

Phase II Tobacco Payments

Tobacco growers/tenants, quota owners and growing farm operators who produced tobacco in 1999 and shared in the risks of production are eligible to receive a portion of Kentucky's share of the National Tobacco Growers Settlement Trust (Phase II). The funds will be divided equally with 1/3 for quota, 1/3 for land and 1/3 for labor.

Applications will be mailed, like last year, to all farm operators involved in tobacco production. The forms will be due back at the end of October. Applicants will find this year's form looks a bit different than last year's. It's easier to understand and easier to complete.

A toll-free phone help line will be up and running a week before applications are distributed. You can get answers to funds by calling 1-877-549-2537 beginning September 10th. Funds will be distributed by Decem-

ber 31, 2000. Exact rates for payment will be known after November 15, 2000.

The Farm Service Agency has been authorized to help operators fill out the Phase II forms by phone at 256-2525 or in the office on Mondays and Tuesdays only. If anyone needs assistance completing their applications on other days, we encourage you to call the Rockcastle County Extension Office at 256-2403 or the toll-free number of Phase II.

Phase II Tobacco Meeting There will be a Phase II Tobacco meeting September 28, 2000 at 7:00 p.m. to be held at the Rockcastle County High School Auditorium. The meeting is being conducted by the Rockcastle County Extension Office and the Farm Service Agency. Please



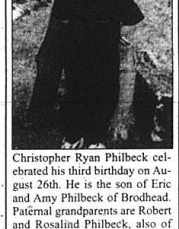
Alexis Lynn Lovell, daughter of Michael David and Susan Lovell, celebrated her third birthday with a Bluez Clues party. Alexis is the granddaughter of Wendell and Diana Robinson, Mike and Sharon Lovell, Gail Reynolds and Jerry Reynolds. Her great grandparents are Gladys Robinson, Myrna Bale, and Bertie Kelly. Alexis wants to thank all of her family and friends who helped her celebrate her birthday.



D.R. and Goldie Blanton of Broadhead and Eldin Browning of Anville are proud to announce the birth of their granddaughter, Raygan Brooke Browning. Raygan was born at Patten A. Clay Hospital on July 23, 2000 weighing 7 lbs. 11 ozs. and was 21" long. Proud parents are Greg and Regina Browning of Anville, Ky. Great grandparents are Dixie and the late Carole Blanton of Broadhead.



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2000 Tiny Tot Miss World Chicken Festival... Miss Carley Raye Childress competed in The World Chicken Festival Pageant September 17th in London, KY. She completed with girls 13-18 months old. Miss Carley Raye Childress was crowned queen of her county and was crowned queen for the 2000 Tiny Tot Miss World Chicken Festival. Carley Raye received a beautiful designer crown and sash and four trophies and a savings bond. Carley Raye also won Pretties Smile, Miss Photogenic, and Most Beautiful Baby. Carley Raye is the daughter of Brian and Crystal Childress of Mt. Vernon, granddaughter of Jim and Louise Mink of Mt. Vernon, Cecil and Pat Childress of Mt. Vernon. She is also the great granddaughter of Homer and Bronith Mink of Somerset, the late Rollie B. and Betty Mullins of Mt. Vernon, Billy and Janice Lovell of Mt. Vernon, the late Pete and Tessie Childress of Mt. Vernon. She also has one aunt, Ashley Mink, of Mt. Vernon. All of your family is very proud of you Carley Raye!

bring your Phase II applications and any questions to the meeting.

Tobacco Loss Assistance with Regard to Estates

With regard to the recent TLAP00 applications pertaining to estates for which ownership was not determined and the TLAP application was not complete; the following is being provided.

Several States have requested guidance regarding ownership proof requirements for determining who is eligible to receive a TLAP00 payment. After careful consideration and in the spirit of protecting small farms and avoiding civil litigation, FSA is authorized to take a certification from the best source available. For example, where there are multiple heirs that are the rightful owners of a

property, FSA may take a certification from one or more of the owners as to the identity of the other owners and their share of the tobacco quota. In their property TLAP00 applications, where some but not all heirs applied for a payment, the other heirs who wish to apply may file an application for payment through December 1, 2000. Each payment approved under this late-filed provision must be concurred with by the Kentucky State FSA Committee (STC).

In order to meet the statutory payment disbursement deadline, TLAP00 sign up is being implemented as a certification program. For purposes of TLAP00 only, landowners will not be required to produce a legal document to confirm ownership if not readily available.

