



# Rockcastle County News

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## Mount Vernon FSA Service Center

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

County Committee  
Gary Burdette  
Charles Denver Mink  
Stephen Ray Towery

County Committee meets  
1<sup>st</sup> Thursday of each Month

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

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## COC Election

The Rockcastle County Farm Service Committee (COC) ballots were counted publicly December 6, 2007 resulting in Gary Burdette being named as the newly elected COC member. Burdette obtained a total of 127 votes with C Douglas Brock obtaining a total of 53 votes.

Burdette will serve a 3 year term for the LAA 1 area; which includes the western section of the county bound by Pulaski County, Lincoln County and Garrard County. The highway boundaries include Hwy 70, Hwy 150, I-75 and Little Hurricane Road.

The COC members are vital to the day-to-day operations of FSA. The COC members help FSA at the local level by deciding the kind of programs their county will have and how they will operate. FSA committees operate within official regulations designed to carry out Federal laws and applying their judgment and knowledge to make decisions for the individual county.

## COC Advisor

County Committee Advisors continue to be a most valuable resource for the FSA County Committees across the nation.

It is imperative that under-represented (female and minority) groups are included and represented at every level in FSA.

Is it possible that you know someone or you yourself would be willing to meet with the COC once every month to represent this population? If so; please submit the name(s) to our office today.

If more than one name is submitted; the COC is responsible to submit pertinent biographical information for all submitted names to the KY State CFSA Committee for selecting the most qualified person to serve as an Advisor.

## Sales and purchases of land

Producers who have purchased or sold land should inform the FSA office of the change. A copy of the recorded deed or land contract sales is required to update FSA records with correct ownership.

If you have sold land you should inform the new owner of this requirement.

Remember: FSA records are only as current as producers provide.

## Spousal Authority

Spouses may sign documents on behalf of each other for FSA and CCC programs in which either has an interest, effective August 1, 1992, unless written notification denying a spouse this authority has been provided to the County Office.

Effective February 20, 2007 a spouse's authority to sign documents on behalf of the other spouse does not entitle a spouse to review or receive Agency records of the other spouse if both spouses are not listed as owners or unless written authority to provide records to the other spouse has been provided to the County Office.

Example: Joe Smith is listed as owner of FSA farm serial number 2001. Joe and Jane Smith, husband and wife, may sign documents on behalf of each other because no written notification denying such authority has been provided to the County Office. Jane Smith has requested a copy of Joe Smith's FSA payment records. The County Office shall **not** provide the records to Jane Smith unless Joe Smith provides the county Office written authority to release the records to Jane Smith.

**Change of Address**

If you are one of those Rockcastle countians who have not notified our office of your new 911 address update please do so immediately. Just check your address on this newsletter for the listing. If this address is not current please contact our office so that we may correct our records.

**Bank Account Changes**

If your bank account number changes or there is a change in your banks name notify FSA immediately to ensure payments reach your account timely. This is very important to those receiving FSA payments as payments sent to a wrong account means there will be a delay in your payment.

Remember: Tobacco Transition Payment Program payments are to be issued each year through 2014 during the month of January.

**Rural Development**

The Rural Development Representative with concern to low income housing loans will be in Rockcastle County at the USDA Service Center, FSA office, on the **fourth Tuesday of** each month from 9:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.

**Retirement**

Mary Ida Taylor, Program Technician for Rockcastle County FSA, has announced she will be retiring effective Friday, February 29, 2008. Mary Ida has been a part of the "FSA family" for 17 years and she will be greatly missed. One thing for sure; she will carry a lot of FSA memories. Like when FSA first had FCIC and she broke out in a rash all over her body from worry that someone would miss out and not purchase the insurance.

We wish her many enjoyable hours of reading, bowling, gardening and whatever (in whichever order) she wishes to do throughout her years of retirement.