

Agricultural News

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Phase II Payments

Beginning the week of August 5, applications will be mailed to tobacco farm operators and letters will be mailed to tobacco quota owners about the 2002 fund. These applications must be completed and returned promptly no later than September 16, 2002.

To be considered complete, the application MUST BE SIGNED by all parties involved with each farm 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.

The growing farm and the Grower/Tenant Compensation from the Trust has been predetermined based on the last three application periods from crop years 1998, 1999 and 2000. Therefore, there are no pages for these signatures.

Basic Quota owners, who are not listed as the farm operator, will need to contact their farm operator for completing the form.

Step-by-step instructions 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.

Power of Attorney Forms

If you currently have a Power of Attorney on file with FSA, it is not valid for the new programs or transactions authorized by the Farm Security and Rural Investment Act of 2002 (Farm Bill). If you wish to retain an agent to act on your behalf for the new Direct and Counter-Cyclical programs, a new Power of Attorney form is required.

The FSA Power of Attorney, form FSA-211, has been revised to cover programs in the Act (referred to as

the Farm Bill). Non-FSA power of attorney forms currently on file are not valid for any new programs authorized by the Act. Farmers are cautioned that the authorizing signature on the FSA-211, must be witnessed by either an FSA employee or a Notary Public.

Disaster Leasing

Farmers who suffer a barley to tobacco disaster loss must file a report with FSA prior to harvest to retain eligibility to lease quota away under the disaster lease provisions. The disaster lease provision was implemented to provide relief to producers that suffer a disaster loss and are unable to produce and market the farm's effective quota. To be eligible to disaster lease and transfer must: file a crop report with FSA, file the FSA 574, Disaster Credit Request, have planted sufficient acreage to produce the farm's effective quota, provide a workman like manner for the crop production, suffer more than a 20% crop loss, pay a measurement fee and meet all price support eligibility requirements. If determined eligible for disaster leasing the measurement fee will be refunded.

Remember: If you are a farmer whose tobacco is suffering from poor weather conditions, black-shank, blue mold, root disease or etc. please come to the FSA office and file under the disaster provisions PRIOR TO HARVEST!!!

County Committee Election

Coming Soon
As of August 1st the local FSA office began accepting nominations for the upcoming election to be held December 2, 2002.

Committee members are a critical component of the day-to-day operations of FSA. The COC members help run FSA farm programs at the local level. Farmers who serve on committees help decide the kind of programs counties will have and how they will run. They make FSA agricultural programs fit the needs of local producers.

Nomination forms must be received in the local FSA office by October 28, 2002.

Warehouse Designation

Producers that do not designate their barley tobacco quota to a buying point during the initial designation period, which ended on August 1st, must wait until the first regular redetermination period. Producers will be limited to designate for the farm one time during each regular redetermination period. Therefore, if a

farm has multiple tenants which will market tobacco at separate buying points; the farm operator will need to designate for all those tenants at the same time.

September 30-October 4, 2002 with card effective October 14, 2002.
October 28-November 1, 2002 with card effective November 11, 2002.

December 02-December 06, 2002 will card effective December 16, 2002.

December 27-January 3, 2003 with card effective January 13, 2003.

Rural Development (Housing)

Rural Development (low-income housing) is regularly scheduled to be in the Rockcastle County FSA Office on the second Tuesday of each month. The next day scheduled for RD is Tuesday, September 10th.

The main office is located in Richmond, at 2150 Lexington Road, Suite C and the phone number is 859-624-1680 ext. 4.

Dairy Program Signup Begins

August 13th
Jeffery S. Hall, Kentucky State Executive Director of the Farm Service Agency, reminds farmers that signup for the Milk Income Loss Contract (MILC) program began August 13th and will end September 30, 2002. This program, authorized by the 2002 Farm Bill, financially compensated dairy producers when domestic milk prices fall below a specified level.

Eligible dairy producers are those who produced milk in any state and marketed the milk commercially beginning December 2001. To be approved for the program, producers must be in compliance with highly and wetland conservation provisions and must enter into a contract with USDA's Commodity Credit Corporation to provide monthly marketing data.

MILC payments will occur in months when the price of Class I milk in Boston under the Northeast Milk Marketing Order falls below \$16.95 per cwt. Payment rates will be 45 percent of the difference between \$16.94 and the Boston Class I price for that month.

Program payments scheduled to begin in October 2002 will be retroactive from December 1, 2001 with producers selecting to begin in October 2002 will be retroactive from December 1, 2001 with producers selecting the month to start receiving payments.

For more information and require-

ments, dairy producers can visit the web site on the Internet at <http://www.fsa.usda.gov> or visit their local USDA FSA office.

Important Program Dates

September 30, 2002 - Deadline to sign up for Horse Breeder Loan.

October 1, 2002 - Signup for DCP crop year 2002 and 2003 begins.

Signup Apple Market Loss Assistance program continues.

Farm Storage Facility Loan Program signup continues.

Conservation Reserve Program signup continues.

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