

Set-aside Payment Checks Being Mailed to Farmers

Approximately 955,000 cotton, feed grain and wheat producers who certified compliance in the 1972 set-aside programs are being mailed a total of \$1.1 billion in early program payments authorized by the Agricultural act of 1970, it was announced by the U.S. Department of Agriculture. The checks were scheduled to arrive in many producers' hands July 1. Most producers are expected to receive their early payments by the end of July.

Payments under the set-aside programs are made to farmers who agree to set aside part of their land from production in order to meet a national objective of balancing supply and demand

in certain commodities. These payments help to offset the loss of returns from cropland that otherwise would be used for income-yielding production, and on which the farmer is obliged to continue to pay taxes and apply needed conservation steps, USDA explained. Payments to producers are limited to \$55,000 per person for each of the three crops under the 1970 Act.

Total payments for grains and cotton this year are expected to be about \$3.7 billion. Feed grain producers ultimately will get about \$1.9 billion, cotton producers about \$825 million, and wheat producers about \$1 billion.

Preliminary payments to wheat producers under the

Agricultural Act of 1970 are limited to 75 per cent of final payments. Final wheat certificate payments will be made

after Dec. 1. Feed grain and cotton farmers may or may not get a final payment, depending on market conditions.

Toxaphene Used In Cattle Tick Dips

An amendment to Federal regulations to allow use of toxaphene as a dip for cattle tick eradication was adopted by the U.S. Department of Agriculture. Previously, the regulations governing inter-state movement of animals permitted use only of arsenic, dioxathion and coumaphos.

The amendment became effective upon signature by an official of USDA's Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service. Both species of cattle ticks—*Boophilus microplus* and *Boophilus annulatus*—have been found in a quarantine zone in south Texas. The quarantine zone, necessary because of presence of the ticks in Mexico, extends from the mouth of the Rio Grande River 500 miles northwest to Amistad Dam near Del Rio and varies in width from a few yards to several miles.

APHIS officials have alerted cattle owners to watch for ticks and to submit specimens for identification. If fever ticks are found, infested and exposed cattle are dipped in tick-killing baths at regular intervals for at least one year.

To protect fish and wildlife, officials warn that after dipping, animals must be kept out of streams and ponds for at least seven days. Tests made at Beltsville, Md., have shown that until that much time elapses, animals retain enough dip solution on their legs and bodies to pollute water.

Happy Homemaking

By BARBARA BAKER

When all else fails to interest a child, fill a little bucket with water, and give him an old paintbrush. Let the child "paint" the outside of the house or the porch. The brick or cement will turn dark from the water and give him a sense of accomplishment (until it dries anyway).

When planting small seeds, use a big comb to draw tiny rows on well-pulverized soil. After sprinkling on the seeds, comb lightly in the opposite direction to cover them.

An easy way to attach buttons to your son's Scout shirts is to coat the back of each badge with any good mending glue, then press with a WARM iron on both sides. The glue is also a timesaver in hemming trousers.

Make several one-foot extension cords. The length is perfect for cords that just miss reaching the electrical outlets (so near and yet so far) and you do not have to roll up and hide all those extra feet of cord.

Farm Women Calendar

Saturday, July 15

1:30 p.m. — Farm Women Society 12 meeting.

Farm Women Society 13, bus trip, Ocean City, N. J.

Sunday, July 16

Farm Women Society 3, family picnic, Walter's Park near Hopeland.

Monday, July 17

7:30 p.m. — Farm Women Society 31 meeting.

Tuesday, July 18

6 p.m. — Farm Women Society 12, family picnic, Safeharbor Park.

Farm Women Society 23 meeting.

Thursday, July 20

Farm Women Societies 3 and 4, entertain guests, Conestoga View.

Farm Women Society 6, entertain County patients, Harrisburg State Hospital.

In the Kitchen

TOMATO GARLIC SALAD

2 sliced tomatoes
1 minced clove garlic
2 tbsps. vinegar
6 tbsps. oil
1 tsp. oregano
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Marinate ingredients in vinegar and oil for one hour and serve on a bed of greens with anchovies placed on top or toss with tomatoes.

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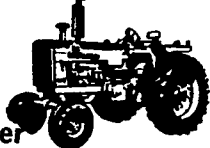
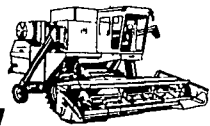
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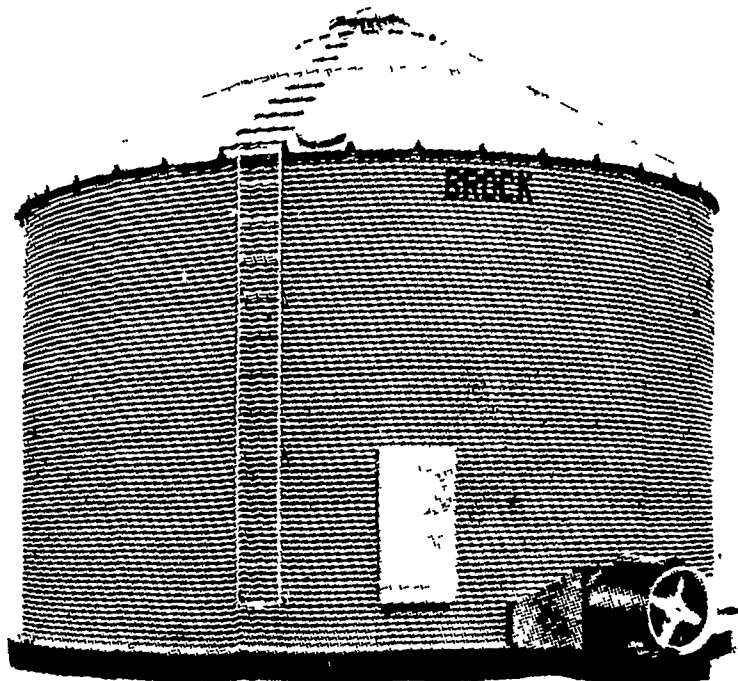
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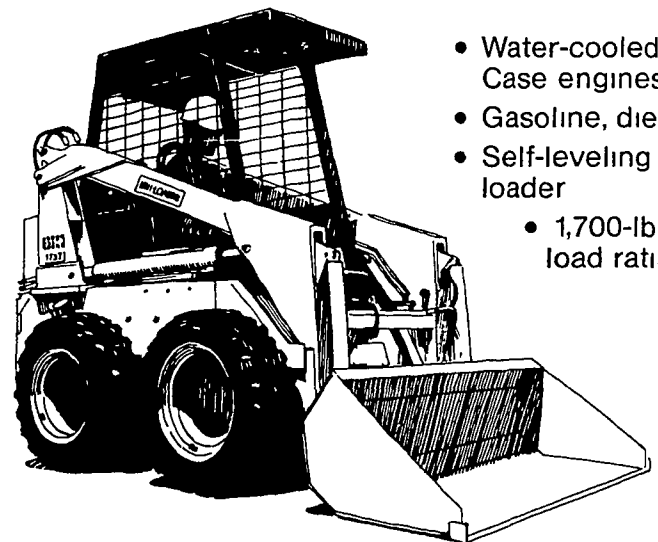
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