

Grass Seed Must Carry Purity Tag

HARRISBURG — The State Agriculture Department today warned farmers and seed buyers that some home grown red clover seed of low quality is

being offered for sale this season as an aftermath of last summer's drought.

"Forty-one samples were examined in our laboratories and 17 were rejected, chiefly because of the high level of weed seed," said Henry F. Nixon, director of the department's Bureau of Plant Industry. He said rejected samples contain-

ed anywhere from 30 to 5,000 buckhorn seeds per ounce, and that one sample was 30 per cent weed seed.

The amount of home grown seed available this season is higher than usual because some farmers harvested seed last summer when plants were too short to be cut for hay, according to Wendell P. Ditmer, the bureau's seed control officer.

Contrary to the situation prevailing with red clover, Ditmer said, home grown alfalfa and birds foot trefoil seed is "of surprisingly good quality this season."

Nixon cautioned that all seed, including home grown seed, must be properly labeled to show germination, purity

and weed content before it may be legally offered for sale in Pennsylvania.

● Feed Grain

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able for the three feed grains corn, barley, and grain sorghum, and participation will be entirely voluntary, although price-support eligibility for the three crops will depend on such grower-participation, he explained.

Two major improvements in the 1964 feed grain program, as compared with previous programs are (1) A producer may divert as much as 50 percent of his feed grain base acreage (this was 10 percent in 1963), and those who divert 10 percent or more of the base acreage will receive diversion payments at the maximum rate for all acres diverted. (The maximum acreage diversion will continue to be 25 acres if this is more than 50 percent of the base.)

Two rates of diversion payment will be offered, but the higher rate should apply to more acres under the 1964 program. The minimum rate is again based upon one-fifth of the county's total price-support rate the maximum or higher rate is based on one-half of the support rate. If the operator signs up to divert 40 percent or more of his feed grain base the higher rate will apply to all the acreage diverted, Pennay said.

If less than 40 percent is diverted, the minimum rate will apply to 20 percent of the acreage diverted and the higher rate to the acreage between 20 and 40 percent.

Farmers who take part in the program will be eligible for diversion and price-support payments, and for price-support loans on their entire 1964 production of the three grains. The price-support payment will be made to all participants in the program who plant the feed grains for harvest, and they will be made regardless of the use made of the grain. According to Pennay, the producer may sell the grain or feed it if he wishes and still receive the payment.

Applications to take part in the 1964 feed grain program may be filed in the Lancaster County ASCS office from Mondays through Fridays at any time between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 4:45 p.m. To date a total of 111 Lancaster County Farmers have signed up for the program.

Farm Women 4 Plan Bus Trip To World Fair

Society of Farm Women 4 have announced plans for a group trip to the New York World Fair, but no date has been set.

Announcement was made at a recent meeting of the society at the home of Mrs. Jane Holt, Columbia R1. Mrs. Alvin Musser led devotions. Roll call was answered by "a historic spot I would like to visit" Williamsburg, Va. received the most votes.

The program was an illustrated talk on jewel embroidery by Mrs. Alfred Moyer. Mrs. Daniel Will, president, was in charge of the meeting.

Next meeting will be held Saturday, March 21, at the home of Mrs. Victor Koser, Mount Joy R1, at 1:30 p.m. Mrs. Ray Summy will be co-hostess.

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