

15% of County Farmers Cut Acreage Diversion

Participation of Lancaster Co farmers in the 1970 wheat and feed grain diversion program is down about 15 per cent from 1969.

A total of 853 farms enrolled this year before the March 20 deadline, down from the 1,002 enrollment last year.

Miss Dorothy Neel, executive director of the Lancaster County Agricultural Stabilization and Conservation Service, said the primary reason for the drop appeared to be the higher wheat acreage diversion requirement this year.

While the wheat farmer in 1969 was required to keep only 15 per cent of his land out of production

Farm Accident Claims 4-Year-Old Leola Boy

A four-year-old Leola RD1 boy became the sixth person to die in a farm related accident in Lancaster County and the immediate vicinity this year.

The child, Wilmer Stoltzfoos Jr., was killed instantly when he was crushed under the wheel of a manure spreader on his father's farm about 1:50 p.m. Wednesday. He was the son of Wilmer and Lydia Fisher Stoltzfoos.

The child was buried Thursday in Myers Cemetery.

Of the six farm accidents in less than three months this year, five have involved a tractor or tractor-pulled implement. The sixth was a 15-year-old youth who died when he became caught in the auger mechanism of a feeding device. Two of those killed this year have been small children, one a teenager and three adult men.

Four persons died in accidents on the farm during 1969. The first one last year did not occur until April 24.

The Stoltzfoos child's father was reportedly driving the tractor to which the manure spreader was attached. He was apparently pulling away from the barn when the child fell beneath the wheel. Dr. H. S. Stauffer, deputy coroner from Bareville, declared the child dead at the scene.

The boy was born in Lancaster and attended Melitta Fellowship Church.

He is survived by his parents, three brothers and sisters all at home, Hanna, Sarah, Esther, Mahlon, Elam and Aden; his paternal grandparents, Elam B. and Annie Stoltzfoos, Leola RD1 and his maternal grandparents, Elam and Sarah Fisher, Gordonville RD1.

Nutrition Sales Appeal Urged for U.S. Public

Dr. Jean Mayer, special medical consultant to President Nixon, told a group of food marketers and advertising executives recently that an all-out effort on the part of food makers and retailers to bring nutrition before the American public is morally mandatory and would be inexpensive to achieve. "That all medical advances in the United States in the past 25 years have been wiped out by the decline in nutrition in the American diet."

He said that advertisers should concentrate more on nutrition and less on shape, taste and design on the package. The American public is ready to accept a nutrition sales approach, according to Dr. Mayer.

Food Stamp Program Reported Growing Fast

Impressive gains in participation and benefits are reported in areas that inaugurated Food Stamp Program changes in January and February. Assistant Secretary of Agriculture Richard E. Lyng has announced.

Participants in these areas are paying less and getting more — getting enough more Federal food stamps for their money to enable every family to buy a more nearly adequate diet. Soon, participants in all the food stamp areas in the Nation will be enjoying these greatly increased benefits.

In a sampling of 48 areas where the modified plan went into operation in February, participation increased more than 27 percent from January.

"These February results confirm the early results noted in January. In fact, the value of bonus coupons issued in February may reach \$50 million, which is about twice the value of bonus coupons issued in January," the Assistant Secretary said.

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in 1969, the minimum diversion was 30 per cent this year.

Many farmers reviewed the diversion program but decided they couldn't afford to set aside that much land, she said.

Some 742 farms were enrolled in the wheat grain program this year, compared with 894 last year.

The feed grain participation remained fairly stable with 356 farms this year and 361 in 1969. Some farms participate in both the wheat and feed grain programs.

On an acreage basis, 4,485 county acres are involved in the feed grain program, which includes corn, sorghum and barley, and 6,795 acres are in wheat.

Benefits were increased slightly in the wheat program this year. Certificate payments will be based on 48 per cent of the allotment, compared to 45 per cent in 1969.

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