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Delano says. Delano, president of the American Farm Bureau Federation, said tobacco production is unique in American agriculture in that it has never cost any direct government funds with the exception of one year (1959, due to an unusual variety of tobacco that was not accepted by the trade.) Because the loan program for tobacco is the only commodity support program that operates at no net cost to the government while the tobacco product industry generates nearly \$60-billion annually toward the gross national product, Farm Bureau urges continuation of the current loan program, Delano said. Earlier this week in a news conference, Delano had called for elimination of government subsidized programs by 1985 for the basic commodities of wheat, feed grains, cotton and rice that are included in the recently enacted farm bill. He said Farm Bureau wants to see agriculture on a market oriented basis by the time the new farm bill expires. Because of tobacco's unique position in agriculture and the unusual circumstances under which it is marketed, the 200,000 tobacco farmers in 20 states need a loan program that will keep supply in line with demand, a position fully supported by Farm Bureau, Delano said. Delano reported that in more than 40 years of the tobacco price support loans, the entire program has cost only \$57-million -- and most of that in that unusual year of 1959.

