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Cotton, Feed Grain, Wheat Programs For 1982 Year

Sec. Of Ag. Announces Requirements In 1981 Farm Bill

Secretary of Agriculture John R. Block announced provisions for the 1982 upland cotton, wheat and feed grain programs under the new Farm Bill.

A 15 percent acreage reduction program for 1982-crop upland cotton, will be in effect in 1982.

The reduced acreage must be devoted to conservation uses, Block said. Participation is voluntary, but producers must take part to be eligible for target price protection and Commodity Credit Corporation loans.

The 1982 target price is 71 cents per pound and the loan rate 57.08 cents per pound. The CCC loan rate applies to strict low middling upland cotton 1-1/16-inch, 3.5 through 4.9 micronaire, at average U.S. location.

When an acreage reduction program is in effect, legislation provides that the national program acreage, the allocation factor and the voluntary reduction provisions are not applicable.

U.S. cotton production was 15.5 million bales in 1981, the largest production since 1953, compared to 11.0 million bales in 1980. Carryover into the next marketing year is expected to more than double. Carry-in last Aug. 1 was 2.6 million bales. The Aug. 1, 1982 carry-in is predicted to be 5.4 million bales.

Participating farmers must reduce their 1982 acreage of upland cotton by at least 15 percent from their established cotton acreage base. Generally, the base will be the higher of the 1981 cotton acreage or the average of the 1980-81 cotton acreages. However, for farms that have been following a definite rotation pattern, the base will reflect such rotations.

The land taken from production and devoted to conservation uses must be eligible cropland, protected from wind and water erosion, and may not be mechanically harvested. Farmers will be permitted to graze this acreage, except during the six principal growing months.

Neither offsetting compliance nor cross compliance is a requirement under this program. This means that farmers owning or operating more than one farm will not be required to participate on all farms in order to obtain program benefits on participating farms. Also, participation in the upland cotton program is not required to qualify for program benefits on other crops grown on the farm.

The extra long staple cotton loan rate for 1982 is 99.89 cents per pound, which is 175 percent of the 1982 upland cotton loan rate.

A recourse upland and extra long staple seed cotton loan program will again be offered in 1982. Recourse means the borrower is obligated to pay back the full dollar amount of the loan.

Feed Grains

A voluntary 10 percent reduced acreage program will be in effect for 1982-crop feed grains; and 1982 feed grains may be entered immediately into the farmer-owned reserve.

Block said a number of market factors, including the record 1981 U.S. corn harvest of 8.2 billion bushels and instability in the export market, make the reduced acreage program advisable. Feed grain supplies are about 13 percent above last year. Corn carryover at the beginning of the next marketing year (Oct. 1, 1982) could be around 2 billion bushels, the largest since 1960.

Only those who participate will be eligible for program benefits such as target price protection and Commodity Credit Corporation loans.

Participating farmers must reduce their acreage planted to feed grains (barley, corn, oats, sorghum) by at least 10 percent from the established feed grain basis. Two bases will be established – one for corn and sorghum, the second for barley and oats. Generally, the bases will be the higher of the 1981 base acreage or the average of the 1980-81 base acreages. However, for farms that have been following a definite rotation pattern, the bases will reflect such rotations.

Participating producers will receive the following target price (per bushel) protection: corn, $2.70; sorghum, $2.60; barley, $2.60; oats, $1.50. Participants will be eligible for the following CCC loan rates: corn, $2.55; sorghum, $2.42; barley, $2.08; oats, $1.31.

The land taken from production and devoted to conservation uses must be eligible for cropland and protected from wind and water erosion. The land may not be mechanically harvested. Farmers will be permitted to graze this acreage, except during the six principal growing months.

Neither offsetting compliance or cross compliance is a requirement under this program.

Block said that 1982 feed grain placed under CCC loan would be eligible for immediate entry into the farmer-owned grain reserve at loan levels higher than for regular CCC loans. The reserve loan rates per bushel will be: corn, $2.90; sorghum, $2.75; barley, $2.37; oats, $1.49. Market price trigger levels at which farmers may take their grain out of the reserve without penalty will be: corn, $3.25; sorghum, $3.10; barley, $2.65; oats, $1.65.

