

Agricultural News

By Warden Alexander, FSA Director

County Committee Monthly Meeting

The Rockcastle County Farm Service Committee (COC) will hold monthly meetings open to the public the first Thursday of each month beginning at 8:00 a.m. The meeting will be at the Rockcastle County Farm Service Agency located in the USDA Service Center on Hwy. 150 in Mt. Vernon. The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, February 7th.

The COC members are vital to the day-to-day operations of FSA. The COC members help FSA at the local level by deciding the kind of programs their counties will have and how they will operate. FSA committees operate within official regulations designed to carry out Federal laws and applying their judgement and knowledge to make decisions.

Marketing Cards. Producers who have sold the current year's crop of burley tobacco are encouraged to return their marketing card to the FSA office as soon as possible. Marketing records on the cards are compared to sales recorded for accuracy. Failure to return the marketing card promptly delays correct information for the 2002 crop year data.

Burley Designation is Open. Starting Monday, January 21 producers do not have to file an FSA-

808, Designation of Burley Tobacco Sales and Request for Marketing Card, with the county office to market tobacco at a different warehouse. Any type of marketing card will be valid at any location the producer chooses for the remainder of the 2001 burley season.

Disaster Leasing of Burley Tobacco

Producers wishing to lease tobacco to their farm for the purpose of selling excess tobacco may do so across county lines under the disaster leasing eligibility provisions. Farmers leasing tobacco must file an FSA 378 (Crop Report), file an MQ 99 (Statement of Tobacco Production), be eligible for price support and have an approved FSA 375, Lease and Transfer. This year the producer must also file an FSA 808, Designation of Burley Tobacco Sales and Request for Marketing Card. The amount of lease in pounds is limited to 15% of the farm's effective quota as of July 1st including late leases. Disaster leasing will end February 15th.

Producers who wish to lease out tobacco quota due to a natural disaster must have:

- Prior to harvest filed a FSA 574 (Request for Disaster Credit)
- Filed a FSA 578 (Crop Report)
- Planned sufficient acreage to produce the quota

• made reasonable and customary efforts to produce the effective marketing quota

• have less than 80 percent of the farm's effective marketing quota be cause natural disaster

• meet all price support eligibility requirements.

• For additional information on leasing quota under the disaster leasing provisions contact your local FSA office.

Referenda on Mandatory Grading of Burley

The Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act of 2002 requires the Secretary to conduct a referendum, no later than March 31, 2002, among producers of quota tobacco to determine whether producers favor mandatory grading of tobacco by USDA including burley tobacco. Burley (type 31) Mandatory Grading Referendum period is March 11-15, 2002.

If a majority of the producers voting in a referendum favor the mandatory grading of that kind of tobacco, USDA will ensure that kind of tobacco is graded at the time of sale for the 2002 and subsequent marketing years.

Applications For New Burley Tobacco Farm Quotas

Applications for new burley tobacco farm quotas are being accepted through February 15th. Before a new farm quota is recommended it must be determined that each applicant meets all eligibility requirements. Eligibility requirements include the applicant has NO burley tobacco quota, has land suitable for tobacco production, has two of the past five years marketing history of burley tobacco and 50% of all household income is received from farming.

Continuous CRP Sign-Up Eligible acreage devoted to certain special conservation practices such as riparian buffers, filter strips, grassed waterways, shelter belts, living snow fences, contour grass strips, salt tolerance, vegetation and shallow water areas for wildlife may be enrolled at any time under CCC's continuous CRP sign-up. These practices are not subject to competitive bidding. For more information, contact your local FSA office.

Federal Crop Insurance

Producers wishing to purchase Federal Crop Insurance (FCI) must do so by the deadline of March 15th. Crops eligible for insurance in Rockcastle County are corn and tobacco. FCI insurance is only available through private companies.

FY 2002 PFC Reminder

Producers who wish to receive their 2002 PFC (Production Flexibility Contract) payments early must sign a form for what month you wish to receive your 2002 payment.

Do not request a payment for your farm if you are considering selling a portion or the entire farm. Changes in your farming operation must be reported timely. The deadline to sign or revise a PFC for FY2002 is August 1, 2002.

The US Department of Agriculture (USDA) prohibits discrimination in all its programs and activities on the basis of race, color, national origin, gender, religion, age, disability, political beliefs, sexual orientation and marital or familial status. (Not all prohibited basis apply to all programs). Persons with disabilities who require alternative means for communication of program information (braille, large print, audio, etc.) should contact USDA's Target Center at 202-720-2600 (voice and TDD).

"Court News"

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In possession, \$50 fine and costs. John David Riddle: Wanton Endangerment, Assault 4th, Terroristic Threatening, 12 months in jail/conditionally discharged two years on each count.

Christopher D. Sears: Fines due (\$75.85 and 15 hours of CSW), bench warrant issued for failure to appear.

Michael D. Shade: Speeding and Failure to issue insurance card, license suspended for failure to appear. Billie L. Shoemaker: Speeding and other charges, summons issued. Chad Williams: Theft by deception, 6 months in jail/conditionally discharged two years.

Bjorn J. Glasdon: Speeding, license suspended for failure to appear. Amad Mohamed: Speeding, license suspended for failure to appear.

Ralph D. Shelton: Speeding, license suspended for failure to appear. Robert L. Allen: Speeding, paid \$34 plus costs.

Michelle D. Couch: Speeding, state traffic school authorized on payment of costs only.

Patricia A. Iles: Speeding, license suspended for failure to appear.

Lisa D. Perry: Speeding, paid. Michael S. Raines: Speeding, paid.

Jeffery B. Wallen: Speeding, license suspended for failure to appear.

