

Estill County Farm Scoop

AGRICULTURE & NATURAL RESOURCES

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Dear Producer:

January 13, 2012

County Ag Investment Program (CAIP) Cost Share Applications Ready Now!

Applications for the 2012 County Agriculture Investment Cost Share Program will be available through January 20th at the Estill County Conservation District Office, 1505 Richmond Road, Irvine. Telephone number 606-723-5104. Farmers must complete the application and mail to the Conservation District (must be postmarked by January 20th).

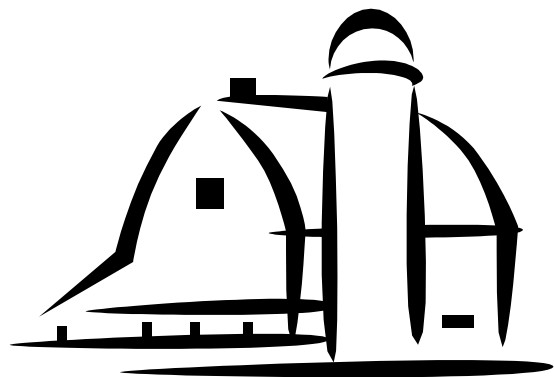
This cost share program was developed and funded through the KY Ag Development Board.

Primary Investment Areas

- Agricultural Diversification
- Cattle Handling
- Commercial Poultry, Dairy, & Swine
- Farm Fencing Improvement
- Farm Structure & Commodity Handling
- Farmland Improvement & Utilization

Secondary Investment Areas

- Goat & Sheep Diversification
- On-farm Energy Efficiency & Production
- On-farm Water Enhancement
- Cattle Genetics Improvement
- Technology



ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY INCENTIVE PROGRAM (EQIP)

The USDA-Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) in Kentucky is encouraging landowners, farmers and producers to visit their local NRCS office now to receive more information and apply for conservation technical assistance and possible financial funding opportunities.

The Environmental Quality Incentives Program (EQIP) is a conservation program that provides financial and technical assistance to farmers and ranchers who face threats to soil, water, air, and related natural resources on their land. Through EQIP, NRCS develops contracts with agricultural producers to voluntarily implement conservation practices. Persons engaged in livestock or agricultural production and owners of non-industrial private forestland are eligible for this program. Eligible land includes cropland, rangeland, pastureland, private non-industrial forestland, and other farm or ranch lands.

2012 National EOIP Initiatives:

- Organic-Transitional
- Organic-Certified
- Seasonal High Tunnels (*structures to extend growing season for horticulture crops*)
- On-Farm Energy



The application process for 2008 Farm Bill conservation programs is continuous, but funding selections are made at specific times throughout the year (ranking periods).

Three National ranking periods have been established for the National Initiatives. Period 1 ends February 3, 2012; Period 2 ends March 30, 2012; and Period 3 ends June 1, 2012.

For more information, contact NRCS District Conservationist Sam Miller at 723-5104.

Madison-Estill Grain Production Meeting



Tuesday, January 31st

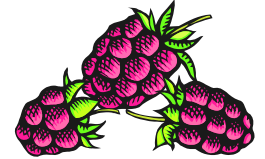
Madison Co. Extension Office

230 Duncannon Lane, Richmond

6:00 p.m., sponsored meal

Pre-register by calling 723-4557.

Taking orders for rootstock & various plants



The Estill County Cooperative Extension Service will be ordering apple and pear rootstocks this month. If you want to propagate a favorite apple or pear, grafting is one of the easiest ways to preserve that cultivar. To graft, you will need scion wood (terminal branch segments from last year's growth collected at the end of February) and rootstock. If you do not know how to graft, come by the office for assistance.



We typically order Malling7 (55% of standard size) and/or MM.111 (80% of standard) semi-dwarf apple rootstock and a pear rootstock. Please place your order on or before January 27th by calling our office at 723-4557. The rootstocks usually arrive by the first week of March.

In addition, we are taking orders for strawberry, blackberry, blueberry, raspberry, asparagus, and rhubarb plants. Delivery will be in early April. If you are interested or have questions, call our office. All plant orders must be prepaid by March 16th.



Kentucky Farm Record Books and Farmer Tax Guides Available.
Record books are \$6 each. Stop by our office and get yours.

BEGINNING FARMERS SURVEY

Researchers at UK need anyone who is over 18 years old and considers themselves a beginning farmer to complete an online survey. The survey will help educators, lawmakers, and leaders throughout Kentucky create programs and policies that will help ensure a bright future for agriculture in our state.

To participate or learn more, go to the following website: <http://uky.ag/lcfa/BF-Survey>

Participants are invited to enter a drawing to WIN one of four Southern States \$50 gift certificates. If our

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PRIVATE PESTICIDE APPLICATOR TRAININGS

Two private applicator pesticide certification meetings are scheduled this year:

⇒ **February 6th, 7:00 P.M.**

⇒ **February 13th, 10:00 A.M.**

Both meetings will be held at the Estill County Extension Office, 76 Golden Court, Irvine. The training educates participants on the proper handling and use of pesticides. Certified private pesticide applicator must be recertified every three years. Farmers must be certified to purchase restricted-use pesticides. Call 723-4557 to pre-register.

PROGRAM COMPLAINT PROCEDURE

Any person who believes they have been discriminated against in any Cooperative Extension Service sponsored activity or program may file a complaint with the Secretary of Agriculture by writing to:

USDA Director, Office of Civil Rights,
Room 326-W Whitten Bldg.
14th and Independence Av., SW,
Washington, D.C. 20250.

A complaint must be filed no later than 180 days from the date of the alleged discrimination.