1982 Wheat Program

A voluntary 15 percent acreage reduction program will be implemented for the 1982 wheat crop. Block noted that USDA would allow immediate entry of the 1982 crop into the farmer-owned grain reserve.

To become eligible for government price support loans, target price protection and the farmer-owned reserve program, farmers must reduce their plantings 15 percent from an established base. No direct payments will be made for the acreage reduction.

The target price for 1982 wheat will be $4.05 per bushel. Loan rates will be $3.55 per bushel for grain placed under the regular loan program and $4.00 per bushel for 1982-crop wheat entered into the farmer-owned reserve.

Farmers can enter the 1982 crop immediately into the reserve without waiting for their regular loans to mature. USDA storage payments will be 26½ cents per bushel for wheat placed in the reserve. Wheat will be released from the reserve when the average price received by farmers reaches $4.65 per bushel.

Block said U.S. wheat supplies are 14 percent above last year and next June's carryover is expected to be nearly 1 billion bushels. This is the result of two successive record U.S. wheat crops and a record-setting 1981 world harvest. Block said the reduced acreage program – coupled with an aggressive export program – will strengthen prices by reducing the 1982-83 marketing year supplies.

Gulf Coast Hereford Sale At Columbus Sat.

Gulf Coast Hereford Association will have its 32nd annual Spring Sale at the American Legion Park, Columbus, Texas, February 13, at 1:00 p.m.

Fifteen breeders will offer 57 bulls of which one is a Poll and 17 heifers.

The bulls range from 2½ years old to coming two. The heifers are around 18 months to almost 2 years.

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EGYPT NEWS

(Mrs. B. H. Tolliver)

Belated best wishes to Lori McLeroy at the J & P Country Store, on her birthday Saturday, Feb. 6th.

Mr. and Mrs. Gary Corzine of Spring visited with Mrs. Will Meriwether Monday of the past week.

Julie Kallas, student at Wharton County Junior College, was a supper guest on Friday evening with her uncle, Robert Kallas, and Mrs. Kallas.

Mrs. Alfred Otradovsky is living in Eagle Lake while her home is being rebuilt after the recent fire that partially destroyed it.

Mr. and Mrs. George H. Northington III were hosts to the Winter Meeting of the Wharton County T.S.T.A. last Tuesday evening at their home. After the business meeting the guests were shown through the Museum. Mrs. Northington served her guests a pleasing refreshment course.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Rutledge spent Friday in Weimar with his brother, Walter Rutledge.

Mr. and Mrs. R. M. Dobson spent the weekend in Dallas. Their daughter, Jane Dobson of Ardmore, Okla., met them and they had a pleasant visit together.

Mr. and Mrs. Gary Morse of Boston, Mass. visited with Mesdames C. E. Carter, G. M. Longmire and Heyne Dromgoole one day last week. Mrs. Morse is the former Gladys Koehne, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. L. C. Koehne of Wharton, and the family formerly lived in Bonus.

Mrs. Jim Peikert and Mr. and Mrs. Dennis Peikert spent Wednesday evening in El Campo with Mrs. Dennis Peikert's father and mother, Mr. and Mrs. Donald Cobb.

Donald Obenhaus' many friends are pleased to know that he is able to be back at work after a siege of flu.

Mr. and Mrs. John W. Northington and Lori McLeroy joined the Texas Trail Riders in Hallettsville Saturday and Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Heyne Dromgoole and family attended the Showmanship Meeting in Crescent Saturday.

Of interest to Mrs. Will Meriwether's friends, her nephew, Sam G. Wynn II of Dallas spent the weekend in Rock Island with his brother, Reese Wynn.

With the sick folks in the community, Jestina Campbell is in Caney Valley Hospital for treatment, S. L. Bluntson in St. Luke's in Houston following surgery, and Zedrick McClintock in Methodist Hospital in Houston, after surgery. Layfayette Godsey is at home after hospitalization.

