

Agricultural News

By: Warden Alexander, FSA Director

Phase II Payments

Beginning the week of August 5, applications will be mailed to tobacco farm operations and letters will be mailed to tobacco quota owners about the 2002 fund. These applications, which are exactly like last year's, must be completed and returned promptly postmarked no later than September 16, 2002.

To be considered complete, the application MUST BE SIGNED, by all parties involved with each farm. If the same person fits all the roles designated, that person must sign in all sections that pertain to him/her. If there is a significant line, it must be filled in. The application must be signed in ALL places indicated on the form. ANY APPLICATION THAT DOES NOT INCLUDE THE SIGNATURE AND SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBER OF THE ELIGIBLE PARTY WILL BE INCOMPLETE AND PAYMENTS WILL NOT BE MADE.

Step-by-step instruction are included with each application. Help is also available at the local FSA office, by contacting the toll-free help line at 1-877-549-2537 or on the web site at www.kyagpolicy.com.

Funds are expected to be distributed by the national trustee by December 31, 2002.

Updated Information on Planned Acres Requested

Producers should verify and update records on planned and prevented planted acres field with USDA's Farm Service Agency. This information, required by the 2002 Farm Bill, must be correct in order to receive accurate direct and counter-cyclical payments in the near future.

The 2002 Farm Bill gives farmers several options for establishing or updating bases. FSA is now asking producers to review and update their information now so payments can be issued promptly this fall.

The 2002 Farm Bill provides for direct and counter-cyclical payments to be made to eligible producers of covered commodities include wheat, corn, sorghum, barley, oats, upland cotton, rice, soybeans, sunflower seeds, canola, flaxseed, mustard, safflower and rapeseed. Letters from FSA are being mailed to producers across the country asking for their updates. The letter will include a Summary Acreage History Report

showing the acreage of covered commodities reported to FSA. Included will be planted acres and/or acres prevented from being planted for crop years 1998 through 2001. If the information on the Acreage History Report is correct, producers do not need to take any action. If the information is wrong, producers will need to provide verifying documentation of acreage and yields to their local FSA office by August 31, 2002.

Direct and Counter-cyclical payments for 2002 through 2007 will be based on each producer's individual production history. Sign up for the program scheduled to begin October 1, 2002 and end July 2, 2003.

Program participation is voluntary, and producers are responsible for meeting deadlines and complying with rules and regulations.

Producers who have questions should contact their local USDA Service Center or county FSA office. More information about the 2002 Farm Bill issues is available at <http://www.usda.gov/farmbill>.

USDA Provides Relief to Lamb Producers

Sign up has begun for U.S. Department of Agriculture incentive payments to help ewe lamb producers suffering financial losses due to current poor market conditions.

The Lamb Meat Adjustment Assistance Program (LMAAP) is a four year program started to help stabilize the lamb market. The program will now provide \$26 million incentive payments to help producers increase the supply of domestic lamb meat.

Applications for the first period (Year 3), which lasts from August 1, 2001 through July 31, 2001 are due by August 15, 2002. Producers included in this year incentive payment are for ewe lambs, feeder and slaughter lambs.

Slaughter lambs must be marketed during August 1, 2001 through July 31, 2003 and be owned by an operation at least 30 days before marketing. Carcasses must meet the requirements of USDA Quality Grade Choice Prime; meet the requirements of USDA Yield Grade 2; have a muscling conformation score of Average Choice or better; have a 55-75 pound hot carcasses weight and be certified by a USDA Agricultural Marketing Service agent or assigned representative.

Producers must purchase or retain a ewe lamb to expand the sheep herd from August 1, 2001 through July 31, 2003 and must certify that each ewe lamb:

- Is not older than 18 months of age
- Has not produced an offspring
- Does not possess characteristics of parrot mouth, foot rot or scrapie and
- Is identified according to state identification requirements that comply with a USDA Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service approved scrapie program for interstate movement.

Feeder lambs must be marketed during the period August 1, 2001 through July 31, 2003; be owned by the operation from birth until the time of marketing and be thick muscled and large framed as determined by the USDA Agricultural Marketing Service.

Payments subject to the availability of funds will be: \$18 per ewe lamb; \$3 per feeder lamb; \$5 per slaughter lamb and an additional \$3 if slaughter lambs are marketed between June 1 and July 31st and all

eligibility requirements are met. If application amounts exceed the funding limit of \$26 million, USDA will prorate payments. Funds not utilized during the first application period will be carried forward to the next year.

Further information on program restrictions; eligibility requirements and other LMAAP payments is available from local USDA Service Centers and on FSA's website at www.fsa.usda.gov.

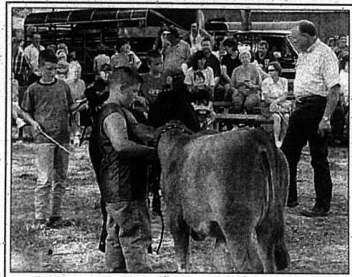
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County Dairy Show

By: John McQueary
County Agent for 4-H/Youth Development

The Rockcastle Dairy Show was held on Thursday, August 1, at the 107th Little World's Fair at Brodhead, Ky. Sponsoring the 60 entries in the 2002 show were: Citizen's Bank, M & S Feed, Farm Credit Services, Berea National Bank, Ford Brothers, Dabney Feed Supply, Adams Woodworking, Rockcastle Farm Supply, Town & Country Motors, Community Trust Bank, Rockcastle Farm Bureau, Madison Co. Livestock, and Southeastern Graded Milk Producers



Robert Reynolds, Chris Hurst and Dustin Reynolds show in a class white Mike Hancock judges.

Association.

In the Gurnsey Division, Matt Hayes of Rockcastle Co. was Junior Champion, and Berry Farms of Nicholasville, Ky. was Grand Champion.

In the Brown Swiss Division, Heather Adams of Rockcastle County was Junior Champion while

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Colon Hope Swiss Dairy was Grand Champion.

Cameron Ridge Dairy of Brindle Ridge, Rockcastle Co. was Junior Champion and Grand Champion in the Holstein Division.

In the Jersey Division, Junior Champion and Grand Champion was won by Deandra Farris of Flemingsburg, Ky.



Winners of the Railroad Judging Contest were, from left: Adult Division - Paul Colson of Nicholasville, 13 and under Division - B.B. Cameron of Rockcastle and in the 14-19-year-old Division - Matt Anderson of Lincoln County.



Heather Adams, of Brindle Ridge, showed at the Dairy Show.

Help Wanted

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