

Agricultural News

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Environmental Quality Incentive Program (EQIP)

The Environmental Quality Incentive Program (EQIP) is a voluntary program to assist landowners with solving natural resources problems through financial and technical assistance. Cost share assistance is available to establish long term contracts on eligible land. The duration of contracts is from 5 to 10 years to allow landowners an opportunity to plan installation of conservation practices well in advance of the scheduled year.

EQIP works primarily in priority areas where significant natural resource problems exist. In general, priority areas are defined as watersheds, regions or areas of special environmental sensitivity or having significant soil, water, related quality and quantity, wildlife habitat, wetlands and forest and grazing lands. Eligibility is limited to persons who are engaged in livestock or agricultural production.

Sign up for CDP ends February 25th.

Livestock Assistance Program (LAP) At An End
Rockcastle County's approved LAP ends February 4th.

To be eligible for LAP a producer must have suffered a 40% or greater loss of normal grazing production for

three or more consecutive months during the LAP crop year, possess beneficial interest in eligible livestock (beef and dairy cattle, sheep, goats, swine, equine animals used for commercially or kept by owner for foal/feeder production, have owned or leased the eligible livestock for at least three months.

In order to complete the application, producers must list the number of eligible livestock head by weight groups and have receipts for purchases and sales for the months of July-November, 19th.

Because only a specific amount of money (\$200 million) has been approved for LAP, a national factor will be determined if application requests exceed the allocated amount of money. This factor will be announced after the end of sign-up.

If you have not signed up for this program: remember the deadline is now February 4th.

For more details on LAP contact the FSA office.

Aid To Dairy Farmers
Agriculture Secretary, Dan Glickman, has announced that USDA is providing \$125 million in direct cash payments to assist dairy farmers who have been hurt by low prices. An additional \$200 million in aid was distributed last summer.

This assistance is sorely needed to help keep man small- and medium-size dairy producers in business until prices stabilize.

To distribute limited resources equitably among all dairy producers, the Dairy Market Loss Assistance program provides payments based on an operator's milk production in 1997 or 1998, up to the first 26,000 hundredweight of production. All dairy farmers who produced milk during the last quarter of the calendar year 1998 are eligible for the program.

Eligible dairy farmers who did not participate in the program last summer must sign up at their local FSA office from January 24-February 28, 2000. Farmers who participated in last summer's program will automatically receive payments and do not need to reapply for assistance. The dollar amount of payments will be

The sign up period for this program began Feb. 1st and will conclude on Feb. 28th. Applications can be made at the local office of NRCS and FSA.

Cross County Leasing Referendum

The cross county leasing referendum voted upon has passed. Therefore, producers will be eligible to lease across county lines in Kentucky beginning with the 2000 crop year.

The cross county leasing does NOT permit the sale and purchase of quota across county lines.

Marketing Cards
Producers are reminded to return their marketing cards to the FSA office IMMEDIATELY after all sales are final for verification of marketings.

Applications For New Burley Tobacco Quota

Producers who own land and do not have a burley tobacco quota may be eligible for a new burley tobacco quota. Eligibility requirements include: own land which has tillable cropland with no tobacco quota, have two out of five years marketing history of burley tobacco, and 50% of average income derived from farming. Producers who wish to make an application should contact this office no later than February 15th.

Crop Disaster Program (CDP)
The Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2000, and the Omnibus Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2000, included a total of \$1.386 billion for the Crop Disaster Program (CDP). CDP assistance is for farmers who suffered losses to 1999 crops due to natural disasters. Farmers are eligible for compensation for 1999 crop losses, directly attributed to adverse weather and related conditions.

Producers who suffered greater than a 35% loss on insured/noninsured crops such as tobacco and corn and the non insurable crops such as hay, soybeans and vegetables for commercial use are eligible to receive payment.

Payments to farmers will be provided after all applications are reviewed in order to stay with the program's requirements and budget.

As a condition of receiving benefits under CDP, any producer who elected not to purchase crop insurance on the 1999 crop for which CDP benefits are requested MUST insure that crop for the 2000 and 2001 crop years.

calculated after sign-up is complete.
Program Deadlines to Remember
Program-Ending Date: Livestock Assistance Program (LAP) Feb. 4,

2000; Conservation Reserve Program (CRP) Feb. 11, 2000; Tobacco; New Growers Quota Feb. 15, 2000; Tobacco-Disaster Leasing Feb. 15, 2000; Crop Disaster Program (CDP) Feb. 25, 2000; Environmental Quality Incentive Program (EQIP) Feb. 28, 2000; Dairy Market Loss Assistance (DMLA) Feb. 28, 2000.