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Vacation In Colorado

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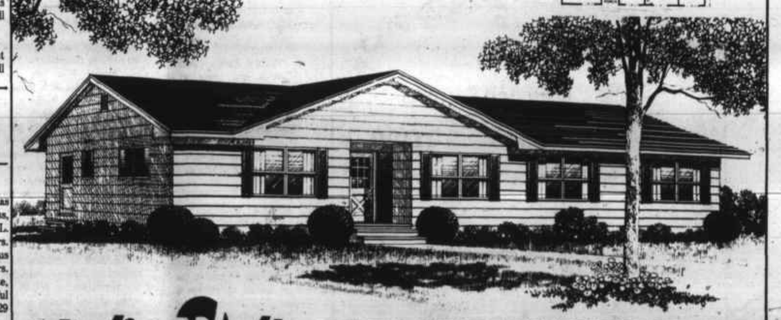

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★ Wed., Feb. 17 - Pier 59, Wharton

Happy Valentine's Weekend!

Winners In County's Go Texan Queen Contest

These three young ladies were selected as the winners in the Colorado County Go Texan Queen competition in Veterans Community Center in Columbus last Sunday evening. Left to right are: first runner-up Misty Ventura of Columbus; Melissa Hunt of Columbus, Go Texan Queen for 1982; and Sonya Besch of Weimar, second runner-up. Melissa, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Bobby Hunt of Columbus, will represent this county in the 1982 Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo and in other events during the year.

Melissa Hunt Named '82 County Go Texan Queen

Eighteen pretty young ladies competed for the honor of being named the 1982 Colorado County Go Texan Queen at the Veterans Community Center last Sunday afternoon. Melissa Hunt of Columbus won the coveted title; and Misty Ventura of Columbus was named first runner-up and Sonya Besch of Weimar, second runner-up.

Melissa, 17, popular student at Columbus High School, will represent this county at the 1982 Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo and will be featured in the grand entry parade on Colorado County night at the rodeo Tuesday, March 2nd. She will also represent the Houston Livestock Show in other parades and activities in this county during the year of 1982. Melissa is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Bobby Hunt of Columbus.

She was crowned by the 1981 queen, Miss Robyn Meyer of Columbus. Assisting in staging the event were members of the Colorado County Go Texan committee, especially Mrs. Pam Potter and Mrs. Dale Heinsohn who directed the queen competition.

Carl Geisler, manager of Columbus radio station KULM, served as master of ceremonies. Judges for the competition were lifetime vice presidents of the Houston Show, Clem Boettcher of East Bernard, Claude Meyer and Hugh Pitts. Other dignitaries present from the Houston Show were Colorado County Go Texan Ambassador Leslie Heinsohn, Go Texan committee members Bob Waddell and Crockett Leyendecker; and another lifetime vice-president of the show, Clif Hawthorne. Other County Go Texan committee members not attending were County Judge Lester J. Cranek and Henry Beken.

Eighteen Contestants

The fifteen other contestants in the competition were: Terri Wornat of Eagle Lake; Virginia Helmcamp of Weimar; Melissa Parks, Dawn Mazoch, Shari Markwood, Cindy Potter, Kathy Holladay, Kari Barten, Mary Cryer, Jill Ruffeno, Julie Ruffeno, Patty Brasher, Rhonda Fritsch, Emily Anderson and Debbie Plughaupt of Columbus.

Country Unlimited provided music for the Go Texan dance from two to six p.m. and for the competition in show two step and in the Cotton Eyed Joe. Winners received free rodeo tickets. Also free rodeo tickets were presented to the best dressed cowboy, best dressed cowgirl, cowboy with most authentic outfit and cowgirl with most authentic attire.

County Day March 2

Colorado County Day at the Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo will be held on March 2nd with the Statler Bros. providing entertainment during the rodeo.

The worlds championship barbecue cookoff will be held at the Houston Show the weekend of Feb. 20-21. A special feature this year will be a Stockman's Day and the $15 ticket includes a barbecue luncheon with Secretary of Agriculture John Block the principal speaker, and a ticket to the rodeo on that date.

