School superintendent pleased with results of Skills Tests

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Grade five for the 1985-86 school year showed an average percentile score of 50 in reading comprehension. Total language scores for this group were well above average with a score of 90 percentile. The total math score for this group was 64 percentile. As fourth graders, this group scored 66 percentile in reading comprehension, 74 percentile in language and 68 percentile in total math.

GRADE SEVEN showed a decrease of six percentile's from 1985 in reading comprehension (68 percentile to 62 percentile), an increase of seven percentile in language (77 percentile to 84 percentile) and a decrease of eight percentile in total math (73 percentile to 65 percentile). These scores, even though lower than in 1985, are still significantly above the national average of 49 percentile.

Grade 10, the fourth and final mandated grade, showed a steady increase in percentiles scored with the exception of reading comprehension where a decrease from 49 percentile to 45 percentile was found. A total language score of 86 in 1986 was a significant increase from 64 in 1985 while an increase from 47 percentile to 60 percentile was made in total math.

THE STATE Department of Education also returned to the local district a percentage of students scoring above mastery level for each grade and sub-test area. Mastery is considered the minimum competencies students in each grade should have in each sub-test area with this score rating the district on how many students gained these minimum competencies.

Among the basic skills of reading, language and math, Nicholas County students scored in a range from 71.9 percent mastery for ninth grade students in total math to 98.2 percent mastery for first grade students in reading.

Of the 64 categories reported on by the state (12 grades times five sub-test areas for each grade plus four sub-test areas for grade 12), Nicholas County students scored from 90-100 percent on 28 of the categories, from 80-89 percent on 30 categories and 70-79 percent on six categories.

Bill Guthrie, Federal Programs coordinator for the district who has primary responsibility for interpreting the test scores, thought this year's scores better than those from 1985.

"As always, these things are a mixed bag in that there are many of which we are very proud and several in which we want to see improvement. It is obvious to me that in the mandated grades and I think across the spectrum, we had more scores increase over last year's than we had decrease.

"WE ARE ENCOURAGED that this year we will not be numerically ranked along with the other districts because we cannot, quite honestly, see the fairness in our competing with Fayette and Jefferson counties. We will, instead, be ranked in deciles, 10 groups of scores in which systems are numerically ranked.

"Instead of ranking 118, for instance, we will be ranked in the fifth decile along with all other schools in that range. This has come about because of the resistance of most local districts to the numerical ranking," Guthrie concluded.

