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Washington County News

Washington County USDA Service Center

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8:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

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month at 8:30 am

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The Farm Service Agency is currently creating a new set of computer generated maps for each farm. The process of converting to a new system will eventually allow for "on line" services. This means that producers who wish to do so may one day be able to make acreage reports or complete program applications from their own home on a personal computer (PC). One component of this conversion involves computer-generated maps.

Maps will be mailed to producers starting the week of Oct 16th. Each producer will have 30 days from the date of the letter that will be attached to their map to report any discrepancies of their field boundaries.

Landowner accomplishes goals through EQIP and CRP

A landowner in Springfield, Kentucky (Washington County) is fulfilling her goals of better managing forage through rotational grazing, eliminating livestock from creeks and ponds and creating wildlife habitat through technical and financial assistance in the EQIP and CRP programs.

The producer owns and operates a 121 acre cow/calf operation near Springfield in Washington County. In 2004 one side of the main creek that divides the farm was fenced and a Riparian Forest Buffer with 3.3 acres of trees was planted. The installation of the fence, Riparian Forested Buffer and a pond was known as accomplishing some of the goals of the landowner by protecting the water from livestock, creating wildlife habitat and setting up a rotational grazing system.

In May, 2005 the landowner entered into an EQIP contract in order to complete her goals. Under the EQIP program the landowner has fenced the cattle out of all creeks and ponds on the farm. Pipeline and watering facilities have been installed to complete the rotational grazing system and native warm season grasses will be seeded in the spring of 07 to create wildlife habitat and summer time grazing.

Economically, the landowner will have initial savings through her rotational grazing system because instead of the forage being harvested for her hay, the livestock will do the harvesting. The water quality, thus herd health, will improve as a result of all livestock being fenced out of all water bodies. Wildlife numbers will

increase as a result of the installation of a Riparian Forest Buffer and native warm season grass planting.

Just a few more interesting facts: This landowner is a woman, a widower and is 81 years young.

Submitted by:

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UPCOMING EVENTS

October 28th – 1:00 pm – Central Ky Premier Heifer Sale – Marion Co. Fairgrounds

November 9, 2006 – 7:00 pm – Washington Co. Cattleman Association Annual Meeting – Mackville Community Center

December 5, 2006 – 7:00 pm – CPH45 Sale – Washington County Stockyards