

Agricultural News

By: Warden Alexander, FSA Director

Presidential Declarations

March 17-21, 2002 STORM
President Bush has declared 29 Kentucky counties as disaster areas due to damages and losses caused by severe storms and flooding that occurred from March 17 through March 21.

In addition, 18 Kentucky counties were named as a contiguous county were eligible family farmers may qualify for FSA Emergency Loan assistance pursuant to Section 321 (a) of the Consolidated Farm and Rural Development Act. Rockcastle County is listed as being one of those 18 counties.

May 1-2, 2002 STORM
President Bush has declared Rockcastle County as a disaster area due to damages and losses caused by severe storms and flooding that occurred from May 1-2, 2002.

Both public and private assistance and grants are available to local residents with damage from the storms. Citizens must first apply for low interest loans that are available and then the government determines if the applicant is eligible for the grant.

Residents who need assistance should call 1-800-621-3362. Those calling must have their social security number, address, telephone number, insurance information and the household's gross income.

Inspectors will call to schedule an appointment to visit your property within a few days of applications. They will inspect the damage, verify ownership and occupancy, and make a report. There is NO FEE for the inspection.

If you are a producer who received damages from the storms during those dates please contact the FSA office at (606)256-2525 for further information.

USDA Launches Farm Bill Implementation Website

With the Farm Security and Rural Investment Act of 2002, the U.S. Department of Agriculture has launched a new website aimed at helping farmers, ranchers and the general public learn the latest information about the new farm bill.

The website can be directly accessed from USDA's official website at <http://www.usda.gov/farmbill> or

by simply clicking on the 2002 Farm Bill icon on USDA's main website at <http://www.usda.gov/>.

The new website will include farm bill program details, questions and answers, program applications and sign-up forms, as well as other important materials from USDA agencies on farm bill implementation. The website will also contain advanced electronic applications to help program applicants receive program benefits faster and more efficiently.

Burley Tobacco Leasing

Producers may lease burley tobacco quota effective immediately through July 1st. Producers may list quota for lease on the bulletin board space by way of contacting the county office either in person or by telephone.

Tobacco Spot Checks

Producers who have reported unmarketed tobacco stored on the farms are subject for random spot checks. Spot checks are performed by local FSA personnel to verify the amount of tobacco reported. These spot checks will be carried out in the next few months. If you have moved tobacco from where you first reported the storage, please contact FSA to report the new location.

Loan Deficiency Payment (LDP)

Producers who retain beneficial

interest in a commodity eligible for a loan or a loan of deficiency payment are eligible for payment if all of the following remain with the producer: control of the commodity, risk of loss, title of the commodity, crops must have been produced on contract acreage (AMTA).

FSA realizes that many farmers may begin feeding, thus, the loss of beneficial interest occurs. Anyone who has lost title, risk and control of the crop is NOT eligible for benefits.

Final loan and LDP availability dates for the 2001 crop are: Corn, Grain, Sorghum and Soybeans—May 31, 2002.

Wheat Reporting

Small grains (wheat) crop reporting can now be completed at the FSA office after they are planted. Wheat crop reporting must be on file by May 31, 2002. All other crop reporting must be on file by July 15, 2002.

FY2002 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. The deadline to sign or revise a PFC for FY2002 is August 1, 2002.

Producers are encouraged not to request a payment for the farm if they are considering selling a portion or the entire farm as payment received must be refunded. Changes in your farming operation must be reported timely in order to reflect PFC payments to the current crop year producer.

All changes reflected on the CCC-478, Application for PFC Payment, must be signed by August 1, 2002.

For additional information on the PFC program contact the FSA office.

Farm Changes

Producers who have purchased or sold land should inform the FSA office of the change. A copy of the deed or land contract sales is required to update FSA records with corrected ownership. Farms involving corn and/or wheat must be properly constituted by June 1, 2002 with farms involving burley tobacco being constituted by July 1, 2002.

County Committee Monthly Meeting

The Rockcastle County Farm Service Committee (COC) will hold monthly meetings open to the public the first Tuesday 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, June 6.

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.

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"What Saith the Scriptures"

Last week we made the point of the importance of taking the scriptures in context. "rightly dividing the word of truth." Let's give an example.

Paul in Rom 3:22 & 28 says, "Even the righteousness of God which is by faith of Jesus Christ unto all and upon all them that believe: for there is no difference:"

Therefore we conclude that a man is justified by faith without the deeds of the law. Then in Rom 5:1 we read, "Therefore being justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ."