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1552	The Continental Press	38.76
1553	Ky. Educational Dev. Corp.	20.25
1554	Jerry Whitaker	33.66
1555	Don Smith	147.00
1556	Billy Ray Hunter	117.61
1557	Paul Barker	100.00
1558	Mrs. Donald Woodard	100.00
1559	Hunt's Ashland	190.10
1560	Northfield Oil Co.	4,985.48
1561	General Tire Service	1,061.94
1562	Ridgeway Distributers	198.58
1563	Ky. Motors of Paris Inc	14.82
1564	Carlisle Automotive	154.68
1565	Kron International Trucks	51.24
1566	Jack Becker, Distr.	43.00
1567	B & E Sales	45.00
1568	Jim's Auto Repair	56.00
1569	Jess Bach	300.00
1570	City of Carlisle	11,023.38
1571	Ky. Utilities Co.	4,608.68
1572	Nicholas Co. Landfill	150.00
1573	AT&T Information Systems	56.22
1574	Aratex & Means Service	499.05
1575	Thompson Sanitary Supply	454.92
1576	Brock-McVey	1,437.86
1577	Orkin Exterminating Co.	196.00
1578	Clay Mynear	5,434.56
1579	Dee Jay Auto Parts	214.14
1580	Contruction Specialties Company	6.54
1581	American Art Clay Co	236.52
1582	Ky. Lighting & Supply	30.69
1583	Eastland True Value Hardware	19.08
1584	Hobart Corporation	54.96
1585	A.B. Dick Products of Lexington	41.94
1586	Commercial Parts & Service	122.36
1587	Barney's Miller	99.26
1588	Reid and Vice	680.07
1589	Rob Lane	80.24
1590	Nicholas Co. Lunchrooms	15,162.04
1591	American Electric Supply	47.18
1592	Nicholas Co. High	52.86
1593	Career Aids Inc.	187.81
1594	Office Equipment Co	56.71
March 1986		
1784	Donald G. Elder	114.84
1785	Greg Reid	19.21
1786	Herbert C. Duncan	48.70
1787	Pitney Bowes	100.00
1788	Carlisle Drug	39.36
1789	The Lexington Herald Leader	89.94
1790	Lexington Computer Store	80.10
1791	William V. MacGill & Co	98.02
1792	The Carlisle Mercury	15.00
1793	Crockett and Gaunce	9.84
1794	Cathy Baker	479.60
1795	Charlotte Hardin	375.00
1796	St. Martin Press Inc	341.00
1797	The World Almanac	448.94
1798	Upstart	68.97
1799	Childrens Press	38.39
1800	Crestwood House	46.22
1801	Random House Inc	261.82
1802	Macmillan Teachers Book Service	67.10
1803	Physicians Desk Reference	31.96
1804	Baker and Taylor	690.59
1805	Macmillan Activity Program	30.69
1806	Library Learning Resources	18.50
1807	Appalachian Heritage	11.00
1808	Macmillan Seasonal Packs	26.71
1809	Art Education Inc Publishers	28.29
1810	American Library Assoc.	20.61
1811	The Center of Humanities	169.94
1812	Hunt's Ashland	136.15
1813	Data Research	69.96
1814	Hale's Machinery and Supply	35.10
1815	American Guidance Service	36.39
1816	IBM	894.00
1817	Reid and Vice	8.69
1818	Shumaker's Inc.	76.69
1819	Kentucky Sporting Goods	188.46
1820	U.S. Postmaster	44.00
1821	Hurst Office Supplies	466.96
1822	Steck-Vaughn Co	9.59
1823	Gerald Hammons	55.28
1824	Bill Guthrie	18.49
1825	Jane Becker	32.92
1826	Peter Chamness	55.83
1827	Vicky Fleming	15.84
1828	Modern Curriculum Press	77.79
1829	Western Psychological Service	134.42
1830	Sundance Publishers and Distributors	95.90
1831	Ginn and Company	437.39
1832	Mt. Sterling Office Supply	299.44
1833	Paul Barker	80.00
1834	Mrs. Donald Woodard	75.00
1835	Junior Ishmael	5.94
1836	Jerry Whitaker	23.66
1837	Dora Beckett	205.20
1838	Northfield Oil Co.	3,252.40
1839	Ashland Petroleum Co	186.43
1840	Dotson Bros.	153.09
1841	Dee Jay Auto Parts	87.83
1842	Kron International Trucks	312.16