For further information concerning these programs, contact the FSA office prior to the deadline listed above.

In Loving Memory

In Loving Memory of
Charles W. Clark,
who passed away October 14, 1993
Sadly missed by his wife,
Dorothy Clark

If life could only bring again,
The days I took for granted then.
To hear your voice,
It's just a call away.
Of what I'd give for just some time,
To say the things that slipped my mind.
So much now I'd really like to say.

I can never go back when,
We did the things we did back then.
I stored those precious memories in my mind.

I like what you instilled in me,
I tried to be all I could be,
Walk the path you have left behind.

I sure miss you,
I sure will never be the same.
With you not here,
Each passing day has brought much pain.
But with God's grace,
My strength remains.
I sure miss you, but
Heaven's sweeter with you there.

The little things that seem so small,
Now go in a memory vault.
To cherish everyone I have of you,
Now I can see and recognize,
The parts you paid to shape my life.
I often see you in the little things I do,
God designed a Master plan,
He saw the hurting hand of man.

As we would say goodbye,
To those so dear,
So with our family and friends,
We'll be together once again.
To view heaven splendid hand in hand.
Happy Birthday, February 7th

Conservation District Cost Share Program

The Rockcastle County Conservation District will be accepting requests for cost sharing funding under the Kentucky Soil Erosion and Water Quality Cost Share Program beginning February 1 and extending through February 28.

The Kentucky Soil Erosion and Water Quality Cost Share Program was created to help agricultural operations protect the soil and water resources of Kentucky. This program

is a result of House Bill 377 that was passed in the 1994 General Assembly. This Bill establish annual cost share funds to be administered by conservation districts with priority given to animal waste related problems and agriculture district participants where pollution problems have been identified. The Kentucky Department of Agriculture will provide initial funding for the program. Funding for practices will be

approved by the Soil and Water Conservation Commission at the Kentucky Division of Conservation, located in Frankfort, as funds are available.

For more information stop by the conservation district office located at the USDA Service Center, Hwy. 150, Mt. Vernon. Monday through Friday 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. or phone Randall Templeman, District Conservationist, at 256-2525 Ext. 3.



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Rev. 18:1 (A Cloud of Heaven)
6:2 Matt. 26:64
Matt. 24:27

Do you know the Bible tells how you were judged in the next world? It's in ZECH. 14:16-19, and anyone and any family or any nation that failed to worship the king keeping the Feast of Tabernacles was judged to be heathen and their rain was taken away.

Faith in Christ saved the heathen to the judgement, but Christ couldn't save the people in the judgement. Keeping the Feast of Tabernacles saved them ZECH. 14:16-19.

Christ is not Lord. The Son of God is, and he said many would come in his name saying he was Christ and would deceive many MATT. 24:5, and that is so-called Christian religion. They say Christ is Lord. They also refuse to keep the Feast of Tabernacles. They also failed to receive eternal life in the judgement. ZECH 14:16-19.

The Lord caused me to know Paul prosecuted the saints of God, even consented unto their death, so God cast Paul away from him.

Then Christ called Paul to work for him. Christ could not have called Paul if he had been of God, for the only people that were given to Christ was the heathen, and the uttermost parts of the earth for his possession. PSALMS 2:8. Now look around you. Who is it that says Christ is Lord? Is it not the heathen that refuse to keep the Feast of Tabernacles? Some do keep it.

I was caused to know Paul did too much writing, and Satan did too much helping, and their works was put in the Bible between God's holy writing and has deceived millions into believing they have eternal life.

Satan had Jesus Christ preached in his churches and got the people saved. REV. 2:9, REV. 3:9.

There is no eternal life in the Bible outside of God's Holy days. I don't care what Paul and Satan wrote. I have been caused to know when the Bible talks about the only begotten son of God it says the only son God begot, God's other son has no beginning or end, he is the (Son of Man), he is (Lord).

In PSALMS 2:6 and PSALMS 2:8 God gave two sons a kingdom, but God only had one son, so God begot a son.

When the King came for the judgement (ZECH. 14, 16-19) he used God's Holy days to separate the people for the two sons Kingdoms.

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