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## **Hart County News**

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**Hart County  
USDA Service Center**

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**Hours**  
Monday - Friday  
8:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

**County Committee**  
Donald Reynolds  
Diane Choate  
Paul Dennison  
Jessie Barbour

County Committee meets  
the 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of each  
month

**Staff**  
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### **CREP CONTINUES TO BE SUCCESSFUL IN HART AND ADJOINING COUNTIES**

Many landowners have now signed up for the Green River Conservation Reserve Enhancement Program (CREP). This is the largest conservation program ever to exist within the Commonwealth of Kentucky and is available in all or portions of the following counties: Hart, Barren, Edmonson, Taylor, Green, Metcalfe, Adair and Russell. The primary objectives of CREP are to reduce soil erosion, improve water quality, and increase wildlife habitat.

Land that drains into Green River or into a tributary to the Green river is in the CREP area. In Hart County, there have been 2111.6 acres enrolled with two contracts pending enrollment in the program. The majority of those acres are adjacent to the Green River. However, land **does not** have to adjoin the river to be eligible. Upland fields with the required cropping history during the years 1996 through 2001 may also be eligible.

The financial incentives attached to CREP are quite rewarding with the average annual CREP rental rate being \$120 per acre. In addition, several practices also include a one-time, up front signing incentive payment of \$10 per acre for each year not to exceed 10 years. This amounts to \$130 to \$150 per acre at the start of the contract.

Land enrolled into the program is planted to a permanent cover of grasses, trees or a combination of both, depending on the lands eligibility. Installation of these practices is cost-shared and typically the cost-share covers all expenses associated with the installation. CREP is a continuous sign-up program, which means sign-up is always open. A landowner can come into the office at anytime and offer land for enrollment. **Annual payments in excess of \$300,000 was made to CRP and CREP producers on October 4<sup>th</sup>, 2006.**

**\$525,144.05 PAID TO  
HART COUNTY  
PRODUCERS WITH  
ADDITIONAL PAYMENTS STILL TO  
BE MADE of approximately \$175,000.00.**

### **COUNTY COMMITTEE ELECTION BALLOTS TO BE MAILED ON NOVEMBER 3<sup>rd</sup>.**

This year's election will be held in LAA3 which includes Jonesville, Canmer, Hardyville, Monroe, Pascal and a portion of Legrande.

Nominees for the election are Andre' Barbour, Hope Reynolds and William Scott.

Andre' lives in Canmer and farms with his father, where they operate a dairy, raise corn, hay, tobacco and vegetables. He is married and has a daughter.

Hope lives in Magnolia, and farms with her husband, where they operate a dairy, raise corn, hay, tobacco, wheat and soybeans.

William lives in Canmer and farms with his wife and three children. He raises alfalfa, tobacco and has beef cattle.

**All producers are encouraged to vote  
As soon as ballots are received. YOUR  
VOTE WILL MAKE A  
DIFFERENCE.**