

**1981 crop reports are due soon**

Feed grain and wheat farmers are reminded that the reporting dates for 1981 crops planted in Barley and Wheat — June 1; Corn and Grain Sorghum — July 15.

The 1981 program allows farmers to be eligible for program benefits by reporting accurately and timely. It is not necessary to farm within the Normal Crop Acreage (NCA) established for the year. Program benefits available include: eligibility for commodity loans, deficiency and disaster payments. For additional information contact the local AEC office at 246 East Main Street, phone 288-5367.

Damascus, capital of Syria, is the oldest city in the world still and continuously inhabited.



Canada was originally a word in the Huron-Iroquois language meaning "a collection of lodges."

**Vote For**  
**J. W. Ecton, Jr.**  
**For Nicholas County**  
**Judge/Executive**  
**Primary Election 1981**  
**"Your Vote and Support Appreciated"**

**—Elect—**  
**Elmo Myers**  
**Magistrate 2nd District**  
**Primary Election May 26, 1981**  
**Your Vote & Support Appreciated"**

**—Vote For—**  
**Billy (Mac) Gaunce**  
**Nicholas County Sheriff**  
**Pull Lever 9A**  
**Jackie Clark, Deputy**  
**Democratic Primary May 26, 1981**  
**"Your Vote & Support Deeply Appreciated"**

**Put your money to maximum use**  
**—Vote For—**  
**Floyd Bussell**  
**Magistrate 4th District**  
**11 years experience in banking and financing!**  
**"People's Choice"**  
**Pull Lever 19A**

**Award-winning writer**

Mrs. Michal Marford Cochran, a graduate student at the University of Kentucky, was one of the winners of the 1981 Annual Entawille Award for improvement in writing skills. The award was established by Louisville businessman Albert Entawille six years ago in memory of his late wife, Mary Cox Entawille, a UK graduate and lifelong expert of good writing. Pictured above (from left) are: Andrew M. Dodson of Lexington, Marilyn Z. Graham of Campton, Mr. Entawille, Ed Benjamin of Lexington, and Michal M. Cochran, of Carlisle, daughter of Dr. and Mrs. Jack T. Marford. — Photo submitted.

**Pork should be cooked well in microwave**

The U.S. Department of Agriculture announced last week that persons using microwave ovens should cook pork to a temperature of 170 degrees throughout to destroy any microorganisms that might be present.

Federmarine unpublished studies indicate that under certain circumstances brieftons and food poisoning bacteria may not be destroyed by microwave cooking, said Donald L. Houston, administrator of USDA's Food Safety and Quality Service. The studies show that live trichinae could be present in some cases in fresh pork cuts which were cooked in several ways, he said.

USDA is repeating the studies to verify the results, Houston said. Cooking instructions in some cookbooks may not guarantee sufficiently high temperatures to kill all microorganisms, Houston said.

USDA has notified the microwave oven industry of potential problems if cooking instructions do not ensure that the pork product reaches 170 degrees F. uniformly.

However, Houston said, there have been no reported cases of illness resulting from pork cooked in a microwave. "We are taking these precautions to alert the public to potential hazards," he said. "Consumers who follow product cooking procedures should not be healthy hazards."

Trichinae is a minor problem today, Houston said, with only about 100 to 120 clinical cases reported each year. In addition, there is a very low incidence of trichinosis in animals — only 125 percent of the some 80 million hogs slaughtered each year are infected, he said.

Consumers and the food service industry can avoid any problems if they make sure that every part of pork roast or chop reaches at least 170 degrees F., Houston said.

He advised those who prepare pork in microwave ovens — at home or in food institutions — to first check the manufacturer's directions for appropriate cooking times. Also, he said, microwave cooks should:

- Rotate dishes during cooking.
- Let the pork sit for several minutes after cooking, as recommended by manufacturers, to assure more uniform temperature distribution.
- Cooks can increase the effectiveness of this "resting" time by wrapping the pork in aluminum foil after cooking.
- After the pork sits, check various places with a meat thermometer. If any part of the pork chop or roast has not reached at least 170 degrees F., cook the meat more thoroughly.

