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Crop producers to receive deficiency payments

farmers soon will receive an estimated \$735 to \$765 million in deficiency payments on their 1963 crop, barley farmers will get about \$35 to \$40 million, and oats farmers about \$7 to \$10 million, according to Chairman of Berks County Agricultural Stabilization and Conservation Committee (ASCS) USDA.

Everett Rank, Administrator for ASCS, said deficiency payments are required under the 1963 wheat, barley, and oats programs because average market prices received by farmers during the first five months (June through October) of

LEESPORT - Eligible wheat the marketing year were below 21 cents per bushel for this year's established target price levels of \$4.30 per bushel for wheat, \$2.60 for barley, and \$1.60 for oats.

> The deficiency payment rate is based on the difference between the established target price and the higher of the national weighted average market price for June through October or the loan rate.

> National weighted average market prices were \$3.51 per bushel for wheat, \$2.39 per bushel for barley, and \$1.49 for oats. Thus, eligible producers will be paid 65 cents per bushel for their 1963-crop wheat based on the \$3.65 loan rate,

Pins and Needles 4-H Club

Two new members joined the Pins & Needles 4-H Club at their most recent meeting. They are Melissa Gushing and Samantha Christy. Committees were formed for the club's Christmas party. Members have worked on cloth

Christmas trees, Christmas baskets and scarecrows during their Arts & Crafts meetings. Members will meet Dec. 19 at the Gronsky home on Blackbrook Road in Hampton for the annual Christmas party.

barley, and 11 cents for oats, based on the national weighted average market price.

Deficiency payments will be made to wheat, barley, and oats farmers who participated in the 1983 acreage reduction programs. Donald Lutz said the payment checks will be issued through local ASCS offices as soon as possible after Dec. 9.

Producers participating in the

eligible for advance deficiency payments at a rate of 32.5 cents for wheat, 20 cents for barley, and 7.5 cents for oats. Final deficiency payments will be reduced by payments advanced to the

producer for the respective crop. Nationally, a total of \$344 million has been paid in advance deficiency payments for wheat, \$27 million for barley and almost \$2 million for oats.





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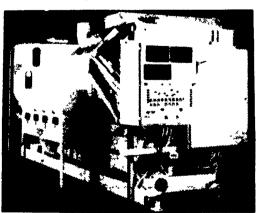






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