

Agricultural News

By: Warden Alexander, FSA Director

Payment Reductions Due to Mandated Sequester

USDA's Farm Service Agency (FSA) is reminding farmers and ranchers who participate in FSA programs to plan accordingly in FY2014 for automatic spending reductions known as sequestration. The Budget Control Act of 2011 (BCA) mandates that federal agencies implement automatic, annual reductions to discretionary and mandatory spending limits. For mandatory programs, the sequestration rate for FY2014 is 7.2%.

Accordingly, FSA is implementing sequestration for the following programs: Dairy Indemnity Payment Program; Marketing Assistance Loans; Loan Deficiency Payments; Sugar Loans; Noninsured Crop Disaster Assistance Program; Tobacco Transition Payment Program; 2013 Direct and Counter-Cyclical Payments; 2013 Average Crop Revenue Election Program; 2011 and 2012 Supplemental Revenue Assistance Program; Storage, handling; and Economic Adjustment Assistance for upland cotton.

Conservation Reserve Program payments are specifically exempt by statute from sequestration, thus these payments will not be reduced.

These sequester percentages reflect current law estimates; however with the continuing budget uncertainty, Congress still may adjust the exact percentage reduction. Today's announcement intends to help producers plan for the impact of sequestration cuts in

FY2014.

At this time, FSA is required to implement the sequester reductions. Due to the expiration of the Farm Bill on September 30, FSA does not have the flexibility to cover these payment reductions in the same manner as in FY13. FSA will provide notification as early as practicable on the specific payment reductions.

COC Election Ballots

It has been brought to our attention that the COC election ballots were mailed out with a misprint. County committee elections must use a "secret ballot"; therefore, the current ballots cannot be used.

Please destroy the ballot received if you have not yet voted. All completed ballots received by County Offices through December 9 are to be placed in the ballot lockbox. On December 9, they are to be destroyed unopened, and County Offices are to certify to their State Office that the ballots were destroyed.

County Committee elections will be delayed. Look for new ballots to be mailed in mid-December with a new date of ballot return and the deadline for ballot counting.

We apologize for this inconvenience.

For information about FSA programs, visit your county USDA Service Center or go to www.fsa.usda.gov/.

Important program dates and Interest Rates

Farm Operating Loans-Direct=2.125%

Farm Ownership Loans-Direct=4.250%

Limited Resource Loans=5.000%

Farm Storage Loans-7 yr.=2.000%, 10 yr.=2.625%, 12 yr.=2.875%
Commodity Loans = 1.125%

TTPP (Maximum Discount Rate)=5.000%

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Mamaw's Kitchen

By Regina Poynter Hoskins

FRENCH ONION POT ROAST

I had heard neighbor David say that his favorite soup was French Onion. When I decided to make a roast for a summer get-together Will and I were hosting, I wanted it to taste like French Onion soup with roast beef in it. The rest of the party and I thought I succeeded very well.

1 teaspoon each salt and pepper

1 sirloin tip roast or lean chuck, about 3 pounds

2 cans (10 1/2 ounces) condensed French onion soup

1 bag (about 16 ounces) frozen small white onions

1 red onion, thinly sliced

1/4 cup chopped green onions

1/2 cup shredded provolone cheese

1/4 cup shredded Swiss cheese

1/4 cup shredded parmesan cheese

Fresh chopped parsley or chives for garnish, optional
Rub salt and pepper into the pot roast. Put roast, French onion soup, small white onions, the red onions, and the green onions in slow cooker. Cover; cook on LOW for 8 hours, or HIGH for 4 hours. Arrange sliced beef on a

platter with the onionscovering the slices. Sprinkle the cheeses over the onions. Drizzle some of the juices over cheese. Sprinkle with more chives or some chopped parsley, if desired.

CROCK-ROASTED VEGETABLES

This method is so much easier than roasting vegetables in the oven or on a grill. Just put them in the pot and forget about them until ready to serve.

