



Lincoln County News

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County Committee
meets the Second
Wednesday of each
month

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COMMITTEE ELECTION RESULTS

The FSA County Committee Election was held November 2 through December 3, 2007, for Local Administrative Area # 3. This is the area of the county which is East of US Highway 27 and South of US Highway 150. Only producers in this area were allowed to vote in this election. On December 6, 2007, ballots were canvassed and Everett Adams was elected to serve. His term began on January 1, 2008, and will run for 3 years. We look forward to having him on the Committee.

Harold Upton, Sr., was elected to serve as first alternate for LAA 3, and would replace Everett Adams should he become unable to serve his term.

We would like thank all the producers who voted in the election for their interest and participation.

REPORT YOUR SMALL GRAINS NOW

We would like to remind farmers that it is time again to report wheat and other small grain acreages, such as barley, oats, and grain sorghum. The deadline for reporting small grains is May 31, 2008. When applying for Commodity Loans and Loan Deficiency Payments, crop reports must be on file, as this supplies a record of planted acres. Reports taken after the deadline are subject to late-filed charges not less than \$46.00

TOBACCO TRANSITION PAYMENT PROGRAM PAYMENTS

TTPP (Tobacco Buyout) payments are scheduled to begin processing on January 14, 2008. Financial institutions that have entered into lump sum agreements with producers will be paid before producer payments may begin. For this reason, please allow a couple of weeks for your payment to process.

REPORT PROPERTY TRANSACTIONS AND FARM RECORD ACCOUNT CHANGES

If you have sold or bought land, changed tenants, or rented additional land, please notify our office so that your farm records can be updated.

For land that has been purchased, a copy of your deed is required, as well as tax ID numbers of all applicable landowners. Property transactions are not reported to our office by the Clerk's Office. We are notified of these changes only when they are reported by the seller or purchaser.

If you have a new or different address, this should be reported, as well. Transaction statements for TTPP (tobacco buyout) payments and other USDA payments will not reach you if we do not have your current address on file.

If you make changes to your bank account or change banks, we will need your updated banking information. This will ensure that your payments go into the correct account, and that your payments are not delayed. Unreported changes will cause your payments to be rejected and delay receipt of your funds.

EMERGENCY DROUGHT ASSISTANCE IMPORTANT NOTICE

The Lincoln County FSA Office was authorized in October 2007 to accept requests for cost share from producers who suffered significant financial hardship as a result of taking emergency action because of the drought. Because no funding is currently available, producers have been notified that action taken to relieve drought conditions, before an actual approval is issued by the FSA office, is at the producer's own risk.

The Kentucky State FSA Committee determined at their December 2007 meeting that conditions in Kentucky Counties have significantly improved. The Committee further determined that as of December 1, 2007, emergency action to relieve drought conditions was no longer necessary. If producers, who have applied for cost share, take action or plan to take action after December 1, 2007, cost share approval may not be authorized.

The Emergency Conservation Program Drought (ECPD) status remains the same. Funding is not currently available to make determinations concerning the eligibility of the requests that have been filed. Once funding is received, producers will be contacted to determine if emergency action has been taken. Any person, who completes or has completed measures to provide emergency water to livestock, vineyards or orchards before written approval notification from the FSA office, does so at their own risk. Eligibility for practice completion cannot be determined until after funding is received.

LIVESTOCK COMPENSATION PROGRAM CHANGES

Due to recent changes in Disaster Program legislation, Lincoln County is now eligible for the Livestock Compensation Program for the years of 2005 and 2007. Producers are not eligible to receive payment for both years, however, if you have already applied for this program prior to these changes in legislation, it may be necessary that you contact our office to re-apply. Rules and regulations for this program work the same for both years. Dates of ownership for 2005 remain February 1, 2005 through April 1, 2005. Dates of ownership for 2007 will likewise be February 1, 2007 through April 1, 2007.

If you have already received payment for the 2005 disaster year, and feel that 2007 would be more beneficial, due to the ownership of more livestock, etc., you will need to come back into the County Office and apply for 2007. If it is determined that 2007 is the more beneficial year, you will then receive a payment for the difference in your 2007 and 2005 calculations. You will not receive double payment.

Changes in this program occurred on December 26, 2007, with the President's signing of the Department of State, Foreign Operations and Related Programs Appropriations Act of 2008.

The Stanford FSA Service Center will be closed the following legal holidays:

Monday, January 21, Martin Luther King, Jr. Day

Monday, February 18, President's Day