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The County Committee
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Trigg County News

January 2008

County Committee Election Results

Landowners, farmers, and producers in local administrative area (LAA) 1 elected Joe Rogers to serve a three-year term on the as a member of the Trigg County Farm Service Agency committee. Mr. Rogers's term began January 1, 2008.

FSA committees are responsible for the administration of Federal farm programs at the local level.

Nominations for Committee Advisors

Applications are being accepted for the position of advisors to the Trigg County Committee

Special Accommodations

Special accommodations will be made upon request, for persons with disabilities, vision or hearing impairment. If accommodations are required, please contact Coy Higdon at (270) 522-8111.

Farm Loan Programs

Loans are available for eligible applicants through Farm Service Agency to purchase farms, livestock and equipment, to refinance debts or for crop production/annual operating expenses. Farm Ownership Loans can be used to purchase land, construct farm buildings/improvements, or for certain soil and water conservation. Operating Loans are used to purchase livestock, equipment, feed, seed, farm chemicals and supplies. Operating funds can also be used to refinance debts with certain limitations. Farm Ownership loans may be scheduled for repayment up to 40 years. Operating loans are scheduled for repayment from 1 to 7 years depending on the security and loan purpose.

Current interest rates for FSA's direct loans are as follows:

- Operating Loans (e.g. livestock, machinery, crops) – 4.375%
 - Farm Ownership (purchase of farm) – 5.125%
- (These rates are current as of 01-1-08)

Also, don't forget our Youth Loan Program, through which we can assist eligible rural youth with loan assistance to establish and operate an income-producing project in conjunction with 4-H, FFA or another supervised youth program. This program provides an excellent opportunity for rural youth to establish their own farming operation, while at the same time helping them to learn financial management and to build a solid credit history! These youth loans can be used for such things as raising a small crop, purchasing cattle or equipment as an income producing project. To be eligible to receive youth loan assistance, the individual must be between the ages of 10 and 20, must have the permission of his/her parents, and the recommendation of a project advisor. These loans have a maximum limit of \$5000 per person, and can be scheduled for repayment for up to 7 years. These loans are made at the Direct Farm Operating loan interest rate as discussed above. Contact the Hopkinsville Service Center farm loan staff **(270-885-5066 option 2)** for more information.

Farm Storage Facility Loan (FSFL)

Farm Storage Facility Loan program is a low interest loan program to assist producers in building and or remodeling on farm grain store facilities. The grain storage facility must have a useful life of 10 years to be eligible for an FSFL.

Crop Insurance

The deadline to purchase crop insurance for corn, soybeans and tobacco is March 15th.

Cell Numbers & E-Mail Addresses Needed

We need your help to complete our files for you. We are requesting information from producers, including cell phone numbers, E-mail addresses, fax numbers, birth dates, and veteran status. The cell numbers help us get in contact with you in a short time frame.

Faxed Signatures

Policy has changed for faxed signatures. Producers are reminded that Faxed signatures can be accepted for certain FSA forms and programs. The authority to accept Faxed signatures applies only to forms used by FSA. The authority is not applicable to forms used by other agencies or departments. The fax number is: (270) 886-9656.

Public Service Announcements

KY Department of Agriculture:

The Division of Environmental Assistance asks, do you have any old, unwanted, or unusable farm chemicals and want to get rid of them? If so, call the Kentucky Dept of Ag Hotline at 1-800-205-6543 for more information. **There is NO COST and no questions asked.**

Dates to Remember	
January 21	Closed in observance of Martin Luther King Jr. Birthday
February 18	Closed in observance of President's Day
March 15	Final Date to purchase FCIC for Corn, Soybeans, and Tobacco