

Agricultural News

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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 authorized signature on the FSA-211, must be witnessed by either an FSA employee or a Notary Public.

Warehouse Designation
Producers that did not designate their burley tobacco quota to a buying point during the initial designation period, which ended on August 1st, must wait until the first regular redesignation period. Producers will be limited to designate for the farm one time during each regular redesignation 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 with card effective December 16, 2002.

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

Disaster Leasing

Farmers who suffer a burley 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.

Dairy Program Signup Began 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 compensates 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 Oc-

tober 2002 will be retroactive from December 1, 2001 with producers selecting the month to start receiving payments.

For more information and requirements, 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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Thursday, September 26, 2002

3:00-6:00 p.m.

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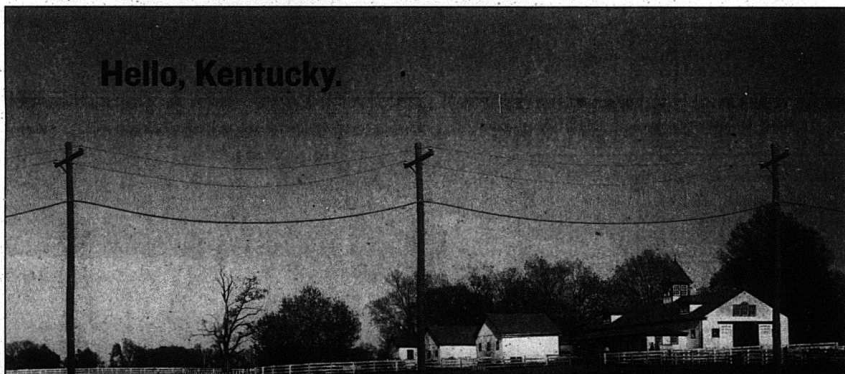
- 3:00 - 6:00 All RCHS Faculty available to conference with parents.
- 3:00 - 6:00 Visit Rockcastle Area Technology Center Staff for conference. RATCH will be setup at the back entrance of RCHS. Parents register for door prizes at RATCH tables. Sign up for classes with 21st CCLC.
- 3:00 - 6:00 Refreshments in the RCHS Cafeteria.
- 4:30 - 5:00 Job Quest Parent/Student Meeting in the RCHS Library. Parents and students registered in the Job Quest Program will be entered into a drawing for great prizes! Kyle Rader, Coordinator will review Job Quest requirements, schedule of activities, incentive program, and reward field trip!
- 5:30 - 6:00 GET READY! SET! GO! Everything you need to know to prepare yourself for applying for college admission and federal financial aid in 2003. Session to be held in the RCHS Library.

EARN RISE POINTS! DOOR PRIZES! REFRESHMENTS! DRAWING FOR COMPUTER! SUPPORT YOUR CHILD!

Mid-term progress/deficiency reports were sent home
with students on Wednesday, September 18th.

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