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## Metcalfe County News



### GREEN RIVER CREP PROGRAM

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**Hours**  
Monday – Friday  
7:00 a.m.-4:30 p.m.

**County Committee**  
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County Committee meets the first Wednesday of the month at 8:00 a.m.

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Metcalfe County is very excited about the participation in the Green River CREP Program. If you've been in the office lately you may have noticed NRCS and KY Fish and Wildlife Employees working hard behind computers trying to get CREP producers conservation plans ready for them by October 1st. Eric Copas and Brian Sauer, from Fish and Wildlife Office headquartered in Madisonville, Brad Brown, Soil Conservationist from Warren County and Brian Boon, Soil Conservationist from Barren County have written all the Conservation Plans in order to assure approximately 65 farmers of Metcalfe County that they would have an October 1<sup>st</sup> start date. Guys there are no words to show our appreciation.

Beginning October 1<sup>st</sup> NRCS requests for Metcalfe County will be serviced from the Barren County Office. Sam VanMeter, District Conservationist, Brian Boone, Soil Conservationist, and Mark Barrick, Technician, will be traveling to Metcalfe County to service the NRCS office for Metcalfe County. We would like to welcome them and we look forward to working with them.

New Soil Rental rates have been established and are now in effect. If you had inquired prior to March and didn't like the rental rate that was estimated, let us refigure your rental rate now. CREP is a program that can work for anyone with eligible land. If you are thinking of retiring from farming and still want annual income from the farm CREP could be a program for you. If you have a cattle operation or grain operation and want to move away from the sensitive areas (along streams or sinkholes) you can enroll the minimum and if eligible receive cost share on eligible practices and still farm the land that you wish to farm. Check it out.

**BEGINNING FARMERS, WOMEN FARMERS AND MINORITY FARMERS TO CARRY HIGH PRIORITY WITH FSA LOAN PROGRAMS** – In an effort to reach and inform potential applicants of available FSA loan programs, the local office has set a high priority on beginning, women and minority farm loans. If you, or someone you know, could benefit from loan assistance in starting, restructuring or improving a farming operation, please contact the local FSA Office for an opportunity to obtain more information and apply. Although emergency loans are available for freeze related 2007 crop losses we want to remind everyone that our regular farm ownership and Operating Loans are always available as well as 4-H and FFA youth project loans.

### NRCS Announcing EQIP Sign-up Ends October 31<sup>st</sup>, 2007

EQIP allows cost-share assistance to persons engaged in livestock or agricultural production on eligible land. Cost Share rates vary by practice and generally range from 30 to 75 percent. Cost-share rates for beginning farmers and limited resource producers range from 75 to 90 percent. Eligible practices and priority practices for 2008 have not been announced, but in the past Critical Area Planting, Pipeline and Tanks, Watering Facilities, Grassed Waterways, Diversions and Fencing are among the many practices eligible. Applications will be taken through the month of October. Please contact The Metcalfe Co. NRCS Office, 109 Sartin Dr. or phone (270) 432-3191ext 101

**Dead Animal Disposal Program** is available through the Metcalfe Soil Conservation District. Submit receipt for disposal to Peggy Bridges for reimbursement.

**STAFFING** -Office staff is limited on Monday and Fridays. Please arrange to visit the office on an alternate day to avoid unnecessary waiting.

### Offices Closed

October 8, 2007	Columbus Day
November 12, 2007	Veterans Day Observed
November 22, 2007	Thanksgiving Day
December 25, 2007	Christmas Day
January 1, 2008	News Year Day