USDA to determine 1977 national wheat allotment

Agriculture has called for public comment on the proposed size of the 1977 National wheat allotment.

Under current legislation, the allotment is used as a basis for making payments to wheat growers if the market price for wheat falls below the established (target) price or if growers qualify for disaster payments. The allotment in no way constrains, nor sets a limit, on the amount of wheat thay may be planted.

Legislation provides that the Secretary of Agriculture proclaim a 1977 national wheat acreage allotment not later than April 15, 1976. The national allotment shall be the number of acres which

The U.S. Department of the Secretary determines on the basis of the estimated national average yield will produce the quantity (less imports) that he estimates will be used domestically and for export during the

marketing year for the crop.
If the Secretary determines that carryover stocks are excessive or an increase in stocks is needed to assure a desirable carryover, he may adjust the allotment by the amount he determines will accomplish the desired decrease or increase in carryover stocks.

Prior to determining the 1977 national allotment, consideration will be given to data, views and recommendations relative to estimates of the national

yield, domestic utilization of wheat, exports, carryover and other data pertinent to determination. The the public may submit recommendations in writing to the Director, Grain, Cotton Oilseeds, and Division, Agricultural Stabilization and Conservation Service, U.S. Department of Agriculture, Washington, D.C. 20250. Submissions must be

received by the director not later than April 8. These comments will be available for public inspection in the Director's office.



One of two individual truck drivers to receive very special recognition during an Agway sprayer inspection was Vernon Frankhauser (left) Lancaster. Presenting the award was

Don Hazard, program manager for the motor transportation service of Agway. Tom Malinowski of Ironton also won a similar award.



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Agway drivers honored

By MELISSA PIPER

MANHEIM - Four Agway employees recently received special driver recognition awards during a sprayer seminar - inspection clinic held at the Agway feed plant here.

Frankhauser, Vernon Lancaster and Tom Malinowski, Ironton were honored with awards of excellance for their efforts in individual truck maintenance.

Steve Kurtz, New Holland and Gerald Martin. Lebanon, were recognized for their maintenance efforts dealing with individual trucks and sprayer equipment.

The awards presented following a driver training seminar and sprayer inspection conducted by the motor transportation service of the Agway Company.

Two specialists from the transportation service were on hand for the day-long program. Don Hazard, program manager, inspected the 18 trucks representing 12 southeastern Pa. counties, for chassis safety and condition as well as individual maintenance.

Art McLaughlin was on hand to inspect the sprayer equipment for efficient control and safety.

The rigid inspection was carried out not only for Agway's own benefit but for the customer who uses their sprayer services.

"Because of increased environmental protection laws, we are putting more emphasis on safety and efficiency," explained Harold Mengel, Agway's crops specialist. "The work we do here will aid the customer in many ways."

Jack Reed, manager of the Lebanon Agway Weigh-in Division, coordinated the inspection and training programs.

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