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acres, the same as March 1 indicate that acreage
so, but about 6 per for harvest in 1962 will be

31,000 acres, the same as last
year This crop which is
known as Pennsylvania Seed-
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Grain Program Deadline Nears

Growers who are still
"thinking it over" about par-
ticipating in the 1962 feed
grain program were urged to-
day not to delay any longer.
The signup period extends on-
ly through March 30.

Fred G. Seldomridge, Chau-
man of the Lancaster County
Agricultural Stabilization and
Conservation Committee re-
ports that farmer interest is
high in Lancaster County the
State as well as throughout
the country generally. Indica-
tions are that 1962 participa-
tion will run well ahead of
that under last year's feed
grain program.

Farmers who take part in
the feed grain program must
file an intention-to-participate
form in the Agricultural Sta-
bilization and Conservation
Service Office indicating the
number of corn and grain
sorghum acres they intend to
divert from production into a
soil-conserving use. The mini-
mum diversion is 20 percent
of the farm's base acreage but
many farmers are indicating
their intention to divert more
than the minimum.

Acreage harvested at this
level will be 6 percent above
the 1951-60 average but is
well below the record. Histor-
ic records beginning immedi-
ately after the Civil War show
acreage in the 3-1000 acre
range in that period with a
steadily increasing trend until
at the turn of the century har-
vested acreage stood at 27,-
000. The record for harvested
acres was set in 1918 with a
total of 49,000. Thereafter a
low of 18,000 acres was re-
corded in 1934. In the past 20
years acreage was at a low of
23,700 in 1952 and a high of
37,300 acres in 1950.

If the 1962 crop intentions
materialize and yields based
on the 1957-61 average are at-
tained, a crop of 513 million
pounds will be produced. This
would be 4 percent below the
1961 crop but 8 percent above
the 1951-60 average.

Growers intentions for the
1962 crop are subject to
change depending on the fac-
tors of weather at planting
time and changes in growers
plans between March 1 and
actual planting time.

An increase of 10 per cent
in soybean acreage is expected
a partial rebound from last
year's low. Based on recent
years' utilization, much of this
will go into hay and silage.

Intended acreage to be har-
vested for all hay at 2,078,000
is off 1 per cent from 1961
and 7 per cent under the 10-
year average. Changing storage
crop practices may account for
much of this reduction.

Soil moisture in most areas
of the Commonwealth is well
below average due to precipi-
tation less than normal during
February and excessive run-
off because of deep frost pen-
etration.

Acreage actually planted in
the Keystone State may be
larger or smaller than report-
ed intentions by reasons of
weather conditions, price
changes, labor supply, finan-
cial conditions, the agricul-
tural program, or the effect of
this report itself upon farm-
ers' actions.

Future Farmers

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agriculture areas in Pennsylv-
ania.

Judges awarded 15 gold, 12
silver, 14 bronze and 5 hon-
orable mentions in a program
that normally carries only five
medals in each category.

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