

Agricultural News

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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.

Crop Acreage Reporting for NAP Producers

To remain eligible for disaster assistance; producers participating in the Non-Insured Crop Disaster Assistance Program (NAP) are required to report acreage for which NAP assistance may be paid. The timeline for reporting such crops is as follows:

The established acreage reporting date which is July 15th for all crops except small grains and value loss crops

15 calendar days before the onset of harvest or grazing of the specific crop acreage being reported.

As a reminder, the final date for reporting of hay and/or pasture land is April 1st. For crops that were intended to be planted and a NAP policy was purchased but was not planted, a zero acreage report is required.

Crop Acreage Reporting
Farm Service Agency (FSA) reminds agricultural producers of the acreage reporting requirements that must be met prior to receiving program benefits. Filing an accurate acreage report for all crops and land uses, including failed acreage and prevented planting acreage, can prevent the loss of benefits for a variety of programs. July 15th is the final date to certify all crops, except small grains.

Producers must report acreages to maintain eligibility for Price Support Programs, Noninsured Crop Assistance Program (NAP), Conservation Reserve Program (CRP) and Direct and Counter-Cyclical Program (DCP). All cropland on farms must be certified to remain eligible for these programs

CRP Sign-up

Kentucky Farm Service Agency (FSA) will conduct a four-week Conservation Reserve Program (CRP) general sign-up beginning May 20, 2013 and ending on June 14, 2013. CRP addresses critical resource issues. In addition to erosion control, CRP provides significant water quality benefits including reduced nutrients and sediment loadings and adverse consequences associated with floods as well as expanded and enhanced wildlife habitat.

CRP is a voluntary program available to agricultural producers to help them safeguard environmentally sensitive land. Producers enrolled in CRP plant long-term, resource-conserving covers to improve the quality of water, control soil erosion and enhance wildlife habitat. Producers that are accepted in the sign-up can receive cost-share assistance for planting covers and receive an annual rental payment for the length of

the contract (10-15 years).

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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Mt. Vernon Fire and Rescue responded to a single car accident Monday morning on White Rock Road in Mt. Vernon. Authorities say Zach Smith, 16, of Mt. Vernon was traveling south on White Rock Road when he hydroplaned and lost control of his vehicle before flipping over an embankment. Smith was not injured.

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contact us by mail directly or by email. If you require alternative means of communication for program information (e.g., Braille, large print, audiotope, etc.) please contact USDA's TARGET Center at (202) 720-2600 (voice and TDD).

Jubilation 2013

The annual RCHS Band Theme Dinner and Auction will be held Friday, April 12th at 6:30 p.m. in the RCHS cafeteria.

Tickets are available in advance for \$10, children 5-12 \$7 and under 5 free. At the door, tickets will be \$12.

Dinner, consisting of chicken, mashed potatoes, green beans, salad, roll, dessert and drink, will be served and entertainment will be performed by band students. There will also be a silent auction.

Advance tickets will be entered for a special prize, given away at the end of the evening.

To purchase tickets, contact any concert band student, Greg Daugherty or Tanya Cromer 606-392-9309.

For more information, or to donate and item for auction, please contact Tanya Cromer.

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Local stand-up comedian Drew Davidson was the featured entertainer at the Rockcastle Regional Hospital's Family Comedy Show last Friday night. Davidson is a 2007 graduate of RCHS and a 2011 Northern Kentucky University graduate with a bachelor's degree in acting performance. He has recently performed stand-up comedy routines at numerous prominent comedy clubs such as the Go Bananas Comedy Club in Cincinnati, Funny Bone Comedy Club in Newport and Comedy Off Broadway in Lexington. Davidson is the son of Leon and Janice Davidson of Mt. Vernon.

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