



2005 Annual Report

Cover: Agriculture Secretary Mike Johanns was in Louisville on August 31, 1005 for the Kentucky Farm Bill Forum. Jeff Nalley was the moderator. The Forum was held at the Kentucky Fair & Exposition Center.

Message from the State Executive Director

We are pleased to present our 2005 Annual Report for the Kentucky Farm Service Agency (FSA). We look back at a year filled with dramatic changes for this Agency, and for the people we serve, the Kentucky's farmers. The goal of this report is to offer a snapshot of many programs and services offered during the past year.

FSA delivers programs that improve the economic viability of American agriculture. The Agency meets this goal through direct payments that offer stability, additional payments in periods of low commodity prices, assistance to cover natural disaster, and programs to compensate for good environmental stewardship. FSA extends credit to family farmers who are unable to obtain credit from conventional sources. We offer Farm Ownership loans and loans for operating expenses. FSA has been a fixture in American agriculture for nearly seventy-five years.

In Kentucky, FSA has 90 field offices, servicing 120 counties. FSA's programs are delivered through U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) Service Centers. The Kentucky FSA State Office is located in Lexington.

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I am not sure the last time this Agency had as many major programs being offered in one year as we did in 2005. In addition to the annual programs, we were busy implementing a Crop Disaster Program (CDP) and the Tobacco Transition Payment Program (TTPP).

While we did not keep track, we probably set a record for the number of people who visited our Service Centers because of the TTPP.



Jeffery S. Hall
State Executive Director

We continue to focus on our future. Even with the tobacco program gone there are still many programs and services available. We are building our programs on a foundation of new technology. When farmers visit our Service Centers, employees will process paperwork more quickly which means payment are made sooner. Our new Geographic Information System (GIS) will build a historical database of crop reports and farm program activity.

The Agency's future is bright, in part, because of the people we serve. America's farmers continue to set the world standard in food and fiber production. It is our challenge to keep pace with the people we serve.

This report is designed to provide a more complete picture of FSA in Kentucky. Our United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) Service Center employees carry the responsibility for delivering the programs and benefits highlighted in this report. For most farmers, the local USDA Service Center is their only point of contact for FSA programs. It is the people in our Service Centers, and the members of our County Committees, who are the cornerstone of our Agency's solid reputation. We will work to build an even stronger partnership with the farmers we serve.

K E N T U C K Y

NUMBER OF FARMS, AVERAGE SIZE OF FARM, AND LAND IN FARMS, KENTUCKY, 1975-2004

YEAR	NUMBER OF FARMS	AVERAGE SIZE FARM	LAND IN FARMS	YEAR	NUMBER OF FARMS	AVERAGE SIZE FARM	LAND IN FARMS
	1,000	ACRES	1,000 ACRES		1,000	ACRES	1,000 ACRES
1975	107	138	14,800	1990	93	152	14,100
1976	106	139	14,700	1991	91	155	14,100
1977	105	140	14,700	1992	91	155	14,100
1978	104	142	14,800	1993	95	148	14,100
1979	103	143	14,700	1994	94	150	14,100
1980	102	143	14,600	1995	93	151	14,000
1981	103	142	14,600	1996	92	152	14,000
1982	103	141	14,500	1997	91	153	13,900
1983	103	141	14,500	1998	90	153	13,800
1984	101	144	14,500	1999	91	149	13,600
1985	100	145	14,500	2000	90	152	13,700
1986	99	146	14,500	2001	88	157	13,800
1987	99	145	14,400	2002	87	159	13,800
1988	97	147	14,300	2003	87	159	13,800
1989	95	149	14,200	2004	85	162	13,800

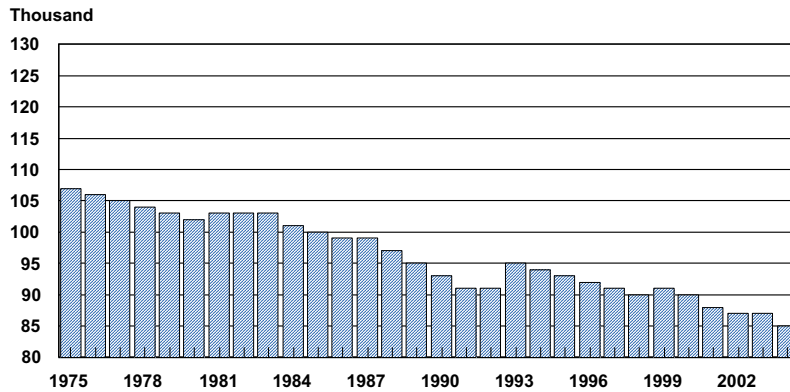
NUMBER AND AVERAGE SIZE OF FARMS, BY SALES CLASS, KENTUCKY, 1999-2004

YEAR	\$1,000-9,999		\$10,000-99,999		\$100,000+	
	NUMBER	AVG. SIZE (ACRES)	NUMBER	AVG. SIZE (ACRES)	NUMBER	AVG. SIZE (ACRES)
1999	52,000	77	33,000	173	6,000	650
2000	51,000	78	33,000	170	6,000	683
2001	54,000	81	28,000	186	6,000	700
2002	56,500	81	25,000	204	5,500	745
2003	56,500	81	25,000	204	5,500	745
2004	54,500	83	24,800	206	5,700	737

NUMBER OF LIVESTOCK FARMS, KENTUCKY, 1999-2004

ITEM	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004
ALL CATTLE	48,000	48,000	47,000	47,000	46,000	45,000
BEEF COWS	41,000	40,000	39,000	40,000	39,000	38,000
MILK COWS	3,200	3,000	2,900	2,600	2,500	2,300
HOGS	1,400	1,300	1,300	1,200	1,000	1,000
SHEEP & LAMBS	NA	NA	NA	NA	1,200	1,100

NUMBER OF FARMS, KENTUCKY, 1975-2004



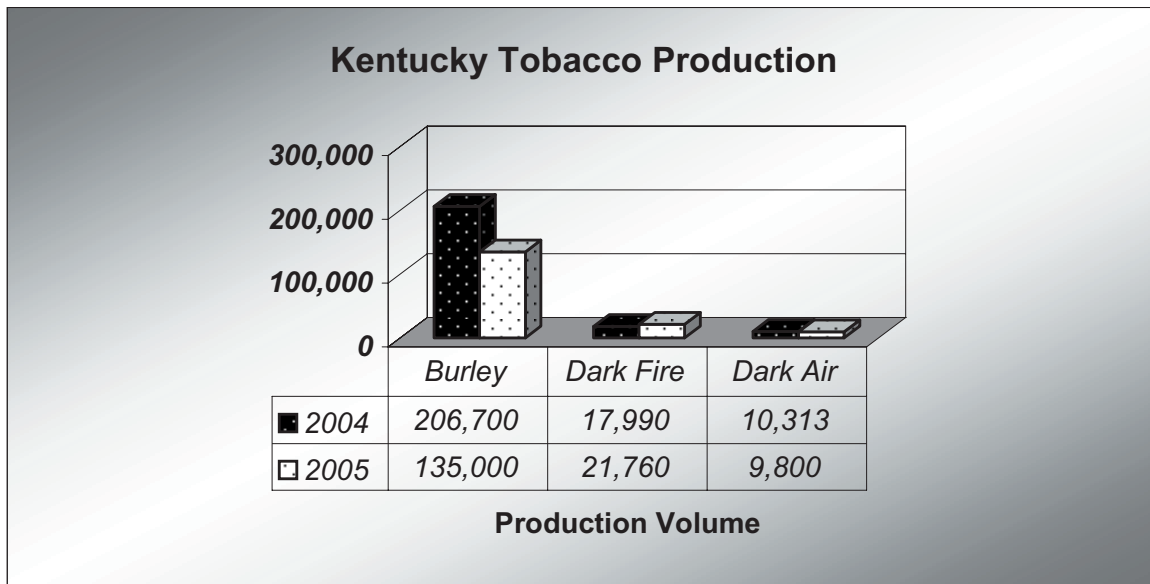
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CROP PRODUCTION

