

Agricultural News

By: Warden Alexander, FSA Director

Agricultural News County Executive Director Barley Auction Opening/Delivery Dates Announced

Barley auction warehouses are scheduled to begin opening on November 17, 2003.

Opening date for Barley auctions has been set for the following Monday after the first receiving station opens or no later than November 17, 2003.

The Christmas holiday recess will begin after auction sales on December 18, 2003 and will resume January 5, 2004.

Philip Morris has announced their opening date as November 12, 2003 with the Thanksgiving break as November 26, 2003. Philip Morris will begin receiving again December 1, 2003.

The Christmas break for Philip Morris will be December 19, 2003 close of business and will resume January 3, 2004.

Closing date for Philip Morris contract sales at this time has not been set.

Livestock Assistance Program (LAP)

Rockcastle County has been added to the counties as being approved for the Livestock Assistance Program for the 2001 crop year.

To be eligible for LAP, the county must have suffered at least a 40 percent grazing loss for three or more consecutive months in a calendar year. A producer may receive a LAP payment on a per head basis of eligible livestock when the producer has control of adequate grazing land to support the eligible livestock. Eligible livestock include: beef and dairy cattle, buffalo, beefalo, sheep, goats, swine and other certain equine animals.

To qualify, a livestock producer must have suffered a 40 percent or greater loss of grazing production for three or more consecutive months due to drought, hot weather, disease, insect infestations, flood, fire, hurricane, earthquake, severe storm or other natural disaster. LAP payments will be reduced by the amount of assistance received by that producer under previous Livestock compensation program (LCP-1), (LCP-II) and the 2002 Cattle Feed Program. A producer must possess beneficial and financial interest in eligible livestock that have been owned or leased for at least three months. A \$40,000 payment limitation also applies to LAP assistance.

Farm Storage Facility Loans

The FSA office has Farm Storage Facility Loans available to producers who have a need for increased storage. In order to be eligible, a producer must have a satisfactory credit history, have no delinquent federal debt, be a producer of facility loan commodities such as corn, soybeans or wheat, demonstrate the ability to repay the debt and be in compliance with USDA provisions for highly erodible land and wetlands.

Continuous 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 shrub-

low 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.

Power of Attorney Form

If you currently have a Power of Attorney on file with FSA, it is not valid for the new programs or transactions authorized by the Farm Security and Rural Investment Act of 2002 (Farm Bill). If you wish to retain an agent to act on your behalf for the new Direct and Counter-Cyclical programs, a new Power of Attorney form is required.

The FSA Power of Attorney, Form FSA-211, has been revised to cover programs in the Act (referred to as the Farm Bill). Non-FSA power of attorney forms currently on file are not valid for any new program authorized by the Act. Farmers are notified that either an FSA employee or a Notary Public must witness signature on the FSA-211.

Loan Deficiency Payment (LDP)

For a commodity to be eligible for a loan or a Loan Deficiency Payment (LDP), the producer must have a beneficial interest in the commodity in addition to other eligibility requirements.

For LDPs, the producer must retain beneficial interest in the commodity eligible from the time of harvest through the date the LDP is requested. For loans, the producer must retain beneficial interest in the commodity from the time of harvest through the date the loan is requested. CCC Credit Corporation (CCC) takes title to the commodity.

Change to the 2002 Farm Bill permit all producers to be eligible regardless if the farm is participating.

For commodities immediately fed during harvest, the producer must complete a CCC-709, Part F within 60 calendar days after the date of harvest.

Commodities must be mechanically harvested. Grazing is not con-



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3-year-old Black Lab. Answer to the name Cole. Last seen wearing a chain collar on Level Green Rd. If anyone has any information, please call 256-0599 anytime day or night. Reward if found.

sidered harvested and is not eligible for LDP.

All loans or LDPs requested shall be subject to a determination by CCC of such producers eligibility to receive a loan or an LDP, based on a review of any option to purchase or sales contract involving the commodity.

Farm Changes

Producers who have purchased or sold land should inform the FSA office of the change. A copy of the deed or land contract sales is required to update FSA records with correct ownership. Producers are also reminded to inform the FSA office of any change of address.

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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4-H Speech Contest held

By John McQuerry

The Rockcastle Co. 4H Council will hold their annual 4H Speech Contest at 6:00 pm on Tuesday, December 2/2003, at Mt. Vernon Elementary School. Just as last year, the contest will be held at a joint project with the county schools. Through 4H, the winning speakers will have the opportunity to advance to area and state competition.

4-H Speech Contest Rules:
1. Any boy or girl, age 9-19, may participate in the 4-H Talk Meet Program. (The participant does not presently have to be enrolled in 4H.)

2. The top speakers from each grade will compete against other youth of their own age category and not necessarily against their grade. The age category is determined by their age as of January 1, 2004.

3. 4-H'ers cannot use the same speech this year in the county speech contest if he or she won with that speech at the county, area, or state level last year.

