



Ballard/McCracken County

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County Committees - Ballard

Lynn Denton
Jay Buchanan
Clayton Reid

McCracken

Ronnie Flowers
Dewain Gipson
Donnie Edwards

Advisor
Wardell Yates

County Committee
meets last Thursday at
8:00am

Staff
Connie Burnley
Jeff Cope
LaDonn Record
Marsha Sullivan
William Birney

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OFFICE CONSOLIDATION

The Ballard and McCracken County FSA Offices have now consolidated into one office located at 347 Broadway in LaCenter. This is the old existing Ballard County FSA Office and is a temporary location. Plans are currently being finalized to construct a new office located at Kevil. This will provide a more central location in which to serve the two counties. Construction could begin in the very near future, depending on the weather. All employees, Connie Burnley, Jeff Cope, LaDonn Record, Marsha Sullivan, and William Birney, previously working at either the Ballard or McCracken County Office will continue to work. If you are not familiar with the current office location, it is approximately 6 miles west of the Ballard/McCracken County line on US 60. At LaCenter, turn right (north) onto KY 358 (Broadway) and go about 3 ½ blocks. It is on the left directly across from the post office. Once in the building, the FSA Office is at the far end of the hall.

COUNTY COMMITTEE ELECTION

Donnie Edwards and Clayton Reid have been elected to serve on the county committee beginning January 1, 2008. Donnie resides on Noble Road close to Paducah and Clayton resides on Monroe Drive just east of Barlow. The Farm Service Agency appreciates the willingness of Donnie and Clayton to serve on the committee. Others serving on the committee are Jay Buchanan, Lynn Denton, Ronnie Flowers, and Dewain Gipson. The advisor is Wardell Yates. The county committee is responsible for administering commodity and conservation programs as directed by the various program handbooks, including reviewing, approving, and certifying forms, reports, and other documents as required.

CHANGES TO CROP DISASTER AND LIVESTOCK COMPENSATION PROGRAMS

On December 26, 2007, the President signed into law the Department of State, Foreign Operations and Related Programs Appropriations Act, 2008 (2008 Act). The 2008 Act amended the February 28, 2007, date and allows for all crops planted for the 2007 crop year to be included for loss purposes under CDP. Similarly, under LIP and LCP, the 2008 Act extends the date livestock and livestock feed losses could have occurred in a primary or contiguous county named in a Secretarial or Presidential disaster declaration to December 31, 2007. This means 2007 corn, soybeans and grain sorghum losses are now eligible, not just losses for crops planted prior to February 28. Also grazing losses in 2007, due to the drought, are now eligible, not just the 2005 loss as previously stated.