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Benson Names 1958 Soil Bank Rates, Provisions

Secretary of Agriculture Ezra Taft Benson Thursday announced the general provisions which will govern participation in the Acreage Reserve of the Soil Bank for spring-planted "basic" crops for 1958 production.

Agreements to put fall-seeded "winter" wheat in the Reserve were signed earlier in the year. General provisions of the program, as announced at that time for winter wheat, will apply to the spring-planted crops.

The Acreage Reserve is the part of the Soil Bank under which farmers agree to reduce their current year's acreage of upland cotton, corn, wheat, rice, and tobacco below their established acreage allotments, in return for payments designed to maintain net income for land put in the program. The other phase of the Soil Bank, the Conservation Reserve, helps farmers shift general cropland to conservation uses under contracts running for three, five, or 10 years.

Highlights of the 1958 Acreage Reserve program, and principal changes from 1957 include.

Payment rates. Per-acre payment rates for the 1958 program are somewhat higher for most crops than those which were in effect for 1957.

Premium rates. Farmers who took part in the 1957 Acreage Reserve will be paid a 10-per cent premium, above the 1958 compensation rate established for their farms, if they put the identical land in the 1958 program.

Eligible crops. "Allotment" acres of spring wheat, corn, upland cotton, rice, and tobacco are eligible for the 1958 Acreage Reserve (These are the same crops which were eligible in 1957.)

Signup period. The signup period for the 1958 Acreage Reserve will open on Jan. 13 and close March 7, 1958. For the early cotton area of Texas and the early tobacco area of Florida, permission will be granted to begin the



WINTER IS NEARLY UPON US, as was testified by the light snowfall which covered the county during the past week. Although the season doesn't start officially for some three weeks, cool temperatures

and short days tell us that the weather rarely pays much attention to the calendar. December usually brings about 3.45 inches of rain or snow with an average temperature of 40.2 degrees.

signup at an earlier date

Goals. The total goal for basic crops in the 1958 Acreage Reserve is from 11.5 to 14.5 million acres.

Soil Bank "base." A Soil Bank "base" will be established for all farms taking part in the 1958 Acreage Reserve. This will be the total crop acreage figure for the farm, based primarily on production history for 1956 and 1957. To

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Poor Growing Season, Fewer Acres Dropped State Potato Yield 20 Pct.

A combination of poor growing conditions and a reduction in acreage coupled to reduce the Pennsylvania Fall potato crop by 20 per cent, the State Department of Agriculture said Friday

Federal-State surveys estimate the harvest for the Fall crop at dredweight last year and is 31 per cent 6,142,000 bags of 100 pounds each. This compares with 7,706,000 hundred below the 1949-55 average.

According to the Department, potato growers planted 1,200 fewer acres to potatoes in 1957 than they did a year ago. Yield per acre also was reduced because of unsatisfactory growing conditions.

Yields were the lowest in southeastern counties because of the prolonged drought, but northwestern Pennsylvania counties claimed production and quality on many farms surpassed that of past years. Quality in the State is well above average and the best in many years, the survey showed.

"Now is the time to concentrate on marketing quality potatoes," John L. Rainey, director of the State Bureau of Markets, said. "Although growers won't have bumper potato crops they will have good, quality packs to sell," he added. Rainey said growers should stress quality and encourage consumer confidence in Pennsylvania potatoes and other products.

"We must compete with states that are attempting to take much of our market away from us . . . and the only way we can successfully compete is by producing quality foods," he declared. Rainey

challenged growers to "think of next year's market" and said through the use of consumer education programs the Pennsylvania potato market would be regained as a result of continued quality production.

J. R. Witmer Re-named Head Of Red Rose DHIA

The directors of the Red Rose Dairy Herd Improvement Assn. re-elected J. Rohrer Witmer, R1 Willow Street to a second term as association president Monday night.

Also re-elected was vice president Donald S. Eby, R1 Gordonville, recently named head of the county Holstein Breeders Assn. Re-elected treasurer was Charles Long, R1 Manheim.

Robert C. Groff, R3 Quarryville, was named secretary.

In other business, the directors voted to meet quarterly on the last Monday of the month. The next meeting will be Monday, Feb. 24.

