

## Agricultural News

By: Warden Alexander, FSA Director

### Meeting Scheduled

The Rockcastle Co. FSA Office has scheduled a meeting for 6:00 p.m. Monday, May 14th in the community room of The Community Trust Bank on Hwy. 461, Mt. Vernon. The meeting will review the recent changes to the tobacco program, The Agricultural Risk Protection Act of 2000 (ARPA) enacted on June 20, 2000, and the Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2001 (the 2001 Act) enacted on October 28, 2000. A short question and answer period will follow. We encourage all burley tobacco producers to attend. Please call our office at 256-2525 by May 4th to inform our office of those planning to attend.

### Tobacco News On The Way

Tobacco farmers all over will soon be receiving information concerning the tobacco changes taking place with the current crop year. The Tobacco FACT sheet will be mailed from Kansas City and should arrive shortly to any and all producers who received a 2000 Tobacco Average Report, Disaster Leave and Transfer, Marketing Designation, Carryover Tobacco Marketing and Owner Designation of Quota. The sheet will also include an important State section. Watch your mail for forthcoming news!

### Burley Tobacco Lease Date

April 2nd is the first date producers shall execute a lease for the 2001 quota. Leasing will end on July 1, 2001. Any producer wishing to post

their name in the Tobacco Lease In or Lease Out Listing may do so now. You do not need to wait until April 2nd. If you are unable to come to the office you may notify the office staff to post the listing by calling 606-256-2525.

### Burley Tobacco Acreage Reports

New legislation requires all farms with an effective quota greater than zero to report acreage planted to burley, including zero acres.

Farms with an effective burley quota that will not plant burley or lease quotas from the farm MUST report a zero acreage for burley tobacco, or the farm will be subject to quotas forfeiture for the applicable burley marketing quotas next established for the farm, unless the State Committee and the County Committee determine that the reduction is not applicable.

### Burley Tobacco Designation

**Announcement**  
Jeffery S. Hall, State Executive Director of the Kentucky Farm Service Agency, has announced that Burley tobacco farmers will be required to report to FSA the pounds and specific warehouse, receiving station or dealer where they intend to market their tobacco this season. The initial designation period will begin June 1, 2001 and end on August 1, 2001. Farmers will be allowed to re-designate pounds and sale locations at various times throughout the marketing season.

The Burley Tobacco Advisory Committee, established by the Secretary of Agriculture, recommended on June 16, 2000 that a method be developed that would enable a better allocation of tobacco graders and warehouse sales opportunity. Warehouse designation has been in place for Flint and tobacco for several years.

FSA is making this change in the tobacco program in response to a request from Burley tobacco growers and the industry. Hall said, beginning 5th day of the marketing year all Burley tobacco marketing cards will be posted for the specific pounds and selling location designated by the farmer. "Only those pounds designated on the marketing card to a specific, buying location may be presented to that location," Hall said.

Farmers selling at traditional auction warehouses will receive a marketing card similar to cards they have had in recent years. The cards will indicate the producer's designated warehouse. Marketing cards for pro-

ducers selling at non-auction sites will be issued by decimal bar coded card. These cards will indicate the designated buyer.

For additional information contact your local FSA County Office.

### FY 2001 ANTA Reminders

The deadline to designate payment shares and meet PFC signature requirements for FY 2001 is August 1, 2001. FY 2001 PFC payments may not be issued on a farm, unless all producers and owners meet the PFC signature requirements by August 1, 2001.

In addition, for an individual producer to receive a payment for the fiscal year, all supporting documents such as CCC 502, AD 1026 and FSA 507 must also be met by August 1, 2001, to be eligible for FY 2001 PFC payments. After payment shares are designated, any changes to the farming operation, including, but not limited to payment shares and change of operators, must be reported to FSA on or before August 1, 2001.

Failure to report changes by August 1, 2001, may result in all production on the farm being ineligible for FY 2001 PFC payments.

**Spousal Power of Attorney**  
Spouses may sign on behalf of each other for FSA and CCC programs in which either has an interest, if both written consent is on file in the FSA Office.

**Dates to Remember**  
CDP (Crop Disaster Program) began January 18th.  
Sign up for the Grain Out Program May 14th through August 31st.  
Crop Reporting: Small Grains (WHEAT) by May 31st.

**Yard Sale:** at Myrtle Bradley's, 1 mi. north of Livingston. Signs will be posted. Lots of interesting priced cheap items of antiques.

### Free to Good Home In Country!!

Part Black Lab, who is very good watch dog, needs good home in country. Dog is good with children but too protective of owners for city life. Female, has been spayed.

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Requesting farm constitution for PFC payment farms: through June 1st  
Enrolling farm in PFC after reconstitution: 30 calendar days after FSA 476 notice.

Requesting farm reconstitution for new PFC farms: July 2nd  
Tobacco Leasing: April 2nd through July 2nd  
Crop Reporting for row crops, hay and pasture by July 2nd.

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### May is National High Blood Pressure Month

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Come and have your blood pressure checked by a registered nurse at the **Rockcastle Health Department**. There is a \$2.00 charge, but during the month of May a free health packet will be given to all adults who present this voucher when coming in for a blood pressure check. Make an appointment now by calling us at 256-2242.

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**Good for one free health packet at Rockcastle Health Department**

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# Blood Pressure and Interest Rates

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