Tent Caterpillars May Move Soon

at those nearby wild cherry trees

of the State Bureau of Plant In-

dustry, suggested homeowners in

card after April 1 it might be too

late The pests also attack un-

of defoliating shade and orna-

tion provide the funds for loss

payments where disaster strikes "!

sprayed plum and apple trees

From Winter Quarters to Shade Trees

Benson Urges Farmers to Use **Precautions Against Crop Disaster**

Farmers can and should pro! tect themselves against financial losses strike thousands of farm disaster resulting from crop losses, Secretary of Agriculture Ezra Taft Benson said today

Increasing numbers are safe guarding their income through crop insurance or other income sent only a small percentage of all farmers

ers" the Secretary said course we are always deeply concerned with such misfortune when it comes — but what we can do, after losses occur, is protection but, the Secretary limited Each farmer, by acting noted, "these numbers still repre- now, can get crop insurance or other income protection'

After the disastrous drouths, floods and other causes of crop losses in recent years, farmers this year have offered almost 50 uer cent more Acreage Reserve

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cropland than the \$500 million wnich Congress appropriated would cover

Farmers can still put land in Conservation Reserve, which is another form of income insur ance It is available to farmers growing every kind of field crop in every state

Secretary Benson uiged tha 'producers farming high risk croplands, or who have impailed family situations such as old age or poor health, or who have in efricient acreages, should consid er putting their cropland into the Conservation Reserve before the final sign-up date, April 15 County Agricultural Stabilization and Conservation offices can pro vide information about the Con servation Reserve*

All-risk Federal Crop Insur ance for 1958 is available to farmers in many counties Secretary Benson urged farmers in these counties to apply for crop insur ance before the closing dates This is the 20th anniversary of that basic protection against crop disaster

"Farmers in more than 800 counties have the opportunity to use this crop investment insur ance" the secretary said "Al though still on a test basis, it has become increasingly appar ent in recent years that its basic tunction of stabilizing crop pro duction capital — banked or borrowed - needs to be more fully utilized

"Where crop disaster stikes both farmers and the business community feel the need for emergency assistance Crop in surance has been developed to meet this need on a business

"Farmers in counties where crop insurance is available will in effect be saying 'no emer gency ansistance against crop disaster needed' if they pass up the opportunity to become Fed eral Crop Insurance Corporation policyholders" the Secretary

During the past 20 years Fed eral Crop Insurance has paid nearly a half billion dollars of indemnities. These insurance checks have enabled many farm ers to survive crop disasters which otherwist would have put them out of business By its nature crop insurance relieves financial stress when the need is greatest — where there is little or no crop to sell

"Federal Crop Insurance is not protection that is offered gratis, it is an insurance plan for mutual protection against common risks to-which the best farms and methods are not im mune It is a self-help method whose success in any county re flects the willingness of farmers to prepare today for what can happen tomorrow,' the secretary said

"The indemnities paid reflect the fact that it is a very high risk field of insurance The 1957 citrus experience illustrates this point For six years citius policy holders paid a half million dol lare for protection with few losses but 1957 citrus indemnity checks alone will total nearly three-quarters of a million dol

"Crop insurance operations and service can be strengthened by more farmers joining this co- Manheim, Pa. Lancaster Ph. EX 2-5722 operative plan," he said "It is Phone MO-5-4705

Although snow lingers as wint large numbers that one department official remarked they looker's reminder in some areas, the ed like an army marching should-State Department of Agriculture er to shoulder says it isn't to early to take a look

On or about April 1 eggs that were deposited last fall will hatch for bothersome tent caterpillars Egg masses now can be found Dr Thomas L Guyton, director i flaed together by a sticky substance in a collar like formation on the end of twigs Each mass contains between 200 and 350

The caterpillars will spin a silky web in tree crotches. This will be their home for the dura-Tent caterpillars are capable tion of the feeding period. This vich will be noticed within the mental trees In certain areas next several weeks and should be tncy have been found in such destroyed by wiping it from the tree with a broom or by hand. Once the web is destroyed the cattruly a farmers' program The 'erbillars will die premiums they pay for protec!

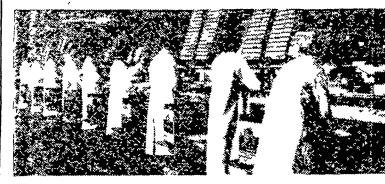
Tent caterpillars crawl from the web like nest to feed on leaves The pests as a rule can be found Crops on which insurance is it at home' in the early morning, currently offered in more than at right and on cool days

800 counties are wheat, corn, cot Spraying is effective, Doctor ton tobacco, flax, soybeans, dry Guyton said One spray of 50 per edible beans, barley, peaches cent wettable DDT or 25 per cent citius fruit and a few additional wettable malathion will control crops under a combination policy | the pests for the entire year

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