

# You've heard it all your life: A farmers work is never done!

## Weather still dictates working hours; conditions, crop quality



Richard McDonald, a farmer on Highway 36, Moorefield, was stripping tobacco Saturday morning. He's sold 7,600 lbs. so far this year and he has 4,400 lbs. to go, making him a little more than half through with the job.



Horkley Caswell helped Sammy Vice of Moorefield Road with his tobacco crop Saturday.



Richard McDonald and his helper bring in tobacco to the stripping room.

Photos By Ed Watkins

### Tobacco brings in more this year than last; young hired help receive much praise

By Leigh Stone  
Managing Editor  
Tobacco is bringing more money in than last year. That's the good news. The same long hours - Saturday, Sunday and holidays are often work days in Nicholas County, just like they were hundreds of years ago.

The weather last week dictated the work. Farmers and their help hurried to put tobacco down while the rain kept the crop in case.

"Without the high school students working part-time I couldn't raise my tobacco."

"We're making \$15 a hundred more than last year," said Sammy Vice, a Moorefield farmer, and Richard McDonald, a neighboring farmer.

Vice said the weight's been good despite erratic weather quality is not as high as you'd like but passable," Vice commented.

Vice said he was spending two cents more per pound because he was making three grades instead of two this year. But he said he didn't mind the money's a little better.

Richard McDonald praised his help last Saturday morning. "Without the high school students working part-time I couldn't raise my tobacco," McDonald himself a part-time farmer these days. He's worked full-time at Summit Corporation, Millersburg, for 16 years.

"I work morning shift at Summit and afternoon, and weekends on my farm," he explained.

McDonald agreed with Vice the price was better than last year.



Frank Purcell is a long-time tobacco farmer in Nicholas County and likes to work.



Jerry Whitaker and Lucas Purcell join Frank Purcell in the stripping room.



From left, Jerry Whitaker, freshman at Nicholas County High School, and Lucas Purcell, a NCHS senior, were stripping tobacco at Richard McDonald's farm Saturday.

Tobacco is the way of life in Nicholas County.

These tobacco bales are the finished product that bring in an income for local families.

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### 01-Legal Notices

COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY NICHOLAS CIRCUIT COURT FILE NO. 97-C-0081

HELEN MARKEY PLAINTIFF VS. LILLIAN NORMAN, ET AL. DEFENDANTS

Notice of Sale  
By virtue of a Judgment and Order of Sale of the Nicholas Circuit Court entered in the above styled action on January 8, 1998, the undersigned Special Commissioner will on the 30th day of January, 1998, at or about the hour of 10:00 a.m. at the Courthouse door in Carlisle, Kentucky, offer for sale to the highest and best bidder, that property in Nicholas County, Kentucky, more particularly described as follows:

A certain tract or parcel of land located in Nicholas County, Kentucky, and described as follows:

BEGINNING at a point in the center of the Needmore Road a corner to James Allen, and thence leaving said road and running with the line of Allen North 27 Degrees and 40 Minutes West 214.0 feet to a stake, a corner to Allen and the John S. Frederick Estate, thence running with the line of the John S. Frederick Estate, North 74 Degrees and 50 Minutes East 243.0 feet, and South 15 Degrees and 50 Minutes East 194.0 feet, and to the center of the center of the Needmore Road, thence running with the center of the said road South 74 Degrees and 09 Minutes West 110.0 feet, and South 65 Degrees and 53 Minutes West 80.2 feet to the point of beginning and containing 1.09 acre, more or less, according to a survey conducted by William H. Huffstall, Registered Land Surveyor on the 14th day of May, 1985, a copy of the plat is recorded in Deed Book 76, Page 485.

Being the same property conveyed to Lillian Norman by Edgar Allen Barrell, Executor of the Estate of John S. Frederick, by deed dated June 17, 1965, recorded in Deed Book 76, Page 485, Nicholas County Clerk's Office. The said Lillian Norman having died intestate on or about February 3, 1988, respectively.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and the seal of said Court at Carlisle, Ky., this 12th day of January, 1998.

BILLY G. HIGHTON, JUDGE

By \_\_\_\_\_, Clerk

By \_\_\_\_\_, Sheriff

By \_\_\_\_\_, Notary Public

By \_\_\_\_\_, Special Commissioner

By \_\_\_\_\_, Auctioneer

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