The potential problem is unique to microwave cooking, Houston said, because of the uneven heat radiation that can result if extra care isn't taken. Microwave ovens cook by exciting the water molecules in the food. The variation in the microwave oven and the potential energy blockage by bone may result in uneven cooking. If the entire piece of meat doesn't reach a temperature of at least 170 degrees F., trichinae may not be killed, Houston said.

**Political Announcements**

**For Sheriff of 30th District**  
We are authorized to announce **James Williams** as a candidate for election as Sheriff from the 30th District, comprising Nicholas, Bourbon, Harrison, Robertson, Scott, Woodford, and part of Fayette counties, subject to the action of the Democratic Primary, May 26, 1981.

**For Property Valuation Administrator**  
We are authorized to announce **Robert A. Brady** as a candidate for election as Property Valuation Administrator, subject to the action of the Democratic Primary, May 26, 1981.

**For County Court Clerk**  
We are authorized to announce **Steve Scott** as a candidate for election as Nicholas County Court Clerk, subject to the action of the Democratic Primary, May 26, 1981.

**For County Judge/Executive**  
We are authorized to announce **James Quinn** as a candidate for election as Nicholas County Judge/Executive, subject to the action of the Democratic Primary, May 26, 1981.

**For County Judge/Executive**  
We are authorized to announce **Charles Ring**, with **Charles Smith** as deputy as a candidate for election as Nicholas County Judge/Executive, subject to the action of the Democratic Primary, May 26, 1981.

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**—Elect—**  
**Linda B. Conley**  
**(Mrs. Bill Conley)**  
**Property Valuation Administrator**  
**DEMOCRATIC PRIMARY MAY 26, 1981**  
**"Let's Keep the Lid on Property Taxes!"**

**Vote For**  
**Earl Lee Planck**  
**Magistrate - Third District**  
**May Primary Election 1981**  
**"Your Vote & Support Appreciated"**

**Pig Roast**  
**Sat., May 23 at 5:30 P.M.**  
**Right Beside the new Army on Highway 36**  
**(the future site of the new Carlisle Assembly of God Church)**  
**In case of rain the Pig Roast will be cancelled.**  
**\* Gospel Entertainment provided**  
**★ All Donations will go to the Building Fund**  
**Sponsored by Men's Group of Assembly of God Church**



**Community Credit will sell corn**

Farmers and other interested persons will be eligible to purchase corn from the Community Credit Corporation starting May 21.

Eugene Lecher, chairman of the Agricultural Stabilization and Conservation Committee, said the CCC will offer corn for unrestricted use sale at market prices, but not more than the formula price which is 145 percent of the county loan rate for corn where stored, times 100 percent.

"The minimum quantity that will be considered for acceptance is 1,000 bushels," Lecher said.

Here in Kentucky, the corn is stored at the Early and Daniel Co., Inc., located in Louisville. According to Lecher, offers will be received and sales will be made on a first come, first served basis.

The CCC will offer for sale a total of 4.5 million bushels of corn stored in Georgia, Kentucky, Mississippi, North Carolina, South Carolina and Tennessee.

Literated persons should contact the county AEC office as soon as possible for further details. The office is located at 246 East Main Street, phone 288-5367.

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**'Board': New idea in cattle marketing**

By combining the advantages of the auction and direct selling methods, the newly-developed "board sale" offers the best of both worlds to cattle buyers and sellers alike.

According to the livestock marketing specialist Dr. A. Lee Meyer, this new concept in cattle marketing brings high prices to the sellers and at the same time reduces total costs to the buyers. "With the board sale," says Meyer, "the cattle don't leave the farm until they are sold."

