

'73 Farm Income Seen Equal to '72

Delegates to the National Agricultural Outlook Conference at the U.S. Department of Agriculture in Washington, D.C., Tuesday heard that 1973 gains in farm production expenses may slightly outdistance a rise in gross income leaving net farm income near \$19 billion, just below the \$19.2 of 1972.

Kyle Randall, chairman of the USDA's Outlook and Situation Board, said that cash receipts from farm marketings may increase eight percent from last year's record \$58½ billion. Livestock and products and crops should each contribute an increase of about \$2½ billion.

Cash receipts from cattle and calves will rise on added sales volume and higher prices. Hog producers will also see larger marketings and improved prices. Poultry cash receipts may increase \$750 million. Most of the expansion in crop income will be from grains and soybeans.

Direct government payments to producers are going to decline more than \$1 billion from the \$4 billion of 1972. Realized gross farm income, counting nonmoney income, will be about \$70 billion, some \$3½ billion over last year, according to Randall.

In outlining the production expense side he said, "a strong upward surge in expenses is likely, more than the \$3.2 billion recorded in 1972 and perhaps even more than the increase in 1973 realized gross. This could leave net farm income down a little, possibly less than \$19 billion." Although this would not quite match the 1972 record, it is considerably better than in most years.

The total personal income of farm people advanced \$3.7 billion in 1972, with nonfarm income providing just under half the gain. On a per capita basis, the disposable personal income of farm residents from all sources was a record \$3,179, up nearly \$350 from 1972.

The Outlook Conference was conducted February 20-22.

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