

Agricultural News

By Warden Alexander, FSA Director

County Committee Meeting
The Rockcastle County Farm Service Committee (CFC) will hold monthly meetings open to the public the first Thursday of each month beginning at 8:00 a.m. The meeting will be at the Rockcastle County Farm Service Agency located in the FSA Service Center on Hwy. 150 in Mt. Vernon. The next meeting has been re-scheduled for Thursday, November 6, 2003.

The CFC members are vital to the day-to-day operations of FSA. The CFC members help FSA as the local level by deciding the kind of programs their county will have and how they will operate. FSA committees operate within official regulations designed to carry out Federal laws and applying their judgment and knowledge to make decisions.

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-408, 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 farm to any one day during the following regular re-designation period.

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

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 at 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.

Sign-up for 2004 Direct and Counter-Cyclical Programs
Warden Alexander, County Executive Director, of Rockcastle County Farm Service Agency wishes to inform producers that the enrollment for the 2004 Direct and Counter-cyclical Program (DCP) began October 1, 2003 beginning the second year of successful implementation of the 2002 Farm Bill.

Producers must sign DCP contracts annually beginning with the 2003 crop year, which is a change from Production Flexibility Contract requirements under the previous farm legislation.

Producers have until June 1, 2004 to enroll for the 2004 DCP. Producers receive direct payments at rates established by statute regardless of market prices. Counter-cyclical payment rates, on the other hand, vary depending on market prices.

For sign-up and payment dates

contact FSA.

Livestock Assistance Program
Rockcastle County has been added to the counties as being approved for the Livestock Assistance Program for the 2001 crop year. Signup has been extended thru November 21, 2003.

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 (April 1 thru June 30, 2001) due to drought, hot weather, disease, insect infestation, 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 Programs (LCP-I, LCP-II) and the 2002 Cattle Feed Program. A producer must possess beneficial and financial interests 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 Changes
Producers who have purchased or sold land should inform the FSA office of the change. A copy of the deed and 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.

Office Closure
Rockcastle County Service Center offices of FSA and NRGS will be closed Tuesday, November 11, 2003 in observance of Veterans Day. The offices will re-open Wednesday, November 12, 2003 at 7:30 a.m.

Rural Development Housing
Rural Development (low-income housing) is regularly scheduled to be in the Rockcastle County FSA Office on the second Tuesday of each month. Due to November 11th being a National Holiday, RD will not visit Rockcastle County until December 9, 2003.

The FSA Office is located on US HWY 150, the main RD Office is located in Richmond, Kentucky at 2150 Lexington Road, Suite C and the phone number is 859-624-1980 ext.

Important program dates
Warehouse Re-designation signup November 3-7, 2003

Grassland Reserve Program applications being accepted for 2004 funds.

Crop Disaster Program (CDP)
signup began June 6, 2003

Milk Income Loss Contract (MILC) Program-signup continues
Farm Storage Facility Loan Program-signup continues

Conservation Reserve Program-signup continues
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4x4, Loaded, 23K

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'03 Chevy Trailblazer, 4x4, LS

'03 Dodge Ram, 4500, SLT, Quad Cab, 4x4, Loaded

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'01 Chevy C-1500, Auto, Air, 20K

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The Rockcastle Community Health Council sponsored a Community Health Fair on Oct. 20 at the Rockcastle Middle School. The health fair was a great success. There were approximately 550 who participated in this event. Participants were able to receive many valuable health services such as: body fat analysis, bone density scans, blood pressure, blood sugars, cholesterol information, skin damage screening, flu shots, taste tests and vision screening. The Community Health Council would like to extend a special thank you to Rockcastle Middle School and Anthony Coffey, Director of the 21st Century Community Learning Center, for sponsoring this event. We would also like to thank those who donated door prizes to the health fair, Rockcastle Hospital, Rockcastle County Health Dept., Rockcastle County 21st Century Learning Centers, Cox's Funeral Home, American Cancer Society, Family Life Center, Wendys, Waffle House, Taco Bell, Subway and X-Treme Fitness.

RGHS Class of '93 Reunion

The RGHS Class of 1993

is in the process of planning their 10 year class reunion. Anyone who hasn't been contacted about your current address, should call Scott May, 758-9089 or Renee Bowman, Turner, 758-9828

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