1843	Carlisle Automotive	56.22
1844	Harrod-Early Inc.	152.61
1845	B & E Sales	25.96
1846	Jess Bach	300.00
1847	M.C. Blair Insurance Agency	2,204.27
1848	City of Carlisle	8,338.45
1849	Ky. Utilities Co.	4,909.01
1850	Nicholas Co. Landfill	150.00
1851	South Central Bell	1,227.00
1852	AT&T Information Systems	29.05
1853	Thompson Sanitary Supply	889.43
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1855	Pioneer Manufacturing Company	138.00
1856	Reid and Vice	51.13
1857	Aggie Sale Sport Shop	145.00
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1860	Construction Specialties Company	150.00
1861	Locksmith	10.50
1862	Carl Mattox	22.50
1863	Annette Flora	95.02
1864	Mary Jo McCord	20.58
1865	Charles Durham	82.20
1866	Don Smith	117.60
1867	Rob Lane	94.46
1868	Billy Ray Hunter	61.74
1869	The Parent-Teacher Store	199.34
1870	General Binding Corp	93.36
1871	Macmillan Early Skills Program	[illegible]
1872	Graves-Humphreys Co	[illegible]
April 1986		
2050	John Cleaver Jr.	12.45
2051	Ky. Academy for School Executives	50.00
2052	Central Accounting Office	672.71
2053	Carlisle IGA	56.88
2054	Bluegrass Office Systems	336.00
2055	The Office House	102.91
2056	The Carlisle Mercury	13.00
2057	Crockett and Gaunce	48.83
2058	Betty L. Conrad	257.70
2059	Cathy Baker	822.95
2060	Toughlove	45.00
2061	American Guidance Service	233.11
2062	Prentice-Hall Inc	29.14
2063	Macmillan Seasonal Packs	.50
2064	Aratex Services Inc	531.14
2065	McGraw Hill	147.74
2066	Hale's Machinery and Supply	302.50
2067	Hunt's Ashland	154.21
2068	Scott-Gross Co	[illegible]
2069	Conney Safety Products	162.44
2070	Nicolette Mallory	13.02
2071	John R. Green Co	462.84
2072	Reid and Vice	39.62
2073	Phyllis Ramey	[illegible]
2074	Chester Bretz	17.28
2075	Bonnie Metcalfe	34.50
2076	James Fields	[illegible]
2077	Martha Taylor	23.89
2078	Tony Smith	221.96
2079	Annette Davis	16.86
2080	Dorothy Woosley	11.28
2081	Mariam Williams	29.56
2082	Laidlaw Brothers	296.10
2083	Mt. Sterling Office Supply	[illegible]
2084	Ky. Educational Dev. Corporation	21.37
2085	Gall's Inc	30.00
2086	Jerry Whitaker	33.66
2087	Linda Stone	15.00
2088	Northfield Oil Co.	3,180.22
2089	Harrod Early Inc	250.96
2090	Kron International Trucks	108.61
2091	Ridgeway Distributors	140.05
2092	Cole Ford	96.62
2093	Kentucky Motors of Paris	12.96
2094	Justen's Inc	548.87
2095	Mrs. Donald Woodard	90.00
2096	Paul Barker	90.00
2097	Prime Time School Television	22.00
2098	Sue Kirby	36.00
2099	Dee Jay Auto Parts	245.11
2100	Western Auto	4.24
2101	Ellingsworth Inc	73.35
2102	Carlisle Automotive	355.22
2103	Fred Burns	70.00
2104	Jess Bach	300.00
2105	Patsy Ecton	17.00
2106	City of Carlisle	1,422.96
2107	Kentucky Utilities Co	4,220.99
2108	Nicholas Co. Road Dept	357.50
2109	Nicholas Co. Landfill	150.00
2110	AT&T Information Systems	209.52
2111	South Central Bell	1,005.80
2112	True Value Hardware	28.44
2113	Thompson Sanitary Supply	137.98
2114	Fire-Fighter Sales and Service	59.00
2115	Orkin Exterminating Co	144.00
2116	Certified Service Center	182.61
2117	Brock McVey	35.82
2118	Ky. School Boards Insurance Trust	691.00
2119	Ky. School Boards Insurance Trust	4,850.22
2120	Carl Mattox	14.70
2121	Frank Cleaver	49.98
2122	Annette Flora	82.32
2123	Annetta Dampier	20.58
