



Todd County News

January 2008

County Committee Elections

Todd County has just started a new calendar year with its county committee, and there are new positions for some of the members. Don L. Laster ran unopposed in Local Administrative Area (LAA) # 1 and has retained his seat on the county committee (COC). Having just completed a term as chair-person, he is now serving as regular member. Ralph Robertson, LAA-2, moves up to the chair position, and Todd Shackelford, LAA-3, will serve as vice-chair. LAA-1 includes the area between KY 507, known as Highland Lick Road, and the Muhlenberg County Line. LAA-2 takes in the area south of Highland Lick Road and north of OLD U.S. 68-80 highway. LAA-3 finishes the county by including all of the area south of OLD U.S. 68-80 and north of the Kentucky - Tennessee state line. Each committeeman invites you to contact them regarding issues in your LAA, or contact the county office at 101 Elk Fork Road. The Todd County Committee meets every month, usually on the first Wednesday of the month unless a conflict warrants a change of meeting date. The regular meetings are open to all, but executive session meetings are not open to the public.



Controlled Substance (1-CM, Rev. 3, Part 30; 1-DCP, paragraph 449; 1-PF, paragraph 412) all state that “Any person who is convicted under federal or state law of a controlled substance violation could be ineligible for USDA payments or benefits. Violations include planting, harvesting or growing a prohibited plant. Prohibited plants include marijuana, opium poppies and other drug producing plants.”

- **January 21, 2008:** Office closed – Martin Luther King Federal Holiday.
- **February 13, 14, 15:** National Farm Machinery Show

An important NOTE: As of this writing, we understand that the drought of 2007 will be added to the current disaster programs, so keep in touch with our office for further details.

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County Committee
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Todd Shackelford
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Preventing Fraud & Waste

The Farm Service Agency and Risk Management Agency are partners in preventing fraud, waste and abuse in the Federal Crop Insurance Program. FSA has been, and will continue to, assist RMA and insurance providers by monitoring crop conditions throughout the growing season. In addition, FSA will refer all suspected cases of fraud, waste and abuse to RMA. Producers can report suspected cases to FSA or RMA.

DISASTER PROGRAMS

Livestock Compensation Program

LCP compensates livestock producers for feed losses occurring between Jan. 1, 2005, and Feb. 28, 2007, due to a natural disaster. This can include producers who suffered losses resulting from blizzards that started in 2006 and continued into January 2007. Livestock producers may elect to receive compensation for calendar year 2007 grazing season losses that are attributable to wildfire natural disaster occurring during the applicable period as determined by the Secretary of Agriculture. Producers in primary counties declared secretarial disaster areas or certain counties declared presidential disaster areas between Jan. 1, 2005, and Feb. 28, 2007, are eligible as are producers located in counties contiguous to those counties. Also, producers in a primary (or contiguous) county that received an Administrator's Physical Loss Notice directly associated with a disaster declaration made by President Bush may also be eligible. Producers incurring a loss in more than one of the 2005, 2006 or 2007 calendar years must choose only one year for which they want to apply for benefits.

Crop Disaster Program

CDP provides benefits to farmers who suffered quantity and quality losses to 2005, 2006, or 2007 crops from natural disasters if the crop was planted before Feb. 28, 2007, or, in the case of prevented plantings, for crops that would have been planted before Feb. 28, 2007. Producers who incurred qualifying losses in 2005, 2006 or 2007 must choose only one year to apply for benefits. Producers may apply for benefits for losses to multiple commodities as long as the losses occurred in the same crop year. Only producers who obtained crop insurance coverage or coverage under the Noninsured Crop Disaster Assistance Program (NAP) for the year of loss will be eligible for CDP benefits. Producers must have suffered quantity losses in excess of 35 percent to be eligible for CDP. You are eligible for disasters occurring between January 1, 2005 and February 28, 2007 (livestock), or if you experienced a loss of 35 percent or greater. (crops), or you had crop insurance or coverage under the Noninsured Crop Disaster Assistance Program (NAP). (crops). Contact the Todd County FSA Office for details.

Tobacco Transition Payment Program

By the time you are reading this, producers will already have begun receiving Tobacco Transition Payment Program (TTPP) payments via electronic fund transfer, commonly known as direct deposit. The process is expected to take several weeks due to the staggering number of producers receiving payments. Any problems experienced will be cleaned up toward the end of the payment cycle. Please be patient as we endeavor to get payments out timely.

