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Harrison County News

Harrison County USDA Service Center

Harrison County FSA
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Hours
Monday - Friday
7:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

County Committee
Kerry Florence
Sandra Palmer
Lowell Clifford
Tolbert Williams

County Committee meets
Third Wednesday of each
month

Staff
Barry Sims, CED
Earl Reynolds, FLM
Colette Bivens, FLO
Phyllis Holleran, FLO
Sandy McConnell, PT
Sharon Meyer, PT
Debbie Barnes, PT
Vivian White, PT

COUNTY OFFICE COMMITTEE

The COC Election for 2007 will be held in LAA 1. Ballots will be mailed to eligible voters on Nov.3, 2006 and must be returned by close of business Dec.4, 06. Ballots will be counted at the Harrison Co. FSA office on Dec.7, 06 at 1:00 p.m. LAA 1 covers the area of Connersville, Leesburg, Boyers Chapel, Poindexter, and Ruddles Mill.

Lowell Clifford has represented LAA 1 for the past nine years and his term expires as of Dec.31, 2006. The county office staff wishes to express their appreciation to Lowell for his dedicated service to the farmers of Harrison Co.

The candidates for LAA 1 are Debbie Prows and Ricci Roland.

Debbie and her husband Jerry operate a family farm on Connersville Pike consisting of burley tobacco, beef cattle, and grain crops.

Ricci and his wife Brenda operate a family farm at Poindexter consisting of burley tobacco, beef cattle, and alfalfa hay.

All eligible voters are encouraged to participate in this election.

DIRECT DEPOSIT

If you have changed financial institutions, be sure to change your record with the Farm Service Agency also. This will insure your payments being deposited in a timely manner.

CONSERVATION RESERVE PROGRAM (CRP)

Harrison County currently has 38 active **CRP** contracts. These participants receive incentive payments, cost share payments, and annual payments.

If you are interested in participating in CRP please contact the Harrison Co. FSA office, as this is a continuous sign-up.

FOREIGN BUYERS NOTIFICATION

The Agricultural Foreign Investment Disclosure Act (AFIDA) requires all foreign owners of U.S. agricultural land to report their holdings to the Secretary of Agriculture. Foreign persons who have purchased or sold agricultural land in the county are required to report the transaction to FSA within 90 days of the closing. Failure to submit the AFIDA report could result in civil penalties of up to 25 percent of the fair market value of the property.

LOAN DEFICIENCY PAYMENTS (LDP)

The county office is accepting LDP requests from grain producers for the 2006 crop year. To be eligible for loans and LDP's producers must have beneficial interest in the commodity on the date of the loan or LDP requested.

LDP rates are in effect when the posted county price is less than the loan rate for the applicable commodity.

To find daily LDP rates log on to <http://www.fsa.usda.gov/ky/>.

DIRECT AND COUNTER CYCLICAL PAYMENTS (DCP)

Signup for 2007 DCP payments began Oct. 1, 2006. Applications will be accepted through June 1, 2007.

Harrison County producers in the DCP program have recently received a total of nearly \$400,000 for the 2005 counter cyclical and 2006 final direct payments.

FARM LOAN PROGRAM NEWS

Farm loan employees based in the Harrison County FSA office have just concluded a successful year of loan making, and look forward to working with you in the future. The credit team was number two in loan making among Kentucky credit teams for the 2006 fiscal year, and maintains a low delinquency rate as well.

The Harrison County credit teams serves not only Harrison County, but also the counties of Boone, Bourbon, Bracken, Campbell, Grant , Kenton, Nicholas and Pendleton.

Earl Reynolds, a native of Rowan County, is the Farm Loan Manager. There are two Farm Loan Officers. Colette Bivens, of Cynthiana, has worked in the Cynthiana office longer than any of the other employees. Phyllis Holleran, Farm Loan officer residing in Bracken County, has worked in offices in Brooksville and Maysville before being transferred to Cynthiana. All three of these loan officers stand ready to assist you with your credit needs, and are supported by two Program Technicians. Sharon Meyer, from Bracken County, has worked in FSA offices in Brooksville, Maysville, and Flemingsburg, before being transferred to Cynthiana. Debbie Barnes, from Williamstown, worked in the Williamstown office before transferring to Cynthiana.

Our experienced staff stands ready to assist eligible applicants as much as possible with their credit needs.

One of our most popular loan programs is the **Youth Loan Program**, which can be used by rural youth between the ages of 10-20 to establish credit and begin a farming operation with help from parents and FFA or 4-H sponsors. Eligible youths may borrow up to \$5000 to establish their project. These youths gain valuable hands-on experience, and can use it to develop business and record-keeping skills for the future.

Other FSA loan programs include:

1. Farm Ownership loans for purchase of farm land.
2. Operating Loans for annual operating expenses and/or equipment purchases.
3. Emergency loans during a designated disaster only.
4. Guaranteed loan programs in conjunction with private lenders.

We look forward to serving you during the new fiscal year.

Dates to Remember	
12/4/2006	Deadline to return COC Ballots
10/1/2006	DCP signup begins
11/10/2006	Veterans Day – Office Closed