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Farm Service Agency

Jackson County News

Jackson County USDA Service Center

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

County Committee
Elbert Lee Hisel
Michael L Huff
James K Wells

County Committee meets
3rd Friday

Staff
Lana G Baker, Acting CED
Christy R Berry, PT
Shannon R Vickers, TO
Wilson Boggs, TF

Changes in County Office Personnel

Sue Hignite, former County Executive Director, of the Jackson County FSA Office retired on June 2, after 28 plus years of dedicated service to the agency and the farmers in the county. Sue says she really enjoys retirement and being able to spend more time with her family.

Upon Sue's retirement, Lana G Baker, was designated as the Acting County Executive Director for the office.

Christy Berry, Program Technician (PT) of 2.5 years is expecting her first child on November 3.

Shannon R Vickers was hired in July, 2006, as a Temporary Office Employee. She and her husband, Michael Vickers, have 2 children, ages 1 year and 6 years and live in the Annville area.

County Committee Information

Jackson County will be holding an election for a person to represent LAA2. The position is currently held by Elbert Lee Hisel. LAA2 includes all of Morrill, Kerby Knob, Sand Springs, Clover Bottom, and Sand Gap. The ballots will be mailed to all eligible voters in LAA2 on November 3, 2006. The voted ballots must be returned to the Jackson County FSA Office, or postmarked, by December 4, 2006. The ballots will be counted by the County Committee and office personnel on Friday, December 8, in the Jackson County FSA Office. The nominees for LAA2 are Ernest Grant Martin and Sharon F Witt. Producers are encouraged to vote in the election

State Committee Meeting at Natural Bridge State Park

Lana G Baker, Acting CED, Elbert Lee Hisel COC Chairperson, James K Wells, Michael L Huff, COC members and Brenda Truett, Advisor, attended the State Committee, (STC) meeting at Natural Bridge State Park on September 7, 2006. Elbert Lee Hisel, received a length of service award for serving on the County Committee for over 28 years.

Jackson County FSA Outreach Activities

Jackson County Cattlemen's Association Field Day

Local beef cattle producers, Bob and Von Hornsby, hosted a field day on their farm on Monday, September 25. The field day and beef/trash can supper was sponsored by the Jackson County Cattlemen's Association. Local beef producer Harry Nicholson, cooked the vegetables "trash can" style, while Laurel County Extension Agent Glen Williams cooked the beef.

Dr. David Ditsch, U.K. Forage Specialist, discussed a year round grazing study that is currently being conducted on the Hornsby Farm. Daniel Wilson, U.K. Premise ID Assistant discussed the farm and animal I.D. programs. Lana G Baker, Acting CED, for the Jackson County FSA Office attended the field day to address questions and issues concerning USDA farm programs.



**Outreach Activities
(Continued)**

**9th Annual Tim Farmer
Environmental Day**

The Jackson County Conservation District and the USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service sponsored the 9th annual Tim Farmer Environmental Field Day on September 26th. The field day was hosted by the Tyner Elementary School. The field day is an annual event the Conservation District uses to help prepare students for participating in the Conservation Art and Writing Contest. Approximately 200 students, teachers, and school administrators attended the field day. Field day participants visited 10 different stations set up along the nature trail in the Tyner Elementary Outdoor Classroom. Individuals and agencies participating in the field day included Hobert Hensley-Historic Life Skills, U.S. Forestry Service, Kentucky and Jackson County Hunter Education and Safety Program, Kentucky Department of Fish and Wildlife, Kentucky Division of Air Quality, Kentucky Division of Forestry, Jackson county Farm Bureau, U.K. Cooperative Extension Service, and the USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service.

Lana G Baker, Acting CED, of the Jackson County FSA Office assisted in conducting students through the stations along the nature trail. FSA also provide activity booklets, pens, pencils, and tattoos for the favor bags students received at the conclusion of

**Crop Reporting
(578's)**

2005 records indicate that 288 Jackson County producers reported crop acreage to the FSA Office. In 2006, 643 producers have certified crops planted on 24,889 acres. This is a 223 percent increase over 2005. Certifying crop acreage is important to producers to aid in establishing eligibility for participating in USDA programs. Producers are encouraged to continue reporting crop acreages in the future. The FSA staff at McKee appreciates the producers cooperation in filing the 578's in a timely manner. Thank you.

**DCP and CRP 2006
Payments**

The 2006 annual Direct and Counter-Cyclical (DCP) and the Conservation Reserve Program (CRP) payments will be made by October 31, 2006.

Dates to Remember	
Nov. 3	Ballots mailed to eligible voters
Dec. 4	Last day to return voted ballots to FSA Office
Dec. 8	Ballots will be counted at the FSA Office
Jan. 1	Elected committee members and alternates take office