

Feed grain/wheat program sign up May 15

WASHINGTON—Farmers wishing to participate in the feed grain and/or wheat programs with the Agricultural Stabilization and Conservation Service have until May 15 to sign up.

Secretary of Agriculture Bob Bergland has extended the sign-up period for the program(s) from May 1 through May 15 because of changes announced March 29 in the program(s). On that date Secretary Bergland authorized additional diversion of cropland under the Feed Grain Program and permitted Wheat Program participants to graze out their wheat or harvest hay on a percentage of their planted acreage.

Payments will be made to farmers who set aside cropland equal to 20 per cent of their 1978 corn, sorghum, or barley acreage planted for harvest. The 20 per cent set-aside may be made from each crop separately. A minimum of 10 per cent set-aside will be required based on the total feed grains planted. However, payment will be made only when the 10 per cent additional set-aside is made. The individual feed grain (e.g. corn) acreage will be limited to the 1977 acreage of each participating crop. Also, the total acreage of NCA crops grown plus the set-aside acreage will be limited to the acreage grown in 1977. NCA means "normal crop

acreage for the farm." The crops included in the NCA for Pennsylvania are corn, barley, sorghum, wheat, oats, rye, potatoes, sweet corn, soybeans, edible beans, and sunflowers. Program payments for

each feed grain are computed on the acreage of each crop being produced in 1978. Payment rates are 20 cents/bushel (ASCS farm yield) for corn, 12 cents/bushel for barley, and 12 cents/bushel for sorghum.

Average Pennsylvania payments based on acreage to be set aside by participants in the corn additional set-aside will approximate \$80/acre. Wheat set-aside participants may graze, make

hay, or ensile wheat acreage up to a maximum equal to the higher of 50 acres or 40 per cent of their feed grain and wheat acreage (the wheat must be hayed or grazed prior to the soft dough stage).

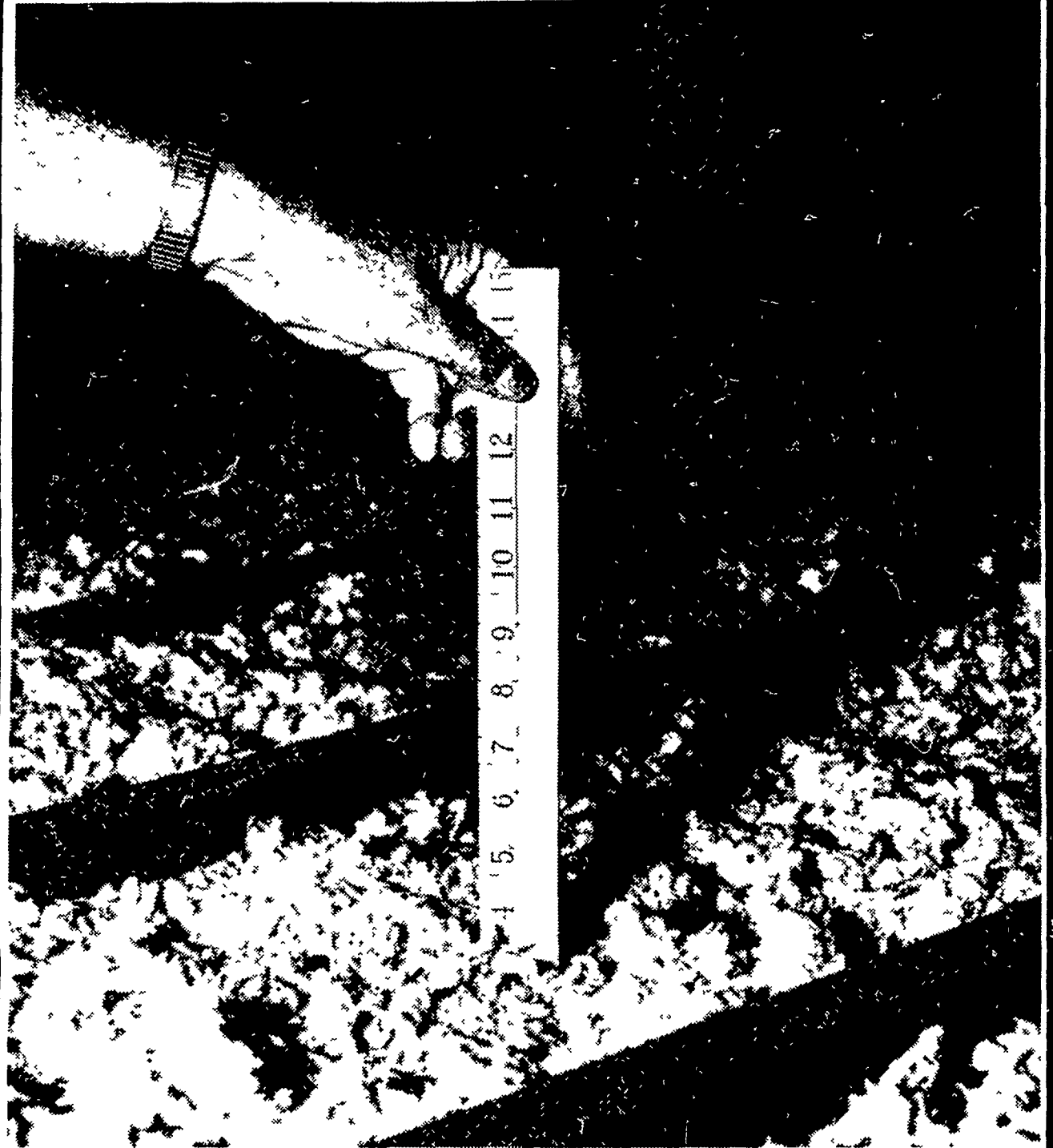
Participants will also be eligible for price support, disaster benefits, and deficiency payments for 1978 crops.

Needlework show planned

BOYERTOWN — The Boyertown Area Historical Society will hold its Fourth Annual Quilt and Needlework Show at 43 South Chestnut Street, Boyertown. Dates and times are May 6, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. and May 7, Noon to 6 p.m. Donation is \$1 for adults, children under 16 admitted free if accompanied by an adult.

the Berks County region will be on display. Needlework on exhibition will include samplers, Pennsylvania German show towels, Victorian embroidery and bead work, and crocheted, tatted, and woven articles dating from the late 1700's to the 1920's. The Historical Society, a non-profit, incorporated organization, is planning and operating the event.

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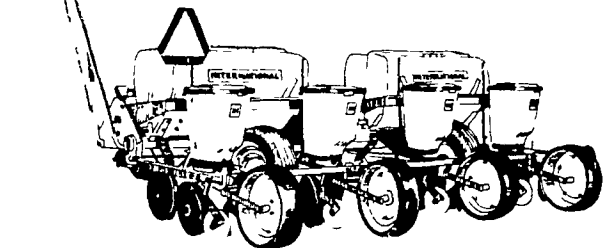
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