



Dehtor and Ruby Childress, center, are shown with some of the vegetables they are making available through the local Farmers Market program. Farmers Market locations can be found at Renfro Valley on Saturdays and Broadhead Fairgrounds on Wednesdays from 8:30 a.m. until the produce is sold out. Through the assistance of the Rockcastle Health Department and the Department of Agriculture, several WEC coupons have been made available to local families. Also, for the first time, a special Senior Program will be available through the Mt. Vernon, Senior Citizens Center. All seniors with income less than \$1,385 (one person) or \$1,869 (two persons) are eligible for \$20 per person. See Sherry Mowbray at the Senior Center for more details. Farmers Market coupons may be used at any time during the summer.

Agricultural News

By Warden Alexander, FSA Director

Final Crop Reporting Date is July 15th

Jeffery S. Hall, State Executive Director of the Farm Service Agency in Kentucky, today reminded producers that July 15th is the late date to file crop acreage reports for Burley Tobacco, Corn, Soybeans and other spring seeded crops and avoid a late reporting fee. The final date to report Small Grain acreage was May 31st.

Farms participating in the direct and counter-cyclical program (DCP) are required to file a total farm cropland acreage report each year. Farms with a Burley Tobacco effective quota greater than zero are required to file an acreage report, including zero-planted, to retain their quota.

Additional information on FSA programs is available at the local FSA County Office or on the web at www.fsa.usda.gov/ky/. **Law suit** Producers have been questioning the packet received concerning the Tobacco Grower's Class Action Settlement. DeLoach v. Phillip Morris. Producers are advised that FSA CANNOT assist in completing the claim form. However, we will be as helpful as possible. It is anticipated that FSA can provide the information needed beginning August 1, 2003.

For additional information, please call the toll-free helpline at 1-800-371-9820 or visit the following website: www.deloachsettlement.org. **Direct and Counter-Cyclical Program (DCP)** Producers whose signatures are received after June 1, 2003 and before September 30, 2003 for DCP requests will be considered late filed. The late fee is \$100. The fee is assessed per year and farm.

Environmental Quality Incentives Program USDA has announced the nationwide availability of more than \$700 million in funding for the Environmental Quality Incentives Program (EQIP). Of this amount, Kentucky will receive \$6,854,500 to provide cost share assistance to farmers. In addition to the cost-share funding, Kentucky will receive funding to provide technical assistance to producers.

EQIP is a voluntary conservation program that promotes environmental

quality. Farmers may receive financial and technical assistance for certain conservation practices on eligible agricultural land.

Although EQIP has a continuous application period, cut off dates are set in order to rank applications. The next cut off date for ranking applications in Kentucky is July 11, 2003. Persons interested in signing up for EQIP should visit their USDA service center as soon as possible. For more information about EQIP and other conservation programs, please contact Randall Templeman, District Conservationist at 256-2525, Ext. 3.

Crop Disaster Program On February 20, 2003, the Agricultural Assistance Act of 2003 (the ACT), was signed into law. The ACT provides for Crop Disaster Program (CDP) for losses because of weather-related disasters to agricultural commodities in crop year 2001 and 2002.

Producers filing for losses must provide production evidence or records to substantiate the 55% loss of the crop. Tobacco and pasture are not eligible under CDP. Producers receiving payments on losses must purchase insurance to cover losses for crop years 2004 and 2005.

No deadline for sign-up has been announced.

Grassland Reserve Program Agriculture Secretary Ann Veneman announced the first sign-up for the Grassland Reserve Program (GRP) began nationwide on June 30, 2003.

NRCS, FSA and the Forest Service are coordinating implementation of GRP, which helps landowners restore and protect grassland, rangeland, pastureland, shrub land and certain other lands and provides assistance for rehabilitating grasslands.

GRP offers producers several enrollment options, permanent easements, 30-year easements, rental agreements (10, 15, 20 or 30 year duration) and restoration agreements. USDA makes a payment based on the fair market value of the property, less the grazing value.

To participate in GRP, offers must be private land that includes at least 40 acres contiguous.

For more information about GRP, contact your local USDA Service

Center or Website: <http://www.nrcs.usda.gov/programs/farmbill/2002/>

Federal Disaster Assistance

On June 3, 2003, President Bush declared a major disaster in Kentucky, based on damages and losses caused by severe storm, flooding, mud and rock slides and tornadoes that occurred from May 4 through May 27, 2003.

The 40 Kentucky counties which were declared as primary counties are eligible for Federal Disaster Assistance, including Farm Service Agency (FSA) Emergency (EM) loans. Additionally, 49 other Kentucky counties are named as contiguous disaster areas which includes Rockcastle County.

EM loan applications for physical and production losses will be received through February 3, 2004 and applications pending that date may be processed and completed.

Important Program Dates

July 3, 2003 - Deadline to sign up for LCPH
July 15th - Deadline to acreage report (corn, soybeans, tobacco, grass)

Milk Income Loss Contract (MILC) Program sign up continues
Farm Storage Facility Loan Program sign up continues
Conservation Reserve Program sign up continues.

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WAS \$8,990 NOW \$6,990
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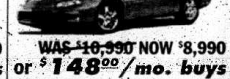
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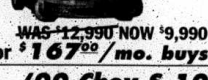
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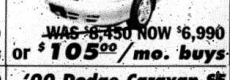
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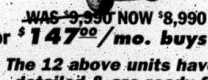
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