



SOLD AND READY TO GO, this bull, one of the first animals through the new auction pavilion at the Lancaster Union Stock Yards, keeps a wary eye on commission man, James Dunlap, and the crowd of spectators that jammed the gallery for the grand opening. L. F. Photo.

## Farmer Sign-Up In Grain Program Reflects Higher Price Features

A ten per cent gain in feed grain program participation by Lancaster County farmers was noted this week by the local office of the Agriculture Stabilization and Conservation Service.

Officials at the local ASCS office theorized the increase over last year might be due to better financial features of the 1964 program.

Over 340 county farmers have signed up to temporarily divert nearly 500 acres from corn, barley and grain sorghum despite depleted feed stocks from two successive drought years.

As an incentive to enroll in the four-year-old program designed to reduce stocks of surplus grain, the Federal Government will pay counties a quarter of a million dollars for idling the acres.

A substantially higher payment rate for diverting over 40 per cent of a farm's feed grain production apparently appealed to more county farmers.

Said Miss Dorothy Y. Neel, ASCS office manager: "We had very few applicants this year who didn't divert at least 40 per cent of their feed grain base."

This high rate of payment was obviously responsible for a substantial 17 per cent increase in acreage retirement from a year ago, she said.

The 342 participants in the current program, which ended last Friday, agreed to divert 4,871 acres of feed grain — over 90 per cent of it corn — compared to 1963 when only 311 farmers retired 4,157 acres from production.

The 1963 plan, however, had a serious economic kink in its provisions which said the top pay rate would be issued only if a farmer diverted his entire feed grain base and agreed to grow no corn.

Payments to county farmers this year will total \$228,142, second highest since the feed program was inaugurated by Congress in 1961. The total was 36 per cent greater than a year ago.

In 1963, the county farm agency issued payments drafts in the amount of \$168,052.

Local enrollment in the 1964 program was termed "successful," despite earlier predictions by anti-farm program growers the two-month sign-up would get no more than 200 producers because of drought-created grain shortages.

Even some members of the county ASC committee would not predict the eventual 342 participants.

Other committeemen theorized the enrollment could have topped 400 had conditions been normal.

Many farmers who had participated in the previous three years indicated satisfaction with the program, but said quite frankly they needed corn this year.

In four years, county farmers have diverted 17,829 acres of feed grain in return for \$884½ thousand in federal payments.

Some 64,000 orphans of veterans who died from service-connected causes have entered training since the War Orphans Educational Assistance program supervised by the Veterans Administration was started.

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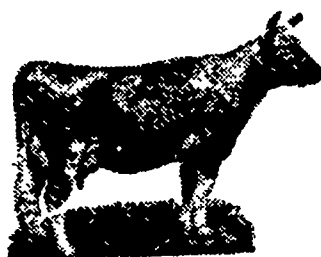
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