

Costs Decline For Storage of Wheat Stocks

Washington — (USDA) — Average annual costs of storing reserve stocks of wheat declined from 10.21 cents a bushel for a 100,000-bushel elevator to 7.33 cents a bushel for a 700,000-bushel elevator, when both were used at full capacity, according to a marketing research report issued by the U. S. Department of Agriculture.

Reserve stocks, as defined in this report, refer to wheat that has been delivered to the Government by producers in satisfaction of loans under the price-support program. The wheat is a year old when delivered and may be stored one or more years under the reserve stock program.

Puerto Rico Regains Allotments on Sugar

Washington, (USDA) — The U. S. Department of Agriculture has announced a revision of allotments to processors of the 1956 mainland and local sugar quotas for Puerto Rico which permits marketing of the full allotments. The revision is based on final data on production of sugar from 1955-56-crop cane, 1955 marketings, and January 1, 1956, inventories of sugar. The revised allotments are established on the same basis as those in Sugar Regulation 814.15.

Mrs. Mary Cameron Archer, who recently observed her 106th birthday "I've lived all, my life according to God's rules"

The report analyzes wheat storage costs in 22 representative reinforced concrete elevators in western Kansas, in 1,000- to 13,104-bushel round steel bins, and in 25,000-bushel capacity quonset-type buildings. The Kansas Agricultural Experiment Station cooperated with the Marketing Research Division of the Agricultural Marketing Service in making this study.

A sharp increase in the unit cost of storage accompanies each decrease in degree of utilization of storage space. Researchers found that the cost of storage in a 100,000-bushel elevator used at one-fourth capacity was 29.51 cents for each bushel stored, or 19.3 cents more than the cost per bushel for wheat stored in the same elevator used to capacity. Approximately 67 per cent of the increase in cost occurred when utilization decreased from 50 to 25 per cent.

Costs of storing wheat on farms were generally at least 50 per cent higher a bushel if storage space were only half used than if it were all used, the report shows. The annual cost of storing wheat in a 1,000-bushel bin used at full capacity was 8 cents a bushel, but the cost increased to about 12 cents at 50-per cent utilization.

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Unit costs of storing wheat in a 2,200-bushel farm bin were higher than in bins of any of the other sizes or combinations studied. Mechanical aeration was considered necessary for the 2,200-bushel bin, but not for the 1,000-bushel bin. When space was fully utilized, costs of storing wheat were 8.01 cents a bushel in a 1,000-bushel bin and 8.35 cents in a 3,276-bushel bin, but 9.80 cents in a 2,200-bushel bin.

A single free copy of Marketing Research Report No. 124, "Costs of Storing Reserve Stocks of Wheat at Country Elevators and on Farms in Kansas," may be obtained from the Office of Information, U. S. Department of Agriculture, Washington 25, D. C.

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Although his Angus steer failed to place, Jacob Landis of R1 Bainbridge is ready to try again in the Garden Spot Baby Beef Show. Jacob did realize \$30.75 cwt on his 780-lb. entry in the Wednesday sale. (Lancaster Farming Staff Photo).

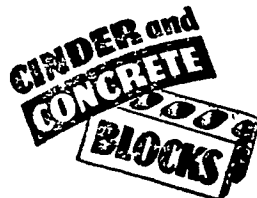
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