A chartered bus will go from this county to the Colorado County Go Texan night on March 2nd and seats on the chartered bus may be purchased in the office of County Judge Lester J. Cranek in the courthouse in Columbus.

Southwestern Bell Plans New 409 Area Code For This Area!!

To Take Effect In Mar. '83

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ber they now have. In addition, the change will not effect long distance rates.

"For example, right now if a customer is calling long distance to Houston, he or she dials one or zero, plus the number," he explained. After the conversion, that same call will require the customer to dial one or zero, plus the area code 713. The same procedure would hold true for Houston customers dialing the new 409 area code. In addition to the one or zero, they'll have to dial area code 409."

Telephone customers in the new 409 area code won't have to worry about receiving their calls after next year's split. Oldmixon said the company will arrange for the transfer of calls to the new area code.

For three months following the conversion, a caller dialing 713, followed by a number located in the new 409 area code, will be automatically transferred to the latter number. After that period, telephone company intercept operators will instruct the caller to dial using the new 409 area code.

"We feel a change of this magnitude will significantly affect our customers," Oldmixon said. "That's why we're making the announcement more than one year in advance. This will provide our residence customers time to notify friends and relatives of the new area code, and our business customers an opportunity to plan for changes needed on any forms, stationery or advertising after March, 1983."

Oldmixon said the company will be making the change on area code maps located in telephone directories throughout the country.

He said information on the 713 and 409 area codes, as well as a map showing the boundaries of each, will be sent to customers with their next telephone bill.

New Appraisal Board Members Hold Their First Meeting

Name Columbus State Bank As Depository; OK Refund Of Surplus

The regular meeting of the board of directors of the Colorado County Central Appraisal District was held January 20th in the county courthouse when four members began new two-year terms and one member his first two-year term on the board. Certificates of appreciation were presented during the session by Colorado County Judge Lester J. Cranek to W. K. Merrem, R. M. Heffley, Leslie Heinsohn and Arthur Anderson, for two years of service on the board. Also a certificate was presented to Cecil A. Smith for serving on the board for two years.

Oaths of office were administered to Merrem, Heffley, Heinsohn and Anderson and also to Parke Christenberry of Garwood who has been named to the board to fill the position of Mr. Smith who asked not to be reappointed. Mr. Merrem, retired Weimar school superintendent, was re-elected president of the board; Columbus Mayor Heffley was named vice-chairman; and Frelsburg businessman Heinsohn was elected secretary. Anderson is a rice farmer and businessman in the Eagle Lake community; and Christenberry, former rice association office manager, is now associated with Lehrer Enterprises in Garwood.

County To Use Computer

The board agreed to let Colorado County use the Appraisal District's IBM/34 computer for making the county payroll on a six month trial basis with no compensation to the district. Anderson cast the only dissenting vote on motion.

In other action the board approved $1,250 in premiums to cover bonds required for the chief appraiser and other employees involved in collection of taxes;

Re-ratified contracts made with IBM, Latham & Stulla, tax valuation engineers; and with the Farm Bureau for insurance programs.

Depository Named

The board considered two bids from banks interested in serving as depository for the appraisal district and the board approved the bid of Columbus State Bank to serve as the depository from Jan. 1, 1982 through Dec. 31, 1983. Columbus State Bank offered interest at one-half percent over the then existing money market certificate on investments of $100,000 or more; and First State Bank offered one fourth percent interest over the then existing money market.

Contracts for the collection of taxes were approved for Colorado County and Columbus, Weimar and Rice School Districts with the stipulation that the appraisal district not be held responsible for "prior errors or omissions."

Chief Appraiser Billy Youens reported on finances and noted that the year-end surplus of $60,964.79 was credited to the payments of the respective jurisdictions for their first quarter payments in 1982. Since the first quarter payments were already made by the county and three school districts, the chief appraiser was authorized to invest the funds in a manner to best benefit the district until such time as they are needed.

The board also voted to adopt the same holiday schedule as adopted by Colorado County for the year of 1982.

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