

Agricultural News

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Warehouse Designation

As a condition of price support of burley tobacco producers are required to inform FSA of the warehouse where they will market tobacco. This is required by completing the form FSA-808, Warehouse Designation, to indicate where the tobacco will be sold. Initial designation will end August 1st.

After the initial designation period ends producers will be limited to designate for the term to any one day during the following regular re-designation periods:

•September 29-October 3, 2003 with the marketing card being effective October 13, 2003.

•November 3-November 7, 2003 with the marketing card being effective November 17, 2003.

•December 1-December 5, 2003 with the marketing card being effective December 15, 2003.

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•December 26 - January 2, 2004 with the marketing card being effective January 12, 2004.

•February 2 - February 6, 2004 with the marketing card being effective February 16, 2004.

•March 1 - March 5, 2004 with the marketing card being effective March 15, 2004.

The warehouse number will be indicated with a number on the marketing card. Therefore, if a producer decides to market at a warehouse other than the one specified on the card, The producer must return the card to the FSA office by a specific time period to request another marketing card.

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 31st.

Tobacco Class Action Settlement

Recently Burley tobacco quota owners were notified they may be an eligible member of the Class Action Lawsuit, Delach vs. Philip Morris Companies, Inc.

Individuals who marketed Burley or Blue-cured tobacco through the auction warehouse system or owned a quota during the crop years 1996-2000 are part of this settlement. The per pound payment rates will not be determined until all claims are received.

"While the Farm Service Agency is not involved in this settlement, FSA is working on a process to provide the data needed to complete the claim forms," said Jeffery Hall, FSA State Executive Director. "Because many of the landowner and tenant relations have changed during the period since 1996, it will take some time to provide the right information to the correct persons. FSA is dedi-

cating additional resources to provide this information as soon as possible."

Deadline for submitting claims under Delach vs. Philip Morris Companies, Inc. is October 14, 2003. County FSA offices will notify producers when the data will be available. Additional information on the class action settlement is available by calling 1-800-371-9820.

Livestock Assistance Program (LAP)

The Agricultural Assistance Act of 2001 included \$250 million under the Livestock Assistance Program (LAP) to reimburse producers for grazing losses. Before producers can sign-up, counties must meet two phases of eligibility.

To qualify for LAP, an eligible livestock producer must:

•Have pasture/grazing physically located in a county determined eligible.

•Have suffered a 40 percent or greater loss of normal grazing production for 3 or more consecutive months during the LAP crop year.

•Have owned or leased the eligible livestock for at least 3 months.

Eligible livestock include beef and dairy cattle, buffalo and bison, sheep, goats, swine and equine animals (used commercially or kept by owner for food/fiber production).

Sign-up will be announced at a later date as counties are approved.

Lamb Meat Adjustment Assistance Program

USDA FSA Lamb Meat Adjustment Assistance Program is a four year program started in 2000 to help stabilize the lamb market. The program helps producers compete with foreign competitors in the marketplace. The program was authorized by Section 32 of the Act of August 24, 1935, as amended.

This year is Year 4 with the program year being August 1, 2003 through July 31, 2003. Year 4 adds incentive payments for ewe lambs in addition to payments for feeders and slaughter lambs. Applications for Year 4 must be received in the FSA office by August 15, 2003.

To be eligible, applicants must be engaged in the business of producing and marketing agricultural products at the time of application.

"Slaughter lambs must be marketed during August 1, 2002 through July 31, 2003, be owned 30 days before marketing and carcasses must meet the requirements of USDA Quality Grade Choice or Prime, meet the requirements of USDA Yield

Grade 2, have a 55-75 pound dressed hot carcass weight and be certified by an AMS agent or an assigned representative.

"Feeder lambs must be marketed during August 1, 2002 through July 31, 2003, be owned by the operation continuously from birth until the time of marketing and be thick-muscled and large framed, as determined by AMS.

"Ewe lambs must be no older than 18 months of age, not have produced an offspring, not possess characteristics of parent mouth, food lot or scrapie and be maintained in the herd for at least one complete offspring-lambing cycle.

For more information on LMAAP contact the local FSA office or visit our website at www.fsa.usda.gov/data/pad

Important program date

Milk Income Loss Contract (MILC) Program continues.

Farm Storage Facility Loan Program sign-up continues.

Conservation Reserve Program sign-up continues.

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Auction of

Kermitt Messer Estate

Sat., August 2, 2003 10:30 a.m.

Location: House #608 Highway 1505, Birchland, Ky. Auction signs will be posted. The house consists of living room, 2 bedrooms, kitchen, dining room and bath. The house has city water and sewer. Besides the house, there is an approximately 1.21± acreage building. With 604 ac. there is ample room for a garden.

Vehicles: 1999 Chevrolet Cavalier with 14,804 miles.

Personal Property: 38 Special Smith and Wesson Pistol, 22 Western Rifle (will be made available for inspection day of sale, not on the premises at the time), mounting gear of Carcano, rifles, quills, electric pressure cooker, several volumes of Readers Digest Canon, several books, Berneise Hawley Cane, 1 bookcase bedroom suite, 1 bed frame with headboard and chest of drawers, sofa, 1 chair, Zenith television, coffee table, 2 small tables, round table, hunch, drop-leaf dining table, floor lamp, 2 lamps, post-pans, Maytag washer and dryer, Montgomery Ward refrigerator, Hooper electric range, metal kitchen cabinets, glass door kitchen cabinet, Schlage, set of Funk and Wagnall's Encyclopedia; cookbooks, and numerous other books. Kenmore sewing machine, Philco camera, stereo, yellow case, four lockers, microwave, microwave, Montgomery Ward oil stove, Furber vacuum cleaner, sewing box, Grand Prix 8 track stereo with speakers and records, Schenker battery charger, cord, pink fish 3x8 1/2 electric weed eater, Shindaiwa weed eater, ex. post hole digger, rakes, hoes, tool box, 13 HP 38" can Road Machine lawn mower (bought new last year), 8 1/2 HP 20" cut push mower, hand saw, wheel barrow gas can, garden hose, lawn chairs, Homelite chain saw, Reel type push mower, 5' wood step ladder, 27 gal. fuel oil tank and fuel, other items not mentioned in list.

Terms: 15% down day of sale, balance due upon delivery of deed.

Personal property cash or good check in full day of sale.

Note: A 7% buyers premium added to winning bid after bid to determine final price.

Announcements day of sale take precedence over printed matter.

Not responsible for accidents.

Potential bidders shall have conducted a lead-based paint test by day of sale if they so desire.

The successful bidder will be required to sign a waiver to the above at time of sale.

For additional information contact:

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Roundstone School Pre-Registration for New Students

Dates: Monday, July 28th - 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Thursday, July 31st - 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

You will need to bring the following:

- Physical (must be on Kentucky form)
- Immunization certificate
- Eye examination (only for kindergarten and preschool students) - must be from an optometrist or ophthalmologist
- Copy of birth certificate (must be certified copy from the state - if you do not have a certified copy, you may pick up an application or request one at the school)
- Social Security card

If you have any questions,
please call the school at 256-2235

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