

Record 1965 Winter Wheat Signup Reported

A record number of 780,916 farms were signed up this fall under the voluntary 1965 wheat program, according to D. Richard Wenner, State Executive Director, Agricultural Stabilization and Conservation Service. This signup — ended October 2 — took place in the predominantly winter wheat areas, and the total exceeds the entire enrollment — spring as well as winter — of 612,000 for the 1964 program, and 489,000 for 1963.

Wheat allotment acreage on the signed farms is 34,848,504 acres, or 82 per cent of the total effective allotment in the fall signup area.

The Chairman pointed out that the signup in the predominantly spring wheat areas is to be February 8 to March 26, 1965, at the same time as the 1965 feed grain program signup. Those farmers who took part in the fall signup may modify their intentions until the close of the spring wheat signup—however, farmers wishing to overseed their allotments and store the excess under bond had to state this intention at the time they signed up.

In Lancaster County the ASCS office announced that 655 farmers had signed up to divert at least a minimum of 1,005 total acreage in 1965. This nearly doubled the num-

ber in the 1964 program; that number was 362.

In Pennsylvania, the 1965 signup showed 18,887, enrolled to divert 76,354 acres, as compared to 11,671 farms enrolled with diversion of 36,903 acres in 1964.

In announcing the national totals for the 1965 winter wheat signup, Secretary of Agriculture Freeman said: "This report indicates that farmers recognize the value and importance of price-support programs to their farms and to a stable and sound economy.

Program benefits available to growers who sign up in the 1965 wheat program and then carry out the appropriate provisions include price-support loans, marketing certificates, and diversion payments. The diversion payment rates have been increased to 50 per cent of the county loan rate in order to encourage maximum diversion and continued progress in reducing excessive grain stocks.

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at this time, their buyer and on what basis the crop will be sold, we feel the total gross income will be increased through better sorting and handling. This is especially true if the crop is to be sold on a grade and quality basis. A good job of handling the crop is still needed.

Conversion From Salt To Fresh Water Study Set

President Johnson has ordered a crash research program on conversion of saline to fresh water. It's the latest evidence of growing concern about the availability of adequate water supplies in the face of ever-mounting demands.

In response to the President's directive for an "all-out effort to make low-cost fresh water from sea water, Secretary of the Interior, Stewart Udall is expected to ask Congress in January for an additional \$16 million to accelerate the program this fiscal year. Congress has already appropriated \$12 million for this year's program.

The cost of conversion remains too high for many practical uses. At present it is running around \$1 per thousand gallons. The goal is to cut this figure to 25 or 30 cents per thousand.

Two aspects of the President's decision to speed up saline water conversion research are being noted. First is the fact that the President himself is taking a prime interest in the program. Second is his order to increase the investment in this research, right away, while the lid is

being held tight on government expenditures in most other fields.

After a day-long session with the President in Austin, Tex., Secretary Udall reported the President has told him to "spare no expense" in working for a big breakthrough in saline water conversion.

Official forecasts indicate the United States will need 600 billion gallons of water daily by 1980. The nation is already using an estimated 300 billion gallons or more a day. The annual supply of fresh water to the country in the form of rain and snow is reasonably constant from year to year. To put a larger share of the annual supply to our use, intensive efforts will be necessary to reduce waste, pollution, and excessive evaporation. There will be a necessity to multiply the use and re-use of water in all possible ways, and also increase storage for the common good. But in addition, the oncoming demands for water seem to dictate that an all-out effort must be made to achieve economical conversion of salt water to fresh water.

"In a world of many choic-

es, you have no choice about water. You must have it. Water is the necessity of the hour and of the ages."

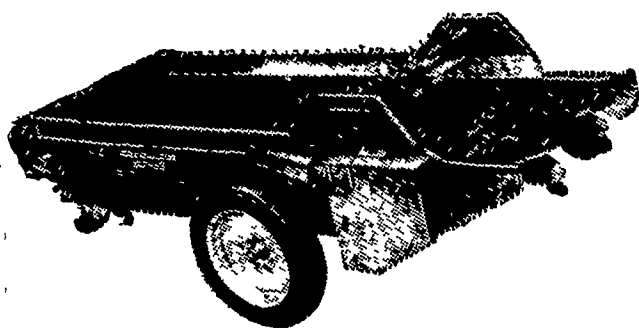
NEW TIME CLOCK NOW CONTROLS STEP-DOWN, STEP-UP LIGHTING PROGRAM

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