Burley tobacco farmers applied at FSA offices for compensation under the Tobacco Loss Assistance Program (TLAP) by the deadline of Sept. 15, 2000. USDA will distribute \$340 million to compensate tobacco farmers who suffered a reduction of tobacco quota or acreage for the 1999-2000 crop years. Kentucky's share is \$140 million.

As directed by Congress, farmers of this late-filed provision must receive a portion of the \$340 million to help defray lost income resulting

from declining quotas and allotments. Individual farm payments for burley tobacco will be split three ways between farmers, quota owners, and those who control the quotas (farm operators). Payments under the second year of TLAP will be based on the 2000 crop quota.

REMEMBER: DECEMBER 1st, 2000 is the deadline for late filed applications pertaining to estates!

Loan Deficiency Payment

Producers who retain beneficial interest in commodity eligible for a loan or a loan deficiency payment (LDP) are eligible for the payment of the allowable remain with the producer:

- Control of the commodity
Risk of loss
Title of the commodity
One of the eligibility requirements for Loans and LDP's is the crop must have been produced on contract acreage (AMTA), exception to soybeans.

A recent bill will now allow non-contract crops to be eligible for LDP's for 2000 year only.

For further information on the LDP program contact the local FSA office.

Pasture Recovery Program

Producers who signed up for the Pasture Recovery Program by the deadline to complete the practice is Sept. 30th.

Producers must sign in the county office that the practice was completed by the deadline of September 30th or by October 2nd or the practice will be disapproved.

FSA Quiet Time

The Farm Service Agency will by processing payments on Wednesday mornings, therefore, limited service will be available during these quiet hours. Applications and other documents may be left on the front counter. The quiet time became effective Wednesday, September 20, 2000.

The Challenges & Opportunities of Harvest Season

As farmers watch their crops turn from green to tawny brown, they anxiously await the dry-down of their ready-to-harvest levels. The waiting is always difficult as an entire

growing season worth of effort stands at the threshold of maturity, exposed and vulnerable to adverse weather. Recently heavy winds flattened thousands of acres from corn and central Illinois just days before it would have been dry enough to shell. Now those producers hit by high winds who have a difficult time harvesting the downed crop and will struggle to recover what they can. Significant field loss is inevitable when mature corn is hit by field robbing winds.

In the past when livestock fences lined the countryside, farmers could graze cattle or other livestock in fields for weeks after harvest allowing the animals to capitalize on the field loss. But today few fences remain as producers tend to specialize in crop production or livestock production instead of trying to manage both. Once a farmer's crop is on the ground it may be irrevocable, because conventional equipment can only harvest production that is standing or attached to the stalk. Without a mechanical means to gather up field loss, a farmer is once again subject to yet another agricultural loss.

For organizations like bee scouts, girls scouts or other groups, the farmer's loss could be a gleaming opportunity for those abled bodied persons who want to raise money. Unharvested cars of corn are a full penny scattered across a farmers field, and with the producers permission, supervised children could gather up field loss corn to benefit a charity of their choice. A similar opportunity exists in orchards where apples are left on the trees, or in pumpkin and squash patches where leftover produce remains. Other potential gleaming situations are available during the harvest season for those who are willing to perform the task of hand picking that which can not be mechanically harvested. Organizations can plan a group outing by calling a farmer they know and asking for permission to glean his fields. Gleaning helps the farmer clear his fields while reclaimed produce can be sold for a worthwhile

cause. Produce recovery is a win/win situation that is available at harvest time to those who are willing to work. Celebrate National Honey Month September was designated as national honey month, which commemorates the beneficial contribution honeybees make to agriculture by pollinating the crops across America. Over 25% of the consumer's diet today consists of foods which are made possible by bees that carry pollen from plant to plant. The tireless worker bees live for five or six weeks; and are the only members of a hive that gather the nectar which becomes honey. Worker bees can cover about 55,000 miles and visit over 2 million flowers in order to produce one pound of honey. Bees have maintained a symbiotic relationship with agriculture since the first farmer started raising crops thousands of years ago. The history of beekeeping goes back even further as evidenced by cave paintings that date back to 7000BC.

The honey from bees is a natural sweetener that is very nutritious, and an excellent cooking additive or baking ingredient. While honey primarily consists of glucose, fructose, and water, it also contains vitamins, mineral, amino acids and trace enzymes. The natural combination of these components are the source of honey's medical characteristics. Both internal and external applications of honey have been found to have specific health benefits. Everything from skin treatments to cold remedies have incorporated honey as part of their health formula or curative recipe. Honey derives its flavor profile from the various plant sources where the nectar originates. Hives located, for example, in orange groves will produce orange blossom honey while clover honey is extracted from hives bordering clover fields. There are over 300 identifiable floral sources for honey in the United States alone.

