

Agricultural News

By: Warden Alexander, FSA Director

Beginning November 13, 2001 Burley tobacco farmers will be allowed to make a one time correction to their previous farm marketing designation. The last date to make a change under this "correction opportunity" provision is November 23, 2001.

On October 25, 2001, the Secretary of Agriculture announced the intention to release burley tobacco farm designation information, including pounds designation to sell at a specific market location. Since the release of this information, farmers with an incorrect designation were faced with a lengthy delay in marketing tobacco under regular redesignation policy.

The Deputy Administrator, Farm Programs has instructed FSA County Office to accept and process "correction opportunity" designations under the following special redesignation provisions:

1. It is limited for the farm to any one day beginning November 13, 2001 and ending November 23, 2001.

2. It is a change in warehouse, receiving station or dealer designation.

3. It is a change in pounds designation to a warehouse, receiving station or dealer.

4. It is an initial designation for an undersigned farm.

5. It shall become effective immediately when the designation form is signed.

Farmers with a question about their tobacco marketing designation should contact their local FSA County office.

No P&CP Signup For TLAP00 During fiscal year 2000, FSA provided payments through the Tobacco Loss Assistance Program 2000 (TLAP00) to quota holders and producers to help them defray income losses in the 2000 crop year because of quota reductions. One of the eligibility requirements for TLAP00 was that a farm must have received Planted and Considered (P&CP) credit for the 2000 crop year. This statute has been amended to provide that TLAP00 payments may be made to person(s) who are otherwise eligible without regard to whether the quota was used for the production of tobacco during the 2000 crop year.

Applications will be accepted starting November 1, 2001 through December 14, 2001. Late filed applications will not be approved.

Eligibility requirements include:

- Any person who owned, operated or produced eligible tobacco on a farm for which a quota reduction from the 1999 crop year to the 2000 crop year occurred.

- Any farm which was not approved for a payment during the initial TLAP00 signup because there was no P&CP.

Eligible types of tobacco include:

- Burley, type 31; flue-cured, types 11-4; dark fire-cured, type 21 and cigar binder types 54-55.

Payments will be based on FY2000 information with rate the same as those in the initial TLAP00 signup. All eligible persons or entities must agree on the division of payments before the application form, CCC-950, can be approved.

If you were a burley tobacco producer who signed up in the TLAP00 last year and received a payment in October 2000 you are ineligible for this TLAP00 signup.

REMEMBER: The application signup period is November 1-December 14, 2001.

Marketing Cards

Rockcastle County producers who have received marketing cards are reminded to carefully check their card for complete and accurate information. Please compare the farm number, warehouse number and pounds listed on the card to the information provided on the notification letter mailed with the card. If you find an error return the card immediately to the office for correction(s).

Remember: You are responsible for the information listed on the card. Veneman names James R. Little as Farm Service Agency Administrator.

Agriculture Secretary Ann M. Veneman today appointed James R.

Little as Administrator of USDA's Farm Service Agency. FSA administrators farm commodity and conservation programs, farm loan programs and emergency and food aid assistance.

"Jim Little's 30 years of experience with USDA and knowledge of FSA programs make him an ideal choice for this position," Veneman said. "The Department has relied on Jim as Acting Administrator since January and I am confident that he will continue his capable leadership of FSA."

Before accepting the Acting Administrator role, Little was the USDA's Associate Chief Financial Officer for Financial Operations. He began his career with USDA as a staff accountant with the former Rural Electrification Administration, now a part of the Rural Development mission area.

Little has held several positions in the Department which have contributed to his knowledge of USDA's county-based agencies and their programs. These positions include Acting Budget Director, Federal Crop Insurance Corporation, Deputy Director, Budget Division, Agricultural Stabilization and Conservation Service, Deputy Director and Director, Financial Management Division, ASCS and FSA and Treasurer and Controller, Commodity Credit Corporation.

As Administrator, Little also serves as the Executive Vice President of the Commodity Credit Corporation, a wholly-owned government corporation that finances many of USDA's commodity and international programs.

Little, a native of Charlotte, North Carolina, has a Bachelor of Science degree from the Virginia Polytechnic Institute in Blacksburg, Virginia. He and his wife, Bonnie, live in Woodbridge, Virginia and have one daughter, Regan.

It's Your Money

By Jonathan Miller
Kentucky State Treasurer

The past month has been a magnificent journey - through 90 counties across Kentucky - talking with families about KAPT, Kentucky's Affordable Prepaid Tuition. By now you probably know that KAPT helps make it easier for families to afford a college education by guaranteeing the cost of tomorrow's tuition at today's lower prices.

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- KAPT accounts can be used at any college in the country - where it is UK or Notre Dame, Prestonsburg Community College or UCLA?

- KAPT monies can be taken to any accredited institution of higher education, be it a college, vocational school or beauty school?

- KAPT's affordable monthly payment plans start as \$26 a month to guarantee community college tuition that's less than a \$1 a day!

Most importantly: did you know that KAPT's first enrollment period ends December 31? While we will have many more enrollment periods in the future, the prices will NEVER be lower. That's why if you like what you have heard about KAPT, sign up your children or grandchildren by December 31, to get the best prices and the most savings.

During the month of November, we are having several events to remind you about our enrollment deadline and the value of KAPT. During the week of November 26, I will be joined by UK President Lee Todd and U of L President John Shumaker in a program which will be beamed via satellite to every elementary and middle school classroom in the state. We will tell the kids to be thinking about college, and to urge their parents to consider KAPT as a way to pay for it. Later that week, I will be joined by *Survivor* contestant, Roger "Kentucky Joe" Bingham, in events at Kentucky schools to spread this important message.

But you don't need to wait until then. Sign up your kids and grandkids today. Go to our website, www.getKAPT.com, where you can both get your remaining questions answered and then actually sign up online. If you don't have Internet access, call us toll-free at 888-919-KAPT, and we will answer your questions and send you all of the application materials.

With KAPT, we will not only be helping our children's future; we will be ensuring a better tomorrow for all Kentuckians, as a higher educated workforce means better jobs and a better economy. So, before December 31, get KAPT! Because your child's future won't wait.

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Brenda Mullins likes a clean house. As a matter of fact, she helps keep Rockcastle Hospital and Respiratory Care Center as clean as if it were her own home. And, in a way, it is. Brenda has been a part of the RHRCC team for 29 years.

She and her staff are part of the reason for the hospital's home-like atmosphere. Their sense of teamwork and pride in a job well done are just some of the reasons they enjoy their work. As for benefits, Brenda says the hospital offers many, including being close to home.

"I like working in Environmental Services because I can see what I've accomplished every day."

— Brenda Mullins, REH



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