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Ballard County News

Ballard County USDA Service Center

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Hours
Monday - Friday
8:00- 4:30

County Committee
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County Committee meets
Third Wed of the month.

Staff
Connie Burnley, Lead PT
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William Birney, CED

WOMEN IN AG SEMINAR

The Four River Counties – Ballard, Carlisle, Fulton, and Hickman – Women in Ag Seminar will be held Wednesday, November 8, 2006 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. Dr. Sue Badenhop, University of Kentucky Cooperative Extension Service, will speak on “Left to Manage the Farm-What Do I Do Now”. Other topics of interest to women will be an FSA Update, Emergency Preparedness, Alternative Fuels, Open Burning, and Managing the Farm. Registration will begin at 8:30 am with the program beginning at 9:00 am. Lunch will be provided. Please make reservations by November 2, 2006 by calling 270-665-5666 ext 2, or 270-665-9118.

2005 FINAL COUNTER-CYCLICAL PAYMENTS

The 2005 marketing year is over for corn, grain sorghum, and soybeans. The effective price is such that there is no counter cyclical payment for soybeans but here is for corn and grain sorghum. The effective price is the higher of the national average loan rate or the national average market price plus the direct payment. The final cc payment rate for corn is 35 cents. The final payment will be made this month. The payment will be 35 cents less any advance payments which might have been paid. If you took both advance payments, your payment will be 7 cents. Grain sorghum final payments have already been disbursed. The rate was 8.1 cents plus any advance payments that were not taken. The total could have been as much as 27 cents.

2006 DIRECT PAYMENTS

The final 2006 direct payments from the DCP program have been disbursed.

CRP PAYMENTS

CRP payments for 2006 have been disbursed. For Ballard County payments were made on 433 contracts and totaled \$468,728.

SHARED MANAGEMENT

Ballard County FSA and McCracken County FSA are currently operating under a shared-management agreement. The agreement has been in effect since the first of the year. Shared management means that the county executive director shares his time in the two offices. CED William Birney generally is in the McCracken Office in the mornings and in the Ballard Office in the afternoons. Previous McCracken County CED Lori Newton chose to go to Graves County to replace the retired CED in that county. The office staffs in the two offices have remained unchanged. Each county still operates with its own county committee, just like before.

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 made up of the West Barlow area to Wickliffe and then east to Blandville. The county has three LAA's with an election rotating to a different LAA each year. The elected committee person serves a three year term. This year the two candidates are Jay Buchanan and Charlie Myatt.