CROP SUMMARY, OCTOBER 1 KENTUCKY AND UNITED STATES, 2004 - 2005

CROPS	UNIT	ACREAGE HARVESTED		YIELD PER ACRE		PRODUCTION		
		2004	2005	2004	2005	2004	2005	
			Indicated		Indicated		Indicated	% of '04
		(Thousand)				(Thousand)		
KENTUCKY								
Corn for Grain	Bu.	1,140	1,160	152.0	127.0	173,280	147,320	85
Soybeans for Beans ^{1/}	Bu.	1,300	1,250	44.0	40.0	57,200	50,000	87
Hay:								
All	Ton	2,340	2,460	2.53	2.38	5,928	5,866	99
Alfalfa	Ton	240	260	3.70	3.10	888	806	91
All Other	Ton	2,100	2,200	2.40	2.30	5,040	5,060	100
Tobacco:								
All	Lbs.	114.95	84.90	2.044	1.962	235,003	166,560	71
Burley	Lbs.	106.00	75.00	1.950	1.800	206,700	135,000	65
Dark Fire	Lbs.	5.30	6.40	3.394	3.400	17,990	21,760	121
Dark Air	Lbs.	3.65	3.50	2,825	2,800	10,313	9,800	95
Wheat, All	Bu.	380	300	54.0	68.0	20,520	20,400	99
Barley	Bu.	8	9	77.0	83.0	616	747	121
UNITED STATES								
Corn for Grain	Bu.	73,632	74,333	160.4	146.1	11,807,217	10,857,440	92
Soybeans for Beans ^{1/}	Bu.	73,958	71,270	42.2	41.6	3,123,686	2,967,075	95
Sorghum for Grain	Bu.	6,517	5,687	69.8	66.0	454,899	375,105	82
Hay:								
All	Ton	61,916	61,723	2.55	2.48	157,774	152,871	97
Alfalfa	Ton	21,707	22,118	3.47	3.43	75,383	75,940	101
All Other	Ton	40,209	39,605	2.05	1.94	82,391	76,931	93
Tobacco:								
All	Lbs.	408.04	307.01	2,155	2,083	879,227	639,566	73
Burley	Lbs.	153.15	105.30	1,908	1,826	292,172	192,285	66
Dark Fire	Lbs.	11.73	12.47	3,167	3,184	37,151	39,708	107
Dark Air	Lbs.	4.26	4.04	2,799	2,787	11,922	11,258	94
Wheat, All	Bu.	49,999	49,980	43.2	42.0	2,158,245	2,098,270	97
Barley	Bu.	4,021	3,276	69.6	64.8	279,743	212,196	76

^{1/}2004 Revised.



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Direct Government Payments, 2001-2005F						
11/03/05						Change 2004 to 2005
Item	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005F	
	\$ million					
Total direct payments 1/	20,727.5	11,236.3	17,209.2	13,303.6	22,671.3	9,367.7
Production flexibility contract payments 2/	4,040.4	3,499.8	-280.0	-3.9	0.0	3.9
Direct payments 3/	0.0	367.1	6,703.6	5,242.4	5,045.0	-197.4
Counter-cyclical payments 4/	0.0	203.4	2,300.7	1,122.0	4,161.0	3,039.0
Loan deficiency payments	5,464.2	1,196.7	576.3	2,859.9	4,579.0	1,719.1
Marketing loan gains 5/	707.7	459.7	198.1	130.4	512.0	381.6
Net value certificates	na	na	1,242.8	813.9	1,153.0	339.1
Peanut quota buyout payments	0.0	983.0	237.6	24.7	4.0	-20.7
Milk income loss program payments	0.0	859.6	913.0	206.0	20.0	-186.0
Tobacco Transition Payment Program 6/	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	952.2	952.2
Conservation program payments 7/	1,933.7	2,004.6	2,198.9	2,345.5	2,549.1	203.6
Ad hoc and emergency program payments 8/	8,508.1	1,616.2	3,111.3	557.2	3,680.0	3,132.8
Miscellaneous program payments 9/	73.3	46.1	6.8	5.4	6.0	0.6
P = preliminary. F = forecast. na = not available. Numbers may not add due to rounding. () = negative number.						
1/ Includes only those funds paid directly to farmers within the calendar year.						
2/ Enactment of the 2002 Farm Act terminated the authority for production flexibility contract payments.						
3/ For 2005, this is the estimated fixed direct payments to be received for 2005 crops less what CCC reported as advance payments for 2005 crops received in 2004. Also, the 2005 estimate assumes that 7 percent of program participants will receive 50 percent of the estimated 2006 crop direct payment as advance payments.						
4/ For 2005, this is the estimated counter-cyclical payments to be received for 2004 crops, less what CCC reported as first partial payments for 2004 crops received in 2004. Also, the 2005 estimate assumes that 60 percent of program participants will receive 35 percent of the estimated 2005 crop counter-cyclical as first partial payments. The rest of the estimated 2005 counter-cyclical payments are assumed to be received by program participants in 2006.						
5/ In publications prior to May of 2001, marketing loan gains were included in cash receipts rather than in government payments.						
6/ The Tobacco Transition Payment Program will provide payments over a ten-year period to quota holders and producers of quota tobacco.						
7/ This category includes all conservation programs. In publications prior to July 2003, this category only included payments to Conservation Reserve Program, Agricultural Conservation Program, Emergency Conservation Program, and Great Plains Program.						
8/ This category includes all programs providing disaster and emergency assistance payments to growers. In publications prior to July 2003, the category Emergency Assistance included only emergency assistance payments attributed to supplemental legislation.						
9/ Miscellaneous programs and provisions vary from year to year. In publications prior to July 2003, this category included some program payments which are now considered either as either Conservation or Ad Hoc and Emergency. Also included here are CCP--Fruit and Vegetable Violation, CCP--Late Fees, and CCP--Payment Limitation Over payments which could not be directly linked to either Direct or Counter-cyclical Program payments.						

Source: Economic Research Service, USDA



Assist agricultural producers and landowners in achieving a high level of stewardship of soil, water, air, and wildlife resources on America's farms and ranches while protecting the human and natural environment.

Division Chief: Robert Finch
 Program Specialist: Joyce Hobbs

Conservation Reserve Program (CRP)

The CRP was authorized by the Food Security Act of 1985 to provide farm and ranch owners, operators, and tenants a voluntary long-term land retirement program. Initially, the CRP emphasized soil erosion. In 1990, Congress extended the CRP enrollment period and broadened the program's focus. The CRP's objectives expanded to include improving water quality, turning marginal pasture land into riparian areas, increasing wildlife habitat, and other environmental goals of growing importance to the American public. In 1995, FSA initiated "continuous" sign ups to allow certain high-priority conservation practices that yield highly desirable environmental benefits to be offered and accepted at any time.

Kentucky has 15,139 contracts protecting 349,946.7 acres. Kentucky producers received \$27,298,939 under CRP for FY2005, making the state the 19th largest recipient of CRP funds nationally.

Continuous Sign up

Producers with eligible lands may enroll certain high priority conservation practices, such as filter strips and riparian buffers, at any time during the year without competition. In addition to annual rental payments and cost-share assistance, many practices are eligible for additional annual and one one-time up-front financial incentives.

CREP

Under the Conservation Reserve Enhancement Program (CREP), Federal/State partnerships implement projects designed to address specific environmental objectives through targeted CRP enrollments. Sign-up is held on a continuous basis. In 2001, USDA and the Commonwealth of Kentucky agreed to implement a CREP on a section of the Green River to restore up to 100,000 acres. The Green River CREP project includes 917,197 acres in the counties of Adair, Barren, Edmonson, Green, Hart, Metcalfe, Russell and Taylor.

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Conservation Reserve Program, Continued



Marshall County: CRP Permanent Wildlife Habitat Corridor connects two wildlife areas

McCracken County: Coverting this cropland to a CRP Shallow Water Area for Wildlife not only creates wildlife habitat, but also filters runoff, recharges ground water, reduces downstream flooding, and provides recreation.



Warren County: Oak and Ash trees planted with CRP cost-share to provide wildlife habitat.