2124	Don Smith	23.52
2125	Spl. Voted Building Fund	61,118.19
2126	Nicholas Co. School Lunchrooms	15,554.00
2127	Nicholas County School Lunchrooms	19,909.00
2128	Macmillan Early Skills Program	10.48
2129	Software-Direct	112.80
2130	The Parent-Teacher Store	79.76
2131	Pixellite Computer Prod	114.82
2132	The Instant Printers and Publishers	297.58
2133	Graves-Humphreys Co	124.95
2134	Xerox Corporation	611.42
May 1986		
2314	Billy Hopkins	164.85
2315	Chester Bretz	18.90
2316	Hammond & Stephens	36.32
2317	The Carlisle Mercury	16.00
2318	Betty Conrad	144.20
2319	Crockett and Gaunce	69.34
2320	Bluegrass Office Systems	192.00
2321	Carlisle Drug	28.62
2322	Pitney Bowes	41.22
2323	Cathy Baker	459.00
2324	Grolier Educational Corp	760.00
2325	Southern School Supply	117.95
2326	Brodart Co.	760.50
2327	Bell and Howell	477.20
2328	Mt. Sterling Office Supply	127.00
2329	Macmillan Activity Program	10.45
2330	Scott-Gross Company	46.20
2331	Cynthiana Motor Co	1050.00
2332	Nicholas Co. High School	375.00
2333	IBM	1977.00
2334	Lottie O'Bannon	127.43
2335	Bonnie Metcalfe	222.88
2336	Bill Guthrie	6.81
2337	Martha Taylor	234.94
2338	Nicholas Co. Elementary	18.00
2339	Brenda Anderson	30.60
2340	Phyllis Guthrie	32.88
2341	Jane Becker	174.71
2342	Viola Cleaver	30.60
2343	Karen Cartmill	5.54
2344	Vicky Fleming	[illegible]
2345	Sundance	8.50
2346	John R. Green Co	15.00
2347	College of Education	270.00
2348	Sandra Durham	160.00
2349	Ky. Educational Dev Corp	5.08
2350	Jerry Whitaker	33.66
2351	Mrs. Donald Woodard	85.00
2352	Paul Barker	85.00
2353	Berry's Texaco	192.00
2354	Northfield Oil Co	1003.53
2355	Hunt's Ashland	114.22
2356	Ashland Petroleum Co	2105.62
2357	Carrington Dist. Co	264.20
2358	Ridgeway Distributors	57.70
2359	B & E Sales	136.54
2360	Carlisle Automotive	330.69
2361	Dee Jay Auto Parts	242.29
2362	Harrod Early Inc	214.11
2363	Kentucky Motors of Paris	119.00
2364	Woody's Auto Repair	379.50
2365	Jess Bach	300.00
2366	City of Carlisle	2082.80
2367	Kentucky Utilities Co	[illegible]
2368	Nicholas Co. Landfill	150.00
2369	Nicholas Co. Road Dept	[illegible]
2370	South Central Bell	[illegible]
2371	Aratex Services Inc	[illegible]
2372	Kenway Chemical Co of Kentucky	[illegible]
2373	Thompson Sanitary Supply	569.96
2374	Commercial Lighting Co	148.72
2375	Radio-Electronic Equipment Company	44.18
2376	Brock-McVey	298.00
2377	Commercial Parts & Service of Lexington	36.80
2378	Ace Locksmith	5.70
2379	Reid and Vice	74.85
2380	Electro-Mech Scoreboard Co	85.60
2381	Harrison Motor Co	17.25
2382	Autoglass	118.53
2383	Southern States	69.54
2384	Insulated Roofing Contractors	6384.00
2385	Wells Produce	63.00
2386	Viola Sparks	40.00
2387	Clarine Shankland	40.00
2388	Frank Cleaver	85.20
2389	Louise Coborn	58.80
2390	Carl Mattox	35.20
2391	Mary Jo McCord	52.97
2392	Philip Coldiron	41.16
2393	Junior Ishmael	211.68
2394	Louise Coborn	38.22
2395	Nicholas County Lunchroom	28,216.00
2396	Macmillan Early Skills	20.54
2397	Nicholas Co. High School	121.80
2398	Graves-Humphreys	39.30
2399	Carlisle IGA	8.90
2400	H & B Builders	7,486.00
June 1986		
2565	Hammond & Stephens	696.81
2566	Bluegrass Office Systems	430.00
2567	Carlisle Drug	7.56
2568	The Carlisle Mercury	15.00
2569	Ky. School Boards Association	1,710.00
