

Agricultural News

By Warden Alexander, FSA Director

2003 Burley Tobacco Program

The U.S. Department of Agriculture today announced the provisions of the 2003 burley tobacco program.

The national marketing quota for the 2003 crop is 287.8 million pounds, down from the 2002 quota of 324.2 million pounds and is based on the following:

Million Pounds — Purchase intentions by domestic cigarette manufacturers 184.9; Unmanufactured exports (379.0/137.9). Reserve stock adjustment -35.6. Discretionary adjustment 0.0.

The price support level for the 2003 crop is \$1.849 per pound, up 1.4 cent per pound from 2002.

For each burley tobacco farm, the 2003 basic quota will decline approximately 1.1 percent from 2002.

The effective quota is expected to be about 320.2 million pounds, or 29.1 million pounds below 2002.

The burley tobacco no-net-cost assessment will be 2 cents on each pound of 2003-crop burley tobacco that is marketed. USDA set the no-net-cost assessment at 1 cent per pound for the producer and 1 cent per pound for the purchaser for crop year 2003.

Further program information is available from Dan Stevens, telephone 202-720-5291, e-mail address: DanStevens@wdc.fsa.usda.gov.

USDA Continues Suspension of Burley Tobacco Auction Sales
The Agricultural Marketing Service, Tobacco Programs, has announced it will extend the suspension of auction sales for burley tobacco an additional week. Sales resumed on February 10 and conclude for the season on February 20.

The burley tobacco marketing area covers auction markets in the states of Kentucky, Tennessee, North Carolina, Ohio and Indiana. Sales of burley tobacco at non-auction stations will not be affected by the sales suspension.

After consideration of weather conditions, lack of significant mar-

ket deliveries and consultation with affected industry personnel, it has been decided that an additional week recess would be in the best interest of all segments of the tobacco industry.

Inspection and price support services will not be available at designated auction markets during the suspension period.

Warehouse Designation

Mushtil Producers that wish to designate their warehouse as tobacco quota to a different buying point, may do so during the next regular re-designation period. Producers will be limited to designate for the farm one time during each regular re-designation period. Therefore, if a farm has multiple tenants which will market tobacco at separate buying points, the farm operator will need to designate for all those tenants at the same time.

Mar. 3 - Mar. 7, 2003 w/cad effective March 17, 2003

FSA has a listing for public notice of warehouses, receiving stations and dealers posted on the bulletin board in the county office available through March 31, 2003.

10% Carry Forward of Effective Undermarketing Producers have been contacting the county office concerned about the amount of pounds they will be able to carry forward on the 2002 undermarketing.

The 10% rule is applied based on burley sales belt-wide. It is NOT based on the individual farm sales. If the 10% rule applies, then it will affect all farms with effective undermarketing, even if the farm only under-marketed 1 percent. The maximum number of 2002 undermarketings that can be carried forward to crop year 2003 is 32 million lbs. (10% of the 2002 basic quota).

At this time, local FSA offices can not guarantee producers the amount of pounds eligible for car-

rying forward. It is a wait and see situation.

Applications for New Farm Tobacco Quota Producers who own land and do NOT have a tobacco quota of any kind in the US may be eligible for a new farm tobacco quota. Eligibility requires that applicants include: owning land suitable for tobacco production, having 2 of the past 5 years marketing history of tobacco and 50% of all household income derived from farming. Producers wishing to apply should contact the FSA office no later than February 18th.

Farmers Urged to Complete New Contracts

Warden Alexander, CED with the Farm Service Agency in Rockcastle County, would like to take this time and opportunity to remind farmers they need to contact their FSA County Office to complete their base acreage and yield selection for the 2002 and 2003 Deadline to request an LDP or Loan April 1, 2003 - Ending date for owners to select base and yield options: June 2, 2003 - Signup for the 2002 and 2003 DCP ends. Milk Income Loss Contract (MILC) program continues. Farm Storage

Under the new Farm Bill, farmers have more options. Their choices will impact their farm payments through 2007. Failure to make a base

acreage and yield selection by April 1, 2003 will default to the farm's 2002 PFC acreage plus 4-year average oilseed acreage.

For the first time since the 1980's, farmers can update their acreage and yield information. This is a tremendous opportunity, but it is very complex and will require farmers to supply production information on their operations for 1998 through 2001.