Brian Darnell: Violation of EPO, \$100 fine and costs.

Michael C. Eagle: Speeding, \$16 fine and costs; License not in possession, \$25 fine/suspend fine.

William B. Evans: Fines due (\$501.00), bench warrant issued for failure to appear.

Ruth A. France: Fines due (\$317.85), bench warrant issued for failure to appear.

Sherry Fuson: No/Exp. Reg. Receipt, \$25 fine and costs; No insurance, \$500 fine/suspend \$450 on proof of insurance; Failure to wear seatbelt, \$25 fine; Operating on suspended license, 30 days in jail/conditionally discharged two years.

Larry Lawson: Fines due (\$92.35), bench warrant issued for failure to appear.

Scotty L. Holland: Fines and restitution due, bench warrant issued for failure to appear.

Tammy L. Robinson: Speeding and Failure to provide insurance card, summons issued.

Natasha Taylor: Nonpayment of fine, bench warrant issued for failure to appear.

Gregory S. Smith: Speeding, \$50 fine and costs.

Matthew S. Sowder: Operating

motor vehicle under influence alcohol/drugs, \$200 fine and costs, \$250 service fee, 30 day operator license suspension.

Alba D. Spoonamore: Fines due (\$697.85), found in contempt in absentia, 24 days in fine.

Jonathan T. Whipple: Speeding, license suspended for failure to appear. Phillip B. Barnett: Fines due (\$156.85), bench warrant issued for failure to appear.

Johnny Brumley: Alcohol intoxication, bench warrant issued for failure to appear.

Dallas W. Graves: Speeding, summons issued.

Mary Evans: Terroristic Threatening, 30 days in jail/conditionally discharged two years.

Christopher Scott Jones: Criminal mischief, 120 days to serve 60; Unsworn falsification to officers, 120 days in jail to serve 60 concurrent.

January 23, 2001
Roert L. Abney: Fines due (\$164.50), bench warrant issued for failure to appear.
Goldie M. Ashcraft: No Ky. Reg. Plates and other charges, bench warrant issued for failure to appear.
Matthew Scott Bond: Possession of marijuana, \$100 fine and costs and 10 days in jail/conditionally discharged one year.

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21ST CENTURY COMMUNITY LEARNING CENTER

Rockcastle County High School
Rockcastle County Area Technology Center

Class Offerings

If there is no school due to inclement weather, all classes and activities with 21st Century Community Learning Center at RCHS/RATC and Community Education are cancelled.

Need more information contact:

Trina Buehl, RCHS 21st CCLC Site Coordinator - (606) 256-4816
Kathy Baker, RCHS 21st CCLC Career Counselor - (606) 256-1111
Jenny Street, RCHS/RATC 21st CCLC Project Director - (606) 256-1124
Kathy Robo, Community Education Coordinator - (606) 256-2125

Learn Basic Windows & Computer Skills for Adults!

Classes are held on Mondays, 6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. at Rockcastle County High School.

- February 4
- February 11
- February 25
- March 18
- March 25

Instructor: Debbie Coleman

For more info or to register, contact Trina Buehl at (606) 256-4816.

GED Tutoring

Be prepared for
your GED test!

Offered on Tuesdays
from 6:00-8:00 p.m.
at Rockcastle County
High School!

Microsoft Access Class

At Rockcastle Area
Technology Center

On Tuesdays
From 4:00-6:00 p.m.

Instructed by Kristi Reynolds

To sign up contact:
Kathy Baker at
(606) 256-1111 or Jenny
Street at 256-4816.

Intro to the Internet

At Rockcastle Area Technology Center

Learn 4:00-6:00 p.m.
From a make time spent
on the Internet worth-
while! Call Kathy Baker
for more information.

It's free of
charge!

Phone: 606-256-1111

Laptop and Digital Camera Training (RCHS Students)

Training is available on:
Mondays and Thursdays, 3:00-6:00 p.m.
at Rockcastle County High School Library

- Laptops and Digital
- Cameras are available to students to check-out after they have been through the training.

Instructor: Aaron Stalworth

For more information contact Trina Buehl at (606) 256-4816.

Karate/Self Defense

Mondays at Rockcastle County High School
3:00-5:00 p.m. in RCHS Gym (upper level)
Instructed by Chris Pitt

- Work your way toward a black belt
- Classes are FREE.

For more information or to register contact Trina Buehl at (606) 256-4816.

KAPLAN ACT PREP COURSE

IN ROOM #122 AT RCHS

ACT Prep classes will be held on Thursdays 9:00-10:00 p.m. and Saturdays 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

on the following dates:

- Feb. 18
- Feb. 19
- Feb. 21
- Feb. 24
- March 9
- March 14
- March 21
- March 28

See Trina Buehl for more information or call (606) 256-4816.

ACT TEST
on April 6th!

Adult Parenting Classes

Mondays, 6:00 p.m.-8:00 p.m.
RCHS Library.

- Intro to Parenting: Nurturing, Rules, Discipline - January 28
- Child Development - February 11
- Discipline & Behavior Management - March 18
- Family Conflict/Substance Abuse - April 8
- Parenting Teens - April 22

For more information or to register for these classes contact Kathy Robo at (606) 256-2125.

Parent/Teacher Conference

Come and meet your child's
teacher!

Rockcastle County High School
January 31, 2002
Thursday, 4:00-7:00 p.m.

Parents come to pick-up your child's Progress Reports to see how your child is doing.

At Rockcastle Area
Technology Center

On Mondays Evenings
4:00-6:00 p.m.

Instructed by Claretta Hodges

This class is free and fitting up for
your child's future. No cost to you.
or immediately!

To sign up contact:
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Street at 256-4816.