



Regulatory burdens reduced in agriculture

Secretary of Agriculture Edward Madigan today reported a series of actions that will reduce regulatory burdens and improve services of the U.S. Department of Agriculture's main farm-program agency, the Agricultural Stabilization and Conservation Service.

"We've made some real progress in cutting through administrative red tape that hampers farmers," Madigan said. "President Bush directed government-wide streamlining of regulations last January, and it will remain one of my personal crusades until the job is done."

Some of the changes announced today, USDA will make final consolidation of forms required of farmers and ranchers participating in ASCS programs, saving thousands of hours in time-consuming paperwork.

ASCS also will:

- allow either spouse (instead of both) to sign a farm program contract when both spouses own an interest in the farm.

- propose a method for better targeting landford ineligibility for USDA benefits due to violations of the highly erodible land provisions.

- propose to improve the integrity of the tobacco marketing quota and price support programs through better enforcement, increased dealer responsibility and simplified procedures.

- change the definition of "dairy producer" to provide equitable treatment to all dairy producers, and make transfer of milk marketing history retroactive to 1991.

For additional information contact the Nicholas County ASCS Office located at 605 Macerfield Road, Carlisle, Kentucky.

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Nicholas County Superintendent Robert Gilbert milks about the elementary school cafeteria during the school year kickoff breakfast Friday morning. The week-long session of in-service days for teachers was concluded and bus drivers, teachers, and administration personnel took a few moments to relax and enjoy each other's company before the real school year commenced last Monday. Following the meal, Gilbert addressed the crowd in attendance. In service programs form an integral part of teacher's continuing education into new teaching techniques as well as updates and changes to the school regulations for the coming year.



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The Nicholas County High School Band traveled to the Kentucky State Fair last Thursday in Louisville for a band competition. The boys finished first in their class and the band received an honorable mention. This was the first competition for the band for the 1992-93 season. The band will perform for the home crowd September 4 as the Nicholas County High School Football team entertains Madison Southern.

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