

## Details Given On 1970 Feed Grain Program

Producers in Lancaster County will receive notice of their feed grain bases and an explanatory leaflet on the 1970 Feed Grain Program in late January, according to Fred G. Seldomridge, Chairman of the Lancaster County Agricultural Stabilization and Conservation (ASC) Committee.

Sign-up period for the voluntary farm programs — including wheat as well as feed grains

— will be February 2 through March 20. The 1970 Feed Grain Program will be much like the 1969 program, the ASC Committee Chairman said. Provisions of the 1970 Wheat and Feed Grain Programs announced earlier gave the following details on the Feed Grain Program.

1. Acreage Diversion and Diversion Payments. Minimum diversion at 20 percent of a farm's feed grain base acreage will be required for program participation. No payment will be made for this first 20 percent diversion, except for small farms.

Payments will be made for additional diversion of corn, grain sorghum, and barley.

Maximum acreage that can be diverted for payment will be the larger of 30 percent of a farm's feed grain base or 25 acres less the qualifying 20 percent diversion. Payment rate for this additional diversion will be based on 40 percent of the total county price support (loan plus support payment) times a farm's projected yield of the crops involved. No advance diversion payments will be made. Upper limits will be established on the per-bushel rate which will be paid for the additional voluntary diversion of feed grain acres

2. Price Support Loans and

Payments. National average price support loan rates on all feed grains will be the same as in 1969. However, corn loan rates, while unchanged, will be at \$1.08 per bushel. "No 2" basis — which is equal to the 1969 level of \$1.05 for average quality.

The National average loan levels of the other feed grains will be Grain sorghum, \$1.61 per hundredweight, barley, 83 cents per bushel, oats, 63 cents per bushel, rye, \$1.02 per bushel (Price-support is required by law for oats and rye, but

there are no provisions for acreage limitations.)

Price support payment rates will be Corn, 30 cents per bushel, grain sorghum, 53 cents per hundredweight; barley, 20 cents per bushel. Price-support payment for a farm is arrived at by multiplying the per bushel price support payment times the farm's projected yield times the smaller of the planted acreage or 50 percent of the farm's feed grain base.

3. Small Farm Provisions. A farm with a feed grain base of 25 acres or less will be able to qualify for payment on the first 20 percent of its diverted acreage, with the payment rates based on 20 percent of the total county support rate times projected yield. For the remaining diverted acreage on small farms, the diversion payment will be based on the 40 percent payment rate, subject to the maximum limitation.

Producers with feed grain bases of up to 125 acres will have the option of temporarily reducing their base to 25 acres to become eligible for the small farm provisions. In such case, no corn, grain sorghum, or barley is to be planted for harvest on the farm and the temporary 25-acre feed grain base must be put to conserving uses.

4. Other Program Provisions. Soybeans planted in lieu of feed grains will not earn price-support payments.

Malting barley will not be exempt from diversion requirements in 1970 since supplies are more than adequate to meet needs.

Substitution provisions relating to wheat and feed grain acreage will continue as in previous years.

Announcement will be made prior to sign-up time on production of substitute crops on diverted acres.

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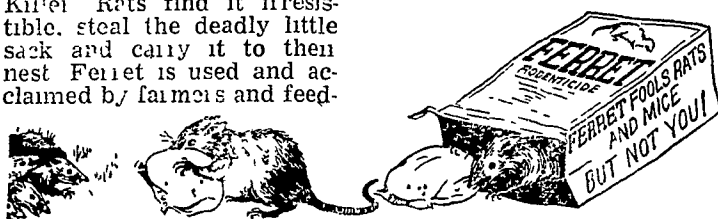
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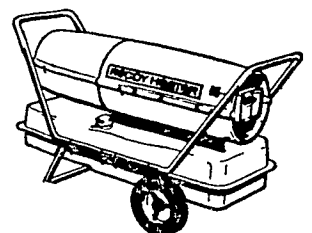
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