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**Farm Service Agency**

## ***Mercer County News***

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### **Mercer County USDA Service Center**

**Mercer County FSA**  
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**Hours**  
Monday - Friday  
7:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

**County Committee**  
Kenton Montgomery  
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County Committee meets  
4<sup>th</sup> Thursday of Month

**Staff**  
Carolyn Morris, CED  
Robin Cecil, PT  
Tracy Stratton, PT

### **NEW MAPPING FOR MERCER**

The Mercer County Farm Service Agency is in the process of completing the transfer of farm and field boundaries from the old paper maps to the new Geographic Information Services (GIS) mapping system. This is simply a computerized version of mapping which not only allows for the numbering of fields, and boundaries, but is an extremely accurate measurement of acres when boundaries are drawn correctly.

This is one reason we are requesting that you review your map that will be sent out to you. We are certain that over the course of years, the boundaries, new fencing, removal of fencing, has accounted for many field boundary changes.

Once our office has verified information for your farm and tract records and entered all farm and tract numbers on the new mapping, master and producer copies will be made. Producers will receive their map copy, along with a letter of explanation requesting that you review the drawing for accuracy of the farm and field boundaries as drawn. Only the field numbers and acres for cropland is shown on the maps.

The tentative scheduled month for mailing this information to you is November/December 2006. You will have thirty (30) days from the date you receive your map and letter to make corrections or inquiries concerning boundaries.

### **MERCER COUNTY ESSAY CONTEST**

The theme for 2006 Poster and Essay contest is "Kentucky Soil: It's Worth Protecting!"

The Conservation Essay Contest is designed for Kentucky students, grades 6 thru 12, and the Jim Claypool Conservation Poster Contest is for students in grades 1 thru 5.

Resource information with entry form and deadlines has been distributed to each school in our school systems.

#### **Awards are:**

School Awards – Certificate of Achievement to the creator of the essay or poster essay or poster judged the best.

District Awards- A \$50.00 U.S. Savings Bond and a certificate to the essay and poster winner. 2nd place will receive a certificate also.

Area Awards- A \$100.00 U.S. Savings Bond and a personalized plaque.

State Awards- First Place wins \$500.00 U.S. Savings Bond, Second Place wins \$200.00 U.S. Savings Bond, PLUS each receive a personalized plaque and invitation for each STATE winner, Along with parents and a teacher , to attend the Courier Journal Awards Luncheon in the spring of 2007.

If you have any questions, please call Linda Lake at the Conservation District (859) 734- 6889.