

Agricultural News

By: Warden Alexander, FSA Director

Cross County Leasing Referendum Coming Soon!
FSA is now gearing up for the upcoming Cross County Leasing Referendum. The referendum will be held October 23-27 to determine whether cross-county leasing of burley tobacco quotas should be permitted.

If more than 50 percent of the eligible burley tobacco producers voting in a state referendum favor cross-county leasing, then the lease and transfer of a burley quota from one farm to another farm in the state would be permitted. If 50 percent or more of the producers voting in the state referendum disapprove, the lease and transfer of burley quota would continue only for leases and transfers with the same county.

The eligibility to vote in the referendum will be the same as the eligibility standards for votes taken on the triennial marketing quota referendum and will be limited to active burley tobacco producers.

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 the 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 go out in mid-September and 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 December 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 of the County Committee (COC) Election.

The Farm Service Agency (FSA) is now soliciting everyone's help in obtaining names and addresses of all eligible voters before the COC election scheduled for December 2000. FSA continues to seek voters and candidates for the upcoming COC election. All eligible voters, including spouses, are urged to contact the local FSA office if they have not received election ballots in the past.

Nomination forms are now available from the FSA office for the area of LAA#2, Community B. This area is the southeast section of Rockcastle County, bounded by Pulaski and Laurel County. Highway boundaries are Highway 70, Highway 150 and 25. To work best, the COC must represent the whole of local agriculture. By seeking diversity, FSA will bring a greater range of expertise, different perspectives, and a broader understanding of the various business and marketing aspects to the committee's work.

FSA Quiet Time
The Farm Service Agency will be 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.

Loan Deficiency Payment
Producers who retain beneficial interests in a commodity eligible for a loan or a loan deficiency payment (LDP) are eligible for payment if all of the following 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 in a commodity only.

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

Burley Tobacco Lease and Transfer Referendum
Congress has now amended Section 119 in the Agricultural Risk Pro-

tection Act of 2000 to clarify that the Section 119 permit does not allow the transfer of a burley tobacco quota from one farm to another farm within the State if a majority of tobacco producers voting, as opposed to a majority of those that could have voted, will be sufficient to approve such lease and transfer by a State-wide referendum.

The Secretary has called for a referendum of growers to determine whether they favor or oppose the lease and transfer of quotas across county lines within the State beginning with the 2001 and subsequent crop years.

The referendum will be conducted by mail ballot during the period October 23 through October 27, 2000. If more than 50 percent of the producers voting in the State referendum are in favor, lease and transfer of burley quota across county lines within the State will be in effect beginning with the 2001 crop.

Report of Burley Tobacco

Loss Before Harvest
Farmers who have suffered a burley tobacco disaster loss are reminded to file a report with FSA prior to harvest to retain their eligibility to lease quota away under the disaster lease provisions.

The disaster lease provision was implemented to provide relief to producers that suffer a disaster loss and are unable to produce and market the farm's effective quota. To be eligible for a disaster lease and transfer, the transferring farm must have:

1. A crop acreage report on file with FSA
2. Planned an acreage sufficient to produce the farm's current year effective quota.
3. Made a reasonable and customary effort to produce the effective farm marketing quota.

5. Suffered more than a 20 percent crop loss.

All mail price support eligibility requirements.

Farms that fail to report losses before harvest will be a required spot check.

Farm Changes

Producers who have purchased or sold land need to contact the local FSA office for proper reconstitution of farms. Farms enrolled with PFC have until the deadline of June 1st to file for reconstitutions of farms. Farms not enrolled with PFC have until the deadline of July 1st. Remember to bring your deed and/or to notify the new owner to do so. Also notify this office of any and/or all address

changes. REMEMBER: our records are only current as producers inform us of our office.

Lamb Meat Adjustment Assistance Program (LMAAP)
As part of the Clinton Administration's three-year, \$100 million assistance plan to help U.S. sheep and lamb farmers, Agriculture Secretary Dan Glickman announced today that sheep and lamb producers will receive a total of \$30 million in cash payments to help improve their production efficiency and the marketability of lamb meat. Signup for the program began June 19th and ends on October 13, 2000.

During the first year of the program (July 21, 1999-September 30, 2000) payment may be made for three types of payments:

• **Ram payment** - payment rate of \$100 per ram purchased during Year 1, 90 days or older at time of purchase, intended for breeding purposes and owned by the operation for at least 90 days.

• **Sheep Improvement Program payment** - payment rate is \$ 50 per enrolled sheep and sheep must be enrolled in an authorized sheep improvement program (NSIP).

• **Facility Improvement Payment** - payment rate is 20% of the total cost of the facility improvement made during Year 1, improvements are used in the operation for three years and producers submit cost documentation of the improvements made.

