

Agricultural News

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Hispanic and Women Farmers and Ranchers Claims Must be Post-marked by March 25th

Agriculture Secretary Tom Vilsack today reminded Hispanic and women farmers and ranchers who believe they have faced discriminatory practices in the past from the USDA have 45 days remaining in the filing period closing March 25, 2013.

USDA urges potential claimants to contact the Claims Administrator for information and mail their claim packages on or before March 25, 2013.

The process offers a voluntary alternative to litigation for each Hispanic or female farmer and rancher who can prove that USDA denied his or her application for loan or loan servicing assistance for discriminatory reasons for certain time periods between 1981 and 2000. As announced in February 2011, the voluntary

claims process will make available at least \$1.33 billion for cash awards and tax relief payments, plus up to \$160 million in farm debt relief, to eligible Hispanic and women farmers and ranchers. There are no filing fees to participate in the program.

Claimants may register for a claims package (by calling the number or visiting the website) or may download the forms from the website. All those interested in learning more or receiving information about the claims process and claims packages are encouraged to contact the website at any time or call center telephone number Monday through Friday 9 a.m. to 8 p.m. Eastern Time.

Website : www.farmerclaims.gov
Phone: 1-888-508-4429

Claims Period: September 24, 2012 - March 25, 2013.

Independent legal ser-

VICES companies will administer the claims process and adjudicate the claims. Although there are no filing fees to participate and a lawyer is not required to participate in the claims process, persons seeking legal advice may contact a lawyer or other legal services provider.

Under Secretary Vilsack's leadership, USDA has instituted a comprehensive plan to strengthen the Department as a model service provider and to ensure that every farmer and rancher is treated equally and fairly as part of "a new era of civil rights" at USDA. The claims process provides a voluntary alternative to continuing litigation for Hispanic and female farmers and ranchers who want to use it.

Noninsured Crop Disaster Assistance Program

USDA's Farm Service Agency's (FSA) Noninsured Crop Disaster Assistance Program (NAP) is designed to provide financial assistance to producers of noninsurable crops when low yields, loss of inventory or prevented planting occurs due to natural disasters.

To be eligible for NAP assistance and other FSA Disaster Assistance Programs, producers harvesting crops must purchase NAP coverage for which the catastrophic risk protection level of crop insurance is not available.

The natural disaster must occur before or during harvest and must directly affect the eligible crop. An eligible natural disaster is any of the following:

- damaging weather, such as drought, freeze, hail, excessive moisture, excessive wind or hurricanes;
- an adverse natural occurrence, such as earthquake or flood; or
- a condition related to damaging weather or an adverse natural occurrence, such as excessive heat, disease or insect infestation.

The deadline to purchase NAP date for Vegetables and Soybeans is March 15, 2013.

Direct and Counter-Cyclical Payment Program (DCP) - 2013

The American Taxpayer Relief Act of 2012, enacted on Jan. 2, 2013, amends the Food, Conservation, and Energy Act of 2008 and provides for a one-year extension of the Direct and Counter-Cyclical (DCP) program. To be eligible for direct and counter-cyclical payments, producers must enroll their farms in DCP during the sign-up period which began on Feb. 19, 2013 and ends on Aug. 2, 2013.

In Loving Memory



In Loving Memory of Carolyn Mason
Apr. 23, 1954-Feb. 17, 2013

Carolyn Louise Mason (nee Miller). Momma went on to Heaven February 17, 2013 at the age of 58.

A dear Momma of Carolee and Rick Winkler of Mt. Vernon, Tina Morris, Gary Mason, Jr. and Amy and James Hamblin, all of Cincinnati, Ohio. Dear Grandma of Adrienne, Lori, Courtney, Cierra, Justin, Natalie and Harlee. Great Grandma of Chloe and Serenity.

Daughter of the late Elmer Miller and Minnie Bullock. Sister of Joan Isaacs, Janice Young, Mark, Gary and Larry Miller.

Funeral services were held at Hodapp Funeral Home in West Chester, Ohio with burial in Rest Haven Memorial Cemetery in Blue Ash, Ohio.

2013 Rockcastle County Youth Baseball Registration Form

Name: _____

First _____ Last _____

Date of Birth: ____/____/____ Phone # (____) _____

Address: _____ League Age _____ Male _____ Female _____

Street _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Participation in Little League Baseball/Softball requires the ability to run, throw, swing a bat and catch a ball. Additionally, participation requires the capacity to understand the rules of the game. Does your child have any current condition that limits his/her ability to participate in this activity?

YES NO

If "yes", please explain and identify any modification that would enable your child to participate.

Please provide information about allergies or medical conditions that the team should be aware of in case of an emergency.

I/We the parent(s) of the above name candidate for a position on a Little League team, hereby give my/our approval to participate in any and all Little League activities, including transportation to and from the activities.