Canadian Cattle Exports To U.S. Take Big Jump

During the third quarter of 1957 Canadian cattle inspected for entry into the U.S. by the USDA totaled more than 86,000 head, compared with about 14,000 in the third quarter of 1956.

4-H Play to Be Saturday Night At Manheim Twp.

A three-act mystery comedy, "Jumping Jewels" will be presented tomorrow night at 8 at the Manheim Township High School by the County 4-H Council.

In the title roles are Dean Hoffer, R3 Manheim, and Erma Musser, R2 Lancaster. Others in the cast are Miss Barbara Keener, R3 Manheim; Miss Judy Martin, R3 Lancaster, Ned Paes, Strasburg; Miss Linda Mumma, R1 Manheim; John Stoner, R7 Lancaster; Donald G. Herr, R2 Quarryville; Miss Roberta Landis, R3 Lancaster, Aaron Landis, R1 Strasburg; Miss Judy Nolt, R1 Lancaster, and Kenneth Garber, R1 Willow Street.

Providing entertainment between acts will be the Landis Brothers, Aaron and Ira, who will play and sing, and Miss Dorothy Mull, who will play the piano.

The play is being presented under the direction of Miss Grace Nolt, R1 Lancaster.

The following are committee members who will assist:

Publicity — Glenn Bushong, Wayne Miller, and Miss Donna Heckendorn

Tickets — Donald G. Herr and Miss Loraine Hess.

Make-up — Misses Carol Ginder and Betty Umble.

Prompters — Misses Lucille Groff and Betty Umble.

Stage lights — Herbert Frey.

Property — John Stoner, Harold Frey and Miss Carol Ginder.

Entertainment — Misses Virginia Glass and Gloria Eshleman.

Ushers — Misses Joanne Gamber, Ginnie Glass, Bonnie Bare, Dona Heckendorn, Judy Ginder, Joyce Hawthorne, Sue Buckwalter, Florida Shelly, Gerry Shreiner, and Nancy Landis.

Hanover Pastor Named Speaker At Meeting

The Rev. Nevin E. Smith, pastor of Emanuel Reformed Church, Hanover, will be the speaker at the annual meeting of the Lancaster Poultry Exchange to be held Jan. 23 at the Poultry Center, Lancaster.

The name of the speaker was announced Thursday night at a meeting of the board of directors of the Exchange. They also said that his topic will deal with ethics and good business practices.

Also planned for the annual meeting is a question and answer period dealing with the defeatist attitude prevailing among some county producers in relation to the problems of integration and poultry competition from other areas of the nation.

The monthly summary of sales at the Exchange noted a drop of about 50,000 birds from October 1956. However sales were about equal to those in 1955.

Three More Countries Join U.N. Group

When the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations met in Rome recently, the group admitted Ghana and Malaya and readmitted Poland to membership in the organization.

This brings to 77 the number of governments now holding memberships in FAO.

Now Is The Time . . .

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certain that not more than one pound (one quart) of the material is applied per acre.

TO TEST FARM SEEDS — All seeds offered for sale in Pennsylvania must be labeled as to variety, purity, germination, and presence of noxious weeds. A five-ounce sample of grass or legume seed sent to the Seed Laboratory, Dept. of Agriculture, Bureau of Plant Industry, Harrisburg, Pa. along with a fee of \$2.00 will meet the requirements.

TO PLAN MILK HOUSE FOR THE FUTURE — Any re-modeling or constructing of a milk house should be planned with the possibility of being large enough to house a bulk milk tank in the future; also, that in the future a pipeline milker might be installed. The milk house floor should be strong enough to support the heavy tank and the milk.

TO KEEP GOOD FARM RECORDS — Tax return time is rapidly approaching and is just another reason to keep records on your farm business, however, the main benefit is to know the enterprises that are making the greatest net returns and to uncover the "leaks" in your farm operations. Farm account books are available at a minimum cost at any Extension Service Office.

TO KILL VOLUNTEER GRAINS — Many farmers obtained a thick stand of unwanted winter grain in their new fall grass seeding; this may be thick enough to smother the small alfalfa or clover seeding. If spraying for chickweed with Chloro IPC during December, the winter grain will also be killed along with the chickweed; be