The maximum combined payment per farm is \$5,500. Sheep and lamb farmers whose gross income for 1999 was greater than \$2.5 million are not eligible for payments.

Additional information about this program can be found on the website at: www.fsa.usda.gov/rlaf/pnd

Conservation Reserve

Program's Continuous Sign-Up
Agriculture Secretary Dan Glickman has announced that landowners can receive more money for participation in the Conservation Reserve Program continuous signup. The new financial incentives - totaling up to \$350 million in the next three years - include signing bonuses and more money for installing and maintaining conservation practices.

Unlike the regular CRP program, the continuous signup program allows producers to enroll eligible highly environmentally sensitive land at any time without waiting for a sign-up period or competing against other offers. Conservation practices protect streams and rivers by keeping sediment and nutrients from entering

the water, providing cleaner and drinking water, enhancing recreation and improving wildlife habitats.

For more information pertaining to CRP contact the local FSA office. **Noninsured Crop Assistance Program**
The Noninsured Crop Assistance Program (NAP) may help reduce production risks for producers of uninsurable crops that are adversely affected by natural disasters.

To qualify for crop loss protection under 2000 NAP, producers of eligible NAP crops must report NAP acreage timely, provide verifiable records, file a notice of loss within 15 days of the disaster, and comply with general eligibility requirements. The COC does not have the authority now to accept late-filed Notice of Loss for the 2000 crop year. Producers must have requested an appraisal before destroying the crop or converting the damaged crop to another use. Producers must have made production a matter of record with the FSA Office before commencing production.

Producers applying for 2000 NAP must provide verifiable production records by unit to document production for the 2000 loss year, furnishing or certifying actual production records for prior years to establish an approved yield for production, and maintaining records three years, if certified records. In order to be elig-

ible for NAP, producers must file required forms for payment limitation "person" determinations, have a qualifying gross income of less than \$2 million in the year of the NAP loss, and comply with HEL and WC regulations.

Farm Storage Facility Loan Program (FSFL)
An interim rule announcing the Farm Storage Facility Loan Program published in FR on May 11, 2000 will allow FSA to implement the program and accept public comments before publishing a final rule. The interim rule provides:

• A public comment period of 30 calendar days following the date of publication for not only FSFLP producers but for comments about COC financing for, structures to store commodities harvested as other than grain such as silage, alternative types of storage arrangements such as "conventional storage" and storage facilities for other agricultural products.

• That producers who authorize actions without an approved loan, do so at their own risk and without creating any liability on behalf of CC except for producers who between Feb. 2nd and May 11th, 2000 took action based on the announcement of the program.

Reminder

School Bus Safety Week

is

October 15-21, 2000

School Bus Driver Appreciation Day

is Wednesday, October 18, 2000

Theme for the week is:

"Railroad Crossing—Quiet Zone"

The Theme for the contest is:

"Danger—Know the Zone"

Offerings By

21st Century Community Learning Center

Drama Class

Monday/Thursday • 5 to 7 p.m.

Rockcastle County High School

Schedule

Monday	Thursday
October 16th October 23rd	October 19th October 26th
November 13th November 20th November 27th	November 2nd November 9th November 16th November 30th

Activities: The first few classes will be lectures on the elements of drama; the majority of the sessions will be in preparation for the performance of group skits. These skits will be performed for the public.

All Ages Are Welcome!!

Please call Trina Bustle at 256-4816 to enroll

Basic Computer Skills Class

Where?

Rockcastle County High School

When?

Tuesdays, October 17th, October 24th,
November 14th, November 21st, November 28th,
December 5th

Who?

This class is for adult students. Students must attend at least 5 of the 6 session to receive credit for the class.

Time?

Class will be from 5:30 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.

Interested students may call
Trina Bustle at 256-4816

Childcare is available for the Basic Computer Skills Class

Monthly Book Club

The book club will be meeting once a month on Saturdays beginning October 28th from 9 a.m. to 12 noon at the RCHS Library. We will be discussing the book entitled: *The Dollmaker* by Harriet Arnow. Refreshments will be served. If you are interested in joining the discussion, please call Trina Bustle at 256-4816 to enroll.

Commonwealth of Kentucky
28th Judicial Circuit
Rockcastle Circuit Court • Division 1
Civil Action No. 99-CI-00144

United Companies Lending Corporation Plaintiff

v.

Carol Robinson and Kimberly Dale Robinson Defendants

NOTICE OF SALE

Pursuant to a judgment and order of sale entered in this action on September 25, 2000, for the purpose of satisfying the judgment against the defendants in the amount of TWENTY TWO THOUSAND THREE HUNDRED THIRTY SEVEN DOLLARS AND 70/100 (\$22,337.76), including interest, costs and attorney fees I will offer at public auction the hereinafter described real property in Rockcastle County, Kentucky.