I/we know that participation in baseball/softball may result in serious injuries and protective equipment does not prevent all injuries to players and hereby waive, release, absolve indemnity and agree to hold harmless the local Little League, Little League Baseball, Inc., the organizers, sponsors, participants and persons transporting my/our child to and from activities for any claim arising out of injury to my/our child whether the result of negligence or for any other cause, except to the extent and in the amount covered by accident or liability insurance.

I/We agree to return upon request the uniform and other equipment issued to my/our child in as good a condition as when received except for normal wear and tear.

I/We will furnish a certified birth certificate of the above name candidate to League Officials.

Parent or Guardian: _____

(Print) (Signature)

Name of Family Hospitalization InsurancePlan: _____

Parent(s) Guardian(s) Occupation: _____

School Child attends: _____ President's Signature _____

Rockcastle Little League Baseball or Softball does not limit participation in its activities on the basis of disability.

Would you, as a parent be interested in helping the Little League? Please circle the activity you would be willing to participate in.

Managing a Team Coaching a Team Field Maintenance Other

Registration Fee: \$50
\$40 for each additional sibling
Tee Ball \$35 per child

Make checks payable to the Rockcastle County Little League

Please circle below the appropriate shirt size for uniforms.

Youth: S M L XL
Adult: S M L XL

Please mail completed forms and payment to:
RCLL
PO Box 617 or drop them off at Jack's Hardware, Williams Street, Mt. Vernon KY
Brodhead, KY 40409

*Player Evaluations will be March 30 at the Rockcastle Co. Middle School gymnasium. All players required to attend.



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Mon., Mar. 18: Spiro, Level Green, Willailla and Country Care. **Tues., Mar. 19:** Ottawa and Bee Lick. **Wed., Mar. 20:** Day Health Senior Citizens.

Brodhead Alumni Banquet

The 55th annual Brodhead High School Alumni Banquet will be held Saturday, April 6th at the school. Doors will open at 5 p.m. Honored classes this year are: 1938, 1943, 1948, 1953, 1958, 1963 and 1968. The meal will be catered by Ladonna's of London and will be served at 7 p.m. Early reservations are encouraged and are \$20 per person. Reservation checks should be sent to: Brodhead Elementary School, P.O. Box 187, Brodhead, Ky. 40409.

March CofC Meeting

The Rockcastle County Chamber of Commerce will meet Tuesday, March 19th at EST Tool and Machine in Brodhead at noon. Lunch will be provided by EST. The speaker will be State Senator Jared Carpenter.

Class of 1983 Reunion

The RCHS Class of 1983 will hold their 30 year reunion June 22nd at 6 p.m. at Cedar Rapids. \$20 single and \$30 couples. Money may be taken to A Cut Above or mailed to Glenna Settles, 343 Barnett Rd., Brodhead, KY 40409.

PVFD Basketball Tournament

Pongo Volunteer Fire Dept. will host their second annual Basketball Tournament March 22-24 at Rockcastle Middle School. Entry fee is \$200 a team. For more information, call 606-308-0146 or 606-308-9980.

Little League Sign-ups

Little League Sign-ups are being held every Saturday at Mt. Vernon Elementary from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Cost: Baseball, \$50 - each additional child is \$40; tee-ball, \$35 per child; girls softball, \$50. Contact Jerry Saylor at 606-392-1539.

ELI Applications due March 15

High school freshmen, sophomores and juniors can build their business and entrepreneurial skills this summer at The Center for Rural Development's 2013 Entrepreneurial Leadership Institute (ELI). Deadline to apply for ELI, tentatively scheduled for June 9-14, is March 15. For more information, call The Center at 606-677-6000 or visit us at www.centertech.com to download an application form.

CCFFG Meeting

Concerned Citizens for Fair Government will meet Thursday, March 21st on the third floor of the courthouse at 6 p.m.

VFW News

During the winter months, the post will be closed Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Sunday.

Brodhead Lodge Meeting

The Brodhead Masonic Lodge #556 meets every third Saturday at 7 p.m. on Main Street in Brodhead above Brodhead Pharmacy.

RCDB Meeting Notice

The Rockcastle County Development Board meets the 4th Wednesday of each month at noon at the Rockcastle County Courthouse 3rd floor Technology Center. The public is invited to attend.

Alcoholics Anonymous

Alcoholics Anonymous meets Tuesday nights at 8 p.m. behind Our Lady of Mt. Vernon Church on Williams St. in Mt. Vernon.

Kiwanis Club Meetings

The Rockcastle Kiwanis Club meets every Thursday at noon at the Teacup Cafe on Main St. in Mt. Vernon.. Everyone welcome.

Historical Society Hours

The Rockcastle Historical Society is open on Mondays from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. in the RTEC garage building.

Sons of Confederate Veterans

The Sons of Confederate Veterans (SCV), Rockcastle Camp, meets the second Tuesday of each month at 7 p.m. on the third floor of the county courthouse. For more information, contact David Owens at 606-256-9870.

American Legion Post 71

American Legion Post 71 meets the second Thursday at 7 p.m. of each month on the third floor of the courthouse. Commander David Owens invites all Rockcastle veterans to join this organization that honors American soldiers, sailors and airmen.