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producers, increased sovbean acreage may be the road to more profits in the 1973 feed grain program, according to Eugene Naylor, acting state executive director for the Agricultural Stabilization and Conservation Service.

Producers who sign up for the 1973 feed grain program can choose the zero set-aside plan under which they agree to limit their feed grain production to no more than last year, or they can choose the 25 per cent set-aside plan with no feed grain production limit.

soybean production under either plan," said Naylor, who also pointed out that soybean acreage will count just the same as feed grain acreage for program · purposes such as 'preserving history'' of feed grain bases (and wheat allotments) on farms.

that the zero set-aside plan offers him the higher total profit if he chooses to grow

The farmer with a 100-acre corn base who participated in the 1972 feed grain program at the minimum 25 per cent required set-aside level could use these 25 acres under the zero per cent required set-aside provisions of the 1973 program to grow soybeans and still get \$653 in direct payments. He need only sign up to participate and keep his feed grain acreage at or below last year's level. In affect, this farmer who can sell soybeans for January 1974 delivery by forward contracting at \$3.75 per bushel is assured \$4.72 per bushel for the additional 1973 soybean production (\$3.75 from the market and \$0.97 in direct payments).

Computing the above farmer's return with an 87bushel feed grain payment yield and a 27-bushel per acre estimated soybean yield, the farmer signing up for this year's program under the zero per cent set-aside provision would have \$3,184 gross income from the additional 25 acres planted to soybeans including direct payment. This compares with \$1,392 gross income -- all in direct government payments -under the 25 per cent set-aside. Citing another example, Naylor said that producers who last year had both required and additional set-aside acreage might also find it more profitable this year to choose the zero set-aside plan.

The farmer with a 100-acre corn base who set aside 45 acres



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