

### Kentucky farmers boost crop production in '84

Kentucky farmers were able to boost crop production in 1984 despite weather-related problems through much of the growing season, and in 1985 which followed Kentucky Crop and Livestock Reporting Service (KCLRS) reports that crop production rose from 1983. 1984's production was up 73 percent for barley...



Donny Clark, left, a binder operator, and Teddy Dorson, right, a binder operator, both employees of Blue Grass Knitting, received perfect attendance certificates for 1984 on January 10. Presenting the certificates was Bill Griggs, second from left, director of Knitting and...

### Perfect attendance record

Heater Hunt, right, a binder operator at Blue Grass Knitting, is pictured receiving a perfect attendance certificate January 23 for the year 1984 from Harrison Chandler, his supervisor. Hunt has been an employee of BGC since Feb. 29, 1976. Those employees receiving less than one day of work in 1984 are Joyce Booth, Jeff Buckler, Johnny Casswell, Otto Deen...

### Carl Perkins scholarship to be offered

Legislative College's president W. Morgan Patterson has authorized the designation of an annual Carl Perkins Scholarship at the school honoring the memory of the late United States Representative who served in that office 34 years. The first scholarship will be awarded in the 1984-85 academic year. The guidelines governing the award are:

One scholarship of up to \$1,000 depending on financial need, will be awarded to an incoming student each year. The scholarship can be renewed for up to three additional years as long as the student maintains a 3.0 (B) grade point average. Only students who are Kentucky residents will be considered with preference given to students from eastern Kentucky. All incoming students who apply for financial aid will automatically be considered for the scholarship. Preference will be given to students who plan to complete elementary or secondary school.

### CONTRIBUTION ON ALFALFA TO BE HELD IN FEBRUARY

Better production techniques and the maximum profit from alfalfa will be the focus of the fifth annual Kentucky Alfalfa Conference at the Presbyterian Community Center at Elizabethtown on Feb. 28. The conference will feature discussions on fertilization, weed control, marketing and economics for alfalfa growers and buyers. The general meeting for anyone who has a connection with alfalfa, said Dr. Gerry Landfield, UK Extension forage specialist and conference chairman. There is a \$5 registration fee and a chance to view the more than 25 exhibits.

The reason behind the conference, Landfield said, is to inform buyers, producers and businessmen on how to improve the quality and quantity of their product. "Alfalfa is an important crop in Kentucky and it has the potential to become more important," he said. The conference will help them in a better job with their alfalfa.

### FmHA assists 3191 families

The Farmers Home Administration helped 3,191 Kentucky families obtain or repair housing through its single-family loan program during the 1984 fiscal year, State FmHA Director Kenneth L. Sisson reports. The loans, totaling \$64,459,130, were made under programs to assist families who are without safe, decent and sanitary housing and who need credit but cannot obtain it from private lenders. Sisson said that during the 12 months ending Sept. 30, FmHA provided 1,949 single family home loans totaling \$2,906,320, and 46 rental housing loans totaling \$20,402,960, which provided for 1,342 housing units. National preliminary figures show FmHA provided some 63,000 loans totaling \$4.8 billion in all rural housing assistance. FmHA is a credit agency of the U.S. Department of Agriculture. It provides low interest loans to farmers and other rural residents who need credit but cannot get it elsewhere. All loans are to be repaid in full, plus interest.

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### Nicholas County High publishes Honor Roll

Nicholas County High School has published the honor roll (13-14 grade) and the list of students who received the following awards: FRESHMEN Second Nine Weeks - Chris Crump, Patrick Dale, Kevin Campbell, Serja Johnson, Danae Gilvin, Joseph Joseph, Michelle Lee, Danae Gilvin, Joseph Joseph, Eric Traylor, Steve Seaton, Tina Walton, Sandra Warner. Semester - Chris Crump, Patrick Dale, Lisa Holbert, Joseph Joseph, Serja Johnson, Lisa Moss, Tanny Plank, Randa Roast, Eric Traylor, Sherry Turner, Steve Seaton, Sandra Warner.



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### Read All About It

Dept. of Public Instruction Alice McDonald, right, has joined the National Multiple Sclerosis Society's Kentucky chapter in promoting the chapter's Read-a-Thon. The program raises money for medical research and for maintaining clinics to refer for physical therapy. McDonald is a recent nurse conference attendee.

### Read-a-thon raises funds for MS

The leader of Kentucky's public reading program, which is designed to help children learn to read and improve their reading skills, is the year's honorary chairman of Kentucky's Multiple Sclerosis Society. The program is designed to help children learn to read and improve their reading skills.

### Kentucky's unemployment rate up in Dec.

Kentucky's unemployment rate went above the nine percent mark for the first time in five months, reaching a preliminary rate of 9.1 percent in December, according to Cabinet on Human Resources figures released Jan. 27. The number of working Kentuckians dropped 20,000 and the number of unemployed increased 2,000, pushing the December rate to the same as in December 1982, although the number of unemployed is still 100,000 more than in December 1982. Comparative national rates were seven percent in December, 6.9 percent in November and eight percent in December 1982. The rates are not seasonally adjusted. The number of working Kentuckians was estimated to be 1,339,000 in December, down from 1,370,000 in November, but higher than in December 1982. The estimated number of unemployed Kentuckians in December was 133,000, up from 133,500 in November and 133,000 in December 1982. The civilian labor force estimate for December was 1,271,800, from 1,293,100 in November, but above the December 1982 estimate of 1,267,000. The number of people who are working and unemployed people who are actively seeking jobs. It does not include people who are unemployed and not looking for work.

Valentine's Day Give-A-Way! Drawing will be held in each store. Clip the hearts, fill in your name and address and drop in box at participating stores. Then, if your name is drawn, you win a prize in the Valentine's Day Give-A-Way! Drawing will be held a 9 a.m. Tuesday, Feb. 12, 1983. The winners' names will appear in Feb. 14 issue of The Mercury.