



Whitley/McCreary County News *January 2008*

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Hours
Monday - Friday
8:00 AM – 4:30 PM

County Committee
Bobby W Terrell, Ch
Nancy Shelley, V Ch
Joel Lester, Member

Patricia Collins,
Advisor

County Committee meets
2nd Thursday each month
9:00 AM – 1:00 PM

Staff
Tommy Smith, CED
Darlene Meadors, PT
Vickie Hart, Temporary
Robert McNeil, Field Assistant

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RETIREMENT OF CED JANICE SWEET

Janice Sweet, County Executive Director, retired after forty-two years of devoted service to the farmers of Whitley and McCreary Counties.

Ms. Sweet says she has seen many changes since she began working for the USDA. One of the changes has been the name of the agency. When she began working she worked for ASCS, then we became Farm Service Agency. Another big change was the tobacco buyout. Tobacco is no longer administered by the USDA. She said each new change brought new rewards as well as new responsibilities.

She says she is looking forward to having time to travel and to be able to spend a little more time with her son and grandsons. She plans on sleeping late every day and just doing what she feels like.

We wish her the best retirement ever and everyone is sure going to miss her.

Good luck, Janice, and don't forget to drop by and see us every now and then.

ACTING CED

Tommy Smith, CED in Laurel County and Acting CED in Knox, Clay, Bell and Harlan, has been appointed Acting CED in Whitley-McCreary County. He will be in the Whitley County Office as often as necessary to keep things running smoothly.

Darlene Meadors, Program Technician, will still be working in the Williamsburg Service Center. If you have any questions or problems, you can call the FSA Office. She will be glad to help.

NEW COMMITTEE MEMBER

Members of the farmer-elected County FSA Committee are a vital link in the effective administration of farm programs in Whitley and McCreary counties. The County Committee is responsible for carrying out programs in full accordance with regulations, national and state policies, procedures and instructions.

To insure farmer understanding and wide program participation, the County Committee must see that the county office operations are farmer oriented and farmers, ranchers, and the public receive good service. We should all be proud of the County Committee's record of service to the farmers in Whitley and McCreary County. The programs they help administer directly affects the welfare of our farmers.

The recent election was held in LAA 1, which is McCreary County.

Joel Lester was elected as member of the County Committee. He will serve a three year term beginning January 1, 2008.

Mr. Lester is an active farmer in Pine Knot and looks forward to representing McCreary County on the Committee.

Gordon Baird was elected as First Alternate in LAA 1. Mr. Baird farms in Strunk and has been on the County Committee for several years.

The other members of the County Committee are:

Nancy Shelley, LAA 2. Mrs. Shelley represents the southern part of Whitley County. Mrs. Shelley is Vice Chairperson of the County Committee.

Bobby Terrell, LAA 3. Mr. Terrell represents the northern part of Whitley County and is the Chairperson of the County Committee.

AGRICULTURAL CENSUS REPORTS

Agricultural Census reports have been mailed to agricultural producers. It is very important that these be filled out and returned.

The long form is intimidating; however, if you read the questions, they are relatively simple. If you don't want to fill it out by yourself, bring in to the FSA office and we'll help you.

DIRECT DEPOSIT

If you change banks, don't forget to come in and complete a new Direct Deposit form. This is particularly important if you are getting a farm payment (such as tobacco payment).

If the payment is sent to the wrong bank account, it will take some time to straighten out and your payment will be delayed.