K E N T U C K Y

Conservation Reserve Program, Continued

Summary Active Contracts

Administrative County Office	Active CRP Acres	Acres Expire 09/30/07	Acres Expire 09/30/08	Total Cropland
Adair	1,327.1	164.8	28.7	116,884.7
Allen	1,086.0	486.4	-	109,002.1
Anderson	1/			
Ballard	7,135.7	2,763.0	565.2	103,877.9
Barren	3,423.8	431.2	180.5	216,390.2
Bath	179.2	-	-	97,476.7
Boone	57.2	41.3	-	60,740.0
Bourbon	1,750.0	13.4	94.0	158,903.8
Boyd	Freedom of Information Act Prohibits Listing the CRP Acreages for this County			
Boyle	126.6	-	-	76,167.8
Bracken	46.9	-	-	57,066.9
Breathitt	Freedom of Information Act Prohibits Listing the CRP Acreages for this County			
Breckinridge	15,455.9	5,518.1	2,793.9	181,370.9
Bullitt	60.0	23.0	-	42,188.7
Butler	7,507.7	963.1	1,430.2	103,977.7
Caldwell	17,115.1	9,255.3	2,129.5	109,240.2
Calloway	9,507.5	4,216.8	825.0	129,910.5
Campbell	Freedom of Information Act Prohibits Listing the CRP Acreages for this County			
Carlisle	8,521.1	4,056.2	905.6	81,299.0
Carter	24.1	-	-	61,596.0
Casey	900.5	629.2	38.2	115,134.5
Christian	34,276.9	12,982.9	6,872.7	257,074.7
Clark	269.6	-	-	119,625.8
Clinton	81.0	73.7	-	50,256.5
Crittenden	17,911.2	7,577.5	4,446.9	112,546.1
Cumberland	210.3	55.6	9.1	47,044.4
Daviess	1,897.1	338.9	78.6	193,329.4
Edmonson	2,612.7	1,262.3	770.8	60,700.3
Elliott	5.9	-	-	30,618.9
Estill	32.4	17.2	-	29,649.0
Fayette	228.6	64.1	-	112,472.1
Fleming	290.7	-	-	109,629.4
Floyd	1/			
Franklin	Freedom of Information Act Prohibits Listing the CRP Acreages for this County			
Fulton	3,012.8	1,316.4	190.1	90,033.3
Garrard	Freedom of Information Act Prohibits Listing the CRP Acreages for this County			
Grant	64.2	-	-	83,935.9
Graves	48,956.5	23,127.7	5,064.8	233,622.4
Grayson	13,254.9	1,313.6	5,685.1	152,428.0
Green	1,967.1	74.7	6.0	96,826.3
Greenup	23.8	-	-	24,852.4
Hancock	897.1	370.8	121.6	39,401.1
Hardin	4,355.5	1,848.8	322.3	187,456.1
Harrison	238.5	-	-	119,091.0
Hart	2,074.3	497.2	100.8	123,396.2
Henderson	2,641.3	253.6	136.7	185,716.8
Henry	260.3	-	5.1	102,526.4
Hickman	9,532.5	4,664.1	1,149.5	106,008.6
Hopkins	11,319.4	1,360.7	2,408.2	135,641.8
Jackson	40.0	13.0	-	42,865.7

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Conservation Reserve Program, Continued

Summary Active Contracts

Administrative County Office	Active CRP Acres	Acres Expire 09/30/07	Acres Expire 09/30/08	Total Cropland
Jefferson	Freedom of Information Act Prohibits Listing the CRP Acreages for this County			
Jessamine	101.1	21.7	-	75,523.5
LaRue	979.8	461.3	10.0	97,935.4
Laurel	12.5	-	-	
Lawrence	1/			
Lee	Freedom of Information Act Prohibits Listing the CRP Acreages for this County			
Leslie	Freedom of Information Act Prohibits Listing the CRP Acreages for this County			
Lewis	6.5	-	-	59,130.1
Lincoln	194.4	-	-	126,686.0
Livingston	14,591.1	9,664.6	1,060.0	99,225.4
Logan	13,207.1	6,240.7	1,281.6	224,791.7
Lyon	4,944.7	3,300.3	589.1	39,688.4
McCracken	4,070.8	1,428.7	172.1	73,572.7
McCreary	Freedom of Information Act Prohibits Listing the CRP Acreages for this County			
McLean	3,218.6	130.1	-	108,684.6
Madison	73.3	-	-	153,148.6
Magoffin	Freedom of Information Act Prohibits Listing the CRP Acreages for this County			
Marion	2,680.6	581.3	146.6	103,676.1
Marshall	11,627.8	6,042.3	602.9	87,438.9
Mason	716.1	300.0	266.0	95,750.4
Meade	5,188.4	3,515.4	587.9	85,631.8
Menifee	Freedom of Information Act Prohibits Listing the CRP Acreages for this County			
Mercer	129.2	-	42.4	107,050.8
Metcalfe	808.1	102.5	-	92,470.5
Monroe	489.6	277.2	-	96,948.9
Montgomery	409.5	172.4	-	90,713.3
Morgan	Freedom of Information Act Prohibits Listing the CRP Acreages for this County			
Muhlenberg	10,413.7	2,694.8	644.4	92,720.0
Nelson	1,751.1	502.4	232.3	133,583.6
Nicholas	196.1	26.5	-	68,279.3
Ohio	2,485.4	892.0	386.6	129,032.1
Oldham	221.7	47.5	4.4	38,285.2
Owen	1/			
Pendleton	Freedom of Information Act Prohibits Listing the CRP Acreages for this County			
Pike	Freedom of Information Act Prohibits Listing the CRP Acreages for this County			
Powell	1/			
Pulaski	66.0	-	-	173,998.7
Robertson	Freedom of Information Act Prohibits Listing the CRP Acreages for this County			
Rockcastle	69.6	27.8	-	47,747.1
Rowan	Freedom of Information Act Prohibits Listing the CRP Acreages for this County			
Russell	122.0	83.4	-	73,090.0
Scott	33.6	-	-	107,554.0
Shelby	1,275.9	242.2	23.3	150,081.6
Simpson	576.0	66.0	33.7	115,619.2
Spencer	23.2	-	18.0	57,640.8
Taylor	2,056.2	273.3	-	96,085.8
Todd	10,951.8	6,180.3	1,719.9	151,289.8
Trigg	5,008.2	1,668.3	1,350.0	85,655.3
Trimble	49.4	-	-	27,612.6

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Conservation Reserve Program, Continued

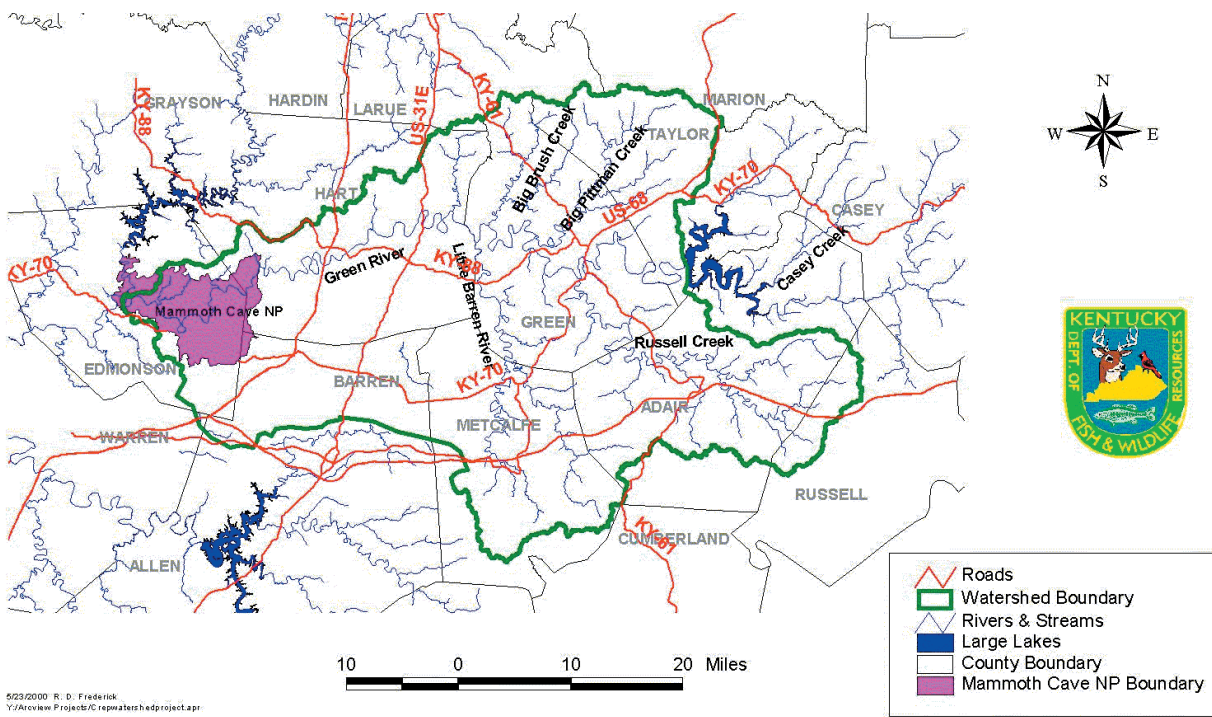
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Administrative County Office	Active CRP Acres	Acres Expire 09/30/07	Acres Expire 09/30/08	Total Cropland
Union	2,700.1	276.8	320.0	158,730.5
Warren	1,689.6	457.0	258.1	204,198.8
Washington	1,172.7	-	12.6	117,075.2
Wayne	1/			
Webster	14,263.8	2,713.9	1,158.1	122,902.3
Whitley	133.1	-	-	41,326.0
Woodford	85.5	-	9.2	94,740.2
State Total	349,946.7	134,338.3	\$47,288.30	9,430,972.6

