# Kentucky had a much better burley, livestock year in 1984

The beginning of the new year is a good time for the Kentucky Department of Agriculture, as well as Kentucky farmers, to take a look at how agriculture fared in 1984.

**BURLEY SALES** in Kentucky through Dec. 10 totaled 256.5 million pounds, or 51 percent of the estimated production.

For the season, prices have averaged $168.76 per hundredweight, compared to $177.36 a year ago.

"We're very pleased with the price of burley this market season. It should help farmers get back on their feet after 1983's poor crop," said Agriculture Commissioner David E. Boswell.

**KENTUCKY'S BURLEY** production for 1984 is expected to total 498.8 million pounds, up 68 percent from last year's drought-reduced crop, but off 10 percent from the 1982 record.

"Production is estimated at nine percent above the quota," Boswell said.

The Commissioner added that the yield, estimated at 2,375 pounds per acre, is well above the 1983 yield of 1,600 pounds per acre and just a little short of 1982's 2,450 pounds per acre yield.

"Kentucky's wheat acreage is not doing nearly as well as burley. The Commonwealth is experiencing a 30 percent decrease in fall seeded wheat from last year's level," Boswell said.

The primary reason for the reduced wheat acreage was the badly delayed corn and soybean harvests. Wet weather kept many fields from being harvested early enough to seed wheat.

In some counties, many acres intended for wheat were not seeded.

Wheat production in Kentucky for 1984 totaled 19 million bushels, 18 percent larger than the 1983 crop.

**MILK PRODUCTION** on Kentucky farms for November 1984 totaled 160 million pounds, 13 percent less than November 1983.

"The average milk production per cow, 890 pounds, was also less than 1983, by 65 pounds," Boswell said.

Total milk production for the first 11 months of 1984 fell 11 percent below the accumulated total for the same time period in 1983.

"The inventory of hogs and pigs on Kentucky farms is also down. The estimated 880,000 head shows a 12 percent decrease from 1983," Commissioner Boswell said.

The breeding inventory, estimated at 132,000 head, is down by 17 percent, while the market hog inventory is estimated at 748,000, down 11 percent.

**THIS YEAR**, Kentucky farmers saw the smallest June-November pig crop since 1953. During June-November, 190,000 sows were farrowed, down 14,000 from a year earlier.

Market hogs, which are a measure of future slaughter levels, are also down.

November hog slaughter for Kentucky totaled 217,000 head, a decrease of nine percent from 1983. Liveweight at 50.5 million pounds was down eight percent.

Kentucky cattle slaughter totaled 18,800 head, up 22 percent from a year earlier. November liveweight totaled 16.4 million pounds, up 19 percent.

**JUDGE/EXECUTIVE REESE SMOOT SEEKS RE-ELECTION**

Reese Smoot, Nicholas County Judge/Executive has filed for re-election in the May 28 Primary.

Smoot is a native of Nicholas County, a member of the Christian Church, Blue Licks Masonic Lodge and a veteran of the Korean War.

He is married to the former Patsy Fryman and they are the parents of two children, Reese Wayne of Ewing and Kim Smoot of Nicholas County.

Prior to his election as County Judge/Executive, Smoot served four years as sheriff and four years as deputy sheriff. He has served two terms as Judge/Executive.

The Smoots live at 4720 Maysville Road.

**RING SEEKS RE-ELECTION AS N.C. SHERIFF**

Charles Ring, Nicholas County Sheriff, along with Charles (Chuck) Smith, Deputy, has filed for re-election in the May 28 Primary.

Ring is a native of Nicholas County, a member of the Moorefield Christian Church, V.F.W., American Legion and the Lions Club.

He is married to the former Anna Lou Brumagen and they are the parents of four children, Charles Ring Jr., Mrs. Donna Hunter, Mrs. Dana Price and Mrs. Diane Duncan.

The Rings make their home at 2186 Upper Jacksntown Road.

## Consumer Council and Attorney's office to sponsor public forums on asbestos

The Consumer Advisory Council and the Attorney General's Office will sponsor a series of public forums on asbestos during January, according to Attorney General David L. Armstrong.

"Asbestos is a building and insulation material widely used for years for its heat-resistant qualities," Armstrong said. "It has been found in recent years to cause cancer and other severe illnesses in humans who breathe or swallow fibers which have crumbled or turned to powder."

According to Armstrong, recent information gathered by the Environmental Protection Agency indicates that asbestos is much more pervasive in buildings than previously realized.