At the Courthouse on East Main Street
Mt. Vernon, Kentucky
on Friday, October 27, 2000
Beginning at the Hour of 2:00 p.m.

Said property being more particularly bounded and described as follows:

Beginning at a stake in Mattie Hasty's line; thence with her line N 61 E 366 feet to a stake; thence N 27 W 60 feet to a stake in the right of way of the Barren Road; thence with said right of way follows: S 52 W 25 feet S 50 W 55 feet; S 53 1/2 W 284 feet to a stake; thence S 25 E 4 feet to the beginning.

There is included in this transaction grantors 1984 Wood mobile home, vin no. 34166, 14x70, beige/blrown

Kimberly Dale Robinson obligated title to the above-described real property by deed dated August 4, 1991, of record in Deed Book 147, page 226, in the office of the clerk of the Rockcastle county Court, Mt. Vernon, Kentucky.

The property shall be sold on the following terms and

1. The real property shall be sold for cash or upon a credit of thirty (30) days with the purchaser required to pay a minimum of twenty-five percent (25%) of the purchase price in cash on the date of sale and to secure the balance with a bond approved by the Master Commissioner.
2. The bond shall bear interest at the rate of twelve percent (12%) per annum until paid in full. The bond shall have the force and effect of a judgment and shall be and remain a lien upon the property sold as additional surety for the payment of the purchase price.
3. Unpaid taxes or liens of record at the time of entry of judgment shall be paid out of the proceeds of sale.
4. The purchaser shall have possession of the real property upon compliance with the terms of the sale.
5. In the event that the plaintiff is the successful bidder and the sale price does not exceed the amount of the plaintiff's judgment, no deposit or bond shall be required.
6. The sale shall be made subject to all easements, set back lines, restrictions or covenants of record or otherwise and shall be sold as is.

Willis G. Coffey, Master Commissioner
Rockcastle Circuit Court

Commonwealth of Kentucky
28th Judicial Circuit
Rockcastle Circuit Court • Division II
Civil Action No. 99-CI-00211

The Bank of Mt. Vernon Plaintiff

v.

Billy Durbin and Lois Durbin Defendants

NOTICE OF SALE

Pursuant to a judgment and order of sale entered in this action on September 29, 2000, for the purpose of satisfying the judgment against the defendants in the amount of TWENTY FOUR THOUSAND THREE HUNDRED SIXTY FIVE DOLLARS AND 28/100 (\$24,365.28), plus interest, costs and attorney fees, I will offer at public auction the hereinafter described real property in Rockcastle County, Kentucky.

At the Courthouse on East Main Street
Mt. Vernon, Kentucky
on Friday, October 27, 2000
Beginning at the Hour of 1:00 p.m.

Said property being more particularly bounded and described as follows:

Tract No. 2, beginning on a stone in J.D. Miller's line; thence west 170 yards more or less to a stone in Walker Busse's line; thence a north direction about 60 feet to a stone; thence west about 50 feet to a stone; thence west about 50 feet to a stone (sic); thence north about 18 feet to a stone at the county road; thence with the county road to James Stephens line; thence with Stephens line an east course to J.D. Miller's line; thence with his line to the beginning corner; and containing fourteen (14) acres more or less.

Defendant obtained title to the above described property by deed dated October 31, 1995, executed by Raymond Teague, of record in Deed Book 156, page 498, of record in the office of the clerk of the Rockcastle County Court, Mt. Vernon, Kentucky.

The property shall be sold on the following terms and conditions:

1. The real property shall be sold for cash or upon a credit of sixty (60) days with the purchaser required to pay a minimum of twenty-five percent (25%) of the purchase price in cash on the date of sale and to secure the balance with a bond approved by the Master Commissioner.
2. The bond shall bear interest at the rate of twelve percent (12%) per annum until paid in full. The bond shall have the force and effect of a judgment and shall be and remain a lien upon the property sold as additional surety for the payment of the purchase price.
3. Unpaid taxes or liens of record at the time of entry of judgment shall be paid out of the proceeds of sale.
4. Buyer shall pay the 1997, 1998 and 1999 County, State and School taxes on the property.
5. The purchaser shall have possession of the real property upon compliance with the terms of the sale.
6. In the event that the plaintiff is the successful bidder and the sale price does not exceed the amount of the plaintiff's judgment, no deposit or bond shall be required.
7. The sale shall be made subject to all easements, set back lines, restrictions or covenants of record or otherwise and shall be sold as is.

Willis G. Coffey, Master Commissioner
Rockcastle Circuit Court