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## Marion County News

### Marion County USDA Service Center

**Marion County FSA**  
680 Metts Drive  
Lebanon, Ky. 40033  
270-692-3351 (phone)  
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www.fsa.usda.gov/ky

**Hours**  
Monday - Friday  
7:30 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

### County Committee

-Tommy Blandford,  
chairman  
-Leonard Potter,  
vice-chairman  
-Montrude Lanham,  
advisor  
-Sylvester Brown,  
advisor  
-Marcus Clark,  
member

County Committee meets  
1<sup>st</sup> Wed. of the month

### Staff

Pat Spalding, CED  
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### Payment Limitation and Payment Eligibility Rules

Producers must complete necessary payment limitation forms and county committees must determine the person actively engaged in farming before program benefits may be earned. Producers will be ineligible until all necessary forms have been completed and key documentation provided. Regulations require that the names, addresses, and identification number(s) of all members of an entity be provided to the Farm Service Agency. The status date is April 1st and this is the final date to make changes in your farming operation. This date is also used to determine any changes in the number of persons, marital status, shares of joint operations, corporations, or trusts; and whether an entity or partnership was formed. Spouses may be considered separate persons for payment limitation purposes if the determination is requested and payment limitation rules are applicable.

Producers who file payment limitation forms are subject to an end of year review. Producers selected for an end of year review must provide evidence to support the farming operation plan as originally submitted by the producer. Documentation may include cancelled checks, ledgers, lease agreements; equipment records, crop sales documents, or operating loan documents. Programs subject to payment limitation rules and regulations and limitations per person per program year are as follows:

- Direct Payments DCP - \$40,000 per crop year.
- Counter Cyclical Payments DCP - \$65,000 per crop year.
- Marketing Loan Gains and Loan Deficiency Payments for corn, soybeans, oats, barley, wheat and

other oilseeds - \$75,000 per crop year.

- Marketing Loan Gains and Loan Deficiency Payments for Honey, wool or mohair. - \$75,000 per crop year.
- Conservation Reserve Program - \$50,000 per fiscal year.
- Non-insured Assistance Program- \$100,000 per crop year.
- Environmental Quality Incentive Program - \$450,000 per individual or entity.

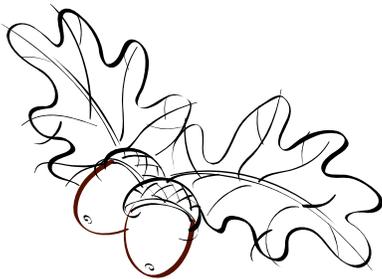
Once an applicable payment limitation and person determination are filed, an annual update is not required unless there is a change in the farm operation that would affect the determination previously made by the area committee. If you rent a new farm, give up a farm, buy, sell, or otherwise make changes in your farming operation, an updated form must be submitted to the Farm Service Agency (FSA) for review.

### Farm Storage Facility Loan Program (FSFL)

Raising grain? Need storage space? The agency is offering a loan program to build or upgrade commodity storage and handling facilities. An eligible borrower is any person who as a landowner, operator, producer, tenant, or sharecropper has a satisfactory credit history and no delinquent federal debt; is a producer of facility loan commodities; and provides proof of multi-peril crop insurance. Loans shall only be made for purchasing and installing eligible storage facilities, permanently affixing drying or handling equipment, or remodeling existing storage facilities. The program has also been expanded to include structures designed to store silage, and the new flat-type storage structures. The interest rate for loans shall



be the rate equivalent to Treasury securities during the month the loan is approved. The principal amount of any farm storage facility loan shall be no more than 85% of the net cost of the applicant's needed storage or handling equipment, not to exceed \$100,000. The minimum down payment shall be 15% of the loan, which is down from 25%. The loan shall be payable in equal annual installments of principal and interest amortized over the term of the loan, which is 7 years. Crop insurance is required on commodities that may be grown and stored in the facility.



**Conservation District Update**

Environmental Quality Incentive Program (EQIP) is a voluntary program for farmers that promote agricultural production and environmental quality as compatible national goals. Contracts can be offered up to ten years with cost shares available to implement the practices. Practices include pipeline and tanks, new grass seeding of fields, ponds, waste storage facilities, fencing of streams, woods, and sink holes.

Wildlife Habitat Incentive Program (WHIP) is a volunteer program through the Natural Resources Conservation Service

(NRCS). Both technical and cost-share assistance, up to 75% is available to establish or improve fish and wildlife habitat. Practices include native and cool season grass establishment, fencing, waterholes and various other practices. Both programs are subject to NRCS technical standards adapted to local conditions. Signup is anytime throughout the year for either program. For further details contact:

Marion County Conservation District Office on Metts Drive, (270) 692-2431.

**Rental Equipment Available through Conservation District**

- No-till drill- \$6.00 per acre, minimum acreage 16.6 acres or \$100.
- Tree planter - \$60.00 per rental.

**Direct Deposit**

Is your Direct Deposit up to date? If not, your payments could be delayed for several days. Please check your banking information to make sure you have the correct bank, routing number, and account number.

**New CRP practice CP-29 (Marginal Pastureland Wildlife Habitat Buffer)**

Marginal pastureland devoted to wildlife habitat protects rivers and creeks (seasonal or perennial) without planting trees. Size requirements range from minimum width 20 ft to maximum of 120 ft. buffer along streams, planted to native grasses. CP29 develops a hunter's paradise and offers fence



takes away the water source, help will be provided for an alternative source. Ownership of land for at least 1 year from date on deed required. Standard CRP eligibility requirements apply. For more information stop by or contact Marion County FSA (270) 692-3351.

**Foreign Investment Act**

The Foreign Investment Disclosure Act of 1978 requires that any foreign person or organization that has an interest in U.S. agricultural land must report this interest to the FSA office within 90 days of purchase. Failure to file this report could result in a civil penalty of up to 25% of the fair market value of the land.

<b>Dates to Remember</b>	
October 17	Family Resource Night
November 10	Veteran's Day (closed)
November 23	Thanksgiving Day (closed)
December 4	Election day for COC
December 25	Christmas Day (closed)

