

Agricultural News

By: Warden Alexander, FSA Director

County committee meeting

The Rockcastle County Farm Service Committee (COC) 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 USDA Service Center on Hwy. 150 in Mt. Vernon. Due to county office schedules, the next meeting has been scheduled for Thursday, December 18, 2003. Please note the office will be counting the election ballots on that date.

The COC members are vital to the day-to-day operations of FSA. The COC 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 barley tobacco producers are required to inform FSA of the warehouse where they will market tobacco. This is acquired by completing the form FSA-808, Warehouse Designation, to indicate where the tobacco will be sold. Initial designation ended 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.

December 1-December 31, 2003 with the marketing card being effective December 15, 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 in a specific time period to request another marketing card.

FSA has a listing for public notice of warehouses, receiving stations

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ornaments. If you have more than one child, set aside a special time to spend with each one.

I laugh. Laughter is still the best way to beat stress and change everyone's mood from bad to good.

The holiday season doesn't have to be a time of stress and exhaustion. Make sure you do your part to make the most wonderful time of the year live up to its reputation. You and your children will be glad you did.

FAMILY Life Child and Family Development Center is a program of the Christian Appalachian Project. For more information contact Sarah Dixon at 256-5613.

and dealers posted on the bulletin board in the county office available through March 31st.

Deadline to vote extended
Rockcastle County Committee election ballots must be produced for voting in LAA #2 on November 18, 2003. Warden Alexander, FSA Director, Rockcastle County, today wishes to notify all farmers that the deadline to return voted ballots to FSA has been extended until December 15, 2003.

Producers who wish to vote and did not receive a ballot may request a ballot from the FSA office.

Visitors are farmers located in the Rockcastle County area of LAA #2 which is the southeastern area of Rockcastle County bound by Pulaski and Laurel County. Highway boundaries are Hwy 70, Hwy 150 and Hwy 25.

The county committees are a direct link between FSA and the agricultural community in which they serve. All eligible producers are strongly encouraged to participate in the election process and cast their vote by December 15, 2003.

Producers which have sold all tobacco for the current year are reminded to return the marketing card back to the FSA office immediately. 2004 is a barley referendum year and cards are needed in the county office as sales are final. Also, this avoids producers misplacing the card.

Remember, when returning the marketing card, if you are a producer who has purchased a tobacco quota in the past 3 years you must furnish the FSA office a sale bill reflecting the money allocated to each producer along with any expenses (fertilizer, lime, chemicals, etc.).

Sign-up for 2004 Direct and Counter-Cyclical program
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 contract 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.

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.

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. 4.

Important program dates
Return marketing cards when sales are final.

Deadline to return voted ballots to FSA-December 15, 2003
Warehouse Re-designation sign-up December 1-5, 2003

Grassland Reserve Program applica-

tions being accepted for 2004 funds.

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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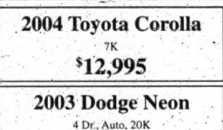
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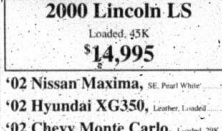
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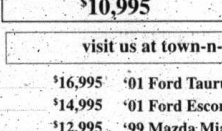
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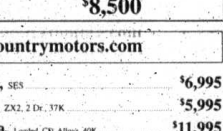
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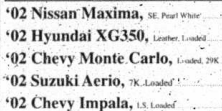
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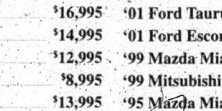
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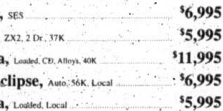
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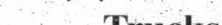
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'99 Mazda Miata, Loaded, CD, Alloys, 40K

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'02 Chevy Monte Carlo, Loaded, 20K

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'02 Suzuki Aerie, 7K, Loaded

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'99 Mitsubishi Eclipse, Auto, 56K, Local

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'02 Chevy Impala, LS, Loaded

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'95 Mazda Miata, Loaded, Local

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Trucks - Vans - Sport Utilities



2003 Suzuki XL7 4x4, Alloys, Loaded, 21K

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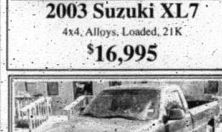
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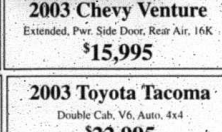
2003 Ford Explorer XLT, 4x4, 3rd Row Seat, Rear Air, 16K

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2003 Chevy C1500 4x4, V8, Auto, 44K, 11K

\$21,500



2003 Toyota Tacoma Double Cab, V6, Auto, 4x4

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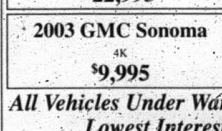
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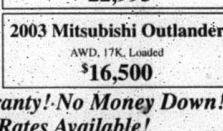
2001 Chevy C1500 Auto, Fiberglass Topper

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2003 GMC Sonoma 4K

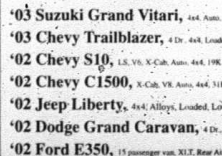
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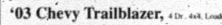
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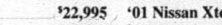
'01 Chevy Tracker, 4 Dr., Auto, 4x4

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'02 Chevy S10, LS, V6, X-Cab, Auto, 44K, 19K

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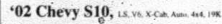
'01 Nissan Xterra, 4x4, Auto, Loaded, 23K

\$17,500



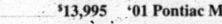
'01 Pontiac Montana, Pwr. Side Door, Rear Air, On Star

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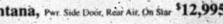
'02 Jeep Liberty, 4x4, Alloys, Loaded, Lots of Extras

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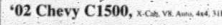
'00 Ford Windstar, 4 Dr., Loaded, Local

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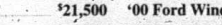
'98 Ford F150, X-Cab, 4x4

\$8,995



'02 Dodge Grand Caravan, 4 Dr., Rear Air, Loaded, 20K

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'97 Nissan Pathfinder, SE, 4x4, Auto, Local

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