

Crop insurance program expands, changes several features

HARRISBURG — Three new counties have been added to the Crop Insurance program in Pennsylvania. Several different rates of coverage also are available.

In addition, the entire Crop Insurance program may undergo some dramatic changes in the near future.

Farmers in Berks, Northumberland, and Crawford counties now are eligible for coverage of several spring planted crops.

Berks County is the only county in the state which will offer coverage for soybean growers in 1980. But that may soon change.

Johnnie Perdue, district director for the 11 southeastern Pennsylvania counties covered by the Federal Crop Insurance Corporation, said Tuesday the FCIC plans to insure any crop in any county where 1000 or more acres of the crop are grown for commercial use.

The target date for full implementation of the program is 1985.

Another change will be contracting with private industry to do the insurance sales. Perdue said FCIC feels private firms have the sales expertise to do a better

job of getting policies for farmers.

The paperwork will be administered by ASCS.

The move to assure insurance for any major crop produced in any county is part of a government move to do away with the 29 disaster programs currently offered at various times to farmers.

"It's a move to insurance rather than a give-away," Perdue said.

Variable coverages also will be offered to farmers.

A farmer can insure his crop for 50 percent, 65 percent, or 75 percent of its expected total value.

While allowing reduced premiums, the percentage coverages also provide coverage for only a portion of the crop.

FCIC said it figures about one out of every 12 acres planted in the United States never reaches harvest. It may be lost to weather, insects, disease, or other disaster.

The insurance is available

only to owners of the insured crops who may be individuals, partnerships, corporations, or other legal entities.

A tenant and landlord may apply for insurance individually.

Producers are given insurance contracts. But a producer does not have to reapply each year. The insurance on each crop remains in force until canceled in writing either by the farmer or FCIC

Both quality and quantity losses can be insured under the program.

Perdue said there are a number of advantages to the USDA-sponsored insurance programs beyond keeping a farmer from being wiped out.

For instance, having an insurance policy increases the farmers collateral value since he then can show his banker that he will indeed get some return from the seed money he borrows.

Even if not in the form of sales of crops, the farmer can expect an indemnity payment on his crops.

Because it is expanding its programs, FCIC anticipates having some sort of program available in almost every farm county in the country.

To allow administration to keep up with the expanded scope of the crop insurance program, a new regional office has been opened in Harrisburg.

The office is at Suite 320, 75 S. Houcks Road, Harrisburg, 17109. Phone number is 717/782-4803.

The office is located near the Dauphin County Agricultural Extension offices.—CH

Quintuplet kids surprise Port Royal family



The Hockenberry family, Port Royal, had a grand surprise recently. A goat they bought last year as the children's 4-H project presented them with quintuplets, 3 does and 2 bucks. Shown with the kids at one day old are: Glenn and Edna Hockenberry and Glenda, age 10 and Jason, 8. The kids were named Cincin, Nannerl, Bumpkin, Patch and Punch.

Wrightstown 4-H club is Bucks volleyball champ

DOYLESTOWN — Wrightstown 4-H Club captured the 1980 Bucks County 4-H Volleyball Championship in recent tournament play at Central Bucks West gym in Doylestown.

Over 110 4-H members participated in the contest.

Chris Belke, captain of the Wrightstown team, led the

team to a record of 7 wins and 1 loss in the round-robin tournament. Ted Goll, Newtown, was the team's adult advisor. The winning team received a plaque.

Three teams played to a three-way tie for second place with equal records of 6 wins and 2 losses. Tied were: Unami 4-H Club, Matt Anderson and Bill Worthington, co-captains; Richboro 4-H Club, Beth Shultz and Tom Reynolds, co-captains; and South Horse and Pony 4-H Club, Kilian Brech, captain.

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