2570	Patricia Massie	150.00
2571	Jimmie Barton	150.00
2572	Lexington Physical Therapy	712.00
2573	Roth Publishing Inc	40.50
2574	Baker and Taylor Co	402.61
2575	Childrens Press	22.22
2576	Facts on File	27.50
2577	University Microfilms	36.00
2578	Audio-Visual Services	300.20
2579	Barney Millers	154.00
2580	American Testronics	51.63
2581	IBM	469.60
2582	Scott-Gross Co	85.02
2583	Louise Curran	4.29
2584	Storm's True Value Hardware	184.93
2585	Brenda Anderson	169.15
2586	Southern States	220.00
2587	American Guidance Service	16.50
2588	Nicholas Co. Elementary	64.80
2589	Marjorie Wilson	2.52
2590	Patsy Ecton	10.76
2591	Vicky Fleming	10.40
2592	James Fields	310.22
2593	Mrs. Donald Woodard	110.00
2594	Mr. Paul Barker	115.00
2595	Jerry Whitaker	33.66
2596	Mrs. Dora Beckett	136.80
2597	Rhonda Frederick	92.02
2598	Hunt's Ashland	155.85
2599	Northfield Oil Co	5016.21
2600	Greg Letcher	38.00
2601	Harrod-Early	267.90
2602	Cole Ford	44.40
2603	Dee Jay Auto Parts	172.07
2604	Carlisle Automotive	156.95
2605	B & E Sales	24.10
2606	Kentucky Motors of Paris	71.82
2607	Jess Bach	300.00
2608	City of Carlisle	1,628.06
2609	South Central Bell	1,017.21
2610	Kentucky Utilities Co	4,631.22
2611	Nicholas Co. Landfill	150.00
2612	Reid and Vice	2,704.50
2613	Thompson Sanitary Supply	220.23
2614	Aratex Services Inc	598.51
2615	Brock-McVey	[illegible]
2616	Pioneer Manufacturing Company	82.94
2617	Charles Durham	32.22
2618	Carl Mattox	32.24
2619	Faye Mathes	100.00
2620	Louise Coborn	[illegible]
2621	Mary Jo McCord	[illegible]
2622	Phillip Coldiron	[illegible]
2623	Frank Cleaver	[illegible]
2624	Linda Stone	76.32
2625	Junior Ishmael	[illegible]
2626	Anneta Dampier	117.66
2627	Nicholas Co. Sheriff	56.00
2628	Nicholas County Lunchrooms	17,538.09
2629	Crockett and Gaunce	[illegible]
2630	Neal's Square Deal Furniture	[illegible]
2631	Mt. Sterling Office Supply	[illegible]
2632	Better Homes & Gardens Books	[illegible]
2633	Sears	49.22
2634	Central Accounting Office	[illegible]
2635	Junior Ishmael	[illegible]
2636	Jane Becker	[illegible]
2637	Betty Conrad	[illegible]
2638	Cynthiana Motors	[illegible]
2639	Ky. State Treas.	[illegible]
June 28, 1986		
2782	James D. Anderson	[illegible]
2783	John Cleaver Jr.	[illegible]
2784	Herbert C. Duncan	[illegible]
2785	William L. Hunter	[illegible]
2786	Louise Zachery	[illegible]
2787	Soc. Sec. Ret. Fund	[illegible]
2788	Billy Hopkins, Atty	[illegible]
2789	Donald G. Elder	158.28
2790	Faye M. Robinson	15.00
2791	Kathy Hilander	11.00
2792	Mariam Williams	12.00
2793	Bluegrass Office Systems	[illegible]
2794	Mt. Sterling Office Supply	[illegible]
2795	Crockett and Gaunce	[illegible]
2796	Annette Davis	135.00
2797	Charles Durham	32.00
2798	Lottie O'Bannon	135.00
2799	Tony Smith	135.00
2800	Sandra Durham	135.00
2801	Grolier Educational Corp	[illegible]
2802	Follett Library Book Co	[illegible]
2803	Facts on File	38.17
2804	Hunt's Ashland	[illegible]
2805	Pheratt's	99.00
2806	Cynthiana Motor Co	[illegible]
2807	Nicholas Co. Elementary	[illegible]
2808	General Binding Corp	130.59
2809	Office Equipment Co	[illegible]
2810	KET Network Center	[illegible]
2811	U.S. Postmaster	44.00
2812	Vicky Fleming	29.40
2813	Bonnie Metcalfe	[illegible]
2814	Martha Taylor	40.21