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Conservation Reserve Enhancement Program (CREP)

CREP is a Federal, State, and Local partnership targeting an 8 county watershed of the Upper Green River. The Green River is the most biologically diverse and rich branch of the Ohio River system. At the end of FY2005 there were 468 contracts covering 9,073 acres under CREP.



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Conservation Reserve Program, Continued

Conservation Reserve Enhancement Program (CREP)

County	Approved Contracts			Contracts in Progress	
	Practice	Number	Acres	Number	Acres
Adair	CP1 Introduced Grasses	1	4.0		
	CP2 Permanent Native Grasses	7	186.6	1	12.0
	CP3A Hardwood Tree Planting	2	5.8	1	3.0
	CP21 Filter Strips				
	CP22 Riparian Buffer	105	1,029.9	2	15.0
Barren	CP1 Introduced Grasses	1	2.7		
	CP2 Permanent Native Grasses	61	2,326.4	2	13.1
	CP3 Tree Planting	1	15.5		
	CP3A Hardwood Tree Planting				
	CP21 Filter Strips				
	CP22 Riparian Buffer	25	276.0		
Edmonson	CP1 Introduced Grasses	1	22.7	1	16.3
	CP2 Permanent Native Grasses	2	122.1		
	CP21 Filter Strip	1	1.0		
	CP22 Riparian Buffer				
Green	CP2 Permanent Native Grasses	8	157.0		
	CP21 Filter Strip				
	CP22 Riparian Buffer	82	1,729.4		
Hart	CP1 Introduced Grasses	6	150.1		
	CP2 Native Grasses	4	56.5	1	412.4
	CP22 Riparian Buffer	47	1,182.8		
	CP23 Wetland Restoration				
Metcalfe	CP2 Native Grasses	15	453.1		
	CP10 Vegetative Cover Grass-Already Established				
	CP11 Vegetative Cover Tree-Already Established				
	CP21 Filter Strip				
	CP22 Riparian Buffer	20	195.5		
Russell	None				
Taylor	CP2 Native Grasses	23	498.2		
	CP3A Hardwood Trees	2	45.8		
	CP22 Riparian Buffer	89	1,081.0		
Totals	All	503	9,542.1	8	471.8

Conservation Reserve Program, continued

Conservation Reserve Enhancement Program (CREP)

Kentucky CREP MATRIX

Code	Practice	Land Eligibility Criteria	Land Use Criteria ^{6/}	Federal						State ^{5/}
				Base CS %	PIP %	SIP (\$10/AC/YR) (1 TIME)	SRR Incentive (ac/yr) (% x SRR)	Maintenance No Water Development	Maintenance Fence/Water Development	STATE CS %
CP-1	Introduced Grasses and Legumes	HEL ^{1/}	CH	50			50	\$5/ac/yr		25
CP-2	Native Grasses	HEL ^{1/}	CH	50			75	\$5/ac/yr		25
CP-3	Tree Planting	HEL	CH	50			100	\$5/ac/yr		25
CP-3A	Hardwood Tree Planting	HEL ^{1/2/}	CH	50			100	\$5/ac/yr		25
CP-4B	Permanent Wildlife Habitat (Corridors)	HEL	CH	50			75	\$5/ac/yr		
CP-4D	Permanent Wildlife Habitat	HEL	CH	50			75	\$5/ac/yr		
CP-8A	Grassed Waterways, Non-easement	NA	CH	50	40	X	75	\$5/ac/yr		25
CP-9	Shallow Water Areas for Wildlife	NA	CH	50	40		75	\$5/ac/yr		
CP-10	Veg. Cover--Grass--Already Established	HEL ^{3/}	CH	0			NA	\$5/ac/yr		
CP-11	Veg. Cover--Trees--Already Established	HEL ^{3/}	CH	0			NA	\$5/ac/yr		
CP-12	Wildlife Food Plots	HEL	CH	0			NA	NA		
CP-15A	Contour Grass Strips	NA	CH	50	40		50	\$5/ac/yr		25
CP-21	Filter Strips	NA	CH	50	40	X	75	\$5/ac/yr	\$9/ac/yr	25
CP-22	Riparian Buffers	NA	CH/MP	50	40	X	100	\$5/ac/yr	\$9/ac/yr	25
CP-23	Wetland Restoration	NHE	CH	50 ^{4/}			100	\$5/ac/yr		
CP-25	Rare and Declining Habitat	HEL	CH	50			100	\$5/ac/yr		

^{1/} NHE land is eligible on acreage buffering a non-cropped wetland

^{2/} NHE land is eligible on scour erosion areas & must be planted in hardwoods only.

^{3/} Previous CRP contract acreage

^{4/} An additional one-time 25% Cost-Share Incentive is optional

^{5/} Additional Incentives may apply, see state incentives below.

^{6/} CH: Crop History; MP: Marginal Pastureland

Non-Federal Commitments	
Easements:	State Incentives (Based on cost of installing practice)
Permanent - \$400/acre lump sum or installments	75% when land will be entered into a permanent easement
35 year supplemental contracts - \$300/acre lump sum or installments	55% for land entering a 35 year supplemental contract for lands enrolled as riparian buffers or wetland restoration
15 year supplemental contracts - \$150/acre lump sum or installments	50% for land entering a 15 year supplemental contract regardless of the practice.
No supplemental contract or easement	25% Incentive for non-easement contracts
Cost Share: 75% cost-share for practices not eligible for federal CRP (limited point access to streams for livestock; water lines and tanks)(funded KCREP3) KCREP3 - Requirements: Not eligible if landowner is eligible for CREP cost share. Eligible land is restricted to areas within the approved CREP boundary, but does not meet FSA program eligibility criteria for CREP. Eligible lands must be in pasture and adjacent to streams being accessed by livestock. Fence must be installed at the edge of existing tree lines or at the top of the bank at a minimum. If buffer areas already exist, they do not have to be enhanced to meet federal CREP guidelines or NRCS practice standards to be eligible for CREP. NOTE: Federal cost-share can not exceed 100% from all sources. State cost-share cannot exceed 75% from all sources.	

Emergency Conservation Program (ECP)

The Emergency Conservation Program (ECP) provides emergency cost-share funding for farmers to rehabilitate farmland damaged by natural disasters that create new conservation problems. The assistance may be used for removing debris from farmland; grading, shaping and re leveling farmland; and restoring livestock fences. Kentucky producers received \$854,543 in fiscal year 2005 to help restore farmland damaged by natural disasters.

Division Chief: Robert Finch
Program Specialist: Shayla Watson

2003-2004 Crop Disaster Program (CDP)

Kentucky producers who suffered losses to agricultural commodities due to damaging weather or related conditions in 2003 or 2004 were reimbursed \$13,122,375 in the fiscal year 2005. To qualify for reimbursement, the damages must be in excess of 35 percent for the loss of production and 20 percent for quality. As a condition of receiving benefits under CDP, any producer who fails to purchase crop insurance and/or NAP coverage, will be required to refund the full amount of the CDP payment for the crop, plus interest.

