



Breckinridge/Meade County

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Meet Our Current Committees

Breckinridge County
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Rodney Willis, Vice-Chair
Tony Hobbs, Member
Bob Dean, Advisor

Meade County
Tom Benock, Chairman
Houston Haynes, V-Chair
Leslie Stith, Member
Wanda Banks, Advisor

County Committee meets:

Breckinridge 1st Thursday of each month
Meade 1st Friday of each month

County Committee News

January began another year for the County Committee. In Meade Co., the incumbent Houston Haynes was re-elected to serve a 3 year term in LAA #2.

Breckinridge County incumbent Ann Rhodes Denton was re-elected for the 3 year term in LAA #1.

Livestock Compensation Program

Payments are currently being made to producers who participated in the livestock compensation program. A signup deadline has not yet been established. If you have not signed up for this program and had livestock during 2005 or 2007, stop by our office for more details.

Save Time—Go Online

Stop by our office and we will get you registered to conduct business with our office over the internet. You can update DCP information, participate with LDP's, and check loan balances if you are a FSA borrower.

Real Estate Transfers

When you purchase or inherit a piece of real estate, don't forget to bring in a copy of your recorded deed in to our office. FSA can then transfer the farm, and possibly any benefits, into the new owner's name.

Youth Loans

Local livestock clubs have been meeting and are planning for the upcoming show year. Stop by FSA and see if FSA can help with your child's 4-H or FFA livestock project. For more information you can speak with your FFA or 4-H advisor or contact the FSA Ag Credit Staff at 756-5292.



Kirby O'Donoghue - Kentucky FFA President

Farm Service Agency would like to congratulate Kirby O'Donoghue on her appointment to the position of Kentucky FFA President. Kirby is the daughter of Joe and Lorraine O'Donoghue of Westview in Breckinridge County. Kirby was raised on a tobacco and beef cattle farm. The new President's responsibilities will include Chapter Visits, Speaking Engagements and serving as a voice for the 15,000 FFA members of Kentucky. Kirby is pursuing a double major in Agricultural Education and Pre-Law at Murray State University.



Nicholas Hardesty - American Star Farmer

FSA would also like to congratulate Nicholas Hardesty of Midway in Meade County on being selected as this year's American Star Farmer. Nicholas has a beef cattle and tobacco operation. Read more about Nicholas and his accomplishments on the State Newsletter Pages.

Farm Service Agency is proud of how Nicholas and Kirby are representing our area. Since the average age of full time farmers increases each year, it is inspiring to see that our area has young people dedicated to agriculture. Did you know that Farm Service Agency has special programs for beginning farmers to start or increase their operation? In addition to meeting all regular loan eligibility requirements, a beginning farmer or rancher must be an individual or entity who has operated a farm or ranch for 10 years or less. For real estate loans, beginning farmers must have participated in the business operation of a farm for at least 3 years but not more than 10 years. If you know of a beginning farmer who could benefit from our programs, have them contact our Farm Loan Staff at 756-5292. We will be glad to meet in our office or out on the farm to answer your questions.

EMERGENCY LOANS

Breckinridge and Meade Counties are eligible to participate in emergency loans for losses incurred from extended drought conditions that occurred from June 5, 2007, through November 7, 2007. If you sustained a 30% or more loss on your yields due to the drought, contact our office to see if you qualify for our assistance. You can reach our loan staff at 756-5292.