

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). New 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.

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>.

Designation By Landowner

The designation by landowner method of dividing a farm is the division of contract acres, allotments, or quotas in the manner AGREED to by all parent farm owners and purchasers or transferees. Sellers must have owned the farm for three years prior to the date of designation by landowner method. The County Committee may waive the 3-year ownership requirement of either of the following apply:

- COC determines the sale was not primarily to keep or sell allotments, quotas, or contract acres.
 - Land sold will be devoted to nonagricultural, recreational, residential or industrial use.
- The designation by landowner method may be used when any of the following apply:
- Part of a farm or tract is sold or ownership is transferred.
 - An entire farm or tract is sold 2 or more persons.
 - Farm or tract ownership is transferred to 2 or more persons.

With the designation by landowner method the 1,000 pound rule also applies when there is a change in ownership. Thus, if a resulting farm has less than 1,000 pounds of tobacco quota the owner shall either:

- Purchase additional quota to make 1,000 pounds.
- Sell the quota.
- Combine the quota with another farm to make 1,000 pounds. An FSA-155, Request for Farm Reconstitution shall be signed by ALL sellers, buyers and if applicable, the holder or the deed of trust, lien holder or mortgage holder, state or county.

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.

Farm Changes

Producers who have purchased or sold land should inform the FSA office of the change. A copy of the deed or land contract sales is required to update FSA records with correct ownership. Producers are also reminded to inform the FSA office of any change of address.

Join Fall Field Day

Eastern Kentucky University Department of Agriculture and the Kentucky Department of Agriculture will be sponsoring a Joint Fall Field Day on October 10, at EKU's Meadowbrook Farm. Demonstrations and tours will begin at 4:00 p.m. with a meal following at 6:00 p.m. Program and Discussion to immediately following the meal. Topics will include Farm Program, FFA Recognition & Report on Agriculture, To-

bacco Buyout & Receiving Station and Madison County Ag Development Funds.

Livestock Compensation Program (LCP)

On September 29, Secretary Veneman announced the 2002 Livestock Compensation Program. This program will provide assistance to certain livestock producers experiencing severe 2002 crop year feed and pasture losses due to drought. The program is available only in counties named as primary counties under a Secretarial disaster designation by a Governor. At this time Rockcastle County is NOT one of those counties.

Office Closed

The Rockcastle County FSA Office will be closed Monday, October 14th, for Columbus Day. The office will reopen Tuesday, October 15th at 7:30 a.m.

Extension Office News

Quilt Class

A Triangle Quilt class will be taught at the Extension Office on Oct. 11, from 10 to 3. The class is free but participants must bring their own supplies. Call 256-2403 for details.

Sewing Class

On Oct. 25, beginning at 9:30 a.m. Sewing-With-Knits will be taught at the Extension Office. Fabric will be furnished. Call 256-2403 for details and to register.

Basket Class

The monthly Basket Class will be held on Oct. 14, 9 to 3 at the Extension Office. Come join others in learning a heritage craft. Call the Extension Office 256-2403 for details and to register.

Scrapbooking Class

On Oct. 17, a Scrapbooking and

Important Program Dates

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

Farm Storage Facility Loan Program signup continues.

Conservation Reserve Program signup continues.

April 1, 2003 - Ending date for owners to select base and yield options.

June 2, 2003 - Signup for the 2002 and 2003 DCP ends.

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Greeting Card Class will be taught at 6 p.m. at the Extension Office. Class is free. For list of supplies and to register call 256-2403.

Losing Weight

Losing Weight the Food Pyramid Way will be taught at the Extension Office on Oct. 22, 10 to 12. Class is free. Call 256-2403 for details.

Card Class

On Oct. 17, a Scrapbooking and Greeting Card Class will be taught at 6 p.m. at the Extension Office. Class is free. For a list of supplies and to register. Call 256-2403.

Dessert Class

At 10:30 a.m. on Oct. 31 come learn "Easy As Pie Desserts." Free class will be taught at the Extension Office. Call 256-2403 for more info.

4-H Poster Contest

Once again it is time for the 4-H Poster contest. The posters are due October 18, 2002. First and second place winner will receive a plaque. The rules are as follows:

1. Poster must be created by a currently enrolled 4-H'er.
2. Well known cartoon figures cannot be used because they are copyrighted. (Examples: Looney Tunes, Sponge Bob-Square Pants, Blues Clues, Mickey Mouse, Star Wars, Spiderman, Charlie Brown, Pooh, etc.)
3. All posters must be designed on or

affixed to .016 ply construction paper, poster-board (solid fiber board) of 14 inch x 22 inch dimensions (one half a standard poster board size.) They may be horizontal or vertical. Posters may be produced by any medium, such as watercolor, ink crayon, acrylic, charcoal, oils or collage, so long as they are not three-dimensional.

4. 4-H is to be the topic for the poster. You can show what you think 4-H is, what you do in 4-H, what you think 4-H does for young people.

5. The 4-H'er's name, age, FULL MAILING ADDRESS, county, teacher, school and grade must be affixed to the back of the poster board in the upper left hand corner.

6. Winners will be chosen by grades 4, 5, 6, 7, and 8.



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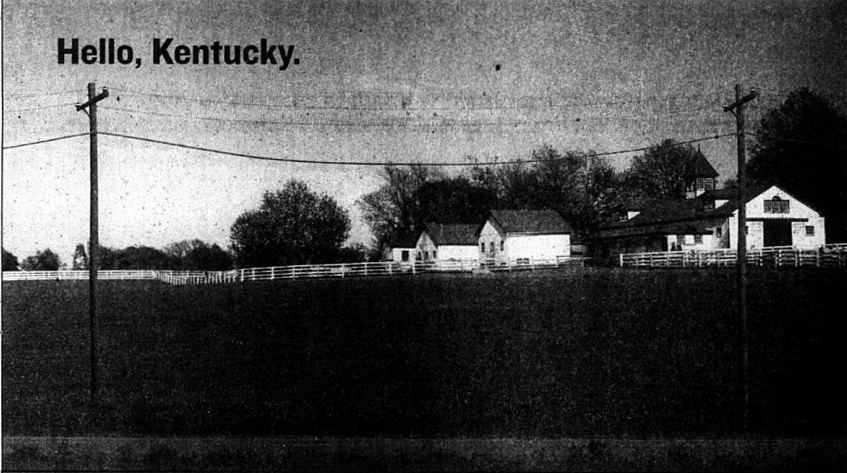
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