Now here is a classic example of how people take things out of context. Folks read the above verses, and they say that we are justified by "faith only." Now the only problem with this idea, is that it is just NOT so! Notice how Paul begins and ends the book of Romans. "By whom we have received grace and apostleship, for obedience to the faith among all nations, for his name." Rom 1:5. "But now is made manifest, and by the scriptures of the prophets, according to the commandment of the everlasting God, made known to all nations for the obedience of faith." So the context shows us that the kind of faith that saves, is an obedient faith. You see how people overlook the context of a book and jump to erroneous and false ideas. Let us handle accurately the word of truth.

Providence church of Christ

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Web Site: www.WhatSaithTheScriptures.com

Time of Services: Sunday 10am Bible Study, Worship 10:40 & 7:00pm, Wednesday 7:30pm. Radio program, Sunday 8am, 1460 AM

Brodhead Volunteer Fire Department

Car & Truck Show

Sunday, June 2, 2002

Brodhead Fairgrounds, Hwy. 150

Brodhead, KY

**Entry 9:00AM-1:00PM. Judging starts at 1:00PM

D.J. Charlie Napier "50/50" Drawing & Door Prizes

Show Entry Fee \$10.00. All proceeds go to BVFD

Top 50

First 115 Entries Receive Dash Plaques

Best of Show

Ladies Choice

Best Interior

Best Paint

Best Engine Compartment

Best Ford

Best Chevy

Best Mopar

Best Truck

Best Motorcycle

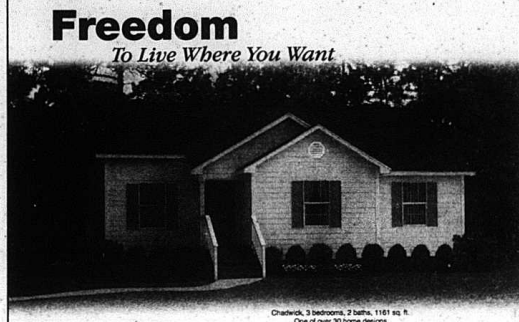
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For more information contact: Larry Taylor 758-8221.

Johnny Bengé 758-0206, Tim Albright 758-9633, or Country Charlie 758-8993

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3rd Annual

Headwaters of the Dix River

Fish Fry Festival

(This years Theme: Patriotic Pride)

Friday, May 31st

Auction

Beginning at 7:00 pm
Pies, Cakes and much more
in the parking lot by Dari Delight
Followed by a Live Gospel Band

Saturday, June 1st



- 9:00 a.m.: Booths and Flea market open
- 10:00 a.m.: Horseshoe Tournament at the City Park \$5.00/singles, \$10.00 doubles
- 11:00 a.m.: Mason Jar Band (Dari Delight parking lot)
- Fire Department opens with Fish Sandwiches until 2:00 pm
- 11:30 a.m.: Care Flight comes in
- 1:00 pm: Pretty Baby contest (Dari Delight parking lot) \$10.00 entry Fee
- 2:00 pm: Cloggers
- 3:00 pm: Parade (all businesses and organizations welcome to enter)
- Fish Fry Carryouts start (Brodhead Vol. Fire Dept.)
- 4:00 pm: Dix River Survivor Contest (pre-selected High School Athletes)
- 5:00 pm: Poker Run \$10.00 Entry Fee (must be 18 or older and have valid drivers license)
- Live Band Entertainment Begins
- Dine in Fish Fry Begins
- 6:00 pm: Queen Contest Begins candidates introduced (Rock Castle High School students only)
- 7:00 pm: Queen Coronation
- 7:30 - 9:00pm: Assorted Bands playing
- 9:00 pm to 77 Street Dance

All day events include:

"Country Charlie" D.J., city wide Yard sales and Flea market,

Live Bands and Entertainment.

For Booth space info call: (606)758-8635.

For Parade information call: Kathy Lunsford (606)758-8258

The committee has the city of Brodhead, KY responsible for local accidents or injuries.

The Committee is final arbitrator in all disputes.

Welcome to a

Gospel Meeting

Church of Christ at Chestnut Ridge

2 Miles South of Mt. Vernon on Highway 25

May 22, 23, 24, 25, 26

Wednesday thru Saturday Services - 7:30 p.m.

Sunday Worship Service - 10:00 a.m.

Speaker will be Evangelist

Walter Hunter

Heltonville, Indiana

Everyone is invited to attend