Currently, eligible beekeepers can get a honey loan from the Farm Service Agency. (Cont. to A11)

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Bittersweet Festival 2000 October 6th - 8th "A little bit of something for everyone!" All activities will be held on Main Street unless otherwise noted. Admission to the festival is free!

TOPS (Take Off Pounds Sensibly) TOPS meets Thursday at 6 p.m. at Broadhead Christian Church base-ment, 401 Main St. in Broadhead. For more info, call 1-800-932-TOPS or locally 758-4047. Bookmobile Schedule Mon., Oct. 2nd: Scaffold Cane, Disputanta, Anglin Falls, Clear Creek, Wildie. Tues., Oct. 3rd: Buffalo, Castle Village, Broadhead Adult Daycare, Negr Creek. Wed., Oct. 4th: Ottawa and Bee Lick. Kiwanis Club The Rockcastle Kiwanis meets Thursday at noon at the Rockcastle Inn Restaurant. All visitors are welcome. Marine Corps League Bluegrass Chapter 1012 of the Marine Corps League meets every third Thursday of the month at the Igloo Club at the Bluegrass Inn, 707 p.m. For more info, call 256-3333, 256-9448 or 1-800-932-TOPS. TOPS meets every Thursday at 6:30 p.m. at BRVED. R.A.A.P. Meeting. Rockcastle Adoption Agency for Pets Inc. meets the first Sunday of each month at 2 p.m. in the Health and animal shelter in Rockcastle County, Call Terry at 758-9202 or Vickie 256-5183 for directions. RCHS SBDM The RCHS SBDM Council will hold its regular monthly meetings on the first Thursday of each month at 6 p.m. in the RCHS Conference room. Saddle Club The Rockcastle County Saddle Club meets the first Monday of each month at the clubhouse on Hwy. 1236 at Broadhead Road at 7 p.m. An outlook dinner is served. The directors meet the last Thursday of

Friday, Oct. 6 4:00 p.m. Festival Opens Various booths, food concessions, entertainment and more! 5:00 p.m. Entertainment 6:00 p.m. Radioactive Sounds (DJ Jeff Petrey) Dance contests (the Twist, couples dance and more) 11:00 p.m. Festival Closes Saturday, October 9 7:00 a.m. Final Registration for 5K Bittersweet Run (for registration and information, call 256-3284 - Entry fee \$) 8:00 a.m. 5K Bittersweet Run 9:00 a.m. Festival open to the public 10:00 a.m. Horseshoe Tournament (Sponsored by Lumber King and Barry McClure Builders) to be held at Mt. Vernon City Park & Ball Driving Contest (Sponsored by Lowe's Home Center of Lexington) Mt. Vernon City Park Baby, Little Miss and Little Master Pageant (for registration forms and information, call 256-3284 or 878-8000) 12:00 p.m. KID'S FUN TIME (all ages up to 12 years) Just for kids - 1 mile Bittersweet Race (entry fee \$) Games, prizes, music and lots of fun! State Police fingerprinting Booth featuring SP The Robot. Sponsored by the Ky. State Police 2:00 p.m. Parade (floats, ball teams, cheerleaders, 4-wheelers, Jr. ROTC, Parade winners, FFW, Dance Team, fire engines, Ky. Trail Blazers wagon train and more). For information forms and information, call 256-4428. Must register before 4 p.m. Senior Bingo Game (Bingo just for ages 50 and up - prizes 15:00) Variety Talent Show (For categories; youth up to age 15 & adults 16 and over. For registration forms and information, call 256-4428. Must register before 4 p.m.) Best "Bittersweet Dessert" - Bring your best dessert to be judged. Winners receive award. Sponsored by the Rockcastle County Hospital and Respiratory Care Center, Inc. Country and Southern Rock Music Featuring "Legal Limit" sponsored by the Rockcastle County Hospital and Respiratory Care Center, Inc. Festival Closes (booths removed) Sunday, Oct. 8 1:00 p.m. All Day Gospel Singing in Town 5:00 p.m. Festival Closes For more information, call the number listed for that event, contact any of the festival committee (Carol Kirby, Phyllis Deatherage, Janet McClure, Sharon Thacker, Sherry Hansel, Teresa Bussell or Minnie Kirby) or Mt. Vernon City Hall at 606-256-3437