

Agricultural News

By: Warden Alexander, FSA Director

Hispanic and Women Farmers and Ranchers Claims Must be Post-marked by March 25th

Agriculture Secretary Tom Vilsack today reminded Hispanic and women farmers and ranchers who believe they have faced discriminatory practices in the past from the USDA have 45 days remaining in the filing period closing March 25, 2013.

USDA urges potential claimants to contact the Claims Administrator for information and mail their claim packages on or before March 25, 2013.

The process offers a voluntary alternative to litigation for each Hispanic or female farmer and rancher who can prove that USDA denied his or her application for loan or loan servicing assistance for discriminatory reasons for certain time periods between 1981 and 2000. As announced in February 2011, the voluntary claims process will make available at least \$1.33 billion for cash awards and tax relief payments, plus up to \$160 million in farm debt relief, to eligible Hispanic and women farmers and ranchers. There are no filing fees to participate in the program.

Claimants may register for a claims package (by calling the number or visiting the website) or may download the forms from

the website. All those interested in learning more or receiving information about the claims process and claims packages are encouraged to contact the website at any time or call center telephone number Monday through Friday 9 a.m. to 8 p.m. Eastern Time.

Website: www.farmerclaims.gov
Phone: 1-888-508-4429

Claims Period: September 24, 2012 - March 25, 2013.

Independent legal services companies will administer the claims process and adjudicate the claims. Although there are no filing fees to participate and a lawyer is not required to participate in the claims process, persons seeking legal advice may contact a lawyer or other legal services provider.

Under Secretary Vilsack's leadership, USDA has instituted a comprehensive plan to strengthen the Department as a model service provider and to ensure that every farmer and rancher is treated equally and fairly as part of "a new era of civil rights" at USDA. The claims process provides a voluntary alternative to continuing litigation for Hispanic and female farmers and ranchers who want to use it.

Noninsured Crop Disaster Assistance Program
USDA's Farm Service Agency's (FSA)

Noninsured Crop Disaster Assistance Program (NAP) is designed to provide financial assistance to producers of noninsurable crops when low yields, loss of inventory or prevented planting occurs due to natural disasters.

To be eligible for NAP assistance and other FSA Disaster Assistance Programs, producers harvesting crops must purchase NAP coverage for which the catastrophic risk protection level of crop insurance is not available.

The natural disaster must occur before or during harvest and must directly affect the eligible crop. An eligible natural disaster is any of the following:

- damaging weather, such as drought, freeze, hail, excessive moisture, excessive wind or hurricanes;
- an adverse natural occurrence, such as earthquake or flood; or
- a condition related to damaging weather or an adverse natural occurrence, such as excessive heat, disease or insect infestation.

The deadline to purchase NAP date for Vegetables and Soybeans is March 15, 2013.

Direct and Counter-Cyclical Payment Program (DCP) - 2013

The American Taxpayer Relief Act of 2012, enacted on Jan. 2, 2013, amends the Food, Conservation, and Energy Act of 2008 and provides for a one-year extension of the Direct and Counter-Cyclical (DCP) program. To be eligible for direct and counter-cyclical payments, producers must enroll their farms in DCP during the sign-up period which began on Feb. 19, 2013 and ends on Aug. 2, 2013.

For more information about this and other FSA programs please visit your local FSA county office or visit www.fsa.usda.gov.
Important program dates and Interest Rates
Farm Operating Loans-

Direct = 1.125%
Farm Ownership Loans=3.125%
Limited Resource Loans=5.000%
Farm Storage Loans-7 yr=1.250%, 10 yr=1.875%, 12 yr=2.125%
Commodity Loans-1.125%
TTPP-5.000%

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Persons with disabilities, who wish to file a pro-

gram complaint, please see information above on how to contact us by mail directly or by email. If you require alternative means of communication for pro-

gram information (e.g., Braille, large print, audio-tape, etc.) please contact USDA's TARGET Center at (202) 720-2600 (voice and TDD)."

Minds in the Middle

The end of the grading period will be March 14th. Mark your calendars now to attend open house on March 19th.

The RCMS softball team has red short-sleeved Rocket t-shirts for sale in the office. The cost is \$10.

Congratulations to Mrs. Phillips 7thgrade Adventurers on winning the attendance race last week. The 6th grade Enterprisers did great as well with Mr. Gabbard's homeroom taking second and Mrs. Ballinger's homeroom coming in third.

Our 7thgrade Builders Club is helping Rockcastle Regional Hospital raise money for the March of Dimes organization to help fight birth defects. Homerooms are in competition with each other and RCMS is in competition with the other 4 schools in

the district. Help out by sending in your spare change.

The winner of the recent Box Tops race was the Voyagers team with 3,271 Box Tops! Continue collecting to be on track for the next collection.

Our PTSA fundraiser is continuing through this week. If you haven't yet, check out the awesome stuff the kids are selling from Mixed Bags. Don't let the name fool you though. There is much more than bags, including cell phone covers, scarves, tablet cases, tumblers, picture frames, and lots of other neat merchandise at reasonable prices.

RCMS yearbooks are in limited supply. The cost is \$35. If you would like one, but have yet ordered, do so soon!