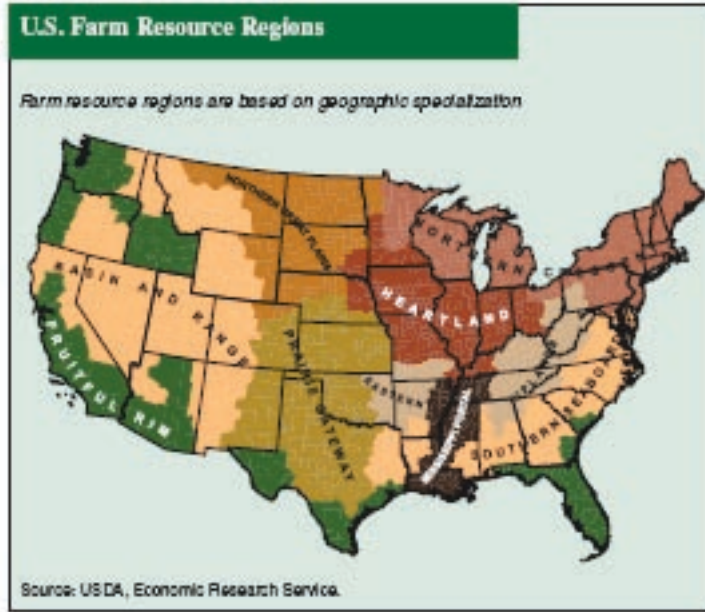
Noninsured Assistance Program (NAP)

The Noninsured Assistance Program (NAP) provides financial assistance to eligible producers affected by natural disasters. This program covers noninsurable crop losses and planting prevented by disasters. Eligible crops include commercial crops and other agricultural commodities produced for food (including livestock feed) or fiber for which the catastrophic level of crop insurance is unavailable. Also eligible for NAP coverage are controlled environmental crops (mushrooms and floriculture), speciality crops (honey and maple sap), and value loss crops (aquaculture, Christmas trees, ginseng, ornamental nursery crops and turf grass sod).

Kentucky producers received \$58,058 under the NAP for fiscal year 2005.



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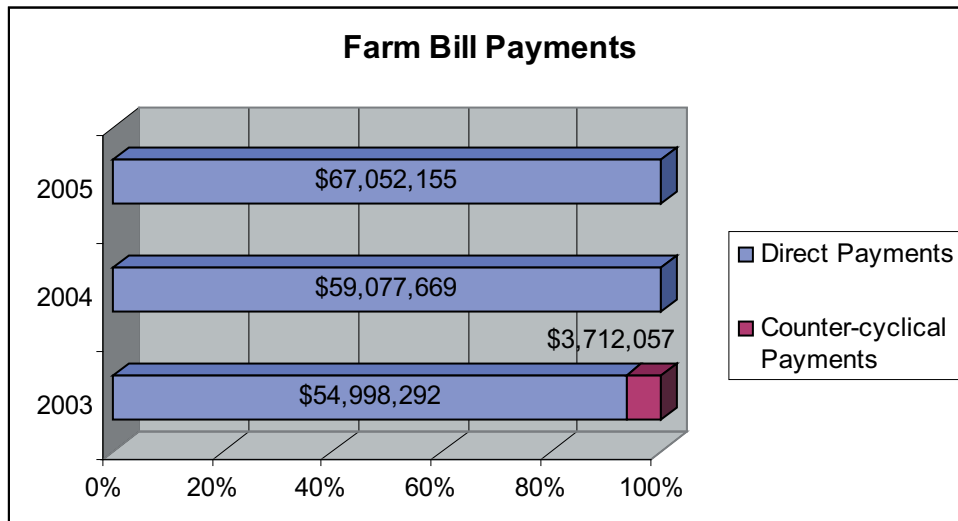


2005 Direct and Counter-cyclical Program (DCP)

Division Chief: Robert Simpson
 Program Specialists: Amelia McNeely
 Debbie Beehn



The Direct and Counter-cyclical Program helps to stabilize U.S. agriculture by providing payments to eligible producers who enroll their farm each fiscal year during the lift of the current farm bill. Kentucky farmers received **\$67,052,155** in the Direct Program payments for FY 2005.





Provide farm income support to eligible producers, cooperatives, and associations to help improve the economic stability and viability of the agricultural sector, and to ensure the production of an adequate and reasonably priced supply of food and fiber.

Division Chief: Robert Simpson
 Program Specialists: Javier Garza
 Amelia McNeely
 Debbie Beehn



Market Assistance Loans

Marketing assistance loans provide producers interim financing at harvest time to meet cash flow needs without having to sell their commodities when market prices are typically at harvest-time lows. For crop year 2005, Kentucky made 48 loans for **\$3,233,857 during the fiscal year.**

Market Gains and Loan Deficiency Payments (LDP)

Marketing assistance loans provide producers interim financing at harvest time. A producer realizes a marketing loan gain if the loan is repaid at less than the loan principal. Producers who agree to forgo a marketing assistance loan may obtain a Loan Deficiency Payment (LDP). Kentucky producers received **\$3,945,272** in market loan gains and LDP's in fiscal year 2005.

For a crop to be eligible for an LDP, the producer must have beneficial interest in the commodity, in addition to meeting all eligibility requirements. LDP provisions are active when the alternative repayment rate for the commodity at a given location is less than the base loan rate at the same location.



Milk Income Loss Contract (MILC) Program

FSA's MILC program compensates dairy producers when domestic milk prices fall below a specified level. In fiscal year 2005, Kentucky dairy operators received **\$53,823** in payments to help compensate for low milk prices.



Farm Storage Facility Loan Program

Under the Commodity Credit Corporate (CCC) Charter Act, USDA may make loans to producers to build or upgrade farm storage and handling facilities. Storage structures for commercial purposes (the storage of grain for others, whether paid or unpaid) are ineligible for loans, as are portable handling or drying equipment and portable or permanent weigh scales. The maximum term of a farm loan is 7 years. In fiscal year 2005, 12 loans were disbursed totaling **\$407,061**.



Tobacco Transition Payment Program (TTPP)

All aspects of the Federal tobacco marketing quota and price support loan programs ended with the 2004 crop. On October 22, 2005, President Bush signed the American Jobs Creation Act of 2004, which included the Fair and Equitable Tobacco Reform, commonly referred to as the "Tobacco Buyout." FSA is charged with administering the program, titled the Tobacco Transition Payment Program (TTPP).

TTPP provides payments to tobacco quota holders and tobacco producers beginning in 2005 and ending in 2014. Sign-up for the 2005 year payments began March 14 and ended June 17, 2005. For 2005 in Kentucky, 224,859 contracts have been approved for \$245,082,208.



United States Department of Agriculture

Tobacco Transition Payment Program

Also called the "Tobacco Buyout"

Beginning with the 2005 crop, the current Tobacco Program ENDS!

No More Planting Restrictions
No More Marketing Cards
No More Price Support Loans

YOU may be eligible for transition payments:

- **Tobacco Quota Producers:** Are you an owner, operator, landlord, tenant, or sharecropper who shared in the risk of producing tobacco any time between 2002 and 2004?
- **Quota Holders:** Did you own a farm as of October 22, 2004 with a 2004 basic marketing quota?
- **Eligible Tobaccos:** Do you grow Flue-cured, Burley, Fire-cured, Dark air-cured, Virginia sun-cured, or Cigar filler/binder?

Please sign up
March 14, 2005, to June 17, 2005
at your local USDA Service Center
(No 2005 payment if you miss this sign-up!)

