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Rice Outlook Is Promising

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Nigeria is buying U. S. rice and reselling it to Korea. The economist was quick to point out some of the factors that could have a decided effect on the market outlook for rice and he noted there are "iffy situations" at this time. He said that reports are that monsoon rains which are so essential to rice-producing areas of the world, are on time but it is too early to

predict if the rains will hold up and result in a bumper crop in the Far East. Another situation in doubt at this time is the supply of rice in Iran, a big user of rice. Gerlow said that reports have been received that Iran is down to a two month supply of rice and is buying rice from Uruguay and India. U. S. trade with Iran has been cut off because of the hostage situation. Gerlow added that South American exports are down but Korea is expected to be back in the market in 1980-81 and to what extent could add to the depletion of world stocks of rice.

Crop predictions. The economist pointed to factors that could materially affect the supply side of the rice situation. He noted that the USDA predicts 3.3 million acres will be planted, up from 3.0 million last year, with good yields predicted. He noted however that Thailand, one of the world's largest exporters of rice, is expected to be out of the market this year. He noted also that CCC stockpiles of rice (1979 rice) are expected to be depleted this year, all resulting in a statement that the stock situation this year should be about the same as last year.

Louisiana is expected to have an average crop, the Delta area (Mississippi, etc) has a late crop with some rice still planted on June 20th; Texas rice crop is expected to be average; Arkansas crop looks average to above average.

Generally speaking world production of rice was down 2% in 1979-80 with the biggest reduction in India.

Another question which could affect the world rice

market situation is whether the Vietnamese will well back out of Thailand or will they take over the rice in that country. Thailand, Pakistan China and the U.S. export 50 to 60% of the rice on the world market. Gerlow said that a short crop in Thailand could lead to disaster.

Gerlow noted that on April 15 67.3 million Cwt. of rice in U.S. stocks was mostly centered in Arkansas and California with Texas reporting from 15.5 to 18.1 million Cwt. which the economist described as a "tight stock situation."

A major factor which is expected to have a hand in prices received by local area farmers is the price of long grain rice in that of the anticipated 181 million Cwt. yield in 1980-81, 114 million Cwt. is expected to be of the long grain variety. What if all holds down to, concluded the economist, is the old rule of supply and demand and again he urged the rice growers to cover their production costs at prices offered before holding back rice for speculation.

387 Make Tour Of Exp. Station

Dr. Gerlow's comments came at the conclusion of the program which followed the tour which was taken by 387 farmers and friends; and a barbecue supper, catered by Milad's of Columbus, enjoyed by 496 persons.

County Extension Agent Leroy J. Hixley presided at the program. Harry C. Engstrom of Garwood gave the invocation.

Dr. James Stansel, Scientist in Charge of the Western Division Rice Research facilities, extended a welcome. He said, "Your support of agricultural research in the Rice Belt is indicated by your attendance at events like this one." He added that if the programs are to be effective, they need the support of political, material and financial aid.

He praised the Texas Rice Improvement Association for its help in a newly expanded role dedicated to a "vicious and effective agricultural research program throughout the Rice Belt."

Stansel also extended thanks to all who made the Field Day possible, the staff of the Beaumont Research and Extension Center, the Western Area Advisory Board, TRIA, and the County Subcommittee for Rice and Soybeans of the Extension Service; and to business and individuals which provided funds for the annual field day and tour and supper.

County Agent Hixley recognized county officials: Hixley, president; Robert Bauer, Dudley Smith, assistant director of Texas A&M University Experiment Program; city officials; Beaumont Center officials including Scientist in Charge John Stansel and others.

Special recognition was given to the County Rice-Soybean Subcommittee which served as guides for the tour, including County A.

LET'S LOOK BACK

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Mrs. Sunderman Gets 2500 Hour Pink Ladies Pin; Mrs. Uzzell 100 Hr.

The Eagle Lake Community Hospital Auxiliary (Pink Ladies) met Wednesday, July 2 for a business meeting in the Conference Room of the hospital at 9:30 a.m. Two members were recognized for earning service pins: Mrs. Ernest (Virginia) Uzzell for over 1000 hours and Mrs. Esther Sunderman for 2500 hours. Mrs. Sunderman is a charter member and has served on committees and as an officer most of the time. These 2500 hours are hours spent at the hospital, not included are hours spent during outside jobs for the auxiliary as she and most members have.

A fund-raiser for the purpose of this meeting and the members present noted to compose another cook book. This one will be a specialty cookbook with sections of different kinds of food such as French, Mexican, rice, party favorites, etc. The Auxiliary members are

calling on citizens of the area for new recipes of any kind. Plans are to use no recipes published in the first two cookbooks now on sale. Anyone having an original recipe or one or more not used by the Pink Ladies before are urged to turn them into Mrs. Frank Higgins as soon as possible. Members hope to have the books ready by Christmas, if all goes well.

Your cooperation is asked in helping with this project. All proceeds go toward hospital necessities.

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Christmas, the sheriff said.

The Douglasses were well known here since he had spent some time as minister of the First Baptist Church of Eagle Lake.

The panel of seven women and five men earlier Thursday had found Ade guilty on two counts of first-degree murder in the slayings.

The jury also found him guilty on two counts of shooting with intent to kill the couple's two children, Brooks and Leslie.

The panel assessed 500-year sentences for each attempted murder conviction, then spent about 40 minutes in the second phase of deliberations - choosing between the death penalty or life imprisonment.

Formal sentencing is scheduled July 26.

During testimony Wednesday, Canadian County Sheriff Lynn Steadman told the seven-woman, five-man jury Ade confessed to the murders on Nov. 25, 1979, two nights after being captured by authorities.

During the alleged confession, Ade also admitted to given the death sentence, the sheriff testified, and had one unusual request concerning his execution.

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