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Lincoln County News

**Lincoln County
USDA Service Center**

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Monday - Friday
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County Committee meets
monthly, every 2nd
Wednesday

Farm Programs Staff
Dana McKinney, CED
Alma Jean Noakes, PT
Debra Collins, PT
Patricia Gabbert, PT
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Farm Loans Staff
Jan Burroughs, FLM
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Kathy Farley, FLO
Karen Davis, PT
Mary Wagner, PT

Keeping the Family Farm Women and Minority Ag Conference

Lincoln County FSA along with Lincoln County Conservation District and Lincoln County Cooperative Extension Service partnered on October 12 to bring "Keeping the Family Farm" to Stanford. This conference is hopefully the first of an annual event.

The conference featured as main speaker, estate planning attorney, Keith Jeffries, from Henry County, KY. Mr. Jeffries, a lawyer since 1992, is a farm owner himself, and speaks to groups across the state about enabling the family farm to pass to the next generation by minimizing taxes and other costs.

Other featured guests were Rick Costin from the University of KY who was asked to speak on tax planning, and Jake Smitz from the KY Department of Agriculture for marketing and promotion.

Local producers with alternative farm products and goods were on site for market and discussion. Lunch was provided by local sponsorship.

FSA hopes this will become an annual outreach event, so that we may enable our producers to obtain needed information and services.

DCP Participants Will Receive EXTRA Payment

Countercyclical (CC) Payments will be issued for CORN, BARLEY, and GRAIN SORGHUM for the 2005 DCP program year.

CC payments are authorized only when the effective price for a commodity falls below the target price for that commodity.

The 2005 CC rates are as follows:
CORN is 35 cents
BARLEY is 13 cents
GRAIN SORGHUM is 27 cents

Your farm's corn, barley, and/or grain sorghum base had to be enrolled in the 2005 DCP program in order to receive this payment.

We Welcome a New Staff Member

We welcome Kathy Farley to our office family. She joins our Farm Loan Team as a loan officer. Kathy is originally from Union County, KY. She has been with FSA for 15 years, and has worked with the Farm Loan Division for the last year.

We Love to Give You Money

Here at Lincoln County FSA, we LOVE to put money in your bank account !! We need your continued participation in our programs so we can keep the money coming. Here is a sample of some of the payments we have been able to make to you...2005 Loan Deficiency Payments totaled \$325, 076.82** fiscal year 2006 MILCX payments totaled \$143, 412.02** fiscal year 2006 CRP rental payments totaled \$11, 137.00 with cost share and incentives totaling another \$32, 387.00 **fiscal year 2006 emergency conservation cost share for livestock water totaled \$15, 685.00

For the DCP Program, 2004 Direct and Countercyclical payments totaled \$890, 010** 2005 Direct and Countercyclical payments have totaled \$720, 220 thus far, but we have not completed all the 2005 CC payments, so this figure will grow. For the 2006 program year, Direct payments have totaled \$327, 427.00 thus far, but are not complete, so this figure will also be higher.

We appreciate your participation in all of our programs and hope we may continue to serve you in the future!!

Dates to Remember

OCT 9	Closed-Columbus Day
OCT 19	RD Scheduled Day
NOV 3	COC Ballots mailed
NOV 10	Closed-Veterans Day
NOV 16	RD Scheduled Day
NOV 23	Closed-Thanksgiving
DEC 4	COC Ballot Deadline
DEC 7	COC Ballot Count
DEC 21	RD Scheduled Day
DEC 25	Closed-Christmas

**LINCOLN COUNTY NATURAL RESOURCES CONSERVATION SERVICE
ACCEPTS APPLICATIONS FOR WETLANDS RESERVE PROGRAM (WRP)**

The USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) is accepting application from qualified landowners for enrollment consideration into the Wetlands Reserve Program (WRP). Landowners can enroll their land under a 30 year or permanent easement for a lump sum, up front easement payment and have USDA pay up to 100 percent of the wetland restoration costs. Eligible lands include: farmed wetlands; prior converted cropland; farmed wetland pasture; farmland that is subject to river flooding, as well as farmland where hydrology previously altered will be restored. This is a great opportunity to retire fields where crops are frequently lost to wetness, to cash out land equity, reduce farm debt, or establish a hunting preserve. Easement payment is based on appraisals that establish the full market value of the land less the "encumbered" or residue value. Review the warranty easement deed carefully as the program may not meet all landowner objectives. Contact Marvin (Bo) Renfro, District Conservationist, at the USDA Service Center (606) 365-2214, extension 3, to determine if your land might qualify. The next ranking deadline for easement purchased consideration will be December 1, 2006.

No Matter How Prepared One is, the Loss of Someone Special is Very Trying

In the last few weeks, our staff here at Lincoln County Service Center has had to deal with loss of family members and illness.

Jack Noakes, husband of PT Alma Jean Noakes, was diagnosed with cancer in November 2005. In June of this year her son, Shane, was in a near drowning accident. Shane spent a few weeks in Erlanger Medical Center in Chattanooga, TN, before being transferred to Cardinal Hill Hospital in Lexington. Shane is now home and doing well. However, Jack passed away on September 11, 2006.

PT Pat Gabbert has traveled for several weekends to Elkins, WV, to help care for her father and mother. While her father was in the hospital, her mother fell and broke her hip. Her mother is now home doing well. However, Pat's father passed away September 24, 2006.

Jimmy Cooper, who served on the Lincoln County FSA Committee for several years, lost his wife Barbara on September 22, 2006.

Jeff Wagner, husband of Farm Loan PT Mary Wagner, has been recently diagnosed with liver cancer. His health has been deteriorating quickly. At this time, he and Mary are at the National Cancer Institute in Bethesda, Maryland.

Jan Burroughs' granddaughter, Brianna, who had been very ill during the month of July is now out of the hospital and back in Haiti with her family doing mission work.

Our hearts and prayers are with all of these folks, our office family. We would also like to say a big **THANK YOU** to all of our producers and to other employees of FSA throughout the State for all their prayers, phone calls, and concerns.