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## Rockcastle County News

### Rockcastle County USDA Service Center

**Rockcastle County FSA**  
2018 New Brodhead Rd  
Mt. Vernon, KY 40456  
606-256-2525 (phone)  
606-256-3012 (fax)  
www.fsa.usda.gov/ky

**Hours**  
Monday - Friday  
7:30 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

**County Committee**  
Gary Burdette  
Stephen Towery  
Darrell Wayne Whitaker

County Committee meets  
The first Thursday of each  
month

**Staff**  
Warden Alexander, CED  
Gloria Robbins, PT  
Mary Taylor, PT

### County Committee Election

Voting ballots for the Rockcastle County Committee are scheduled to be mailed for the local USDA Farm Service Agency (FSA) on November 3, 2006. Ballots must be returned or post marked by December 4, 2006.

This year the Rockcastle County Committee election will be for LAA 2. This area includes the southeaster section of the county bound by Pulaski and Laurel County. Highway boundaries are Highway 70, Highway 50 and Highway 25.

The position is currently held by Darrell Wayne Whitaker. Nominees for the position are Charles Denver Mink of RR 1, Mt. Vernon and Norietta Thompson of RR 1, Brodhead, KY.

LAA 2 area farm owners, operators, tenants and sharecroppers of legal age can vote if they are eligible to take part in any FSA program.

County Committee members make decisions on how federal farm programs apply to local producers by making decisions on:

- Commodity price support loans and payments
- Conservation programs
- Farm disaster assistance

To carry out its responsibilities, the COC:

- Hires and supervises the CED
- Reviews FSA work plans
- Hears requests for reconsiderations or appeals of county decisions and
- Makes recommendation to the State Committee

Rockcastle County Committee will count the ballots on December 7, 2006 at the FSA office open to the public at 9:00 A.M. Elections may be challenged by nominees within 15 days after the results of the election are posted. Newly elected Committee members and alternates take office on January 1, 2007 for a 3 year term.

If you do not receive a ballot and are an eligible voter for LAA 2 please contact the local FSA office. FSA hopes that all eligible voters will participate in these elections to ensure that committees represent the interest of all producers in a community.

**Remember: December 4, 2006 is the deadline!**

### Tobacco Transition Payment Program

Tobacco producers who signed a Tobacco Transition Payment Program (TTPP) are scheduled for issuance of payments each year in January 2006-2014. Contracts transferred exempt from the maximum discount rate are limited to a family member, death of the original contract holder or permanent marketing quota purchased prior to 10/22/04 and assigned to existing contract holder's property.

If you have questions concerning contract transfers contact your local FSA office.

### 2007 Direct and Counter-Cyclical Program Signup

Enrollment for the 2007 Direct and Counter-Cyclical Payment Program (DCP) began October 1, 2006 continues through June 1, 2007.

USDA will accept late applications filed June 2, 2007 through September 30, 2007 with a \$100 late fee.

Remember when you signup in DCP you are **required** to file a complete crop acreage report by the deadline of July 15, 2007 to be eligible for receipt of DCP payment(s).

### Address Changes

Thanks to the Rockcastle County 911 updating producers in the county now have a new address. If you have not notified FSA of your current address-please do so today. Remember; keeping our addresses current avoids delay of FSA mailings.

### Rural Development

The Rural Development Representative with concerns to low income housing loans will be in Rockcastle County at the FSA Office, 2018 New Brodhead Rd (Hwy 150), and Mt. Vernon, KY on the second Tuesday of each month from 9:00 A.M. to 11:00 A.M. The main office is located in Richmond, KY. Rural Development may be reached by telephone at the following:

Mt. Vernon 606-256-2525  
Richmond 859-624-1980

### Office Closure Dates

October 9<sup>th</sup>-Columbus Day  
November 10<sup>th</sup>-Veterans Day  
November 23<sup>rd</sup>-Thanksgiving Day  
December 25<sup>th</sup>-Christmas Day  
January 1, 2007-New Years Day