

Agricultural News

By Warden Alexander, FSA Director

County Committee Monthly Meeting

The Rockcastle County Farm Service Committee (C) will hold its monthly meeting open to the public the first Thursday of each month beginning at 8:00 a.m. The meeting will be at the Rockcastle County FSA Office located in the USDA Service Center on Hwy. 150 in Mt. Vernon. The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, October 3.

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

Power of Attorney Farms
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 Se-

curity 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.

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 will card effective December 16, 2002.

December 27-January 3, 2003 with card effective January 13, 2003.
Importer Assessment Rates for Burley Tobacco

The U.S. Department of Agriculture announced assessment rates effective October 1, on unmanufactured burley tobacco imported for consumption. Unmanufactured tobacco is any tobacco that is not processed and packaged as a consumer tobacco product. The assessment rates are the same as for domestically-produced burley tobacco and will remain in effect through September 30, 2003.

Burley tobacco importer assessment rates effective October 1, 2002 through September 30, 2003 cents per net-weight is 2 cents per pound of 4,4092 cents per kilogram.

The total amount of assessments is due within 10 business days after imported commerce of the U.S. Customs Service for entry for consumption into the commerce of the U.S. Failure to pay or timely pay the amount of assessment due can result in a marketing penalty of \$1.48 per pound, or \$3.26 per kilogram for the amount of burley tobacco on which such failure occurred.

Direct and Counter-Cyclical Program (DCP)
Direct and Counter-cyclical payments for 2002 through 2007 will be based on each producer's individual production history. Signup 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>.

County Committee Election
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 October 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 signup 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.

The U.S. 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 family 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).

To file a complaint of discrimination write USDA, Director, Office of Civil Rights, Room 326-W, Whitten Bldg., 14th and Independence Ave. SW, Washington, DC 20250-9410 or call (202)720-5964 (voice or TDD). USDA is an equal opportunity provider and employer.

Subscribe to the Signal
(606)256-2244

SUNDAY BUFFET

& our 40 item soup & salad bar
11 a.m. - 3 p.m.
Also served Wednesday - Friday
11a.m. - 2 p.m. for \$6.99

Only
\$7.99

Columbia Steak House
Berea 986-3639 (Just off I-75 at Exit 77)

"What Saith the Scriptures"

In John 6:27-29 we read, "Labour not for the meat which perisheth, but for that meat which endureth unto everlasting life, which the Son of man shall give unto you: for him hath God the Father sealed. Then said they unto him, What shall we do, that we might work the works of God? Jesus answered and said unto them, This is the work of God, that ye believe on him whom he hath sent." Jesus is teaching us that we must labor and work for the spiritual food, that will endure, continue, abide, last unto everlasting life. We can labor and work for the food of this world, but it will only last for a little time, and then will perish. Believing in Christ is a part of the work of God in our lives. Saving faith is a working, active thing. "Even so, faith, if it hath not works, is dead, being alone. Yea, a man may say, Thou hast faith, and I have works: show me thy faith without thy works, and I will show thee my faith by my works... Ye see then that by works a man is justified, and not by faith only." (James 2:17-18:24). Men and women are saved by faith in Christ Jesus. Not faith only, mind you, but a living, working, active, obedient faith. What kind of faith do you have beloved? Are you without faith? Is it a dead faith? Or is it a working faith?

Providence church of Christ

Dan McKibben-758-9316 - E-mail: Dan.McKibben@Juno.com

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

Has your phone been DISCONNECTED?

Get to the nearest phone and call
(800) 556-2879 we can help.

\$39.95

Per Month
Plus Fees & Taxes

FREE ACTIVATION

No Credit Checks
No Contracts
No Deposits
No Hassel of Past Due Bills

Also Available...

Caller ID
Call Waiting
Non-Published Number
Call Forwarding
Three-way Calling

Authorized Agent:

Walnut Grove Systems Inc.

4458 S Highway 27 • Somerset, Kentucky

(506) 677-2888 or (800) 556-2879

Monday-Friday 9 AM to 6 PM Saturday 9 AM to 3 PM

ANOTHER MODEL YEAR IS HERE, SO WE'RE PUSHING THE 2002's!

DON MARSHALL
CHRYSLER

As good as it gets!

716 N. Hwy. 27, Somerset, Ky.
(606) 678-8178
1-800-249-7253

DON MARSHALL
NISSAN

2002 DODGE RAM 1500 4x4

TJIT, Cruise, Tow Package
Cassette/CD, Sliding Rear Window



List Price: **\$25,770**
Sale Price: **\$19,990**

2002 DODGE RAM 1500 4x2

Sliding Rear Window
Bedliner



List Price: **\$20,075**
Sale Price: **\$14,990**

2002 NISSAN SENTRA GXE

AC, PW, PL, CD, Keyless Entry
Automatic



Only **\$11,990**

NEW 2002 NISSAN ALTIMA 25S

Auto, AC, CD, PW, PL,
Cruise, Keyless Entry



Only **\$18,495**

2002 DODGE 1500 4x4 QUAD CAB

4.7 Liter V-8
Engine
Tow Pkg.,
Cruise,
Tilt,
Chrome
Wheels



List Price: **\$29,185**
Sale Price: **\$22,990**

ALL NEW DODGE RAM HEAVY DUTY 2500'S & 3500'S



ALL MODELS AVAILABLE
IN STOCK NOW!

NEW 2002 NISSAN FRONTIER KING CAB

AC, Value Truck Pkg.



Only **\$13,890 & 0.9%**

NEW 2002 NISSAN XTERRA XE 4X4

Auto, AC.



Was \$24,333
Only **\$21,990 & 0.9%**



*ALL REBATES ASSIGNED TO DEALER *DISCOUNTS ON SELECT VEHICLES 0.9% APR FINANCING FOR 36 MO. *INTEREST RATES SUBJECT TO CREDIT APPROVAL.
FARM BUREAU REBATES INCLUDED IN ALL DODGE PRICING. 0% FINANCING ON SELECT VEHICLES FOR UP TO 60 MONTHS.