Information on this and other FSA programs is available at: <http://www.fsa.usda.gov/pas/famhill>

Important Program Dates

Feb. 18, 2003 - Deadline to file for New Growers Tobacco Quota
March 31, 2003 - Deadline to request an LDP or Loan
April 1, 2003 - Ending date for owners to select base and yield options:
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NO SMOKING HOTEL

Sunday, May 4th
Great Salt Peter Cave
(no car, check per hour)
Coffey family cemeteries

BANQUET

Saturday, May 3rd, 12:30 - 4:30 p.m. in the Oak Room at the hotel. Choices of Horseshoe Pork Chop, the Tri-Fax, Wagyu or Chicken Flakes in Bill's Nook, includes soup, salad, spiced bread & dessert, 21% tax and gratuity included in the \$28 cost of the banquet meal.

Make banquet reservations with **Bennie Loftin**. MUST HAVE MONEY BY APRIL 15th. CANCEL before April 15th to RECEIVE A REFUND.

TOURS - free
Friday, May 2nd
Byron's Pottery in Wayne, KY
College Campuses
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Ticket Office 1-800-765-7464

Saturday, May 3rd
Old Town Heres, on your own.
CCC Banquet 12:30-4:30 p.m.
Redfish Valley Barn Dance
Ticket Office 1-800-765-7464

Names of those attending CCC, make room reservations in hotel before March 10 2003.

Number attending Saturday Afternoon Banquet at \$20.00 per person, all charges included. Please indicate dinner choices: Pork Chops or Chicken Flakes.

TOTAL enclosed \$
Please include check and make payable to BENNIE LOFTIN.
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Narcotics Anonymous

Tired of drugs and/or alcohol controlling your life? Come join us at Narcotics Anonymous, every Thursday at 8:30 p.m. behind Our Lady of Mt. Vernon Church, located on Williams St. in Mt. Vernon. For more info, call 256-9263.

Alcohol Anonymous

Alcohol Anonymous meet Tuesday nights at 8 p.m. behind Our Lady of Mt. Vernon Church on Williams St. in Mt. Vernon. For more info, call 256-9263.

Republican Party Meets

The Republican Party meets the second Monday of each month at 6 p.m. at Kastle Inn.

Center Hours

Rockcastle County Senior Citizens and Day Health Care Center hours are 9 a.m. until 4 p.m. Mon-Fri.

Fire Season

Due to increase in fire activity in Kentucky the Kentucky Division Forestry is now taking applications for spring fire season. Call Co. Ranger 256-5031, Crew Leader 256-9884 or Crew Boss 256-0725.

Kiwanis Club

Rockcastle Kiwanis Club meets every Thursday at Noon at Kastle Inn. All visitors welcome.

Fish Fry

The Broadhead Rural Fire Department will hold a Fish Fry Saturday, February 15th at the Quail Substation on Hwy. 70. Carcasses will begin at 3 p.m. Menu consists of 3 pieces of fish, three breaded items, cole slaw, french fries or baked potato and a Little Debbie cake for \$5. Dinner begins at 5:30 p.m. with all you can eat fish for \$5 for adults and

\$2.50 for children under 12. Come on out-and enjoy good eating and lots of good fellowship.

Attention RCHS Class of '73
A meeting will be held Feb. 17 at 6:30 p.m. at the high school to begin planning for the 10 year class reunion. All classmates interested in working toward a successful reunion are urged to attend.

Relay for Life Meeting

There will be a meeting of the 2003 American Cancer Society's Relay for Life on Thursday, February 13 at 6 p.m. in the Community Room at Cumberland Valley home Health. We need everyone to get involved. Make this your night! Please plan to attend this meeting. Contact Kelly McClure at 256-4122 or Danielle Hinton at 256-4581 for more information.

GED on Computer

CAP Adult Learning Center is offering a program for you to study online using your computer or the center's. Choose your own time. We can teach you to use the computer. FREE! For more info, call Janet at 256-5307.

Cedar Rapids

Cedar Rapids annual membership meeting will be Tuesday, February 18th at 7 p.m. at the Cedar Rapids Recreation Center. All members are urged to attend.

SBDM Meeting

The Rockcastle County High School SBDM Council will meet in regular session the last Tuesday of each month at 3:30 p.m. in the school conference room. The next meeting will be Tuesday, February 25, 2003.

Project Graduation Meeting

There will be a Project Graduation meeting at the high school on Monday, Feb. 17 at 7 p.m. in the cafeteria.

Free Screening

Free Mammograms Breast Cancer Screening Clinics for any ladies groups offered by the Rockcastle County Health Center. To schedule a class, call 606-256-2242 and ask for Ruth Lane.

Bookmobile schedule

Mon. Feb. 17 - Copper Hill
Tue. Feb. 18 - Green Hill, Country, Brown, Fairview, Lambert Rd., Respiratory Care and Mt. Vernon Manor.