

Jr. Shorthorn producers receive awards

OMAHA, Nebr. — Three members of the American Junior Shorthorn Association have been named scholarship winners during activities at the North American International Livestock Exposition in Louisville, Ky. The winners of the Shorthorn Foundation-Don Longley Memorial Scholarships are Shad Marston, Canton, Ky.; Deborah Stout, Kremlin, Ok.; and Daniel Shoufler, Greenfield, In.

Marston, son of Mr. and Mrs. William Marston, is a 10-year 4-H member, having served as president and vice president for two years each, and three years as a 4-H Council member.

He has served as president of the Kansas Junior Shorthorn Association, and as vice president of the Kansas Junior Livestock Association. He presently is serving on the board of directors of the American Junior Shorthorn Association. He plans to attend Kansas State University at Manhattan, majoring in animal science.

Stout has also selected an animal science major for when she begins college at Oklahoma State University in Stillwater. The daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Don Stout, she has served as president and secretary of her 4-H club, and is winner of numerous livestock

judging contests. She has worked on a number of Shorthorn promotional projects and was the winner of the 1981 national Shorthorn speech contest. She has won numerous 4-H awards in beef production and agriculture.

Shoufler, the son of Mr. and Mrs. Jim Shoufler, plans to attend Purdue University, West Lafayette, In., majoring in animal science and agricultural com-

munications. He has been a 4-H member for eight years and is a four-year FFA member.

Rodney K. Dedmon, Shelby, N.C., was named the Outstanding Junior Shorthorn Breeder by the American Junior Shorthorn Association. The young cattleman, the son of Roy and Ruth Dedmon, is a 1980 graduate of the Agricultural Institute of North

Carolina State University in livestock management and technology. He presently is managing the family's 50-head cow herd and plans an expansion program aimed at maintaining excellence through performance testing.

The second annual Herdsman of the Year Award, also sponsored by the American Junior Shorthorn

Association, was also presented during the Louisville activities. This year's recipient, selected by his peers at the National Shorthorn Show, was Dave Steck, Wataga, Il. Steck is presently in partnership with his father, Darrel, in a family Shorthorn operation and the young cattleman also fits show cattle on a custom basis for other Shorthorn and Polled Shorthorn breeders.

1981-crop wheat, barley producers receive deficiency payments

WASHINGTON, D.C. — Eligible wheat farmers will receive an estimated \$420 million in deficiency payments on their 1981 crop, while barley farmers will get about \$50 million, according to Everett Rank, Administrator of the U.S. Department of Agriculture's Agricultural

Stabilization and Conservation Service.

Eligible wheat and barley producers can receive deficiency payments for 1981 wheat and barley crops. Payments will be 15 cents per bushel for wheat and 11 cents per bushel for barley based on county ASCS established yields

for the farm.

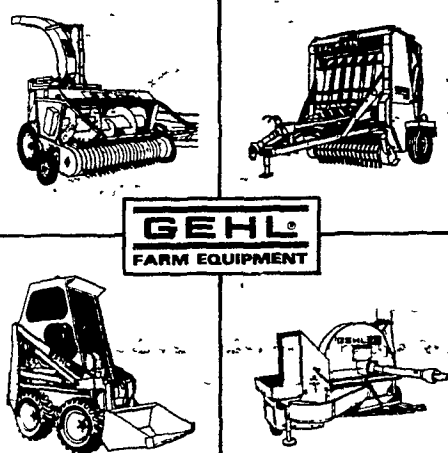
Payments will be made as soon after December 10 as possible. Eligible producers are those who have reported 1981 wheat and barley acreage to the county ASCS office.

Deficiency payments are required under the 1981 wheat and barley programs because average market prices received by farmers during the first five months (June through October) of the marketing year were below established target price levels of \$3.81 for wheat and \$2.60 for barley.

National weighted average market prices were \$3.66 per bushel for wheat and \$2.49 per bushel for barley. Thus, eligible producers will be paid 15 cents per bushel for their 1981-crop wheat and 11 cents per bushel for this year's barley.

The 1981 wheat crop totaled about 2.75 billion bushels, while the

1981 barley crop was about 476 million bushels. USDA estimates place the average farm price for these crops this year at \$3.80 to \$3.95 per bushel for wheat and \$2.45 to \$2.60 for barley. If these estimates prove correct, the value of the 1981 wheat crop would be between \$10.44 and \$10.85 billion, while the barley crop would be worth between \$1.17 and \$1.24 billion.



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