1 pound small turnips, peeled

2 pounds tiny new potatoes, washed

2 pounds baby peeled carrots

3 or 4 small yellow squash

10 cloves garlic, peeled

6 baby green zucchini

1/2 pound pearl or boiling onions, peeled

3 tablespoon olive oil

1 tablespoon coarse salt

1 teaspoon black pepper

In a large plastic food-storage bag, combine all ingredients. Seal bag and shake to coat all vegetables with the oil, salt, and pepper. Pour into a 5- to 7-quart crock pot. Cover and cook on HIGH for 3 to 4 hours or until carrots are tender when pierced with a fork.

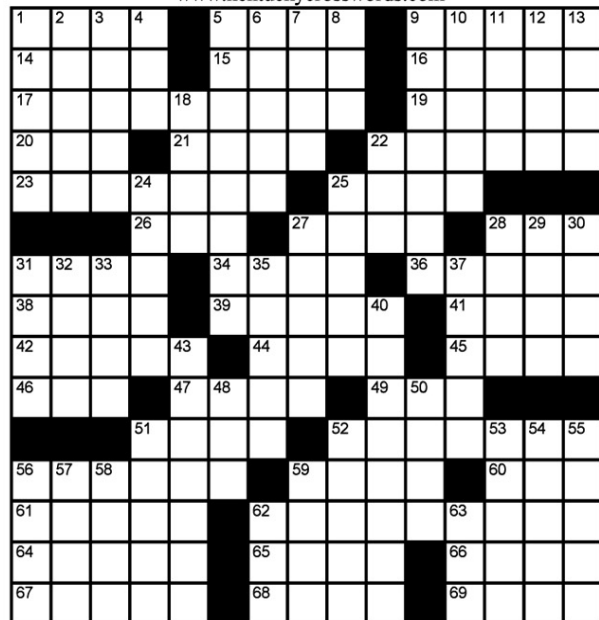
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ACROSS

- Cozy
- Farmer's place, in song
- Stationed
- Stage solo
- China setting
- Kentuckian James Bowie's last stand
- Former Kentucky Gov. Wallace G.
- Wash cycle
- Barbie's beau
- Letcher Co. hamlet, Fork, or pizzeria fixture
- Kentuckian, bluegrass musician Ricky
- Hit the snooze
- Misses
- Bando of baseball
- Herb in stuffing
- Call to Bo-peep
- Aquatic plant
- French novelist Pierre
- Football measurements?
- Commuting option
- "Dallas" family name
- Look quickly
- Gadget
- "If all ____ fails ..."
- Barley beards
- Food scrap
- Math ratio
- Neither's partner
- Nile bird
- Aligns in the middle
- Home Kentucky county of

Campbellsville University

- Fill beyond full
- Animal house
- Broadcasting
- Hopkinsville, KY is this county's seat
- Home county of Morehead State University
- Campus military org.
- "Green Gables" girl
- First winner of NBA Slam Dunk Contest
- Low digits
- Clutter

DOWN

- Buteo, red-tailed, and sharp shinned for three
- Bay window
- Pooh's creator
- Beast of burden
- Town of Kentucky's first courthouse
- City on the Ruhr
- Cassius Clay, a.k.a. "The ____ of White Hall"
- PC linkup
- Large western Kentucky lake
- Assumed name
- Caroled
- "Email message" in texting
- Takes care of
- Small amount
- Mattress problem
- Sacred hymn
- Profits

- Fence feature
- Boil (like tea)
- Gulf port
- Shows curiosity
- Jason's ship
- Renfro Valley Barn Dance founder
- General meaning
- Kentuckian, amateur golf champion Johnny
- Separately
- Kentuckian Thomas Hunt Morgan's specialty
- Kentuckian, "One of Us" singer
- "If I remember" in texting
- Aces, sometimes
- Hipbone-related
- Bill of fare
- Web mag
- Some horses
- Sound units
- Conflicted
- Dwarf buffalo
- Sign of boredom
- "Scram!"
- PC component
- Flat hat

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