For More Information:
 Call 1-866-887-0140 or visit www.fsa.usda.gov/tobacco

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Tobacco Transition Payment Program (TTPP), continued 2005 Payment Summary

County	Producer	Quota Holder	Total
Adair	\$705,261	\$1,689,188	\$2,394,449
Allen	\$566,877	\$1,329,502	\$1,896,379
Anderson	\$513,692	\$1,229,246	\$1,742,938
Ballard	\$434,009	\$1,012,918	\$1,446,926
Barren	\$1,864,030	\$4,392,158	\$6,256,188
Bath	\$972,532	\$2,333,414	\$3,305,946
Bell	\$646	\$3,870	\$4,515
Boone	\$474,167	\$1,093,389	\$1,567,555
Bourbon	\$1,847,907	\$4,292,656	\$6,140,563
Boyd	\$8,179	\$18,821	\$27,000
Boyle	\$717,123	\$1,694,319	\$2,411,442
Bracken	\$1,033,366	\$2,405,008	\$3,438,373
Breathitt	\$190,714	\$453,559	\$644,273
Breckinridge	\$1,146,973	\$2,707,770	\$3,854,743
Bullitt	\$200,031	\$457,680	\$657,711
Butler	\$144,084	\$341,959	\$486,043
Caldwell	\$335,201	\$830,985	\$1,166,186
Calloway	\$1,324,590	\$3,024,904	\$4,349,494
Campbell	\$106,824	\$246,009	\$352,833
Carlisle	\$203,612	\$479,623	\$683,234
Carroll	\$583,870	\$1,383,139	\$1,967,009
Carter	\$489,540	\$1,173,217	\$1,662,757
Casey	\$923,931	\$2,182,124	\$3,106,055
Christian	\$1,739,937	\$4,231,577	\$5,971,514
Clark	\$1,135,846	\$2,620,265	\$3,756,111
Clay	\$392,664	\$916,087	\$1,308,750
Clinton	\$348,159	\$811,766	\$1,159,925
Crittenden	\$4,631	\$13,599	\$18,229
Cumberland	\$391,393	\$923,909	\$1,315,302
Daviess	\$1,419,136	\$3,361,379	\$4,780,515
Edmonson	\$267,544	\$625,680	\$893,223
Elliott	\$277,553	\$744,571	\$1,022,124
Estill	\$224,872	\$535,548	\$760,420
Fayette	\$1,656,395	\$4,004,939	\$5,661,334
Fleming	\$1,169,750	\$2,817,611	\$3,987,362
Floyd	\$407	\$1,531	\$1,938
Franklin	\$852,996	\$2,065,603	\$2,918,598
Fulton		\$568	\$568
Gallatin	\$331,442	\$812,848	\$1,144,290
Garrard	\$1,111,269	\$2,648,443	\$3,759,712
Grant	\$901,551	\$2,129,688	\$3,031,239
Graves	\$1,640,981	\$3,800,677	\$5,441,659
Grayson	\$609,354	\$1,428,477	\$2,037,831
Green	\$927,965	\$2,211,063	\$3,139,027
Greenup	\$303,502	\$668,974	\$972,476
Hancock	\$372,544	\$863,253	\$1,235,796
Hardin	\$609,145	\$1,542,519	\$2,151,664
Harlan	\$2,000	\$3,201	\$5,201
Harrison	\$1,479,343	\$3,414,806	\$4,894,149
Hart	\$1,382,624	\$3,256,926	\$4,639,550
Henderson	\$283,928	\$661,388	\$945,316

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Tobacco Transition Payment Program (TTPP), continued

2005 Payment Summary

County	Producer	Quota Holder	Total
Henry	\$1,462,617	\$3,457,539	\$4,920,156
Hickman	\$76,018	\$169,159	\$245,177
Hopkins	\$131,407	\$301,878	\$433,285
Jackson	\$497,720	\$1,158,599	\$1,656,319
Jefferson	\$77,001	\$176,510	\$253,511
Jessamine	\$1,023,312	\$2,523,711	\$3,547,023
Johnson	\$108,843	\$244,364	\$353,207
Kenton	\$210,922	\$481,587	\$692,509
Knox	\$131,528	\$317,287	\$448,815
Larue	\$511,985	\$1,204,520	\$1,716,505
Laurel	\$648,654	\$1,499,659	\$2,148,313
Lawrence	\$107,131	\$235,370	\$342,501
Lee	\$87,709	\$218,655	\$306,364
Leslie	\$10,846	\$30,227	\$41,072
Letcher	\$769	\$1,640	\$2,410
Lewis	\$739,045	\$1,741,736	\$2,480,781
Lincoln	\$1,008,954	\$2,414,449	\$3,423,404
LIVINGSTON	\$2,225	\$6,395	\$8,621
Logan	\$1,557,114	\$3,606,618	\$5,163,732
Lyon	\$216,006	\$481,761	\$697,767
Madison	\$1,691,359	\$3,965,991	\$5,657,350
Magoffin	\$277,888	\$626,891	\$904,779
Marion	\$862,428	\$2,053,539	\$2,915,967
Marshall	\$198,194	\$467,011	\$665,204
Mason	\$1,312,991	\$3,135,978	\$4,448,969
McCracken	\$218,585	\$513,790	\$732,374
McCreary	\$9,366	\$20,497	\$29,863
McLean	\$432,440	\$1,008,348	\$1,440,788
Meade	\$270,398	\$630,790	\$901,187
Menifee	\$232,975	\$534,018	\$766,993
Mercer	\$1,080,422	\$2,500,309	\$3,580,731
Metcalf	\$831,107	\$2,039,346	\$2,870,453
Monroe	\$572,419	\$1,343,990	\$1,916,408
Montgomery	\$994,555	\$2,367,494	\$3,362,049
Morgan	\$618,432	\$1,417,264	\$2,035,697
Muhlenberg	\$385,839	\$886,068	\$1,271,907
Nelson	\$728,988	\$1,732,613	\$2,461,600
Nicholas	\$831,743	\$1,960,449	\$2,792,192
Ohio	\$446,721	\$1,040,647	\$1,487,368
Oldham	\$210,819	\$493,130	\$703,949
Owen	\$1,259,387	\$2,945,972	\$4,205,359
Owsley	\$198,587	\$635,151	\$833,737
Pendleton	\$785,989	\$1,832,154	\$2,618,143
Perry	\$9,551	\$22,106	\$31,657
Powell	\$151,142	\$359,820	\$510,962
Pulaski	\$887,695	\$2,359,294	\$3,246,989
Robertson	\$375,604	\$886,171	\$1,261,775
Rockcastle	\$502,826	\$1,169,622	\$1,672,448
Rowan	\$249,017	\$584,165	\$833,181
Russell	\$532,943	\$1,239,659	\$1,772,601
Scott	\$1,650,584	\$3,836,321	\$5,486,905

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Tobacco Transition Payment Program (TTPP), *Continued* 2005 Payment Summary

County	Producer	Quota Holder	Total
Shelby	\$1,736,724	\$4,211,277	\$5,948,001
Simpson	\$597,097	\$1,392,922	\$1,990,019
Spencer	\$615,334	\$1,430,839	\$2,046,172
Taylor	\$776,978	\$1,832,065	\$2,609,042
Todd	\$1,076,009	\$2,505,380	\$3,581,388
Trigg	\$713,467	\$1,642,724	\$2,356,191
Trimble	\$600,373	\$1,435,085	\$2,035,457
Union	\$5,233	\$11,912	\$17,145
Warren	\$936,258	\$2,226,187	\$3,162,445
Washington	\$990,888	\$2,486,889	\$3,477,778
Wayne	\$462,393	\$1,073,108	\$1,535,501
Webster	\$204,375	\$480,664	\$685,039
Whitley	\$88,145	\$201,422	\$289,566
Wolfe	\$322,173	\$750,269	\$1,072,442
Woodford	\$1,630,657	\$3,827,873	\$5,458,530
TOTAL	\$72,800,994	\$172,281,232	\$245,082,208

	FY05 Payments	Percent
Alabama	\$496,263	0.0526%
Florida	\$11,414,123	1.2090%
Georgia	\$60,834,318	6.4439%
Indiana	\$8,500,461	0.9004%
Kansas	\$31,431	0.0033%
Kentucky	\$245,082,208	25.9603%
Minnesota	\$26,756	0.0028%
Missouri	\$3,165,391	0.3353%
North Carolina	\$389,077,855	41.2130%
Ohio	\$10,517,066	1.1140%
Oklahoma	\$971	3.6291%
South Carolina	\$71,087,904	7.5300%
Tennessee	\$72,986,776	7.7311%
Virginia	\$62,868,868	6.6594%
West Virginia	\$2,091,489	0.2215%
Wisconsin	\$5,884,987	0.6234%
TOTAL	\$944,066,867	

**\$245 Million to
Kentucky Tobacco
Quota Holders and
Producers**

Quota holders and producers are permitted, at their option, to transfer their payments to third parties through two different mechanisms: assignments of payments and successor-in-interest contracts. Assignments are revocable only by the assignee; the assignor retains all rights and obligations under the contract. Successor-in-interest contracts facilitate lump-sum payments to quota holders or producers.

