



October 2007

McCracken County News

McCracken County USDA Service Center

McCracken County FSA
2715 Olivet Ch Rd
Paducah, KY 42001
270-554-7264 (phone)
270-554-5702 (fax)
www.fsa.usda.gov/ky

Hours

Monday - Friday
8:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

County Committee

Ronnie Flowers
Dewain Gipson
Donnie Edwards

County Committee meets
4th Thursday

Staff

LaDonn Record
Jeff Cope
William Birney

The U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) prohibits discrimination in all its programs and activities on the basis of race, color, national origin, age, disability, and where applicable, sex, marital status, familial status, parental status, religion, sexual orientation, genetic information, political beliefs, reprisal, or because all or part of an individual's income is derived from any public assistance program. (Not all prohibited bases apply to all programs.) Persons with disabilities who require alternative means for communication of program information (Braille, large print, audiotape, etc.) should contact USDA's TARGET Center at (202) 720-2600 (voice and TDD). To file a complaint of Discrimination, write to USDA, Director, Office of Civil Rights, 1400 Independence Avenue, SW., Washington, DC 20250-9410, or call (800) 795-3272 (voice) or (202) 720-6382 (TDD). USDA is an equal opportunity provider and employer.

WOMEN IN AG SEMINAR

The Four River Counties – Ballard, Carlisle, Fulton, and Hickman – Women in Ag Seminar will be held Wednesday, November 7, 2007 at Columbus Belmont State Park Activity Building. This is an annual seminar coordinated by the Extension Service and the Farm Service Agency to acquaint and educate women in the field of agriculture. Registration will begin at 8:30 am with the program beginning at 9:00 am. Lunch will be provided. Please make reservations by calling 270-665-5666 ext 2, or 270-665-9118.

COUNTY COMMITTEE ELECTION

The county committee election ballots will be mailed soon. The election this year will be in Local Administrative Area 3. LAA 3 is composed of the northern part of the county. It is bounded on the south by KY 725 and 305, on the north by the Ohio River, and on the west by the county line. The two candidates this year are Mike Boatwright and Donnie Edwards. FSA appreciates these two candidates agreeing to be on the ballot and willing to serve if elected. The elected member will serve a three year term. The ballots will be mailed to producers and land owners in this area during November. Should you fail to receive a ballot and reside in this area, please request one ballot from the FSA county office.

CONSERVATION RESERVE PROGRAM

The annual rental payments for McCracken County have recently been revised and in most cases have been increased. There are currently no provisions for a regular sign up. However, the continuous signup is always available. The most common practices for the continuous CRP are waterways, filter strips, and buffer strips. CRP is only eligible on land that was cropped 4 years out of the 6 year period of 1996 through 2001, and it must have been owned for at least 12 months. The program pays cost share for construction of the practice and annual rental payment for 10 to 15 years. Feel free to inquire at the county office for more details.

LIVESTOCK COMPENSATION PROGRAM

Sign-up has begun for the 2005 Livestock Compensation Program. McCracken County livestock producers that owned livestock on January 1, 2005, are eligible for the 2005 year. This program is being implemented because of the drought and the loss sustained by livestock producers. Eligible livestock include dairy cattle, beef cattle, sheep, goats and swine. For more information, contact this office.

DROUGHT

The drought conditions and the resulting projected losses have been analyzed and submitted to the FSA State Office. Currently no disaster programs have been implemented to cover this situation, but any such programs will be publicized if made available.