I, Faye M. Robinson, Treasurer of the Nicholas County Board of Education, certify that the above are true statements of the receipts and disbursements of the Nicholas County Board of Education from July 1, 1985 to June 30, 1986.

/Faye M. Robinson
Treasurer
Nicholas Co. Board of Education

I, William N. Young, President, The Deposit Bank of Carlisle, Ky., certify that on June 30, 1986 the Nicholas County Board of Education had a balance of $185,618.02 in the General Fund, Soc. Sec. Ret. Fund had a balance of $6,998.75, Ky. Ret. [illegible] Fund had a balance of $2,500.11, Special Voted Building Fund had a balance of $86,594.19, Humana Escrow had a balance of $468.96, Independence Escrow had a balance of $4.06, Southeastern Mediaround Option 2000 had a balance of $482.42, Blue Cross and Blue Shield had a balance of $6,060.56, Chapter I had a balance of $9,284.74, Chapter I Migrant had a balance of $492.26, [illegible] had a balance of $198.96, Chapter II had a balance of $2,849.16.

/William N. Young, President
Deposit Bank of Carlisle, Ky.

The foregoing instrument was subscribed to and acknowledged before me by Faye M. Robinson, Treasurer, Nicholas County Board of Education, and William N. Young, Cashier of the Deposit Bank of Carlisle, Ky. this 24th day of July 1986.

/Nancye R. Lyons, Notary Public
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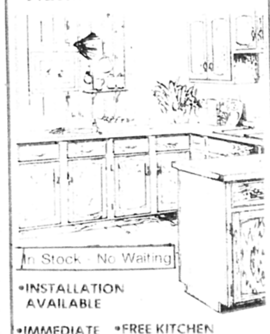

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Warehouse offering $120 in premiums for top tobacco

Bumper crop of green peppers being harvested by local farmers

Hopkins meets Ken Tuckey

Congressman Larry Hopkins recently invited Australian Naval Attache, Kenneth S. (Ken) Tuckey to his Washington office where he presented him with an Honorary Kentucky Colonel certificate and an "Oh Kentucky" tee-shirt. Since childhood, Tuckey has been the brunt of jokes because of his unusual name. — Photo submitted

New this year at the Nicholas County Youth Fair is a big money premium being offered top entries in a special combined 4-H-FFA tobacco class.

The Ky. King Burley Warehouse of Maysville is offering a total of $120 in premiums, in addition to the fair premium, for top sticks of tobacco. First prize is $50, second $25, third $10 and $5 each for the next seven places, four through 10. It is hoped the prize money will be an annual grant from the warehouse.

The 49th annual fair got underway yesterday at the National Guard Armory on Highway 36. Entries will be accepted from 9-11:30 today, with judging from 1-4 p.m. The armory will be closed during the judging and will reopen to the public from 4-6 p.m.

The fair will continue from 9-6 p.m. Friday and until noon on Saturday. Exhibits and premium money may be picked up from noon-2 p.m. Saturday.

COUNTY PEPPER growers, meanwhile, are beginning to harvest what appears to be a bumper crop. Charles Ring, for example, sold 22,000 pounds of bell peppers Monday to Moody Dunbar in Ewing for $175 a ton.

Chuck Smith has sold 8,000 pounds and has half of his crop yet to sell. Bobby Sexton has sold a first picking and expects to exceed last year's production.

Red peppers, which sell for $190 per ton, will be sold beginning Aug. 14.

Plants are still blooming and producing, county extension agent Mike Phillips pointed out. The market will remain open until the first of October or possibly longer this year since the drought has virtually wiped out pepper production in the Carolinas, where most peppers are grown.

California and Kentucky are establishing prices for fresh market green peppers sold throughout the country for the first time ever, Phillips noted.

"We're establishing ourselves as a pepper producing state now and for the future," he said.

Some 36½ acres are being grown commercially in the county. Costs per acre run between $100-$125, plus labor.

"The nice part about peppers is that they bring in cash to a farmer at a time there's no money coming in," Phillips said.

Pesticide certification for tobacco

The ASCS pesticide certification program for all kinds of tobacco provides that as a condition of eligibility for receiving price support, all pesticide products (including plant regulators, defoliants, and desiccants) used in connection with the production of tobacco on the farm, must have been approved by the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) for use on tobacco and that such pesticide products have been applied in accordance with label directions.

For purposes of the pesticide certification program, the term "pesticide" means: "any substance or mixture of substances intended for preventing, destroying/repelling, or mitigating any pest, and any substance or mixture of substances intended for use as a plant regulator, defoliant, or desiccant."

