

Agricultural News

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2001 Loan Rates

FSA has been advised that currently there are no 2001 loan rates and LDP rates. Therefore, at this time when accepting producers' request for Loan Deficiency Payments (LDP) or for the **Grazing Out Program** producers are advised the rate for payment shall be zero. Once the rates are announced, we will calculate your LDP based on the new loan rates, and upon the date of the application for payment.

The National office has advised, the rates will not be announced until the new Administrator is named also the 2001 loan rates may be 10% less than the 2000 loan rate.

FSA Offices will advise producers when these rates become available.

FSA realizes that many farmers may begin feeding those the loss of beneficial interest occurs. Anyone who has lost title, risk and/or control of the 2001 crop, has lost beneficial interest and is currently not eligible for benefits.

One last note: LDP's were processed on the 2000 non-contract acreage. Currently contract commodities produced on non-contract acreage in 2001 is NOT ELIGIBLE.

Beware of Undermarketings

Producers in years past have been eligible to carry forward undermarketed pounds for one year. Beginning with the 2001 crop, we are now advising producers to market as much of the effective quota as possible. We also would like to advise producers not to "lay out" tobacco for one year, hoping to have a larger quota the next year. Here is our reasoning: Beginning with the 2001 Burley tobacco crop, if you sell less than 100 percent of your effective quota, the amount of quota that can be carried forward to the next crop year may be subject to reduction. Reductions in the carryover of undermarketings will come in effect when the total burley undermarketings exceed 100 percent of the national basic quota.

REMEMBER: LEASOR MARKET 100 PERCENT OF THE FARMS EFFECTIVE QUOTA TO AVOID A POSSIBLE REDUCTION OF POUNDS!

Warehouse Designation-A Must in 2001

Beginning with the 2001 market-

ing year burley tobacco farmer operators will be required to file an initial designation of pounds to a specific warehouse, receiving station or dealer with which they intend to market their tobacco. The initial designation period for the 2001 marketing season will begin June 1, 2001 and end on August 1, 2001.

Farmers will be eligible to re-designate pounds and sale locations during the re-designation periods of October 1-5, 2001, October 29-November 2, 2001, December 3-7, December 28, 2001-January 4, 2002 and January 28-February 1, 2002.

FSA has a listing for public notice of warehouses, receiving stations and dealers posted on the bulletin board in the county office. This listing shall be available through March 31, 2002.

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 a thermal bar coded card. These cards will indicate the designated buyer.

Burley Tobacco Lease Date
Burley Tobacco Leasing will end on July 2, 2001. Any producer wishing to post their name to the Tobacco Lease In or Lease Out may contact the office in person or by calling 606-256-2525.

Required Crop Reports
New legislation requires all farms with an effective quota greater than zero to report acreage planted to burley, including zero acres no later than July 16th. Reports filed after July 16th will be subject to a late file fee.

Marketing cards will NOT be issued without a crop report on file.

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

FY 2001 AMTA Reminders
The deadline to designate payment shares and meet PFC signature

requirements for FY 2001 is August 1, 2001. FY 2001 PFC payments may not be issued on a farm, unless all producers and owners meet the PFC signature requirements by August 1, 2001.

In addition, for an individual producer to receive a payment for the fiscal year, all supporting documents such as CCC 502, AD 1026 and FSA 507 must also be met by August 1, 2001, to be eligible for FY 2001 PFC payments. After payment shares are designated, any changes to the farming operation, including, but not limited to payment shares and change of operators, must be reported to FSA on or before August 1, 2001.

Failure to report changes by August 1, 2001, may result in all producers on the farm being ineligible for FY 2001 PFC payments.

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.

Office Closure
The USDA Service Center will be closed Monday, May 28th in observance of Memorial Day. The office will reopen on Tuesday, May 29th at 7:30 a.m.

Dates to Remember

- CDP (Crop Disaster Program) began January 18th.
- Crop Reporting: Small Grains (WHEAT) by May 31st.
- Requesting farm constitution for PFC payment farms: through June 1st.
- Enrolling farm in PFC after reconstitution: 30 calendar days after FSA 476 notice.
- Requesting farm reconstitution for none PFC farms: July 2nd.
- Tobacco Leasing: April 2nd through July 2nd.
- Crop Reporting for row crops, hay and pasture by July 2nd.
- Crop Reporting: required for ALL burley tobacco farms by July 16th.

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

• Designating Burley Tobacco Warehouse for Marketing: June 1st through August 1st.

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Mt. Vernon, KY. Circa 1910



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"Court News"

(Cont. from B2)

Bernice Lovell: Other hearing, \$500 fine and costs/suspend \$450.

Steve C. Stamas: Speeding and Failure to wear seatbelt, license suspended for failure to appear.

Karl W. Bodie: Speeding, license suspended for failure to appear.

Steven F. Sutterlin: Motorboats Registered-Numbered; No approved fire extinguisher, criminal summons issued.

Dustin W. Thompson: Motorboats registered-Numbered, criminal summons issued for failure to appear.

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