

Lancaster Farming

SECOND SECTION

Signup For Feed Grain

A total of 223,821 farms have been signed to participate in the 1965 Feed Grain Program during the first four days of the Feb. 8 - March 26 signup period, the U.S. Department of Agriculture announced recently.

Producers signed up have agreed to divert 5,374,800 acres from the production of corn, grain sorghum and barley during the current crop year. The diversion is from base acreages (1959-60 average plantings) of 10,506,100 acres of farms, or 51 percent of the base on the signed farms.

The 1965 signup shows 3,989,800 acres of corn are to be diverted from 7,350,100 acres of corn base established for these farms, or an average diversion of 54 percent of the bases. For grain sorghum, 1,046,900 acres are to be diverted from the 2,258,600 base acres or an average diversion of 46 percent. For barley, excluding malting barley farms, the agreed diversion is 337,400 acres from a total base of 896,900 acres on signed farms,

Royer Holstein Gold Medal Dam

Recognition as a Gold Medal Dam has been reported for Parkchester Hillmac Beauty (86), a Registered Holstein cow owned by Herbert and Rhelda E. Royer of Lancaster, Pa. The achievement comes for outstanding milk and butterfat production, pleasing

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or an average diversion of 38 percent. The 1965 Feed Grain Program in general is similar to that for 1964. Producers can participate by diverting at least 20 percent of their feed grain base acreage and devoting it to conserving use (or can plant specified non-surplus crops upon request with 0 to 50 percent diversion payments). In return, they become eligible for price-support loans plus payments based on normal production of the acreage planted for harvest, and acreage diversion payments. This year, for

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FHA Announces A New Small Loan Program

A new program of small loans coupled with farm management assistance is now open to farm families with limited incomes in Lancaster County, according to Richard W. Hoover, county supervisor for the Farmers Home Administration.

Hoover said farmers in Lancaster County can participate in the program to develop higher returns from their farming operations.

Loans up to \$2,500 are available to farm families with limited incomes who cannot qualify for financial assistance under regular loan programs of Farmers Home Administration or private lenders.

Opportunity loans are aimed at helping farm and rural families earn more income through their own enterprises, Hoover said.

Loans to farmers operating small, limited income farms may be used to purchase live-

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Competition In City Milk Markets Shows Sharp Drop

The number of dealers serving city milk markets is declining rapidly, according to a report published recently by the U.S. Department of Agriculture.

The report by USDA's Economic Research Service examines competition among fluid milk dealers in 71 Federal order milk markets. It is part of a continuing program of research on changes in marketing of farm products and their impact on marketing firms, consumers, and producers.

Between 1950 and 1962, the

number of milk dealers declined by one-half. Most dealers going out of business were small firms with only a few routes. The decrease was greatest in the smaller milk markets, says the report.

While the number of dealers fell in nearly all markets from 1950 to 1962, concentration of milk sales changed more radically in small markets than in large ones. Concentration — the share of sales of the four largest dealers in a market — rose sharply in smaller markets. Since

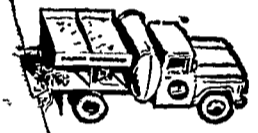
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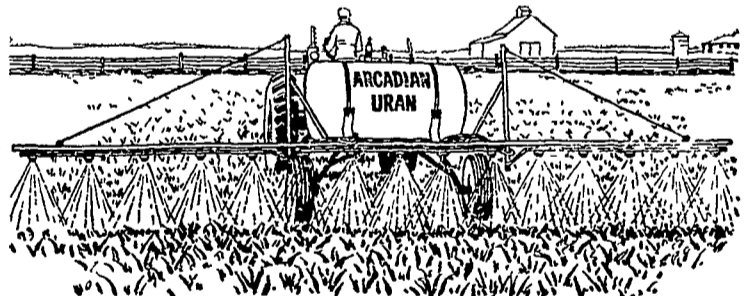


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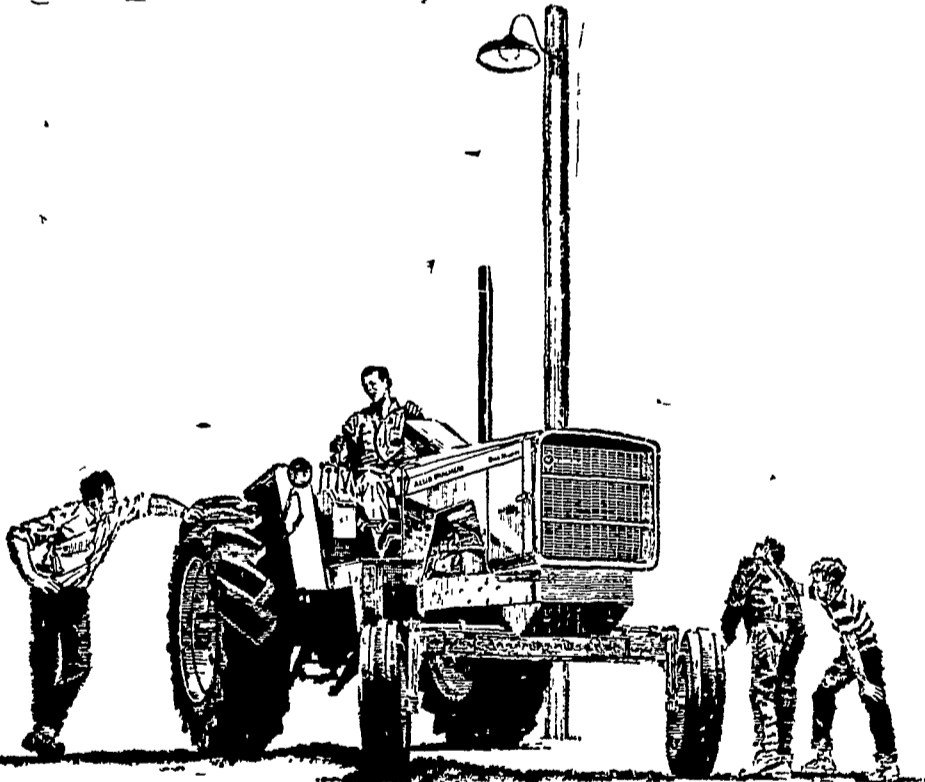
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