Crop insurance hits new high

under way, about \$2 billion that farmers have invested in farm crop production are protected by federal crop insurance, Secretary of Agriculture Earl L Butz announced recently.

"Although we are still selling 1976 crop insurance for such crops as citrus," Secretary Butz reported, "this \$2 billion of federal crop insurance protection is already the highest in history.

The acreage and number of crops protected by federal crop insurance have risen sharply this year. An estimated 22 million acres have now been insured against production cost losses from natural hazards, Butz said.

The \$2 billion of protection is a 25 percent increase over

last year. Federal crop insurance every now protects farmers in 1,467 counties in 39 states. Federal tary, self-help service into a community when permitting farmers to weather, insects or disease protect their crop in- have wiped out the area's

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With the 1976 crop year well of the 24 varieties of crops on which the insurance is available. Some specialty crops, such as citrus, raisins, and peaches, are insured only against loss from particular causes such as freeze and wind damage. The service operates like any other insurance plan, with farmers paying yearly premiums based on local crop production and loss history and with payments for loss being paid from this premium fund.

"This is a cooperative program," Butz said, 'which helps growers take a business-like approach to the problem of protecting their capital investments, their credit and their community economic strength. When crop damage hits an area, it hurts everyone for miles around - merchants. equipment dealers, bankers business and profession feels the loss. Federal crop insurance is crop insurance is a volun- meant to put money back vestment against loss from major source of income.

WASHINGTON, D.C. — all natural hazards to most Thus, the higher the per- loan collateral is becoming centage of insured farmers in each county, the greater the protection of the economic stability of the area, the state and the nation.

"With credit becoming increasingly important to farmers, the use of federal crop insurance policies as

an important management tool for farm operations.

"The combination of credit value and investment protection offered by federal crop insurance is a major factor in the continuing growth and public acceptance of this service to agriculture "

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The secretary said that import prospects will be Public Law 88-482 enacted reviewed quarterly. The Import Law will be made if yearly imports of certain of meat subject to the Meat nounced on or before Oct. 1.

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vested acres of corn for grain, hav and tobacco in 1976 are expected to be more than last year in Pennsylvania, but there are fewer acres of oats, winter wheat, barley, rye and soybeans, according to the Crop Reporting Service. These expectations are based on

conditions as of June 1.
At the U.S. level, acreage for harvest is expected to exceed last year for corn and rye but be lower for other crops.

Expected acres to be harvested in Pennsylvania and changes from 1975 are, corn for grain, 1,600,000 acres, up three per cent; all hay, 1,980,000 acres, up one per cent; tobacco, 12,500 acres, up four per cent; oats, 365,000 acres, down three per cent; winter wheat, 315,000 acres, down nine per cent; barley, 147,000 acres, down

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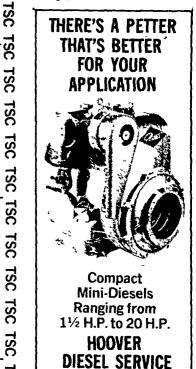
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too small to have any influence and had no money for political contributions. Thanks to 100,000 fellow Americans, we are not small any more. I hope Congress can help the consumer and these farmers."

The sentiments of 100,000 Pennsylvanians was sumed up by Gilbert Thompson of Valley Forge, who has put a large sign on his farm comparing the 1776 war to the 1976 problems the Federal government had brought to him.

Thompson said: "Tyrany was stopped at Valley Forge 200 years ago. We will stop it again if all Americans across this country join with us. We need people in public life who will serve the public and not try to force us to our knees. We are asking people all over America to join with us to help lift the control of bureaucracy over every facet of our lives. We were given a free country. Whether we keep it is up to

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