He explains that descriptions of the cattle, including grades and other data, are sent to prospective buyers who are able to view the cattle on the sellers' farms prior to the sale. An auction is then conducted and the cattle are moved only if an acceptable price is bid.

"The competitive public bidding brings high prices, but the overall cost to the buyers can be reduced," says Meyer. "Stress, stress and health problems are kept to a minimum since the cattle go from pasture to the feeder. Also, trucking arrangements are first because of the large lot sizes."

The East Kentucky Feeder Calf Association recently conducted the county's first board sale. When prices were categorically compared with those delivered at five other sales, board sales were higher in three-fourths of the groups based on feeder cattle sex, grade and weight.

"Joey" is a common backstage name for a circus clown if chosen in honor of the first great modern clown, Joseph Grimaldi.

When voters of Nicholas County cast their votes on May 26, they should remain aware of the importance of the Fiscal Court in this county.

Nicholas County in the last fiscal year had a budget of approximately one million dollars.

The Fiscal Court was responsible for the final approval of the expenditure of the very largest part of this revenue.

Examine the personal record and experience of each candidate and cast your vote for your choice as to who will best serve the good of the county and its citizens.

**Vote To Re-Elect**  
**Harold Mitchell**  
**Magistrate 4th District**  
**Level 20 A (Next to the last name on the machine)**

**Invasion**

One can only hope this "green tropical island" isn't a tobacco bed invasion from outer space. The large photograph shows the green spore about twice its size. It was found by Glenn Hardin in his tobacco bed while weeding it one day last week. Mr. Hardin placed the fungus and a hunk of soil attached on a piece of cheesecloth which he placed in a saucer. The smaller picture at right is the same "island" just a different light angle. — Mercury photo.

**Cutworms may be problem for farmers**

Since warm weather arrived early this spring, many farmers got a head start planting corn. But with corn planted and already up in several Kentucky counties, cutworm problems also got an early start.

Farmers would be wise to begin watching fields for cutworm feeding now, said Dr. Lee Townsend, Extension entomologist in the University of Kentucky College of Agriculture, because rescue treatments are effective in controlling the pests only if cutworms are detected early.

"Cutworm problems usually occur from mid-May through early June, but this year farmers in West Kentucky already have reported cutworm damage," Townsend said. "Those reports should be a signal to farmers with corn in the ground to start watching fields closely for cut plants."

If you find cut plants, examine random groups of 20 plants in scattered areas of the field, Townsend suggested. Digging carefully in a three-inch diameter around freshly cut or damaged plants will show if worms are present.

It is important to note the size of the worms and whether they are shallow or deep in the soil. Townsend recommends treating fields if three percent or more of the plants are cut, and if most of the worms are an inch long or smaller. "When worms are larger than that it is too late to control the pests before they have done their damage," he said.

**leadership**

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[led-er-'ship] n. 1. John Swinford 2.: The quality of a leader, e.g. capacity to lead.

Central Kentucky is entitled to leadership in the Senate as well as the House. John Swinford has continuously exhibited the kind of leadership we need as Acting Majority Leader in his first term as a State Representative... as Chairman of the Judiciary Committee during his second House term... as a member of the powerful Rules Committee four times... as Majority Floor Leader four of his ten years in the House. With that kind of representation in the House, people in the 30th District can be assured of the kind of leadership they want in the Senate. John Swinford doesn't forget the people he represents, and that's the kind of leadership you deserve... and the kind you can expect, when you elect John Swinford State Senator.

**John Swinford**  
**for State Senator**

Paul For by Swinford for Senator Committee. Douglas Miller, Treasurer

**To The Voters Of Nicholas County**

If elected your PVA, I will keep the office open eight hours a day Monday through Friday and one-half day on Saturday. I will treat each and every taxpayer as I would want to be treated and I will do my best to "Keep the Lid on Property Taxes".

**—Elect—**  
**Linda B. Conley**  
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**Property Valuation Administrator**