

Agricultural News

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Disaster Leasing

Farmers who suffer a burley-to-Aspen disaster must file a report with FSA prior to harvest to retain eligibility to lease quota away under the disaster lease provisions. The disaster lease provision was implemented to provide relief to producers that suffer a disaster loss and are unable to produce and market the farm's effective quota. To be eligible to disaster lease and transfer, the transferring farm must file a crop coverage report, file the effective quota, provide a measurement fee, have suffered more than a 20% loss, and meet all price support eligibility requirements. If determined eligible for disaster leasing, the measurement fee will be refunded to the producer.

Remember, if you are a producer whose tobacco is suffering from poor weather conditions, black shank, blue mold, root disease, etc., come to the FSA office and file under the disaster provisions PRIOR TO HARVEST.

Bugles Tobacco Pesticide Information

As a condition of eligibility for receiving price support, all pesticide products (including plant regulators, defoliants and desiccants) used in connection with the production of Burley tobacco, must be approved by the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) for use on tobacco and that such pesticide products must be used in accordance with label directions.

For purposes of the pesticide certification program, the term "pesticide" means "any substance or mixture of substances intended for preventing, destroying, repelling or mitigating any pest, and any substance or mixture of substances intended for use as a plant regulator, defoliant or desiccant."

Action to withhold price support on tobacco treated with nonapproved EPA pesticides or when pesticides are not used in accordance with label directions was made necessary because these use threatens the domestic and export markets for tobacco.

Samples of tobacco crops will be taken and chemically analyzed to determine whether nonapproved pesticides were used on the crop or pesticides were not applied in accordance with label directions.

The County Extension Office can furnish information about acceptable pesticides for use on tobacco.

DeLoach vs. Phillip Morris Class Action Settlement

While FSA office will not be completing the class action settlement applications mailed to producers, we will provide information helpful to those producers wishing to participate. Producers may file a written request to FSA requesting the basic quota and marketing for crop years 1996-2000. Also, FSA has blank applications available for those who wish to participate and did not receive an application.

Lewis Abney, also known as King Barker Cucumber Farmer, grew this 9 1/2 pound cucumber. He raises fresh produce on his farm in Tell City, Indiana. He is the son of Dave and Hazel Stewart of Orlando.



Many items are entered each year at the Brodhead Fair. Chris Robbins, right, is shown with a broom he entered at the 4-H Division. Mike Robbins, at left, helped enter exhibits at the county fair.

Producers are reminded it is their responsibility to verify the data provided.

If you need help completing the form, please contact the local County Extension Office or call the help line at 1-800-371-9820.

We want to take this opportunity to personally say "Thank You" for understanding this is not an FSA program and we are only here to furnish information to the best of our ability.

County Committee Candidates

Rockcastle County Farm Service Agency is accepting nominations for 2003 County Committee elections. Nominations forms can be obtained from your FSA County Office and should be submitted by September 5, 2003.

If you or someone you know has an interest in providing guidance on federal farm program issues - impacting local farmers and ranchers - then the Rockcastle County FSA wants your nomination.

All landowners, operators and tenants of legal voting age are eligible to serve on FSA County Committees and vote in these elections.

Hurry in and submit your nomination TODAY!

For more information, contact your local FSA at 606-256-2525. Farm Service Agency is an equal opportunity employer and provider.

Continued CRP Sign-up

Eligible acreage devoted to certain special conservation practices such as riparian buffers, filter strips, grassed waterways, shelter belts, living snow fences, contour grass strips, salt tolerance vegetation and shallow water areas for wildlife may be enrolled at any time under CCC's continuous CRP sign-up. These practices are not subject to competitive bidding. For more information, contact your local FSA office.

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 35% 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.

Important Program Dates

Grassland Reserve Program sign-up

ends August 8, 2003

Crop Disaster Program (CDP) sign-up began June 6, 2003. 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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In Eph 2:13-19 we read, "But now in Christ Jesus ye who sometimes were far off are made nigh by the blood of Christ. For he is our peace, who hath made both one, and hath broken down the middle wall of partition between us; Having abolished in his flesh the enmity, even the law of commandments contained in ordinances; for to make in himself of twain one new man, so making peace; And that he might reconcile both unto God in one body by the cross, having slain the enmity thereby: And came and preached peace to you which were far off, and to them that were nigh. For through him we both have access by one Spirit unto the Father." The great blessing of Christ to the world, is his ability to reconcile and bring us at peace with God. Our sins and transgressions have caused a separation from God. In 59:1-2, Rom 6:23. We are at odds with God, and are in a hopeless situation if we must depend upon ourselves to get out of sin. But thanks be to God, Jesus died, and makes it possible for humans to be reconciled to God, and thus have peace with our maker! Humans must respond willingly to the call of the gospel in faith and obedience. When we hear the message, Rom 10:17, believe in Christ, In 8:24, repent, Luk 13:3, confess faith in Christ, Rom 10:9-10, and are baptized, Ac 2:38; Mt. 16:16, we will be reconciled to God and be saved. Then be faithful till death, Rev 2:10, Matt 10:22. Are you at peace with God? Have you humbly submitted to God's plan of salvation?

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