

## '86 burley quota, referendum set

By H. Carlisle Borden III  
The national basic marketing quota for the 1986 burley tobacco crop will remain the same as 1985, according to Milton Harris, an official with the U.S. Department of Agriculture. The effective quota, however — the amount actually allowed to be sold — will be about eight percent less than last year, he said.

A referendum for burley producers to vote on a three-year extension of the tobacco quota and price support program, also will be held the last week of March, Harris said. The basic marketing quota this year has been set at 525 million pounds. When adjustments for over and undermarketing are taken into consideration, the effective farm quota for 1986 is expected to total about 500 million pounds, a drop of eight percent.

Producers in the eight-state burley belt averaged approximately 100 percent of their effective quota for 1985. Most years, producers add from 50 to 60 percent of their quota. The past few years, however, general conditions — among other factors — have allowed farmers to overproduce.

REGULATIONS in the burley program allow growers to elect the percent of their effective quota in any given year. The percentage is determined by the producer's quota the following year.

The referendum for burley farmers to vote on whether or not they want to continue to have their quota set by the U.S. Department of Agriculture — a condition

that must be met to maintain price supports on graded burley tobacco — will again be held this year. The referendum, for the crop years 1986, 1987 and 1988, will again be held by local Agricultural Stabilization and Conservation Service offices which mail ballots to all quota holders. Producers will have from March 24 to March 27 to sign and return the ballots.

Quotas were last proclaimed on the 1983-84 crop, and were approved by a 97 percent majority of quota holders. A two-thirds majority, or 66 and 2/3 percent of those voting, must approve the referendum to continue quota and price supports for the crop.

THE BURLEY Tobacco Growers Cooperative Association in Lexington has received 63.8 million pounds of leaf under loan from the 1985 crop through February. This represents payments to producers under the price support program totaling 14.77 percent of the 441.1 million pounds that have been sold in the livestock area served by the cooperative.

The cooperative in Knoxville has received 15.3 million pounds for a total of 82.1 million pounds under loan. Only one sale is expected to be held March 13, the cooperative says.

Other many producers again overproduced their effective quota by more than 100 percent in 1985. Conservation tillage systems reduce erosion and moisture loss by leaving crop residue on the surface after new crops are planted. Possible products for the use of water and reduce sediment and chemical runoff helping improve water quality.

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**China cabinet creator**  
Dudley Hodford, Nicholas County High School junior, is shown working on a china cabinet. Dudley's project in Jim Simons' industrial arts class. — Curtis photo.

## Farmer by profession, lawmaker choice

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reduced interest rate to eligible farmers or agri-business owners. Arnold said the program will cut the state title, and in the long run will generate enough money to offset any interest revenue loss to the state. House Members approved the bill and it now faces the Senate.

IMPROVING EDUCATION also ranks high with Arnold. Over the years, he has supported legislation to improve education for adopted and abused children. Currently, Arnold is sponsoring a bill that requires Kentucky schools to operate Labor Day. Arnold favors the bill because he said school recess are too long in August for students to concentrate.

Delaying the opening day of school would also give students living in farm communities a chance to harvest their family's tobacco crop, and allow many high school students, who work in the tourism industry, to continue their seasonal jobs during August.

The House Education Committee approved Arnold's bill last week. House Bill 14 now goes to the House floor.

ECONOMIC development is important to Arnold, because he said it will generate revenue needed to finance other programs the state needs. One project found in the governor's budget proposal in the \$12 million incentive package Kentucky is offering the Toyota plant to be located near Georgetown.

Arnold's interest with the Toyota plant stems farther than Scott County. The District 74 representative has worked hard on locating a satellite office from Toyota in Nicholas County.

"I have been discussing the possibility of locating a plant in Carlisle with other legislators and local officials," Arnold said. "So far, the idea looks favorable. This could only increase the economy in this area."

Lawmakers often have hectic schedules, but this fact hasn't stopped Arnold's contact with constituents. He has been present in the area a lot of most times because I have been times when I've had opposite of my own beliefs. I've represented the people I want. That's why the way this process is supposed to work," Arnold said.

"I like representing the people in my district. It makes me feel like I'm doing something for my state."

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**At MSU open house**  
Morehead State University's Office of Admissions recently held an informational open house for prospective students. Students and their parents toured campus and learned about various programs and services offered at MSU. Starting the day with refreshments were, Jr. July and Carlo Hall of Carlisle, Andrea Addison, Dolly Helgeson and Kenneth Addison, all of Paris. Other open houses were held on March 22 and April 19. For information call toll free 1-800-262-7474. — Photo submitted.

## Stockyards report

PARIS STOCKYARDS	BOAZS	Over 300 lbs.	35.50
<b>CATTLE RECEIPTS</b>	1312		
March 8-9, 1986			
<b>SLAUGHTER COWS</b>	Steady to 1.00 higher		
Price trend	32.00-34.00		
Breaking utility	34.00-35.00		
Feeding utility	29.00-34.00		
Canner			
<b>SLAUGHTER BULLS</b>	Steady		
Price trend	42.00-45.00		
Yield grade 1-2			
Choice	75.00-79.00		
Prime	75.00-79.00		
Freezer STEERS	Most steady to 1.00 higher		
Price trend	68.00-80.00		
400-500 lbs.	68.00-70.00		
600-700 lbs.	68.00-70.00		
700-800 lbs.	68.00-70.00		
800-900 lbs.	68.00-70.00		
900-1000 lbs.	68.00-70.00		
Price trend	Steady to 1.50 higher		
200-300 lbs.	54.00-60.00		
400-500 lbs.	54.00-60.00		
600-700 lbs.	54.00-60.00		
800-900 lbs.	54.00-60.00		
900-1000 lbs.	54.00-60.00		
<b>COWS/CALVES</b>	210.00-410.00		
<b>STOCK BULLS</b>	45.00-50.00		
<b>BABY CALVES</b>	20.00-25.00		
<b>SLAUGHTER HOGS</b>	47		
Price trend	1.30 higher		
54.00-60.00	48.00-54.00		
U.S. 5.5 - 215-225 lbs.	41.00		
50% lbs.	1.00-2.00 lower		
Price trend	21.00-27.00		
50% lbs.	23.00-29.00		

## Farmers eligible for employment assistance

The Department for Employment Services has announced that Kentucky farmers who have been forced out of business and former owners of failed small businesses which have received assistance under the Department's distressed worker program, may now be eligible for employment assistance under the Department's distressed worker program. To qualify, a person who has owned a family farm or small business must provide proof of bankruptcy, proof that a loan or mortgage on a farm has been foreclosed or proof of the inability to secure capital, or financing necessary to continue the farm or business as a profitable enterprise.

Partners and small business owners who meet these conditions should contact their local office for help. The staff can provide counseling, give applicants a list of available jobs and refer the applicants to a job training program. According to the latest estimates for the Department for Employment Services and the U.S. Census Bureau, Kentucky has lost 7,900 jobs either formerly held by farmers or directly related to farming since 1980.

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