"In recent months, there has been much publicity and concern about the presence of asbestos in public schools," Armstrong said. "But more up-to-date studies also indicate that crumbling or friable asbestos may also be present in as many as 700,000 buildings across the country including federal and state government buildings, commercial office buildings and apartment buildings in addition to thousands of private homes."

Armstrong said that, because there are still so many unanswered questions about the danger of asbestos, the Council and his office decided to hold four public forums throughout the state to bring information on the problems to the people of Kentucky. "Each of the forums will feature asbestos experts in the medical, technical and legal fields, representatives from asbestos-related industries as well as input from the general public."

A hearing was held in Frankfort on Jan. 8. Other meetings are in Owensboro, Jan. 16, 7-9 p.m. in the Fiscal Courtroom of the Daviess County Courthouse; in Ashland Jan. 22, 7-9 p.m. in the Commissioners' Chambers of the City Building at 17th and Greenup Streets, and in Louisville Jan. 29, 7-9 p.m. in the Fiscal Courtroom, Room 402 of the Jefferson County Courthouse at 531 West Jefferson Street.

For more information contact the Office of the Attorney General, Capitol Building, Frankfort, Ky. 40601, 502-564-7600.

## Deaths

**CLAUDE EARL GARRARD**

Claude Earl (Jam) Garrard, 66, of Pebble, Ky. died Sunday, December 30, 1984 at his home after a heart attack.

He was a farmer and the owner and operator of the Pebble Grocery, a veteran of World War II and a member of the East Fork Church.

Survivors are his wife, Lillian Gray Garrard; one stepdaughter, Mrs. Audrey Reed, Owingsville; a step-grandson, Randy Reed; a step-great-daughter, Lynn Reed; one step-great-grandson, Travis Reed; two brothers, Jake Garrard, Carlisle, and Estill Garrard, Owingsville; two sisters, Mrs. Opal Turner and Mrs. Wanda Conyers, both of Owingsville; one aunt, Mrs. Breena Butler, Hillsboro, Ohio; several nieces and nephews.

Funeral services were Wednesday, Jan. 2 at the Real-Bromagen-Gray Funeral Home with the Rev. Glenn Dentan and the Rev. Billy Harmon officiating. Burial in the Longview Cemetery, Bethel.

## *FmHA grants and loans total $28 million in 1984*

Community Facility Loans and Water and Waste Disposal Loans and Grants approved in Kentucky by the Farmers Home Administration (FmHA) through Community Programs totaled $28,389,900 during fiscal year 1984, according to Kendell L. Seatig, Kentucky FmHA state director.

Community Facilities loans totaling $7,910,000 were approved during the year. These loans were made for such purposes as constructing, enlarging or improving fire stations, libraries, hospitals, health clinics, community buildings or other essential community facilities.

Loans and grants approved under the Water and Waste Disposal Program of the FmHA totaled $13,896,000 loans and $10,581,900 grants in Fiscal Year 1984. These loans and grants were made to public entities and nonprofit corporations to construct, repair, improve or expand rural water supply and distribution facilities and waste collection and treatment facilities.

FmHA is authorized to provide financial assistance in rural areas and towns up to 10,000 people to develop water and waste disposal facilities and in rural towns up to 20,000 people for other essential community facilities. Borrowers must be unable to obtain needed funds from other sources at reasonable rates and terms. Grant funds are available for water and waste disposal facilities only.

Community Programs loans and grants are administered by district offices located in Princeton, Munfordville, Columbia, Shelbyville, Lexington, Morehead and Hazard.

## Attempted suicide occurs on Jan. 1

Mrs. Lois Brierly Terrell is recovering at Nicholas County Hospital from injuries received in a suicide attempt on New Year's Day at her residence on the Concord Road.

Deputy Sheriff Chuck Smith was called to the residence about 7:30 a.m. When he arrived Mrs. Terrell was in the house and could not be questioned. Mrs. Terrell's husband, Jim told Smith that his wife left the house for an early morning walk with her dog which she did frequently. Later he heard and fell something hit the side of their house trailer. Upon opening the door, he found his wife with a gunshot wound in her left side. Smith later found the gun, a 38 revolver, under a tractor in the barn behind the house trailer.

She was taken to Nicholas County Hospital and underwent surgery. It was learned from the Sheriff's Office Tuesday, January 8, that her condition is good.


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