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Farm News

By: Tom Mills County Extension Agent for Agriculture

Phase I **Tobacco Forum**

School bocational agriculture classroom. This forum will allow public input in developing a county plan to invest Phase 1 Tobacco Funds. These wishing to address the council most register by noon, February 8", calling 256-2403. To allow for an

Buck Creek watershed to receive EQIP

The Natural Resource Conserva-tion Service (NRCS) has selected that Buck Creek Priority Area to receive Environmental Quality Incentives Program (EQP) Funding of \$200,000 in fiscal year 2001. The Priority Area will encompass the length of Buck Creek with a one: Jf mile buffer on m and a one-qu butter on all tributaries draining into Buck Creek for a total of 72,707 acres Buck Creek is a tributary to the buffer on all tributaries di acres. Buck Creek is a tributary to the upper Cumberland River in the coun-ties of Rockcastle, Pulaski and Lin-coln. Landowners in Rockcastle County, within the Park. County, within the Brushy Creek and Bee Lick Creed Watersheds may be eligible for cost share assistance to solve environmental problems on

very useful in the Buck Creek water-shed, EQPI is a volinitary program is assist landowners with solving natu-al resource problems, through finan-cial and technical assistance. EQP strives to buy the most environmen-tal bonefits for the dollar. Cost-share assistance will be for the establish-ment of long-term contracts on eligible land. EQIP eligibility is limited top-persons who are engaged in live-tor-

stock or agricultural production.
Under EQIP: the United States
Department of Agriculture (USDA)
can provide cost-share assistance to
land users for up to 75 perceit of the
costs of certain environmental prosection such as grassed waterways,
filter strips, manure management facilities, and wildlife habit candities,
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centive payments to encourage iproducers to apply selected land mangement practices that are not currently in use on their Total cost Share
and incentive payments are limited to
\$10,000 for the length of the contract, which can fun from, five to ten
years. The programs is limited to persons who are chagaged in Irvestocks of agriculture production. Funds will begin January 1 and the cut-off for applications receiving scoring is January 31. Applications with the most covironmental benefits for program costs will receive the highest consid-

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The deadline to have completed your Agriculture Water

Quality Plans is October 23, 2001.

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for this land?

Do you need help developing your plan?

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Juality Act?

For Additional Information, Contact:
me: USDA NRCS-Rockcastle Co. Conservation District
driess: RR4, Box 3744, Hwy. 150, Mt. Vernon, Ky. 40456
one: 606-256-2525 Ext. 3

2001 Phase II payments to be based on three-year average

By a recordinist majority, the Kon-tacky Settlement Tipst. Corporation, youted today to base the 2001 Phase II folsocco payment on a three-year production average. The three years are 1998 1999, and 2000.

As a result of this decision, next year's Phase II payments to group farms, growers, and tenants will be abseld on an average of effective quota and marketings from the three crop years.

quota and marketings from the three crop years.

"This decision was the fairest to crop years.

"This decision was the fairest to the majority of our states tobacco producers," said Kentucky Agriculture Commissioner Billy Ray Smith.

"Many phone calls, letters, and personal visits with growers went into this decision."

Commissioner Smith, who is vice chair of the trust board, chaired the measurement.

oard's action applies only hase II payment. The boa the neard's action applies only to the next Phase II payment. The board is required by law to establish distri-bution procedures each year of the 12-year Phase II agreement. Phase II was established two years

Phase II was established two ago as a result of negotiation en tobacco-growing states and the or eigarette manufacturers. These ries are intended to help growers o have been burt by quota reduc-ns as a result of the Master Settle-

ment Agreement between the com-sanies and 46 states.

About 500 people attended a pub-ic hearing on the distribution of Phase II tobacco payments that fol-

Preventing the Florida election experience from happening to Kentucky. The chains in Florida following a November's election has send a state, including Kentucky, examing their own election have in hopes of avoiding snything that resembles the pandemonium of premain dimpled and hanging chads.

There's no doubt that we need to take a close look at our election laws, they were written in a different time.

tate legislative campaigns cost less than this past year's \$900 nd race for the 31st Kentucky

Sentate District. Several ideas hav already made their way to the politi-cal rounduable, some as bills and oth-ers still in the form of suggestions. One of these, SB-1, would make

One of these, SB I, would make chinges to the way state law addresses the deadline for filing for office, campaign fundratising and state government contracts. By drawing a clear line between campaign contracts are lawarded the bill would prevent that line from being blurred for political reasons.

