

Set Of Farm Records Could Be Road Map To Profits In 1961

A simple set of records could be your best road map to farm progress in 1961.

"Good farm records have always been an asset," says Paul Stone, farm management specialist at N. C. State College. But in 1961, Stone believes they will be of even more importance.

The management specialist bases his prediction on three things: First, the trend toward lower farm prices is expected to continue. Secondly, production costs are expected to continue upward. And thirdly, more capital will be required for farming in 1961. This means that every decision becomes more important.

Records give you something to base decisions on," Stone emphasized. "They can tell you where you have been, where you are and where you are going."

Stone says records on total farm receipts and expenditures are not enough. "You need to know what each crop or livestock enterprise is doing," he added.

By keeping records on each farm operation, you can find out where you are making money,

breaking even or losing money. Once you know what each enterprise is doing, then you can make the adjustments that will be the most profitable.

Stone points out that farm records have other uses, too. For one thing, they can serve as the basis for farm loans. Lenders have something to base loan decisions on. Records can show what you are worth, how much money will be required to finance a crop, and returns you can expect from the crop. They also show your progress over a number of years.

Records are also handy when it comes to figuring income tax and social security. They could save you money when it comes to figuring taxes, too, by providing a complete account of all tax deductible expenses.

"Farm records don't have to be complicated," Stone says. Generally, less than five minutes per day are required for the average farmer to keep a set of records."

County agricultural agents have more detailed information on keeping farm records. Agents also have information on where you may obtain record books.

Study Of Wheat Program Needed

The 1962 Wheat Stabilization Program made possible by the passage of the Agricultural Act of 1961 makes possible many benefits not only for farmers but for farmers, consumers and businessmen. However, if farmers do not understand the program or if they make a decision regarding the program which is based on misinformation or incomplete information they could hurt themselves. This is especially true in the case of small wheat farmers.

Because of the chance that misinformation might cause one of the small wheat farmers—those who have been growing 15 or less acres of wheat—to make a wrong decision, farmers are urged to come into the county ASCS office to get the right information.

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For instance, many wheat farmers are asking who is subject to penalties.

Some general conditions must be met by farmers who have been growing 15 acres or less of wheat. If marketing quota penalties are to be avoided, such producers can plant for harvest no more wheat than the smaller of 13½ acres or the highest acreage grown in 1959, 1960 or 1961.

Voluntary retirement of wheat acres is one way that farmers can help reduce the cost of government. It makes it possible to reduce the cost of agricultural programs by bringing national wheat production more nearly into line with consumer demands.

The ASCS workers in the county office are always willing to discuss individual problems with wheat producers.

It can be considered a form of income insurance. Maximum diversion payments offer protection against loss of crop due to drought, insects, hail, flood or other natural disaster.

Advance payments are available. Growers who divert acreage from production of wheat under the 1962 program may receive advance payment.

Diversion saves money. If a farmer uses borrowed money for crop operations, he will save both principal and interest by borrowing less than would have been required if he had also planted and harvested wheat on his entire allotment.

Diversion improves the land. Approved conservation practices on diverted acres improve the farm's productive capacity for the future when it may be needed. Land value is safeguarded for the individual farmer and his family and also for consumers of the future.

Diversion is good citizenship.



FREEDOM OF FAITH—Amid several hundred Christian churches and a Moslem mosque on the island of Taiwan sits the world's largest Buddha. The 72-foot-high structure is located on top of Pa Kau Shan mountain near Chang Hsu in the southern part of the island. It is seven feet taller than the 65-foot-high famed Buddha of Nara, Japan.

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Today's need for spiritual discernment will be emphasized Sunday at Christian Science church services.

Scriptural readings in the Lesson-Sermon entitled "Adam and Fallen Man" will include these words of St. Paul (1 cor. 2). "Now we have received, not the spirit of the world, but the spirit which is of God; that we might know the things that are freely given to us of God. Which things also we speak, not in the words which man's wisdom teacheth, but which the Holy Ghost teacheth; comparing spiritual things with spiritual. But the natural man receiveth not the things of the Spirit of God: for they are foolishness unto him; neither can he know them, because they are spiritually discerned."

This citation will be among those read from "Science and Health with Key to the Scriptures" by Mary Baker Eddy (p. 203): "Spiritual perception being, destroys reliance on aught but God, and so makes man the image of his Maker in deed and in truth."

Bored One
The after-dinner speaker had talked for 15 minutes. "After partaking of such a meal," he continued, "I feel if I had eaten any more I would be unable to talk."

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