

USDA Names 31 Undesirable Wheat Varieties for Discount in 1958

The U.S. Department of Agriculture today named 31 wheat varieties which are undesirable because of inferior milling or baking qualities and which will be discounted 20 cents per bushel in price support rates on the 1958 wheat crop. Eight new varieties have been added to the list of 23 designated as undesirable for the 1957 wheat price support program. Discounts to discourage plantings of undesirable wheat varieties were included in the price support program for the first time on the 1956 wheat crop.

The 31 varieties named as undesirable for the 1958 wheat support program follow by class.

Hard Red Winter — BlueJacket, Chiefkan, Cimarron, Early

Blackhull, Kankang, NewChief, Pawnee Sel 33, Purkof, RedChief, Red Hull, RedJacket, and Stafford

Soft Red Winter — KanQueen, Kawvale, Nured, and Seabreeze.

Hard Red Spring — Gasser, Henry (except in Wisconsin and Washington), Kinney, Premier, Progress, Spinkota, Sturgeon.

Durum — Golden Ball, Peliss, and Pentad

White — Fifty Fold, Florence, Greeson, Rex, and Sonora.

These varieties were designated by the Agricultural Research Service of the U.S. Department of Agriculture after consultation with State Agricultural Experiment Station personnel, agronomists, cereal chemists, and others on state and Federal staffs.

The undesirable varieties are designated nationally except for Henry which is named as undesirable in all but the states of Wisconsin and Washington. Additions to the list of undesirable varieties include Fifty Fold, Florence, Gasser, Greeson, Kanueen, Kinney, Nured, and Seabreeze.

These designated varieties were found to be undesirable for commercial food use. The discount was adopted in the support operation to discourage their production and lessen the possibility of U.S. wheat of inferior quality finding its way into domestic and export channels. Representatives of crop improvement associations have strongly urged the action to help improve the quality of overall U.S. wheat production.

Acres of these "undesirable" varieties have been declining in recent years, Department officials said, and the discount in the price support program is credited with speeding up this trend.

Application of the discount of 20 cents per bushel to producer support rates will be the same as under the 1957 operation. The price-support regulations for the 1958 program will provide for producer certification regarding undesirable varieties similar to the certifications made by producers that they produced the wheat and produced it in the current crop year. Because these varieties are difficult to determine from threshed samples of wheat, the identification of the variety going under price support will be the producer's responsibility based on his knowledge of the varieties he seeded and harvested. Even though some of the undesirable varieties might have protein content high enough for a premium, no protein premiums will apply to any of the undesirable varieties in determining the loan rate. Similarly, no amber or hard amber durum premiums will apply.

Dairyman Computes Average Milk Use

Ever wonder how much milk a person drinks in a lifetime? Joe Stein, extension dairy husbandman at the University of Nevada, says that the average person drinks the total production from eight years milking of the average cow—48,710 pounds of milk. This means that today's baby, with a lifetime expectancy of 68.8 years, will drink about 12,000 quarts of milk. Mr. Stein further says that during its lifetime the baby will eat three or four times its weight in butter, slightly less cheese, and 1,032 quart of ice cream.

Gd—Meat Production Up in May

Red meat production in commercial slaughter plants during May totaled 2,163 million pounds, according to latest figures of the Crop Reporting Board. The May output was 6 per cent above the April 1957 production of 2,040 million pounds and 1 per cent above the 2,147 million pounds for May 1956. However, red meat production for the first 5 months of 1957 totaled 10,761 million pounds, or 4 per cent less than the 11,174 million pounds produced during the same period last year.



PRACTICING EGG JUDGING for the 4-H Poultry judging team is Miss Marilyn Rohrer, R1 Paradise. The egg grading and judging trials were held Tuesday night at the farm of Arthur L. Reist, 1050 Eden Rd., Lancaster. (LF Photo)

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