

Agricultural News

By Wanda Alexander, FSA Director

Meeting Scheduled

The Rockcastle Co. FSA Office has scheduled a meeting for 6:00 p.m. Monday, May 14th in the community room of The Community Trust Bank on Hwy. 61, Mt. Vernon. The meeting will review the recent changes to the tobacco program. The Agricultural Risk Protection Act of 2000 (ARPA) enacted on June 20, 2000, and the Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2001 (the 2001 Act), enacted on October 28, 2000. A short question and answer period will follow. We encourage all burley tobacco producers to attend. Please call our office at 256-2525 by May 4th to inform our office of those planning to attend.

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 In or Lease Out Listing must 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 606-256-2525.

Burley Tobacco Acreage

New legislation requires all farms with an effective quota greater than zero to report acreage planted to burley, including song acres.

Farms with an effective burley quota that will not plant burley or

lease quotas from the farm MUST report a zero acreage for burley tobacco, or the farm will be subject to quotas forfeiture for the applicable burley marketing quotas next established for the farm, unless the State Committee and the County Committee determine that the reduction is not applicable.

Burley Tobacco Designation Announced

Jeffery S. Hall, State Executive Director of the Kentucky Farm Service Agency, has announced that Burley tobacco farmers will be required to report to FSA the pounds and specific warehouse, receiving station or dealer where they intend to market their tobacco this season. The initial designation period will begin June 1, 2001 and end on August 1, 2001. Farmers will be allowed to re-designate pounds and sale locations at various times throughout the marketing season.

The Burley Tobacco Advisory Committee, established by the Secretary of Agriculture, recommended on June 14, 2000, that a method be developed that would enable a better allocation of tobacco graders and warehouses sales opportunity. Warehouse designation has been in place for Blue-Curd tobacco for several years.

"FSA is making this change in the tobacco program, in response to a request from Burley tobacco growers and the industry," Hall said. Beginning with the 2001 marketing year all Burley tobacco marketing cards will

be issued for the specific pounds and selling location designated by the farmer. "Only those pounds designated on the marketing card to a specific buying location may be presented for sale at that location," Hall said.

Farmers selling at traditional auction warehouses will receive a marketing card similar to cards they have used in recent years. These cards will indicate the producer's designated warehouse. Marketing cards for producers selling at non-auction sites will be issued by thermal bar coded card. These cards will indicate the designated buyer.

For additional information contact your local FSA County Office. **Graded 2001 Wheat, Barley, Oats (Graze-Out)**

The Agricultural Risk Protection Act of 2000 (ARPA) enacted on June 20, 2000 and the Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act 2001 (the 2001 Act) enacted on October 28, 2000 provides for Graze-Out payments instead of Loan Deficiency Payments (LDPs), for the 2001 crop year only, to eligible producers who elect to use acreage planted to wheat, barley, or oats, for the grazing by livestock and agree to forgo any other harvesting of the commodity on such acreage during the 2001 year.

Graze-Out is available to producers who are otherwise eligible for marketing assistance loans and LDPs according to regulations to 8-L.P. grade 2001 crop acreage planted to wheat, barley or oats, do not harvest the same crop on the same acreage.

Applications for GRAZE-OUT begin on the first day of mechanical harvest, May 14th, as determined by

COC and ends on August 31, 2001. Producers may file an application for GRAZE-OUT anytime during this application period.

Regulations for GRAZE-OUT are available on the PSD home page at <http://www.fsa.usda.gov/psd/psd>.

USDA Announces Programs and Deadlines

USDA can now begin payments to eligible producers who elect to use acreage planted to wheat, barley, or oats to graze livestock and give up any other harvesting. The payment will be determined using the loan deficiency payment rate in effect as of the date of the agreement.

The new deadline date for filing WAPLAP applications is extended to May 4, 2001. THE WAPLAP II sign-up period provides extended time for producers who produced and stored wool and mohair during the 2000 marketing year to sign applications for payment.

USDA announced that payments of more than \$1.1 billion is now available under USDA's Crop Disaster Program (CDP).

To be eligible, farmers must have suffered at least 35 percent loss to one or more of their 2000 crop crops due to natural disasters. Eligible farmers will receive payment soon after approval of their application.

Signup for the CDP began on January 18, 2001 and the deadline to file an application will be announced later. For more details on these and other USDA programs, contact the USDA Service Center or local Farm Service Agency.

Spousal Power of Attorney

Spouses may sign on behalf of each other for FSA and CCC programs in which either has an interest, unless written denial is on file in the FSA Office.

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 ALL burley tobacco farms by July 1st.

• Enrolling CAB's released from CRP: April 2, 2001 for CRP-Ts that expired in FY2000.

• Enrolling farm into PFC after reconstruction: 30 calendar days after FSA 476 notice.

• Requiring farm constitution: June 1, 2001.

• Designating payment shares on PFC and meeting signature requirements: August 1, 2001.



I can't believe my baby is 18 years old. Thanks for being a good son. We're proud of you. Happy Birthday Eric - Mom & Bub



May 6, 1992
I wanted to cheer
my son Dennis was born that year.
And now he's a man all grown up
with a beautiful wife,
and a nice home,
and their dog, Bruiser
They had him since he was a pup.
I love you son,
and just want to say
I wish you the very best
on this your birthday.
Happy 32nd - Love, Mom



Hi, my name is Hayden Blake Wilson Renfro. I celebrated my second birthday on April 15th with a special Blue's Clues party at my home. My daddy and mommy, Kevin and Gari Sue Renfro, would like to thank everyone for the nice gifts and attending my party. My grandparents are Gary and Paulette-Wilson of Broadhead and Wayne and Linda Renfro of Berea. We would all like to thank God for blessing us with such a wonderful child as Hayden. Happy 2nd birthday Hayden, we love you very much.



