

## 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 U.S. Service Center on Hwy. 150 in Mt. Vernon. The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, October 3.

The CFC members are vital to the day-to-day operations of FSA. The CFC members help FSA at 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 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.

**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.  
**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 domestic-

cally-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 for no-net-cost 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 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 CFC 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 agri-

cultural programs fit the needs of local producers.

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

**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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## Yards to Paradise

By: Max Phelps

### Enjoy Fall Colors

Since the sourwoods and sweet gums untimely began coloring shades of red in July this year in the Carolina piedmont, I have been thinking fall color. But what could I write that has not been said already?

The drought well, no, because most of my readers have not had a drought

year. But I had to water May through August in Kings Mountain just to keep my plants alive in heat up to 103 degrees. So let's just reminisce.

Fall is a time when the process called photosynthesis slowly stops and the leaves of many woody plants lose their greens in favor of another hue of the rainbow.

Yellow: birch, maple, ginkgo. Orange: fothergilla, sassafras, cypress and dawn redwood. Red: red maple, black gum, scarlet oak. Purple: dogwood, white oak, autumn purple ash, Bradford pear, shasta viburnum.

I love seeing Virginia creeper and Boston ivy climb rocks and walls and telephone poles in summer, but it is when the green leaves turn scarlet that they show off in full glory.

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**DEPARTMENT OF HIGHWAYS**  
**NOTICE TO CONTRACTORS**  
Sealed bids will be received by the Department of Highways in the Division of Contract Procurement and/or the Auditorium located on the 1st Floor of the State Office Building, Frankfort, Kentucky, until 10:00 a.m., EASTERN STANDARD TIME on the 25th day of October, 2002 at which time bids will be publicly opened and read for the improvement of LAUREL ROCKCASTLE COUNTIES, IN-SH 75-2(76)50, FD52 063 0075 050-051, FD52 102 0075 050-052; The Tennessee State Line-Lexington Road (I-75) Widening and Rehab from 1.162 kilometers south of the Rockcastle County line extending northerly to 1.422 kilometers north of the Laurel County Line, a distance of 2.584 kilometers. Grade, Drain and Asphalt Surface. The DBE participation goal is 4%. The Department of Highways hereby notifies all bidders that it will affirmatively insure that in any contract entered into pursuant to this advertisement, Disadvantaged Business enterprises, will be afforded full opportunity to submit bids in response to this invitation, and will not be discriminated against on the ground of race, color, or national origin in consideration for an award. Bid proposals for all projects will be available at a cost of \$10 each and remittance payable to the State Treasurer of Kentucky must accompany request for proposals (NON-REFUNDABLE). BID PROPOSALS ARE ISSUED ONLY TO PREQUALIFIED CONTRACTORS. Specimen proposals for all projects will be available to all interested parties at a cost of \$10 each. (NON-REFUNDABLE). Specimen proposals cannot be used for bidding.