

Agricultural News

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Burley Tobacco Lease Date

April 2nd is the first date producers shall execute a lease for the 2001 quotas. Leasing will end on July 1, 2001. Any producer wishing to post their name to the Tobacco Lease or Lease Out Listing may do so now. You do not need to wait until April 2nd. If you are unable to come to the office you may notify the office staff to post the listing by calling 606-256-4355.

Legislative Program Changes in the Burley Tobacco Program

The Agricultural Risk Protection Act of 2000 (ARPA) enacted on June 20, 2000, and the Agriculture, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2001 (the 2001 Act) enacted on October 28, 2000, changed the provisions of the burley tobacco program.

ARPA amended the Agricultural Adjustment Act, 1938 (1938 Act) to limit the total amount of undermarkings that can be "carried over," as quotas additions to farms nationwide, in total to 10 percent of the national basic quotas for the preceding year.

ARPA added a requirement that owners of farms for which a burley tobacco quota is established must report acreage planted to burley tobacco annually including instances in which the acres planted are zero.

The 2001 ACT directs the Secretary to make direct payments to otherwise eligible persons on farms for which the quantity of quota is eligible tobacco allotted to the farm was reduced from 1999 crop year to the 2000 crop year without regard to planted or considered planted cropland for the 2000 crop year. Payments are to be made under the same amounts that otherwise applied to other payments. Sign-up dates and provisions will be provided at a later date.

ARPA limits the pounds of quota to be transferred to the lessee farm not to exceed the difference obtained by subtracting the effective farm marketing quota before the filing of the transfer agreement for the lessee farm from the total pounds of tobacco on hand and/or in the process of being produced, from the farm in the current year. The total quantity of tobacco that can be leased or transferred to a farm during any crop year may not exceed the quantity, which equals 15 percent of the effective quotas on the farm before any leases or transfers filed after July 1 of the

crop year.

Revision of Fax Signature Document

The FSA-237, Facsimile Signature Authorization and Verification, used to provide County Offices to accept fax signatures on certain forms and other documents has been revised to:

- Allow the use of Notary Public when not witnessed by an FSA official.
- Provide the title of the FSA official witnessing the producer's signature.

If you are interested in faxed signature documents for an FSA office please contact local FSA office where you reside.

DMA-III Sign-Up

The US Department of Agriculture has announced that eligible dairy farmers can receive new or additional payments under the third Dairy Market Loss Assistance program. Sign-up for this new DMA-III is limited to farmers with new dairy operations or to farmers whose operations received payments under DMA-II for less than 12 months milk production. This additional sign-up which started on February 26, will allow dairy operations that did not have a full 12 months of DMA-II production to receive additional payment.

Signups began February 26 and will end March 30. Producers eligible for this sign-up include the following: Producer paid on less than 12 mos. base production under DMA I or II. New dairy producers for calendar year 2000 and Dairy Producers who were eligible for DMA I or II and never signed. Producers should be advised the importance of the March 30 deadline. No late filled applications will be accepted.

New online forms service for FSA, NRCS and RD customers. FSA, NRCS and RD have developed a new electronic forms service to make selected forms available to their customers on the Internet. The address of the new web site is <http://www.sc.gov.usda.gov>. The goal of this new service is to provide our agricultural producer customers, their agents, and our lender partners with an alternative method for providing the information that is required for them to participate in our programs and services.

The web site has the following features:

- A search function where forms can be located by number, program area or agency name.
- Forms can be completed on-line and printed or downloaded to users' PC along with the data entered.
- A frequently asked questions (FAQ) section to provide immediate assistance with common inquiries.
- Help links to provide navigational and web site use assistance.
- Links to the service center Office Information Profile (OIP) where customers can locate office addresses and telephone numbers and get directions to service centers.
- Technical assistance will be available Monday through Friday from 5:00 a.m. to midnight (mountain time) and from 7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. (mountain time) on Saturday and Sunday at 1-800-457-3642.

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- Dates to Remember
- CDP (Crop Disaster Program) began January 18th.
- Crop Reporting: Small Grains (WHEAT) by May 31st.
- Tobacco Leasing: April 2nd through July 1st.
- Crop Reporting: required for ALI, burley tobacco farms by July 1st.
- Enrolling CAB's released from CRP: April 2, 2001 for CRP-1's that expired in FY2000.
- Enrolling farm into PFC after reconstitution: 30 calendar days after FSA 476 notice.
- Requesting farm constitution: June 1, 2001.
- Designating payment shares on PFC and meeting signature requirements: August 1, 2001.

Randall Durham's Greenhouse

Located 1/4 mile on Chestnut Ridge Rd.