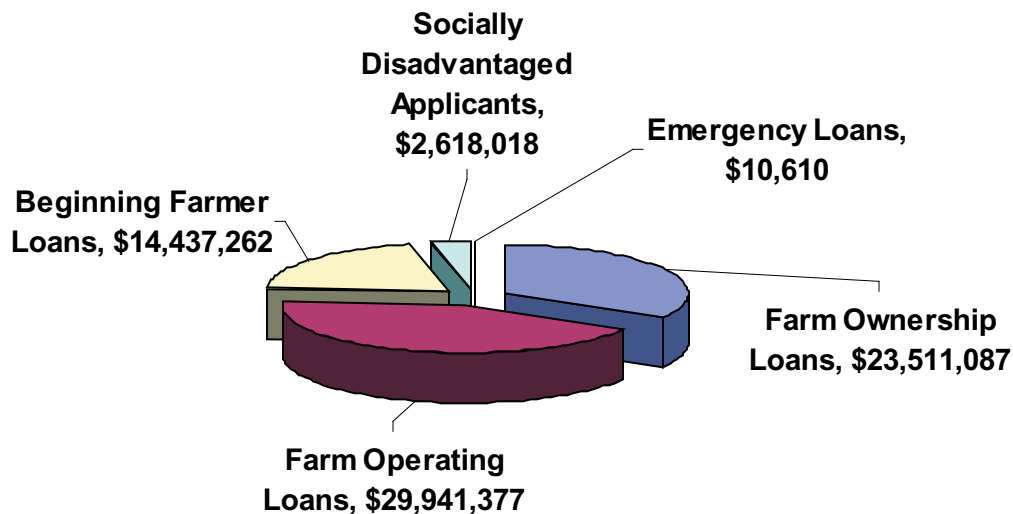
Division Chief: Butch Dunsmore
 Program Specialists: Mitch Whittle
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FSA makes and guarantees loans, and provides credit counseling and supervision to farmers who are temporarily unable to obtain private commercial credit. FSA loan applicants are often beginning farmers who do not qualify for conventional loans because of insufficient net worth, or established farmers who have suffered financial setbacks from natural disasters or economic down turns.

Under the Guaranteed Loan Program, FSA guarantees loans made by commercial agricultural lenders for up to 95 percent of any loss. FSA offers Direct Loans to those unable to qualify for a Guaranteed Loan. Kentucky FSA county offices approved a total of 1,66 loans for \$53,463,074 to producers. In fiscal year 2005, Kentucky made 977 direct loans for \$23.5 million.

Loans Made in FY 2005



Farm Ownership Loans may be used to purchase or improve real estate or reorganize the farm business.

Farm Operating Loans may be used for normal operating expenses, machinery and equipment, real estate repairs, and refinancing debt.

Socially Disadvantaged Applicant is one of a group whose members have been subjected to racial, ethnic, or gender prejudice because of his or her identity as a member of the group without regard to his or her individual qualifications. In fiscal year 2005, 183 farm ownership and operating loans totaling \$2,618,018 were made to socially disadvantaged applicants.

Farm Loan Programs, *Continued*

Outstanding Loans as of October 1, 2005

	Number	Outstanding Value
Direct Loans	6,251	\$190,911,367
Guaranteed Loans	1,618	\$202,884,542

	Number	Loan Amounts
Direct Loans		
Farm Ownership	1,601	\$92,743,447
Operating	3,797	\$70,887,232
Emergency	543	\$13,207,168
Economic Emergency	132	\$7,894,060
Soil and Water	134	\$606,764
Guaranteed Loans		
Farm Ownership	843	\$148,299,644
Operating	774	\$54,546,014
Economic Emergency	1	\$38,884



Average Loan Size in Kentucky

Direct	Farm Operating	\$18,600
Direct	Farm Ownership	\$123,922
Guaranteed	Farm Operating	\$108,008
Guaranteed	Farm Ownership	\$258,944

Kentucky National Farm Loan Rankings

1st in Number of Direct Operating Loans Made - 949

6th in Number of All Types of Loans Made - 1,213

4th in Number of Direct Operating Loans Made to Socially Disadvantaged Applicants - 182

7th in Number of All Types of Loans Made to Socially Disadvantaged Applicants - 194

9th in Number of Direct Operating Loans Made to Beginning Farmers - 262

Outreach

Operating alone, FSA cannot reach its Strategic Goals. The Agency's success depends, at least in part, on effectively managing its traditional partnerships and relations, and creating new partnerships with farmers, ranchers, bankers, agricultural trade organizations, and a host of private sector and public institutions, as well as non-profit, community and faith-based organizations.

County Committee Elections:

FSA County Committees are instrumental in administering FSA programs at the local level. To assure that all farmers have a voice in program administration, Kentucky FSA Offices expanded outreach efforts in 2005 to increase participation of all farmers on the County Committees. A special COC election newsletter was mailed to all producers of record announcing the areas (LAA's) holding elections.

Outreach Working Groups

FSA is an active member in a number of organizations at the state and local level that promotes issues related to agriculture. Listed below are examples of this type of partnership.

Farm Safety 4 Just Kids: Several offices participate regularly in safety field days for elementary school students in partnership with Farm Safety 4 Just Kids and other state and local organizations.


Farm Safety Camps: FSA participates regularly in local farm safety camps. Livingston County FSA cosponsored a Progress Farmer Farm Safety Day camp for 4th grade students on May 5. FSA employees taught grain safety to the 130 students that attended.

A similar event held in Princeton on July 27 at the UK Field Day.

Adair, Bracken, Breckinridge, Calloway, Crittenden, Marshall, and Ohio County also participate in similar annual events.

Kentucky Women in Agriculture: FSA employees remain active at the state and local level with the Kentucky Women in Agriculture organization. This involves work on the state conference and various local and regional events.





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County Committee Eddy Shelton Lorenz Cook Clifton Perry Eric Kennell Mary Lee Scott

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County Committees: The Farm Service Agency county/area committees are responsible for the administration of Federal farm programs at the local level.

Committee Nominations Open: Nominations for candidates to run for the Farm Service Agency county committee election representing producers in Local Administration Areas (LAA) 1 & 4 will be accepted from June 15 through August 1, 2005. LAAs are election areas. Elections are held each year to elect or re-elect a member whose term will expire.

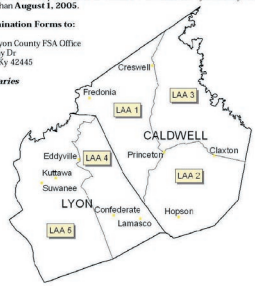
Caldwell County will be holding an election for a person to represent LAA 1 beginning January 1, 2006. That position is currently held by Edith Bostong. LAA 4 includes east of a line running along Hwy's 139 to 91 to 293 to 903.

Lyon County will be holding an election for a person to represent LAA 4 beginning January 1, 2006. That position is currently held by Edith Bostong. LAA 4 includes east of a line running along Hwy's 641 to Oak Grove Loop to Jenkins Rd to 93 to 730 to the Cumberland River.

Nomination Forms: The reverse of this sheet is a nomination form (FSA-669A). All nomination forms must be postmarked or returned to the Caldwell/Lyon County FSA Office not later than August 1, 2005.

Return Nomination Forms to: Caldwell/Lyon County FSA Office 501 Parkway Dr Princeton, KY 42445

LAA Boundaries



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Outreach, *Continued*

FFA State and National Convention

Kentucky FSA supports the local FFA chapters in the state through education and participation in the State and National Convention. For several years, FSA has sponsored the National FFA Organization's Stars Recognition Program to recognize outstanding accomplishments of students at the local, State, and national levels. A



video of the national awards ceremony is provided by FSA to local chapters in Kentucky.

