

Nearly Half a Million State Acres in Soil Bank Reserve

Final report on the 1958 Soil Bank acreage Reserve Program shows that 434,100 acres will be removed from production of allotment crops this year.

E. W. Avent, of the state ASC office, says this participation more than meets all goals established for this state and will go a long way toward alleviating surpluses of the commodities involved.

The total acreage "reserved" under the program for 1958 is made up of 195,900 acres of cotton, 115,000 acres of corn, 85,200 acres of wheat, and 37,300 acres of tobacco.

Avent called attention to the fact that one of the primary objectives of this Soil Bank Program is to assist farmers in reducing their production of surplus basic commodities.

Using average per-acre production that prevailed in the state last year, he estimated that surplus stockpiles will be reduced by the following amounts through Soil Bank participation: tobacco, 55.1 million pounds; cotton, 127,300 bales; corn, 3.7 million bushels, and wheat, 1.6 million bushels.

Other primary objectives of this program: To encourage additional conservation of agricultural resources and to maintain the farmers' net income at a time when farm income is at a low point compared to operating costs. Payments that will be made to farmers in this state to cover the net loss they would otherwise realize from these reduced plantings will be in excess of \$30 million with \$13.5 million to be paid out to participating cotton farmers, \$9.6 million to tobacco farmers, \$4.4 million to corn farmers, \$2.2 million to wheat farmers. The balance of \$400,000 will be paid out under the other phase of the Soil Bank Program—the Conservation Reserve.

According to Avent, these Soil Bank payments will be made by ASC county offices beginning May 15 on wheat and as soon after as possible on other commodities. Farmers will be notified by mail when they are to visit the local ASC office and pick up their Soil Bank payment.

Parental Aid For Deceased Vet Available

Parents of those who died in service or later from service causes and now have income insufficient to provide reasonable maintenance should contact the Veterans Administration for possible entitlement to benefits, Nash D. McKee of Raleigh, Department Adjutant of the North Carolina American Legion, said.

The state American Legion official says that they have encountered several instances of ignorance of available benefits on the part of dependent parents of those who died in military service or died of conditions due to their service.

There are now elderly parents of men who lost their lives in World War II who have clearly met all eligibility requirements for compensation as dependent parents and might have had the benefit for the last several years, the Legion official said.

Some parents applied for compensation soon after World War II and had claims denied by the VA because they were not then dependent and in need of the benefit. In later years their financial circumstances may have worsened and they may now qualify.

To parents who had sons or daughters who died in service or later of service causes, the American Legion stressed the following points:

1. A claim may be reopened with new evidence although it was denied earlier.
2. A parent need not have been receiving aid from the deceased service member before he died.
3. Each case is judged on its own merits. Dependency exists when items of income, expenses and estate sum up to a condition of need for the compensation. Present circumstances are to be considered rather than circumstances years ago.
4. Information and assistance may be obtained at all VA offices, county Veterans Service offices, North Carolina Veterans Commission offices and from local American Legion posts.



SPRUCE UP FOR SPRING—Grandmother's method of cleaning "with a whisk of a broom and a feather duster" is passe for the homemaker of 1958. Home economists working at the consumer level throughout the U. S. will be deluged with questions in months to follow on "sprucing up" techniques that will spell economy of the homemakers' time, energy, and money. There is no doubt that the supermarket, with its innumerable nationally advertised cleaning aids, will be another of the homemakers' headquarters for help.

Home economists say about spring cleaning that cleaning fabrics takes the number one spot in making ready for spring. Asked what they consider the four major tasks of spring cleaning, home economists commented most frequently on the household furnishings made of fibre, such as rugs, carpets, bedding, blankets, upholstery, slipcovers; and, of course, organizing spring and summer clothes in drawers and closets and preparing winter clothes for storage.

Cleaning windows, floors, and woodwork, walls and cupboards followed in that order of importance as the other major tasks in spring cleaning chores: Cupboards, cabinets, furniture, cellar, attic, garage, porch, screens, lawn furniture, china, blinds, ceilings, storm windows, painting and papering and general redecorating.

PREPARATION OF WOOLENS FOR STORAGE—With the change of seasons, and before storing, all woolen clothing should either be freshly laundered, thoroughly brushed, and/or dry-cleaned. When brushing, make sure that all cuffs of sleeves and trousers, pleats, hems, and pockets are lint free. Spray with a moth-proof spray

evenly over garment but be particularly careful to spray along seams, in all cuffs, under collars, and around hems. Use spray for both garments which are to be hung in closets or stored in chests, drawers, etc. Use aerosol sprays to spray the air in clothes closets, cedar closets where garments are to be hung and stored. Spray sufficiently to leave a cloud or fog.

Hang moth cakes and crystals high in clothes closet or garment bags and the heavier-than-air fumes emanating from them will spill downward as they evaporate. Scatter crystals, moth balls, etc., among clothes as they are stored in chests, drawers, boxes, or trunks.



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