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At I mentioned, SB I would also move the deadline for filing from the last Tuesday in January to the first-Friday after the second Thursday in April: The primary election date would then the changed from May to June. For years people have complained that the January filing date disturbed the flow of legislative work during the Kentucky General Assembly. Instead of avoiding controversial issues like tux increases and work-cross compensation until after that day candidates can file to challenge in. cumbents, the April date would let

candidates can file to challenge in-cumbents, the April date would let voters know what their elected offi-cials are doing and give them time to react. The bill, sponsored by Senate-President David Williams, has been assigned to the Senate State and Lo-cal Government Committee for con-sideration when the 2001 Session reconvens in February. Another measure, filed in both the

Lexington.

Approximately 35 growers who spoke at the hearing provided a variety of viewpoints on the issue of whether Phase II payments should be based on the preceding year's production or fixed according to production

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Prior to the hearing. Expo participants heard from speakers addressing a wide range of topics on production techniques and economic usus affecting obsteco.

University of Kentucky Agricultural Economics Will Snell fold the audience that he is looking for the 2001 basic quota for burley to be increased by 34 percent to 323 million pounds. Snell-said Kentucky's effective quota may actually increase slightly.

The USDA is expected to an-unce the 2001 quota levels within

On Tuesday, the major tobacco on Juessay, the major tobacco companies amounced that they would purchase 225 million pounds of burley this, year, down slightly from the previous year.

Many at the Expo were surprised by the news as they had been expect-ing an increase in buying intentions for the 2001-02 marketing season.

until the last person in line at 8 p.m. votes. Several counties in the state already have rouble luring qualified poll workers and the additional hours may make it even more difficult. There is no way of knowing if the ineasure will actually work and no not knows how much it will cost. If it passes during this season, the hill yould still require voters to approve an amendment to the Kennucky Constitution and the earliest a proposed amendment can be placed on the ballot is next year.

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Kennucky schief election official,
Secretary of State John Y. Brown,
III, has also made several recommen-dations. Brown supports creating a task force, specifically designed to study Kentucky voting laws and make recommendations to the 2002 Gen-eral Assembly. In a presis conference earlier this month, Brown told re-earlier this month, Brown told re-earlier this month, Brown told re-

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New gas furnaces don't always cut utility bills

With recordoltemperatures and natural gas prices going through the roof, how can homeowners cut their bills? Many are investing in a new higher efficiency furnace. However, a recent consumer as tittle as half, the fuel as older inefficient models, many homeowners-dun't get the suiting bill savings they expect and deserve.

The Comfort Institute report explains why this can halp homeownershed the property of the

plains why this can happen and how to ensure a new high efficiency heat-ing and cooling system saves on utilbills. The report available online no charge at

www.comfortinstitute.org. It provides information hom should know before talking to heat-ing contractors. The report discloses little known facts about heating and air conditioning systems - informa-tion that many contractors aren't even

aware or.

"The wrong size or type of equip-ment, improperly installed and con-nected to a leaky and undersized duct

nected to a leaky and undersized duct-ysisen, could sentence you to over 20 years of excessive utility and re-pair bills, says Comfort Institute re-searcher Brendan Reid. "Don't rush into this very important decision. If you make the wrong choice, you prob-ably won't be able to justify hearing it out and starting all over again; You'll literally have to live in your decision for as long as you own your home." The report was prepared by the Comfort Institute's Consumer Pro-tection Division. It summarizes re-tection Division. It summarizes re-

tection Division. It summarizes n cent utility company, Department of Energy and Environmental Protec-Energy and Environmental Protec-tion Agency research. Field studies reveal that due to installation errors

energy bought to run them. Even after investing thousands of dollars, many people still suffer from unconfrontable rooms and high utility bills. The report also draw son the training resources of heating and cooling equipithent manufacturers and trade associations. Finally, its threat successions production groups, publications and investigative TV news stories. Authorities be

Authorities have determined that the most important steps is to pick the right contractor; one who has the training, instruments and procedures to ensure the new system will work the way the manufacturer intended A good contractor will offer to per-

agod contractor will offer to perform a computerized equipment sizgradualization and a "Whole HouseConfrort Checkup", using special diagnostic instruments such as an infiltrometer blower door and an air
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were complete report entitled
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Por those who do not have access
to the Internet, the two printed reports are also available together for
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Comfort Institute at 1-800-933-5656.
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For more information call Trina Bustle at 256-4816

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The following classes will be offered at the Middle School through 21st Century

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Tuesdays: 4:00 - 6:00 p.m. Basic Computer GED

Thursdays; 4:00 - 5:00 p.m. Crafts Class

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Until further notice, boil all water used for drinking and cooking by water to a rolling boil for three minutes before using.

Randal E. Corry - General Manager