoiler, wheels. \$14,900.	 1999 Chevrolet Malibu, loaded, low miles, 4-cyl. \$12,900.	 2000 Ford Mustang, Like new, new arrival.
 1998 Mazda Miata, leather, dual power seats, low miles. \$18,900.	 1999 Nissan Altima GLE, Auto, loaded. \$13,900.	 1997 Chrysler Sebring ILL, Convertible, leather, loaded. \$14,900.	 2000 Chevrolet Camaro, Very low miles, sharp. \$16,900.	 1998 Volkswagen Cabrio, Convertible. New arrival.	 2000 Plymouth Neon, Like new, new arrival.
 1997 Chrysler Town & Country, 4 captain chairs, loaded. \$14,900.	 1997 Dodge Grand Caravan SE, 4 captain chairs, loaded. \$14,705.	 1997 Chevrolet Blazer 4x4, A/c, certified. \$14,900.	 1998 Toyota Tacoma 4x4, A/c, certified. \$14,900.	 2000 Toyota Tacoma 4x4, One owner, automatic.	
 1995 Chevrolet Silverado 4x4 I-cab, V-6, auto. \$12,900.	 1999 Chevrolet Silverado 4x4 I-cab, V-6, auto, new arrival.	 1998 Ford Ranger Sport 4x4 I-cab, V-6, auto. \$15,900.	 2000 Toyota Tundra I-cab, V-6, auto, 4x2, loaded. \$22,700.	 1999 Toyota Tacoma 4x4 I-cab, Low miles, new arrival.	
 1997 Toyota Camry 4x4, A/c, certified. \$14,900.	 1998 Toyota Tacoma 4x4 SRS, V-6, auto, I-cab, new arrival.	 1997 Toyota T100 4x2 I-cab, Auto, V-6, certified. \$15,900.	 1997 Toyota Rav4 4x4, Auto, roof, new arrival.	 1998 Jeep Wrangler Sahara 4x4, New arrival.	
 1997 Toyota Camry 4x4, A/c, certified. \$14,900.	 1998 Toyota Tacoma 4x4 SRS, V-6, auto, I-cab, new arrival.	 1997 Toyota T100 4x2 I-cab, Auto, V-6, certified. \$15,900.	 1997 Toyota Rav4 4x4, Auto, roof, new arrival.	 1998 Jeep Wrangler Sahara 4x4, New arrival.	

UNDER \$12,000! - UNDER \$12,000! - UNDER \$12,000!

 1993 Chevy 4x2, Auto, air, local trade. \$7,950.	 1995 Ford Contour, Sunroof, all power, one owner. \$6,900.	 1995 Toyota Tercel, 5-cyl, air, local trade. \$5,850.	 1995 Nissan 4x2 I-cab, V-6, 5-cyl. \$9,900.	 1996 Dodge Avenir, Auto, loaded, only \$10,000 miles. \$8,900.	 1995 Nissan Quest GLE, Loaded, V-6, auto. \$9,900.
 1996 Mazda 626, Auto, air, loaded, one owner. \$9,885.	 1995 Ford Contour, Sunroof, all power, one owner. \$6,900.	 1995 Toyota Tercel, 5-cyl, air, local trade. \$5,850.	 1995 Nissan 4x2 I-cab, V-6, 5-cyl. \$9,900.	 1996 Dodge Avenir, Auto, loaded, only \$10,000 miles. \$8,900.	 1995 Nissan Quest GLE, Loaded, V-6, auto. \$9,900.
 1993 Chevy 4x2, Auto, air, local trade. \$7,950.	 1995 Ford Contour, Sunroof, all power, one owner. \$6,900.	 1995 Toyota Tercel, 5-cyl, air, local trade. \$5,850.	 1995 Nissan 4x2 I-cab, V-6, 5-cyl. \$9,900.	 1996 Dodge Avenir, Auto, loaded, only \$10,000 miles. \$8,900.	 1995 Nissan Quest GLE, Loaded, V-6, auto. \$9,900.
 1996 Mazda 626, Auto, air, loaded, one owner. \$9,885.	 1995 Ford Contour, Sunroof, all power, one owner. \$6,900.	 1995 Toyota Tercel, 5-cyl, air, local trade. \$5,850.	 1995 Nissan 4x2 I-cab, V-6, 5-cyl. \$9,900.	 1996 Dodge Avenir, Auto, loaded, only \$10,000 miles. \$8,900.	 1995 Nissan Quest GLE, Loaded, V-6, auto. \$9,900.

CALL US AT (606)679-1601 OR TOLL FREE 1-800-859-8761