Wheat, barley farmers to receive deficiency payments

wheat farmers soon will receive an estimated \$475 million indeficiency payments on their 1982 crop, while barley farmers will get about \$60 million, according to the Agricultural Stabilization and Conservation Service.

Deficiency payments are required under the 1962 wheat and barley programs because average market prices received by farmers during the first five months (June

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WASHINGTON, D.C. - Eligible year were below established target price levels of \$4.05 per bushel for wheat and \$2.60 for barley.

No deficiency payments are required for oats as the five-month weighted average market price of \$1.50 per bushel is the same at the \$1.50 target price.

The deficiency payment rate is based on the difference between the established target price and the higher of the national weighted

National weighted average market prices were \$3.34 per bushel for wheat and \$2.20 per bushel for barley. Thus, eligible producers will be paid 50 cents per bushel for their 1982-crop wheat based on the \$3.55 loan rate and 40 cents per bushel for this year's barley based on the national weighted average market price.

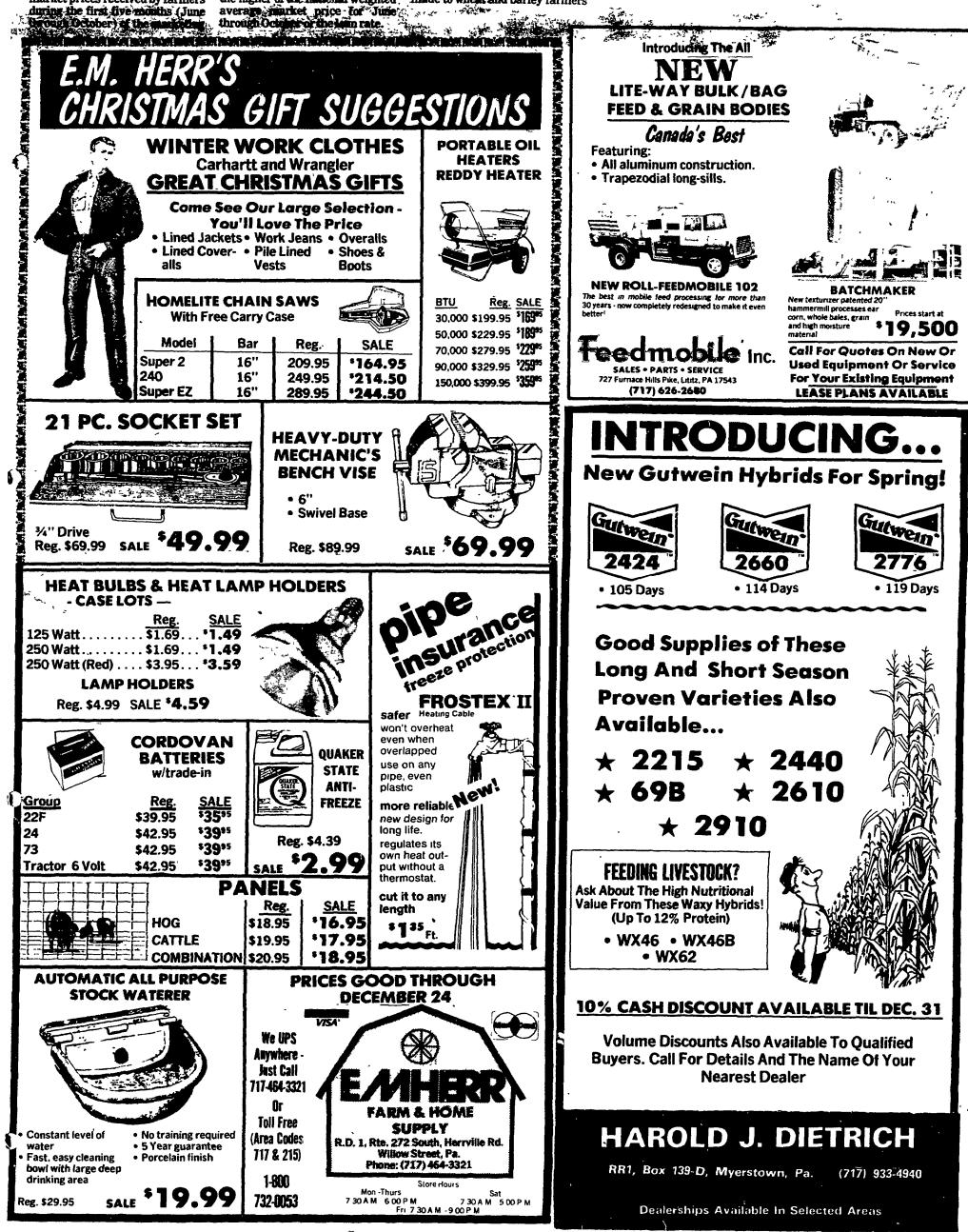
Deficiency payments will be made to wheat and barley farmers

who participated in the 1982 on these complying farms was 33.0 acreage reduction programs. The payment checks will be issued through local ASCS offices.

The total base acreage for the 1982 wheat program was 90.7 million acres of which 43.8 million acces participated in the program. The total acres planted for harvest

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For the 1982 barley program, the total base acreage was 10.5 million acres with 4.8 million acres participating in the program. The acres planted for harvest on the complying farms was 3.5 million.



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