Action to withhold price support on tobacco treated with nonapproved EPA pesticides or when pesticides are not used in accordance with label directions was made necessary because their use threatens the domestic and export markets for tobacco.

Samples of tobacco crops will be taken and chemically analyzed to determine if nonapproved pesticides were used on the crop or pesticides were not applied in accordance with label instructions.

A "No Price Support" marketing card will be issued for the farm when the analysis indicates nonaproved pesticides were used or misused. In addition, all price support advances received during the current carketing year must be refunded.

The County Extension Service Office, 368 East Main Street, can furnish information about acceptable pesticides for use on tobacco.

Dry weather taking toll in Kentucky

Rain showers were widely scattered over Kentucky and most areas are in need of additional moisture. As of Aug. 1, soil moisture was reported at 44 percent very short, 46 percent short, and 10 percent adequate.

The lack of adequate moisture coupled with high temperatures continue to stress crops and increase chances of insect and disease damage.

The burley crop continues to bloom and mature earlier than normal, but behind last year. Topping was 35 percent complete compared with 55 percent last year and 22 percent for average. Cutting began in some areas last week with most activity in the central counties.

Condition of tobacco is reported at mostly poor to fair. Black Shank continues to be a problem as well as increasing population of insects. Grasshopper infestation is reported heavy in many fields.

Kentucky's corn crop is rated at nine percent poor, 54 percent fair, 31 percent good and six percent excellent. The crop is 50 percent in the dough or beyond stage of maturity.

Corn that was planted later in the spring is suffering the most damage from the hot and dry conditions. Some fields are beginning to get heavy infestations of insect numbers including grasshoppers and worms.

Hay crop conditions continue to decline with the hot and dry weather. Rains are needed soon to enable producers to cut a good fall crop. Pasture conditions are also rated mostly poor to fair with some livestock producers beginning to feed hay.

Gas prices drop 5 cents in a month

Gasoline prices in Central and Eastern Kentucky have dropped an average of a nickel a gallon since a month ago, the Blue Grass Automobile Club-AAA reports.

A survey of 30 service stations found the average price of full-service regular to be 92.2 cents (down from 97.8 cents) and the price of unleaded to be 98.1 cents (down from $1.03). For self-service, prices were 75.5 cents for regular and 82.6 cents for no-lead, compared with 83.06 cents and 89.4 cents, respectively last month.

The greatest decline was seen in the price of self-service regular, which is 7.5 cents less now than at July 1.

The local prices follow a national trend resulting from lower wholesale prices, reduced demand by the consumer and increased competition among facilities. The lower prices are particularly surprising in light of the nickel increase in the state's gas tax which became effective July 1.

Locally, prices are now 35-40 cents less per gallon than a year ago.

Philip Morris grant to UK ag college

The University of Kentucky College of Agriculture has received a $254,600 grant from Philip Morris, USA.

The money will be used to provide scholarships and graduate fellowships, to fund technological research and to continue an existing leadership development program, including the two new types of tobacco harvesters.

Free trees in August

The National Arbor Day Foundation is giving 10 free trees to people who become Foundation members during August.

The free trees are part of the Foundation's effort to promote tree planting throughout America. They include a Sugar Maple, White Flowering Dogwood, Pin Oak, White Pine, Red Maple, Birch, American Redbud, Silver Maple, Red Oak and Colorado Blue Spruce.

The 6-12-inch trees will be shipped this fall at the right time for planting between Oct. 15 and Dec. 10.

To become a member of the Foundation a $10 membership contribution should be sent to Ten Trees, National Arbor Day Foundation, 100 Arbor Avenue, Nebraska City, NE 68410, by Aug. 31.

SOAR session Aug. 15 at MSU

Morehead State University will conduct a Summer Orientation, Advising and Registration (SOAR) session Friday, Aug. 15, for all freshman and transfer students who recently were admitted to the University and for those who were unable to attend previous SOARs.

Supports grain sales to Russia

U.S. Sen. Mitch McConnell announced support of President Reagan's decision to make the Soviet Union eligible to purchase U.S. wheat at current world prices.

"I support the President's decision to offer the same favorable terms to the Soviet Union that are available to other nations," McConnell said.

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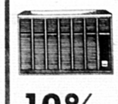

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