RCMS 8th Grade Band Students Perform with Honor Band

Members of the RCMS 8th Grade Band were recently selected by audition to perform with the 2013 District 11 Middle School Honors Band. This year's band was under the direction of Mrs. Monica Crowder, long time director from the Barren Co. School District. RCMS students performed with top other musicians from across the district and performed in concert at Danville High School on Saturday March 2nd. Their performance included popular concert band works such as Michael Sweeny's "Celtic Air and Dance" and Richard Saucedo's "Sneak Attack." Pictured above from left are: Allison Renner, Clarinet; Logan Anglin, Trombone; and Delton Robinson on trumpet.

Commonwealth of Kentucky
28th Judicial Circuit
Rockcastle Circuit Court • Division II
Civil Action No. 11-CI-00249

JPMorgan Chase Bank,
National Association

Plaintiff

V.

Jedediah Nathan Swartz

Defendants

NOTICE OF SALE

Pursuant to a judgment and order of sale entered in this action on March 28, 2012 and order to rechedule entered on February 14, 2013 for the purpose of satisfying the judgment against the defendants in the amount of SEVENTY EIGHT THOUSAND NINE HUNDRED EIGHTY THREE DOLLARS AND 62/100 (\$78,983.62) plus interest, costs and attorney fees. I will offer at public auction the hereinafter described real property in Rockcastle County, Kentucky.

At the Courthouse on East Main Street
Mt. Vernon, Kentucky
on Friday, March 22, 2013
Beginning at the Hour of 11:30 a.m.

Said property being more particularly bounded and described as follows:

Property Address: 115 Paul Street, Mt. Vernon, KY 40456
Beginning at a steel pin on the southwest side of Paul Street, 676 feet south of Kentucky 1249; thence with Paul Street as following: North 52 degrees 30 minutes West, 110 feet to steel pin to Lot No. 2; thence with Lot No. 2 as follows: South 30 degrees 00 minutes West, 136.4 feet to steel pin, Brown's line; thence with Brown as follows: South 70 degrees 40 minutes East, 130 feet to steel pin (corner to Bullock); thence with Bullock as follows: North 19 degrees 10 minutes East, 98.5 feet to the beginning, and containing 0.31 acres more or less.

Being the same property conveyed to Jedediah Nathan Swartz, single, by deed dated October 14, 2010 and recorded in Deed Book 222, Page 562 in the Office of the Rockcastle County Clerk.

The property shall be sold on the following terms & conditions:

1. The real property shall be sold for cash or upon a credit of thirty (30) days with the purchaser required to pay a minimum of twenty five percent (25%) of the purchase price in cash on the date of sale and to secure the balance with a bond approved by the Master Commissioner.
2. The bond shall bear interest at the rate of twelve percent (12%) per annum until paid in full. The bond shall have the force and effect of a judgment and shall be and remain a lien upon the property sold as additional surety for the payment of the purchase price.
3. The purchaser shall pay the 2012 local, county and state property taxes.
4. Unpaid delinquent state, county and/or city ad valorem real estate taxes shall be paid out of the proceeds of the sale.
5. Full satisfaction of the plaintiff's judgment shall be paid from the proceeds of the sale.
6. The purchaser shall have possession of the real property upon compliance with the terms of the sale.
7. In the event that the plaintiff is the successful bidder and the sale price does not exceed the amount of the plaintiff's judgment, no deposit or bond shall be required.
8. The sale shall be made subject to all easements, set back lines, restrictions or covenants of record or otherwise and shall be sold "as is".

John D. Ford
Master Commissioner
Rockcastle Circuit Court

Heritage Banquet is Saturday

The Rockcastle Longbeards Chapter of the National Wild Turkey Federation has announced the Annual Hunting Heritage Membership Banquet. The event will be held Saturday, March 9th at the Rockcastle County Middle School.

Doors will open at 6 p.m. with dinner at 7:30 p.m. There will be an auction, silent auction, guns, games, door prizes and family fun for all.

For more information or to purchase tickets in advance contact one of the following committee members: Gerald Alexander at 606 256-5606, Joan Garrison 606758-8030, Curtis Cash 606 758-9514, or Tony Mahaffey 606 256-9955.

Mt. Vernon Message

School News

Our third grading period ends on Tuesday, March 12. Report cards will be sent home on Tuesday, March 19.

Parent-Teacher Conferences are scheduled for Tuesday, March 26 from 4:00 until 6:00. Please watch your child's backpack for more details.

There will be no school on Friday, March 15.

FRC News

The FRC Council will meet on Tuesday, March 12 at noon in the FRC office.

FRC Pennies For Patients Fundraiser ends on Thursday, March 14. Thanks to all who have contributed to this worthy cause.

FRC 100% Movie Club meets on Thursday, March 14. Grades K (a.m.), 3 and 5 will meet at 8:30. Grades K (p.m.), 1, 2 and 4 will meet at 12:30.

• **Attention** •

If you have built a new house or made improvements to an existing structure please notify the PVA office as soon as possible.

We need the information to place a fair assessment on your property.

Margaret Offutt
Property Valuation Administrator

Third Floor Courthouse
256-4194