

1975 Feed Grain, Soybean, Wheat Other Program Details Announced

A 1975 national feed grain allotment of 89 million acres - the same as for 1974 - was recently announced 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 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 these 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-November 1975 falls below \$2.05 a bushel. The 1974 national wheat allotment was 55 million acres and farmers planted 70 million

ASCS Picks Garber For Chairman

B. Snavely Garber, Willow Street, RD2, was elected chairman of the Lancaster County Agricultural Stabilization and Conservation Committee yesterday.

Garber succeeds Fred G. Seldomridge as chairman who is retiring after serving two years as a community committeeman and 18 years on the county committee.

Paul B. Kline, Lititz, was elected vice chairman.

Filling Seldomridge's vacancy on the county committee is Vincent H. Hoover, New Providence RD2, who was elected to a three-year term.

LeRoy H. Welk, Quarryville RD3, was elected first alternate member and Harold W. Ney, Marietta RD1, was elected

second alternate member for one-year terms.

The ASC committee is responsible for administration of various USDA programs including the Rural Environmental Conservation Program, Wheat and Feed Grain Programs, Price Support Loan Programs, Wool Incentive Program and Emergency Conservation Programs.

Yule Log

Burning the traditional Yule Log is a practice adopted from the Scandinavians. They used to kindle huge bonfires in honor of the winter solstice.

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