4. Junior categories are ages 9 through 13. Senior categories are ages 14 through 19.

5. Junior age category talks are to be 3 to 5 minutes long. Senior age category talks are to be 5 to 7 minutes long.

6. A participant may secure assistance from anyone he chooses in writing or preparing his talk. There is no specific topic; any suitable topic can be used.

7. The participant and those who may work with him should be familiar with a.) objectives of the 4H Speech Contest program, b.) judge's score sheet, c.) selecting and preparing the speech, and d.) pointers for giving a speech.

(Notes on these can be obtained from the participants teacher.)
8. Each contestant will be introduced along with the title of their talk, by the room chairman.
9. After being introduced, the speaker will present the title of their talk.
10. Each representative for the Speech Contest must register by calling the County Extension Office at 256-2403 by Wednesday, November 26, 2003. Please furnish the participant's name, date of birth, full address, grade, teacher, school, and title of speech.

11. Each representative for the Speech Contest should be aware that if they win first or second place in their age category, they will have the opportunity to go to the area contest which will be in April of 2004 in conjunction with the Area Demonstration Contest and Variety Show.

For more information, contact the Rockcastle County Cooperative Extension Service at 256-2403. Educational programs of the

Kentucky Cooperative Extension Service serve all people regardless of race, color, age, sex, religion, disability or national origin.

Mt. Vernon Message

For the week of 10/23

Upcoming Events:
Our Family Resource Council meeting is scheduled for Thursday, October 23 at 11:30.

Don't forget to set your clock back this week end. You get an extra hour!

Mark your calendar for the FRC sponsored Family Night on Monday, October 27.

Special Projects

Project Wisdom Readers for last week were:

Will McClure, Abby McClure, Kayla Carpenter and Kila French, student; Julie Asher, 4th grade teacher, was our mystery reader.

Our quote for this week is "A positive attitude is like a magnet for positive results."

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Printed below is a facsimile of the ballot which will be used in the North Brodhead, North Mt. Vernon, West Mt. Vernon, Brown, West Brodhead, Bullock, Conway, Roundstone, Climax, East Mt. Vernon and Orlando precincts in the General Election in Rockcastle County on Tuesday, November 4th.

Norma Hook, County Clerk

SAMPLE BALLOT

GENERAL ELECTION HELD TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 4, 2003		NONPARTISAN JUDICIAL BALLOT	
1	REPUBLICAN PARTY Bridget Party Button	Circuit Judge Mark J. STAREKIAN	35
2	DEMOCRATIC PARTY Bridget Party Button	Judge John DUNCAN	36
3	GOVERNOR AND Lieutenant Governor (Vote For One)	Governor Stephen B. FLETCHER	37
4	Lieutenant Governor (Vote For One)	Lieutenant Governor Charles E. CHANDLER	38
5	WRITE - IN		
6	SECRETARY OF STATE (Vote For One)		
7	C. M. TROY GRAYSON		
8	WRITE - IN		
9	ATTORNEY GENERAL (Vote For One)		
10	JACK D. WOOD		
11	WRITE - IN		
12	AUDITOR OF PUBLIC ACCOUNTS (Vote For One)		
13	LINDA GREENWELL		
14	WRITE - IN		
15	STATE TREASURER (Vote For One)		
16	ADAM KOENIG		
17	WRITE - IN		
18	COMMISSIONER OF AGRICULTURE (Vote For One)		
19	JONATHAN MILLER		
20	WRITE - IN		
21	FARMER		
22	BARTLER		
23	WRITE - IN		
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Absolute Auction

Saturday, November 8, 10:00 a.m.

"The Cottage Under the Oaks"

632 Chestnut St., Berea, Ky.



Auction Cancelled

Directions: From I-75 take exit 76 into Berea. The property is located at the top of the hill on the left next to U.S. Bank and across the street from the local bank. This property, which is zoned B-1, is an excellent location for almost any type of professional office or small business. The structure was completely renovated inside in 1998, including a new 2 story addition on the rear. It contains approximately 2,200 sq. ft. with a full bath, a small kitchenette and covered heating/cooling. It also includes a 2 car detached garage, a 10,000 sq. ft. lot and approximately 10,000 sq. ft. of asphalt parking with separate ingress and egress. The property sits on 1.86 acres.

Terms: 10% down day of sale with balance due on or before December 4, 2003. Real estate taxes for 2003 to be paid. There will be a 5% down payment added to the successful bid to determine the final purchase price. The down payment of this building was built prior to 1978 and may contain lead based paint. Potential buyers have 10 days prior to sale to perform any and all inspections and will be required to sign a waiver on day of auction. This property is being sold as is, where is, with its warranties expressed or implied. For further information contact selling agents. Accommodations made day of sale take precedence over printed materials and verbal comments.

HARPER AUCTION CO.

138 North Keneland, Suite A, Richmond, KY 40475

Phone: (606) 624-8700

Tom Harper, Broker/Owner - Chuck Green, Principal Auctioneer

Doug Delfo, Apprentice Auctioneer

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BALLOT REVIEW BUTTON

INFORMATION WINDOW

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BALLOT ADVANCE BUTTON

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