

Farmers May Cancel Wheat Agreements

Secretary of Agriculture Ezra Taft Benson Oct. 1 announced that farmers who sign 1957 wheat Acreage Reserve agreements and who have farm allotments on other crops, or a soil Bank Corn Base Acreage, be permitted to cancel their wheat Acreage Reserve agreements after the mailing of their last official notice of a farm allotment for 1957. Included in the announcement was provision that farmers, whose only farm allotment is for wheat and who have signed 1957 wheat Acreage Reserve agreements, may cancel or revise those agreements through the final sign-up date (Oct. 5, 1956) for Acreage Reserve agreements for winter wheat.

The action was taken to permit winter wheat producers who have allotments on other crops, or a Soil Bank Corn Base Acreage, to make their final decision after all allotment or the corn base acreage information for 1957 is available to them. For these producers, the deadline for cancellation or revision of the 1957 winter wheat Acreage Reserve agreements will be 15 days after the mailing of the farmer's last official notice of a farm allotment from the county Agricultural Stabilization and Conservation office. Many farmers have been reluctant to put land in the wheat Acreage Reserve before knowing the effect of other allotments on their farm operations.

Farmers who have only wheat allotments applicable to their farms may cancel or revise their previously signed wheat Acreage Reserve agreements through October 5, 1956. These farmers now have the same length of time in which to make their final decision as those in similar circumstances who wait until near the end of the

Fox Hill Farm



One of the outstanding Angus establishments in southeastern Pennsylvania is Fox Hill Farm near Unionville, where Col. Howard C. Fair Saturday was host to the

Brandywine Association. Here is a view of the home, stake and rider fences, and part of the barn. (Lancaster Farming Staff Photo).

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Farm Prices In Month Gain Seven Points

HARRISBURG — The index of prices received by Pennsylvania farmers for their principal products marketed in mid-September was up three points from a month earlier, according to Federal-State surveys announced today by the States, the survey showed.

The gain of 12 per cent over August prices compares with a decline of one point or $\frac{1}{2}$ of 1 per cent for farmers of the United States, the survey showed.

In Pennsylvania, the index crop prices registered an 11-point decline but was more than offset by gains in livestock products except chickens, the Department pointed out.

Pennsylvania declines in crops were led by a drop in the average price received by farmers for potatoes from an August 15 average of \$3.00 per hundred pounds to a September 15 average of \$2.35. Buckwheat dropped 21 cents a bushel as all other grains except soybeans registered slight gains. Hay prices averaged \$26.80 per ton, up \$1.00 from August, reflecting poor harvesting weather in the western part of the State.

At 245 per cent of its 1910-14 base average the Pennsylvania overall index is one point above a year ago. The ratio of Pennsylvania index to the U. S. parity index stands at 85, one point higher than August, but two points below September of last year, the survey disclosed.

For poultry products the index rose four points from a month earlier as a 2 cent per dozen advance in egg prices was more than enough to offset slightly lower prices for farm chickens, broilers and turkeys.

signup period (October 5, 1956) to execute winter wheat Acreage Reserve agreements for 1957.

Under previous regulations, which are now being modified, wheat Acreage Reserve agreements for 1957, once signed by farmers, could not be cancelled by them.

SMART SCOTCHMAN

Two Scotchmen tossed to see who would pay for the dinner. The winner called, "heads". The loser called, "Fire!" and escaped in the confusion.

Read Labels When Purchasing Peaches

Be a careful label-reader when buying canned peaches.

The label tells you whether you're getting cling or freestone peaches halves or slices, and whether they're packed in heavy or light sirup, reports Elsie Bamesberger, extension-consumer education specialist of the Pennsylvania State University.

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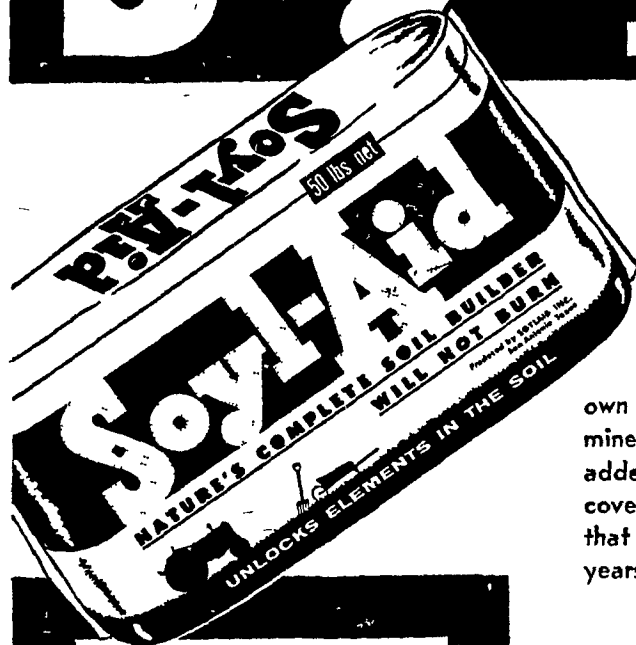
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