

Farmers sign 101.3 million acres into reduced program

WASHINGTON D.C. — Farmers have signed up in 1982 acreage reduction programs 101.3 million acres of feed grain, rice, upland cotton and wheat base acreage according to figures released last week by the U.S. Department of Agriculture. The enrolled acreage represents 44.8 percent of the 226 million acres of total base acreage.

Just the week before, USDA reported 73.5 million acres had been enrolled.

The signup, which continued through April 16, was required for farmers to be eligible for program benefits such as Commodity Credit Corporation loans, target price protection and — for wheat and feed grain participants — eligibility for the grain reserve.

Base acreage enrolled through April 2 includes 47.1 million under the feed grain program, 2 million under the rice program, 7.9 million under the upland cotton program and 44.3 million under the wheat program.

Farmers who signed up to participate in the acreage reduction programs for upland cotton, rice and wheat agreed to reduce their base acreage of these commodities by at least 15 percent while feed grain producers

voluntarily reduced their base acreage by 10 percent. The acreage taken out of production will be devoted to a conservation use.

The 1982-crop national average

loan rates are: barley, \$2.08 per bushel; corn, \$2.55 per bushel; oats, \$1.31 per bushel; sorghum, \$2.42 per bushel; wheat, \$3.55 per bushel; rice, \$8.14 per hundredweight; upland cotton, \$0.5708

per pound.

Reserve loan rates are: barley, \$2.37 per bushel; corn, \$2.90 per bushel; oats, \$1.49 per bushel; sorghum, \$2.75 per bushel; wheat,

\$4.00 per bushel.

Target prices for the 1982 crops are: barley, \$2.60; corn, \$2.70; oats, \$1.50; sorghum, \$2.60; wheat, \$4.05; rice, \$10.85; upland cotton, \$0.71.

Governor proclaims "Keep PA Beautiful" Month

HARRISBURG — Governor Dick Thornburgh has proclaimed the month of May as "Keep Pennsylvania Beautiful" month.

As part of the month-long effort, the Transportation Department will be coordinating litter prevention and clean-up activities throughout the Commonwealth's 67 counties on "Keep Pennsylvania Beautiful Day," slated for May 1.

"This year's theme—'Take Pride, Don't Litter'—encourages all of us to join together in a conscious effort to keep Pennsylvania beautiful and preserve our natural resources for future generations," Thornburgh said.

"Litter detracts from the Commonwealth's beauty and requires the expenditure of millions of tax dollars to keep our state clean and safe. Litter is also a health hazard. Debris along

highways can cause traffic accidents, while broken glass and other litter in parks and playgrounds can cause serious injuries. Illegal dumping, along with careless handling of residential and commercial trash, attracts rodents and insects that can spread disease," he said.

Last spring, more than 23,000 volunteers collected a record 2,094 tons of litter from state highways. At least 30,000 volunteers are expected this year. Participation has steadily grown since the program began in 1975.

"Woodsy the Owl," on loan from the U.S. Forest Service, acts as the program's mascot.

All participants will receive orange safety vests to wear while collecting litter along rural and secondary roads, 1982 Keep Pennsylvania Beautiful Day Patch

and a Certificate of Appreciation signed by Gov. Thornburgh and Transportation Secretary Thomas D. Larson.

Any interested citizen or group

should contact the nearest county maintenance office of the Transportation Department for participation details.

The rain date for this activity is May 8.



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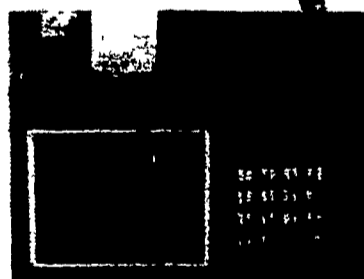
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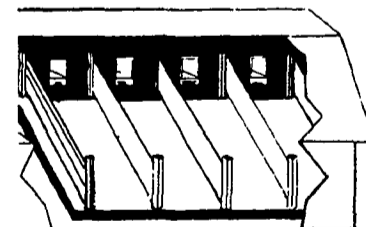
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