Miss Amberly Beth Renner has been accepted through an audition to attend the American Model and Talent Convention. This audition is based on potential and talent in the areas of acting, singing, dance or comedy. The convention is designed to foster the careers of young men and women through educational programs, seminars, scholarships, competitions, and actual jobs. The event will take place in Charleston, SC August 30, September 3, 2001. The American Model and Talent Convention, Inc. Only invitation offers four full days of workshops, competitions, and interviews with top talent agents, managers, and casting directors. Amberly will also be auditioning for "Nickelodeon", "Pipsi", and the soap opera, "Passions".

Amberly needs assistance from her community in order to prepare for this opportunity. Her success may depend on your involvement. If you would like to contribute to her attendance contact Kim Renner at 606-256-0825 or Vogue of Lexington at 859-254-4582. Please consider helping a bright young face that may be tomorrow's star.



To a very special Mother:
Anna Rose
God could have given me to anyone, but He chose to give me to you Mommy. He picked you out of all the Mothers. He chose the strongest, most loving, most special Mommy in the whole world. I can't speak these words Mommy but I feel them. Mommy you have given me a wonderful life. You never gave up on me when times got rough or when doctors gave me up. You fought for me to live. Many have told you that it's alright just to give up, that everyone would understand. But you never gave up Mommy.

I have never been able to say these words to you, I love you Mommy! Thank you for my life. Thank you for my love. Thank you for all your kisses. Thank you for being a perfect Mother that God intended you to be.
I love you Mommy.
Maggie Jane Rose
You are a wonderful Mother, Ann.
Your sister, Angie Nicely

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Join Us In REVIVAL

May 14-18 at

Maretburg Baptist Church

with Evangelist Chad Fugitt

Chad is the current pastor of Middleburg Baptist Church in Casey Co. He is a 2001 graduate of Clear Creek Bible College and former Youth Evangelism Director of the Tates Creek Association.

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INSPECTION PERIOD FOR THE PROPERTY TAX ASSESSMENT ROLL

The Rockcastle County real property tax roll will be opened for inspection from May 7 through May 21, 2001. Under the supervision of the property valuation administrator or one of the deputies, any person may inspect the tax roll.

This is the January 1, 2001, assessment on which state, county and school taxes for 2001 will be due about September 15, 2001.

The tax roll is in the office of the property valuation administrator in the county courthouse and may be inspected between the hours 8:30 a.m. and 4:00 p.m.

Any taxpayer desiring to appeal an assessment on real property made by the PVA must first request a conference with the PVA or a designated deputy. The conference may be held prior to or during the inspection period.

Any taxpayer with a grievance by an assessment on real property, after the conference with the PVA or designated deputy, may appeal to the county board of assessment appeals.

The taxpayer can appeal his assessment by filing in person or sending a letter to other written petition stating the reasons for appeal, identifying the property and stating the taxpayer's opinion of the fair cash value of the property.

The appeal must be filed with the county clerk's office no later than one week day following the conclusion of the inspection period.

Any taxpayer failing to appeal to the county board of assessment appeals, or failing to appear before the board, either in person or by designated representative, will not be eligible to appeal directly to the Kentucky Board of Tax Appeals.

Appeals of personal property assessments shall not be made to the county board of assessment appeals. Personal property taxpayers shall be served notice under the provisions of KRS 132.450(4) and shall have the protest and appeal rights granted under the provisions of KRS 131.110.

The following steps should be taken when a taxpayer does not agree with the assessed value of personal property as determined by the office of property valuation administrator:

- (1) He must list under protest (for certification) what he believes to be the fair cash value of his property.
- (2) He must file a written protest directly with the Department of Property Valuation within 30 days from the date of the notice of assessment.
- (3) This protest must be in accordance with KRS 131.110.
- (4) The final decision of the Revenue Cabinet may be appealed to the Kentucky Board of Tax Appeals.

Margaret Afford
Property Valuation Administrator
Rockcastle
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Family Fun & Games

Open 7 Days a Week
5 p.m. to ??
Next to Rose's One Stop
in Broadhead
758-4448

Absolute AUCTION

Saturday, May 12th, 10 a.m.

Located on Hwy. 89 just off Hwy. 490
(Lamero Section of Rockcastle Co.)
From London take 490 10 miles, turn right on 89.
From Livingston, take 490 8 miles, turn left on 89.

Farm Equipment & Personal Property of Fred Gilliam Estate

Farm Machinery: Massey Ferguson 245 Diesel, Oliver 550 gas, 3 point tiller, 5' Bush Hog type mower, disk harrow lift type, Massey Ferguson 8' mowing machine, farm wagon 2' plow 14", old bush hog mower, cultipacker, Troybilt rear line tiller, 1992 Ford Ranger, Stahl chain saw, Stahl string trimmer, 2 push type lawn mowers, 2 wheel tractor, draw bars, top links, hand tools and much more.

Household Items: Small chest type heater, Cedar Bed, Chest of Drawers, Recliner, Living Room Suite, Odd Chairs, End Tables, Lamps, Washer & Dryer, Television, Air Conditioner, Wall Mounted Space Heater (propane), cool oil lamps, dishes, pots and pans and much more.

Terms: Cash or Check day of sale.

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