


Deadline Approaches To Sign Flexibility Contract

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With each passing month, I anticipate the arrival of Reader's Digest.

I enjoy reading all of the quotes, quips, and humorous anecdotes that are published in the most widely read monthly publication in the world.

I especially enjoy reading the section "Quotable Quotes." The quotes are often from famous people who have, in a sentence or two, provided valuable insights into life's little idiosyncrasies.

As we look to the future of junior livestock programs and focus our attention toward ethics, potential confrontation, and success, we can learn from the perspectives of others the value of these aspects of life.

Ethical Considerations

Never assume the obvious is true. — William Safire

The elegance of honesty needs no adornment. — Merry Browne

A sense of shame is not a bad moral compass. — Colin Powell

What lies behind us and what lies before us are small matters compared to what lies within us. — Ralph Waldo Emerson

We worry about what a child will be tomorrow, yet we forget that he is someone today. — Stacia Tauscher

When you teach your son, you teach your son's son. — The Talmud

The truth of the matter is that you always know the right thing to do. The hard part is doing it. — Gen. H. Norman Schwarzkopf

What is right is often forgotten by what is convenient. — Bodie Thoene

The biggest threat to our well-being is the absence of moral clarity and purpose. — Rick Shuman

Live so that when your children think of fairness and integrity, they think of you. — H. Jackson Brown, Jr.

Confrontation

Well-timed silence is the most commanding expression. — Mark

Helprin

You can make your world so much larger simply by acknowledging everyone else's. — Jeanne Marie Laskas

We are all inclined to judge ourselves by our ideals; others, by their acts. — Harold Nicolson

Life shrinks or expands in proportion to one's courage. — Anais Nin

Hastily made, correct decisions are far better than slowly derived, incorrect decisions. The dilemma is the appropriateness of a hastily made incorrect decision compared with a slowly derived, incorrect one. — Anonymous

It's better to be boldly decisive and risk being wrong than to agonize at length and be right too late. — Marilyn Moats Kennedy

Proactive or reactive, the important aspect is to be active. — Anonymous

Often we have no time for our friends, but all the time in the world for our enemies. — Leon Uris

It is easy to sit up and take notice. What is difficult is getting up and taking action. — Al Batt

Success

A hero is someone we can admire without apology. — Kitty Kelley

Success is never final, but failure can be. — Bill Parcells

Great successes are built on taking your negatives and turning them around. — Sumner Redstone

Success is how high you bounce when you hit bottom. — Gen. George Patton

Success is always temporary. When all is said and done, the only thing you'll have left is your character. — Vince Gill

Success is more a function of consistent common sense than it is of genius. — An Wang

There is no greatness where there is not simplicity, goodness and truth. — Leo Tolstoy

The "success" of junior livestock programs depends on "ethics." In order to provide programs based on ethical principles, we may have "confrontations" with people who disagree with the collective ideals of the program.

LANCASTER (Lancaster Co.) — The Farm Service Agency (FSA) announces that July 12 is the final date to sign a production flexibility contract.

Farmers in Lancaster County have this one-time opportunity to enroll in the 7-year program designed as a transition away from the traditional price supports for corn, wheat, barley, grain sorghum, and oats.

Any producer or landowner who reported his crop acreages to the Farm Service Agency in at least one year from 1991 to 1995 can qualify for an automatic payment.

Farmers are not limited on what they grow on continued acreage with the exception of fruits and vegetables. There is no need to idle any acreage for "set aside."

If the crops are not presently insured under a policy either

through USDA or a private agency, farmers can sign a waiver from receiving any government disaster benefits. The waiver, however, will not preclude one from obtaining emergency loan assistance.

Farmers must continue to farm with an approved conservation plan. These can be obtained from the Natural Resource Conservation Service.

If a farmer cash leases a farm on a year-to-year basis, he or she can still enroll and receive this year's payment. The contract can be updated each year. A contract may be terminated without penalty. Contracted acreage may include the previous 5-year average for the crop enrolled. Payment will be made on 85 percent of the contracted acreage using the FSA yield established for the farm. The low range estimated payments for 1996 on a per bushel basis are corn, \$.24; sorghum, \$.31; barley,

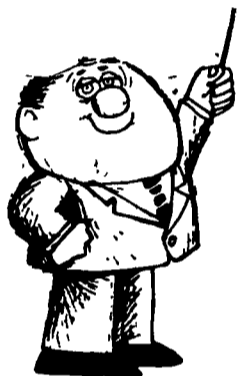
\$.32; oats, \$.03; wheat, \$.87. The seven-year average payment for corn is \$.32.

Payments will be limited to \$40,000 per person per year. Marketing assistance loans are still available under the new farm law.

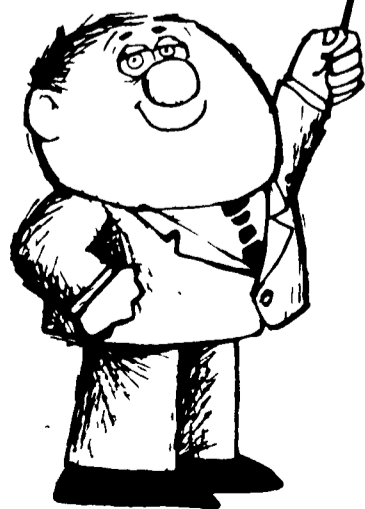
Luke Brubaker, chairman of the FSA Committee, encourages all farmers to consider this option as a supplement to the decision making farmers will assume when he plants according to the markets. These payments can reduce the risks of managing production based on expected prices and other factors.

Again, this is the one and only enrollment period. Notify the Farm Service Agency before July 12 of your intentions. The Farm Service Agency is located at the Farm and Home Center, 1383 Arcadia Road, Lancaster, PA 17601.

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