

USDA releases book on farm structure

WASHINGTON, D.C. - A book on structural issues in American agriculture - how farming is organized, who controls it and where it is heading - has been released by the U.S. Department of Agriculture.

The report by the USDA's Economics, Statistics, and Cooperative Service outlines the evolution of technology, economic and social relationships, public policies affecting agricultural structure and the direction these forces might take in the future.

The issues contained in the report, and other factors involving agricultural structure, will be discussed at the 10 public hearings Secretary of Agriculture Bob Bergland will hold around the country. The first will be held in Montpelier, Vt. Tuesday, November 27th at the Tavern Motor Inn at 100 State Street between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m.

"We have an unprecedented opportunity to begin considering the effects of our current programs and the kind of agricultural structure that will best serve society and our family farm operators in the years ahead," Secretary Bergland says in the report's foreword.

Bergland said the report is a beginning for the structure dialogue he called for last March. The 36 articles the report contains summarize our knowledge and pose questions which must be

closely examined in the decade ahead, he said.

Topics explored in the report include the concentration of agriculture and marketing into fewer and larger units, rapidly increasing land prices, barriers to young potential farmers, the rapid depletion of natural resources such as ground water and prime farm land, the persistence of economic distress for a significant group of farmers at a time when farm income is generally rising and the vulnerability of farmers to dependence on energy consuming technology.

Bergland said he believes U.S. agriculture is at a turning point. "Fundamental changes are taking place in agriculture and in the broader economic and social environment in

which the agricultural sector operates," he said. "Public decisions that are made in the next decade will have a profound influence on the quality of life in our rural communities."

Single free copies of "Structure Issues of American Agriculture," (AER-438) are available from ESCS Publications, room 0054-S, U.S. Department of Agriculture, Washington, D.C. 20250. Please include your zip code.

USDA officials said that interested persons could still request time to speak at one of the meetings. Such requests should be sent to: Project Coordinator, Structure of Agriculture, USDA, Washington, D.C. 20250. Include your name, mailing address, phone number, organization

represented (if any), and a brief identification of the issues you will address.

Scheduled speakers will be notified of the time they will appear on the program.

Persons unable to attend one of the meetings should send their comments to the project coordinator. They will be made a part of the public record.

Persons who are not selected as scheduled speakers, are nevertheless encouraged to attend one of the meetings, since the agenda will allow for impromptu comments and questions from the audience. In addition, it would enable them to submit written comments to the Project Coordinator based on discussions that took place at the meeting.

Grain sorghum removal from reserve withdrawn

WASHINGTON, D.C. - Sorghum may no longer be withdrawn from the farmer-owned grain reserve without penalty since the national average market price is \$4.03 per hundredweight, 21 cents below the \$4.24 reserve release level, according to Ray Fitzgerald, executive vice president of Commodity Credit Corporation.

Fitzgerald said this decision was made following a review by CCC of the U.S.

Department of Agriculture's Agricultural Prices report.

Fitzgerald said reserve barley remains in call status and release will continue through Nov. 30 for wheat, corn, oats and rice. On Nov. 30 the national average market prices of these commodities will again be reviewed to determine their reserve status.

Fitzgerald said the national average market prices for the commodities remaining in release status

(with the reserve release levels in parentheses) are: Oats \$1.30 per bushel (\$1.29); rice \$10.20 per hundredweight (\$8.96); wheat \$3.90 per bushel (\$3.29). Corn was released in October and therefore is not subject to review until November 30.

Storage earnings will continue uninterrupted for sorghum. No storage payments will be made for barley, rice or wheat. For oats, storage will continue to be earned in Pennsylvania, Michigan, Nebraska, New York, North Carolina, North Dakota, South Dakota and Wisconsin where the market price is below the release level.

Data used by CCC in determining the release and call levels include five-day average prices as reported by the department's Agricultural Marketing Service, which show prices received by farmers issued today by the department's Economics, Statistics and Cooperatives Service. This end-of-month report shows the previous month's average price and the current mid-month price.

Yorkshire sale averages \$249

LEBANON - The 12th production sale of LeAnn Yorkshire Farm was held last Friday at the Lebanon Fairgrounds.

About 40 bidders present brought the sale total to \$26,105 on 105 head. Sale average was \$248.62.

Twenty-four registered bred gilts sold for an average \$294. Twenty commercial bred gilts sold for an average \$163.

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