

1975 Feed Grain Details Announced

A 1975 national feed grain allotment of 89 million acres - the same as for 1974 - was announced recently by the U.S. Department of Agriculture.

The allotment represents the number of harvested acres of feed grains, based on the estimated national average yield, needed to produce the quantity of feed grains (less imports) that will be used domestically and for export during the 1975-76 marketing year. Projected 1975 per bushel feed grain yields on which the allotment is based are

93.0 for corn, 60.0 for grain sorghum and 45.5 for barley. The allotment does not represent a limit on acreage but is computed only for the purpose of distributing payments to producers should such payments be required.

The department today also announced:

The average loan rates in effect in 1974 for wheat and feed grains will be continued at the same levels for the 1975 crops. The present per bushel loan rates are \$1.37 for wheat, \$1.10 for corn, \$1.05 for grain sorghum

(\$1.88 per hundredweight), \$0.90 for barley, \$0.54 for oats and \$0.89 for rye.

There will be no loan programs for soybeans, dry edible beans, flaxseed, gum naval stores and honey, beginning with the 1975 crops. The department said little use has been made of the loan program for these permissive-support commodities in recent years because market prices are two to three times loan levels. Continuation of loan support on these commodities when not needed would require unnecessary administrative expenditures, the department pointed out.

Wheat and feed grain loans will no longer have identical maturity dates but will mature 12 months from the first day of the month in which the loan is made. This procedure should assure producers more flexibility in marketing crops under loan.

A purchase program for honey for which price support is mandatory will continue to be available.

Resale prices per bushel (not including carrying charges which vary) will be \$2.36 for wheat, \$1.59 for corn, \$1.51 for grain sorghum (\$2.70 per hundredweight) and \$1.30 for barley. This established rate of resale will assure producers that government-owned grain which may be acquired will not be used to drive market prices down to target levels. Oats and rye which do not have target prices will be resold at \$0.78 and \$1.28 per bushel averages, respectively, plus carrying charges, which makes the resale prices comparable to those commodities which do have target prices.

A resale policy on any honey acquired under the purchase program will be announced later.

On April 11 the department announced a 1975 national wheat allotment of 53.5 million acres. The allotment does not represent a limit on the amount of wheat that may be planted. It is used solely to determine what payments would be made to wheat growers if the national average market price for wheat during July-

Fulton Grange Holds Pie-Corn Contest

Fulton Grange 66 met on November 25th with Master Donald Trimble presiding. Colerain Grangers were guests for the evening.

It was decided to give a donation to the Arthritis Society. It was announced that Miss Elizabeth A. Lantz is the Miss Solanco Contestant under the sponsorship of the Grange.

Lecturer, Mrs. Joyce Holloway opened the program with reports on the State Grange from delegates, Mr. and Mrs. Gyles Brown. Comments were also given by other members who attended State Grange. Mrs. Ruth Ann Wood won a pumpkin by guessing the correct weight of it.

The winners of the corn and pie contest were named. Winners for their apple pie were Mrs. Ann Giffing - first; Esther Brown - second; and Mrs. Laura McSparran - third. Pumpkin Pie: Mrs. Delores Baker - first; Mrs. Dorothy Stauffer, second and Mrs. Marian Holloway third.

The contestants were awarded baking dishes as

prizes. Judges for the contest were Mrs. Glenn Myer and Mrs. William Fredd.

Prizes were awarded to the following men for their corn exhibit: Donald Trimble - first; Thomas Galbreath - second; Richard Maule - third; William Maule - fourth; Clifford Holloway, Jr. - fifth and Loren Brinton - sixth.

Prizes for the contest were donated by Red Rose Farm Supply, Agway, Lancaster Bone Fertilizer, A. L. Herr and Brothers, Ross H. Rohrer, Inc. and Robert Groff.

Jim Hilton, agriculture instructor at Penn Manor High School, was judge for the contest.

A slide presentation was given by Clifford Holloway.

The next meeting will be on December 9th when the Junior Grangers will present a Christmas pageant. There will be no meeting on December 23rd. The Grange will go Christmas caroling that evening with a gift exchange following.

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The March of Dimes works with local medical leaders in establishing regional perinatal medical services. "Perinatal" refers to the period from about the 20th week of pregnancy to the four weeks after birth.

November 1975 falls below \$2.05 a bushel. The 1974 national wheat allotment was 55 million acres and farmers planted 70 million acres.



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