

1984 feed grain program stresses conservation

MARION, Ia. — Secretary of Agriculture John R. Block has announced a 10 percent acreage reduction for "acreage conservation reserve purposes" for the 1984 feed grain program. Program signup period will be Jan. 16 - Feb. 24, the same as for the 1984 wheat program.

"I am referring to the 1984 program as an acreage conservation reserve to give special emphasis to the administration's objective," Block said. "We want to encourage farmers to place their more erosive land into

conservation uses while continuing to balance supply and demand during 1984. The current payment-in-kind program accomplished this, and our goal in 1984 is to encourage a continuation of this very important conservation practice."

Block said participation in the 1984 program is a way in which farmers can control over-supply situations similar to what they have just faced. "It will also provide a degree of insurance for farmers against price fluctuation and adverse weather conditions," Block said. "The point is, it is not always in the farmer's best interest to plant fence row to fence row."

Regular Commodity Credit Corporation price support loan and purchase rates, per bushel, will be: corn, \$2.55; sorghum, \$2.42; barley, \$2.08; oats, \$1.31; rye, \$2.17.

Other 1984 feed grain program provisions include:

—To be eligible for price support benefits, a producer must agree to limit corn, sorghum, oats and barley acreage planted for harvest to not more than 90 percent of the farm's feed grain base and devote to an acreage conservation reserve an acreage of eligible cropland equal to 11.11 percent of the 1984 planted acreage. As under the 1983 program, two bases will be

established, one for corn and sorghum and the other for barley and oats.

—The 1984 acreage base will be in the average of the acreage planted and considered planted to feed grains in 1982 and 1983.

—Land designated for acreage conservation reserve use must have been devoted to row crops or small grains in two of the last three years except for a summer fallow farm. In the case of summer fallow, acreage conservation reserve use acreage must be land that would have been planted to small grains or row crops in 1984 in the absence of the 1984 feed grain program. The land must be

protected from wind and water erosion throughout the year.

—Offsetting and cross compliance will not apply to the 1984 program.

—No advance deficiency payments.

—Haying will not be permitted on the conservation use acreage. However, the acreage may be grazed except during the six principal growing months.

—As in the 1983 program, waxy corn will be included, but not popcorn or sweet corn.

—Malting barley will not be exempted from the program.

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Sale Reports

The Royal '83 Sale was held October 1 by the Royal Charolais Co., at their farm in Greensburg, Pa. It was a good sale and a large crowd attended.

There were 52 lots sold to 33 buyers from 15 states and 5 Canadian Provinces. The total of the sale was \$165,925 with an average of \$3191. The polled bulls averaged \$7625, the cows averaged \$4296, the bred heifers averaged \$2563 and the open heifers averaged \$1310.

The top priced bull, RCC Royal Powerhouse 3838 sold a half interest to a group in Canada for \$18,000.

The top priced female, RCC Royal Tempress 3027, bred to RCC Royal Constructor was sold for \$12,600 to Retherford Ranch, Prescott, Arizona. Her heifer calf, born March 6, 1983 sold for \$7000 to Grassy Forks Farm, Catawba, N. Carolina.

The top bred heifer sold for \$10,300 (RCC Royal Heiress 3823) to Roger Chabot, Montmagny, Quebec Province, Canada.

The sale manager was Buzz Garey.

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A 2-day Auction of fine antiques was held September 30 and October 1 by Mrs. Ruth Moxley, 601 Priestford Rd., Churchville, Maryland. The sale was well attended.

The 55 Commemorative Colt pistols averaged \$435 and ranged from 1964 to 1970. Other prices included: J.D. 4030 tractor \$10,700, Woods 10' mower \$1725, big Victorian Shelf \$2000, 48" S roll-top desk \$1725, marble top sideboard \$950, big hand-carved rocker \$1600, Victorian bed w/90" headboard & vanity \$2700, marble top pedestal table \$1300, 3 pc. cherry Chippendale bedroom suite w/canopy \$1700, 5 pcs. Victorian livingroom set \$2300, Victorian side chairs \$150 to \$300 each, 2 pc. Victorian suite \$975, Federal Empire sofa \$625, low cherry china closet \$835, blue glaze earthenware jug \$525, and 3 gal. jug \$150.

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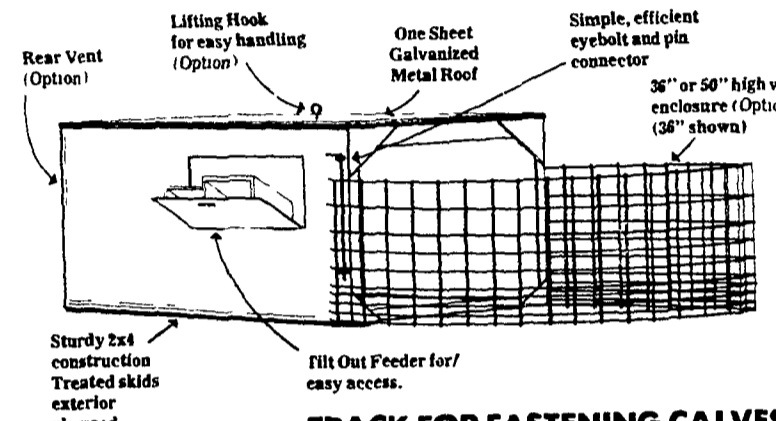
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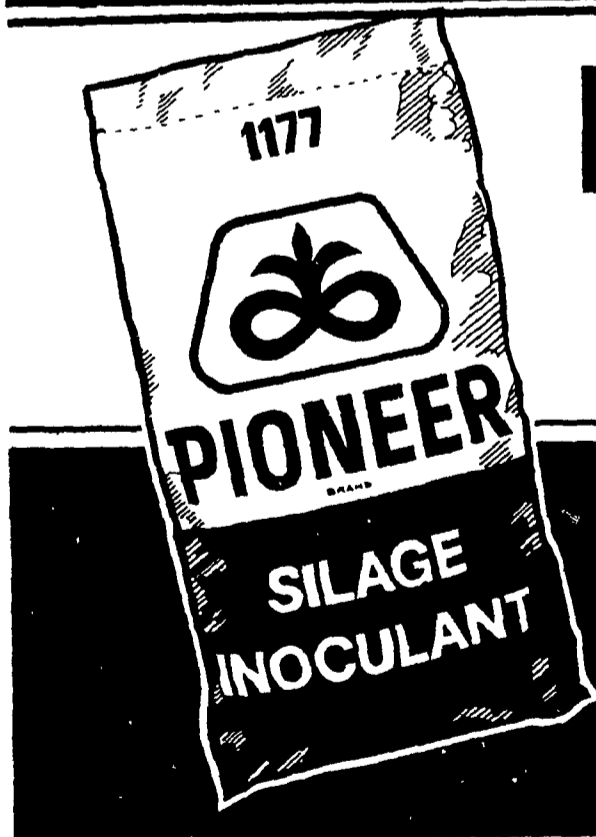
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