Variety of bedding plants, vegetable plants; Mother's Day hanging baskets; potting soil, manure, top soil & peat moss

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Call 256-4135

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Auction

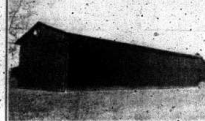
AUCTION #1

of the Cummins Brothers'

112 Acres, more or less, and Equipment

Saturday, March 31, 2001 at 10 a.m.

Highway 150, between Brodhead and Crab Orchard



Location: 2 miles west of Brodhead and 2 miles east of Crab Orchard on Hwy. 150. Watch for auction signs.

The Cummins Brothers have decided to retire from their arming operation and have authorized our firm to offer this farm for the absolute high dollar. The farm will be sold in its entirety, and NOT offered in tracts.

The farm contains approximately 112 acres, more or less, 90 acres in crop and pasture land with a balance in woods. The farm is improved with two barns: 32x68 barn with 12 ft. shed, cattle holding facility, city water and electric, and a 24x70 hay barn. There is also a tool shed. Stock water is provided by two ponds, two branches plus city water with electric heated waterers. The farm also has an 110 electric-wired cable TV available.

There is a mobile home hookup with septic tank and electric. Since there is no house on the farm, you can pick your own spot to build your new home.

Tobacco Allotment: There is a 2,944 lb. tobacco allotment which will be selling separately from the real estate.

Farm Machinery: In addition to the real estate, we'll be selling the following farm machinery: 140 HP tractor with cultivation and side-dresser • Schultz manure spreader • Cyclone chemical boom sprayer • 1000 gallon water tank • hay fork with 3 ft. hitch • tobacco plant mower • grader blade • tobacco stick sharpener.

Auctioneer's note: If you're looking for a good farm in a great location, then be sure to attend this absolute auction on Saturday, March 31st at 10 a.m. The Cummins Brothers have a reputation for keeping everything in top notch shape.

Terms: Real Estate: 20% down day of sale. Balance in 30 days. Farm machinery and related items: Cash or check day of sale.

AUCTION #2

of the Cummins Family

345 Acres, more or less

Saturday, March 31, 2001 at 1:30 p.m.

Mullins Station Section of Rockcastle County, Ky.



Location: Turn off U.S. 25 between Mt. Vernon and Livingston across from the Pine Hill Holiness Church onto the Mullins Station Road. Proceed 3 miles on the Mullins Station Road. Property starts on both sides of the road, just past the old Kentucky Stone Quarry. Watch for auction signs.

Due to retirement and some living out of state, the Cummins Family has contracted our firm to sell this property. This property has been in the Cummins family for many years. The property will be offered in its entirety and NOT in tracts.

The property consists of 345 acres, more or less, approximately 15 acres of bottomland and the balance in wood land. There is a good stand of timber on this tract. The property joins the Roundstone Creek and there are several good homesites on the property.

Tobacco Allotment: There is a 670 tobacco allotment which will be selling separately from the real estate.

Auctioneer's note: If you're in the market for some good timber, privacy or just like to be near the creek, then mark your calendar to attend this absolute auction on Saturday, March 31st at 1:30 p.m.

Terms: 20% down day of sale. Balance in 30 days.

Announcements day of sale take precedence over printed matter.

For additional information, contact the auctioneers.

FORD BROTHERS, INC.

AUCTIONEERS - REALTORS



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1-800-435-5454

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JANITOR

Camp Andrew Jackson
Jackson County

Need person to provide janitorial services and general maintenance for Camp Andrew Jackson. Requires camp for all sessions; maintain grounds/facilities in safe/clean condition; open/close camp for weekend groups. Qualifications: Ability to read/write/aid/abstract/follow spoken/written instructions; 1 year of janitorial experience; able to lift up to 50 pounds; possess a valid Kentucky driver's license.

If qualified and interested, please respond to:

Christian Appalachian Project, Inc.
Human Resources #2320
322 Crab Orchard Street
Lancaster, KY 40446
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STAFF ASSISTANTS

Family Life Abuse Center
Rockcastle County Area
9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

The Christian Appalachian Project is seeking qualified persons to provide community education/awareness/training programs on domestic violence/abuse; also case management, crisis intervention, resource and follow-up services to current and former residents; will work with agencies and community groups. Qualifications: High school/GED, plus up to 18 months of education/training; 1-2 years experience; able to lift 50 pounds; possessable to obtain CPR, First Aid, KDVA Level I certification; possess valid KY driver's license.

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SPECIALIST

Volunteer Houses
Lancaster, KY

Person needed to provide administrative support services to the Manager and liaison between all other programs/departments; assist with official procedures of documentation, record, reports and scheduling for all major components of the program. High school/GED; 18 months additional education/training; minimum 1 year successful experience in business or related field; knowledge of Microsoft Office programs; able to type 55 wpm; to work in fast-paced environment and with persons of diverse backgrounds and needs; possess valid Kentucky driver's license.

If qualified/interested, please respond to:

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