Agriculture Deputy Secretary Chuck Conner joined 52,000 in Louisville for the 78th annual FFA Convention. Conner reminded students that USDA will need highly skilled professionals to meet the future challenges of agriculture. Conner was joined at the convention by FSA Deputy Administrator of Commodity Operations Bert Farrish.

Kentucky FSA showcased GIS technology and the conversion of FSA records to digital format using ArcGIS. Kentucky and Indiana FSA employees jointly staffed the FSA booth the 7 years the FFA convention was in Louisville. Next year FFA moves to Indianapolis, IN.



National Farm Machinery Show

FSA participated in the 40th Annual National Farm Machinery Show in Louisville which opened February 16. The four day event attracted over 300,000 visitors. FSA showcased electronic applications for farm programs. Online services were available at the FSA booth to demonstrate to producers



how they can establish their personal USDA account. The National Farm Machinery Show is an international event with attendance from across the US and Canada.

Outreach, *Continued*

Outreach to External Customers

Newsletters: Kentucky FSA NEWS was published in March and June of 2005. The newsletter is mailed directly to all FSA producers in Kentucky. The newsletter is also used by County offices as an outreach tool in their local community.



Public Meetings: FSA held public meetings across the state to answer questions about the Tobacco Transition Payment Program (TTPP). FSA regularly participates in producer meetings sponsored by a local non-governmental organizations.

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Tobacco Transition Payment Program (TTPP)

The deadline to sign-up for the USDA's new Tobacco Transition Payment Program (also called "Tobacco Buyout") is **June 17, 2005**. Contact your local FSA Office to schedule an appointment if you have not signed up and you owned a farm with a tobacco quota in 2004 or shared in the risk of producing tobacco during any of the 2002, 2003, or 2004 marketing years.

The Tobacco Transition Payment Program (TTPP) provides payments to tobacco quota holders and tobacco producers beginning in 2005 and ending in 2014.

TTPP payments will be made between June and Sept. 2005 for Fiscal Year 2005. Subsequent payments in future years will be issued annually during the month of January.

Sign-up by June 17th to receive a 2005 payment!

All aspects of the Federal tobacco marketing quota and price support loan program are ending. Beginning with the 2005 crop this means, there are no planting restrictions, no marketing cards, and no price support loans.

Signing up for the Tobacco Transition Payment Program (TTPP) is the final and only opportunity to receive Federal payments related to tobacco production.

For more information, call 1-866-887-0149 or visit www.fsa.usda.gov/tobacco.

Crop Disaster Assistance

Sign-up is underway for the 2003-2004 Crop Disaster Program (CDP). The program covers crop losses due to damaging weather for either the 2003 or 2004 crop year. To be eligible, you must have suffered a greater than 35 percent production loss or more than a 20-percent quality loss.

The payment rate has increased to 65-percent of the established commodity price for insured crops and noninsured crops, and 60 percent of the price for uninsured commodities.

You may apply for assistance for any crop that is eligible for coverage under the Federal Crop Insurance or the Noninsured Crop Disaster Assistance Program, also known as NAP.

The payment limit is \$80,000 per producer. Producers with gross incomes of greater than \$2.5 million are ineligible. Any producer who did not purchase federal crop insurance or NAP coverage for the year disaster program payments will be issued must do so for 2006 as a requirement of receiving program benefits. The closing date for this sign-up will be announced later.

Failed to Sign your 2005 DCP Contract?

If you did not remember to sign your 2005 Direct and Counter-cyclical Program (DCP) contract before June 1, a late-signing fee of \$300 per farm will be assessed. The deadline for 2005 is September 30.

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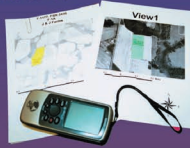
Agriculture Secretary Mike Johanns was in Louisville on August 31, to hear from over 400 USDA customers, stakeholders and employees as he continues a series of Farm Bill Listening Sessions. Speakers expressed the need to continue the current farm programs and strengthen federal programs including commodity price support programs, crop insurance, conservation programs, rural development, and beginning farmer loans. Kentucky 4-H President Janie Williams from Hardin County asked the Secretary to work toward removing barriers faced by young farmers.



WHAT IS GIS?

GIS or Geographic Information Systems, is a computer based mapping tool that integrates common database operations and statistical analysis with the unique visualization and geographic analysis offered by maps. Hardware, software, data, and people combine to allow GIS to be used to visualize, manage, and analyze geographic information.

USDA has committed to the goal of one-stop service at all county based USDA Service Centers. The GIS is a major element in achieving this goal.



GPS - GLOBAL POSITIONING SYSTEM

A Global Positioning System (GPS) uses a network of satellites to identify locations on the Earth's surface. A GPS unit can collect coordinates that define field boundaries or conservation areas and can locate a grain bin or livestock housing facility. GPS provides standardized, accurate measurements of field acres, and replaces outdated equipment currently used for measurement services. Instead of using a wheel and chain or planimeter to measure acreage, FSA can now use the GPS unit to measure fields in a fraction of the time it would take to use older tools. This can literally shave hours off of one trip to a farm field.

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FSA is integrating GIS data layers and GPS information to increase the efficiency, accuracy and timeliness of FSA programs. This allows FSA to provide quicker, more accurate information to agricultural producers.

Three critical data sets are being modernized through using GIS and GPS in FSA County Offices and USDA Service Centers:

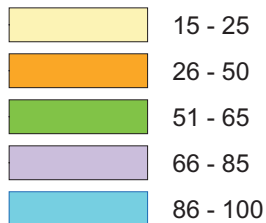
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- Common Land Unit
- Soils.

Aerial Imagery: Kentucky was flown for 1 meter leaf on true color imagery during the 2004 grown season. Counties are updating farm records using this new base layer imagery.

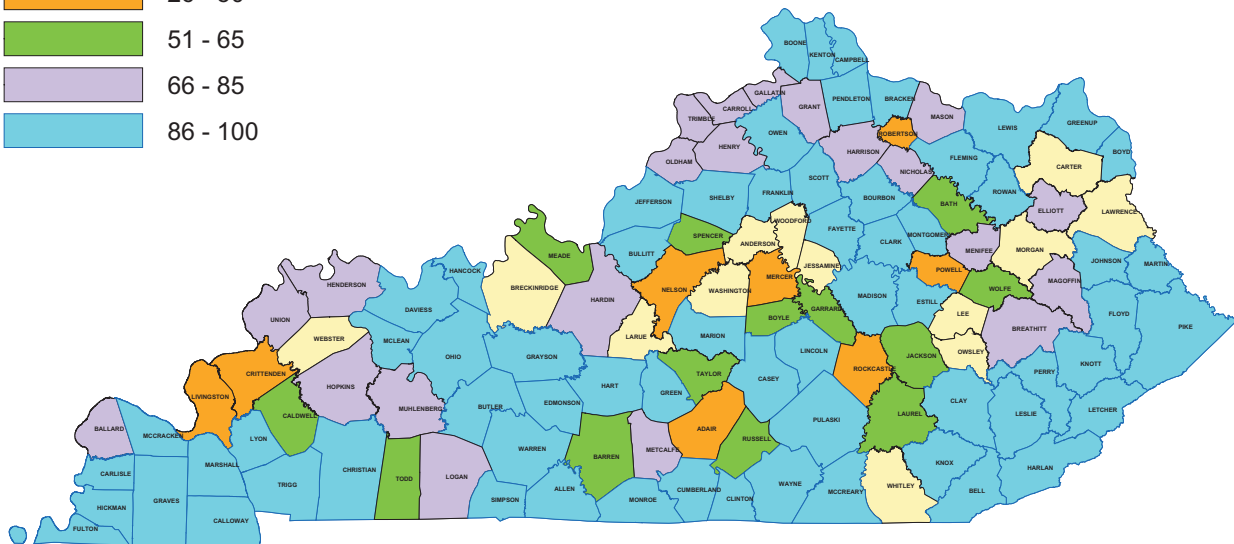
Common Land Unit: The Common Land Unit (CLU) data set represents all field boundaries. Each CLU is linked to a unique set of characteristics that include a farm number, tract numbers, field numbers, land use code, highly erodible land status, and field acreage.

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