

Mr. Cone Answers Questions

Questions frequently asked about the new farm tenant program of the Farm Security Administration were answered this week by County Rehabilitation Supervisor Mr. Paul B. Cone, who is in charge of the rural rehabilitation, farm debt adjustment and tenant loan programs in Franklin and Nash Counties, as follows:

Who may apply for Tenant Purchase Loans?—United States citizens who are farm tenants (not owners), share-croppers, farm laborers, or others who obtain or recently have obtained most of their income from farming.

Preference will be given to married persons or persons with dependent families; to persons able to make a down payment; or to persons who own livestock and equipment necessary to carry on farming operations. No loans will be made to persons who can obtain an adequate loan for the purchase of a farm from other sources at reasonable terms.

How should loan applications be made?—If you are in a county designated as one in which loans are to be made this year, obtain an application blank from the County Rehabilitation Supervisor who serves your county. Fill it out carefully and return it to him, either personally or by mail. It usually is advisable to call at his office and talk the matter over with him or his assistant. If you do not know the Supervisor's address, it may be obtained from your County Agricultural Agent.

If my county is not selected for loans, may I apply in another county?—No. Because of the limited funds available, application must be restricted to residents of the 300 selected counties.

How will persons who will receive loans be selected from the large number who may apply?—Congress has provided that county committees of three farmers shall certify which applicants by reason of character, ability, and experience are likely successfully to carry out the undertaking required under a loan to purchase a farm. It is recognized that limitations of funds will make it possible to grant loans to only a limited number of worthy and deserving applicants this year.

What kind of farms can be purchased?—A family-sized farm which can in general be operated with the labor available in the family. It should be large enough to provide a living for the borrower and his family and enable him to retire the loan for the purchase of his farm.

How will the farms be selected?—Applicants who will receive loans will be given a wide choice in selecting the farms they want to buy. The price of the property, however, must be in keeping with its value, as determined by the county committee and the FSA. Preference will be given to farms needing a minimum outlay for repairs and improvements.

What help will FSA give the applicants who received a loan?—The Farm Security Administration will assist applicants who receive loans in developing sound farm and home management plans, preparing operating budgets, and maintaining business-like records.

Will loans be large enough to cover building repairs and other farm improvements?—Yes, to a limited extent.

Can I get a loan to finish paying for the farm I am now buying?—No. Farm owners are not eligible, and refinancing loans will not be made.

Must I have a farm selected before I apply?—No. It is usually advisable to talk with the County Supervisor and the County Committee before choosing a farm.

What are the terms of the loans?—Loans are made for a 40-year period at 3 per cent interest.

How large will the annual payments be?—Annual payments of 4.3 per cent of the sum borrowed will cover both interest and principal.

May I pay off the entire loan in less than 40 years?—Yes. The Act provides that after five years payment in full may be made at any time.

How will the loans be secured?—By a first mortgage or deed of trust on the farm purchased. The borrower must agree to pay taxes and insurance on the farm buildings, to keep the farm in repair, and prevent waste and exhaustion of the land.

Lack of green feed caused a severe drop in egg production in the poultry flock belonging to G. W. Isley, of Alamance County, he reported.

Mountain Buries City's Streets



Here's a worm's-eye view of an avalanche in the making. Lowering himself into a huge fissure at the top of the "moving mountain" in Los Angeles' Elysian Park, a daring cameraman shows how the ever-widening crack is being checked hourly to determine course and extent of the next in a series of huge earth-slides that have already sent millions of tons of rocks, earth and trees tumbling 850 feet into Riverside Drive, Dayton Avenue, below, and even into the dry bed of the Los Angeles river, 1,000 feet away.

The first structure of the 1939 Golden Gate International Exposition on San Francisco Bay to be completely framed is the "Hall of the Mineral Empire." This structure, which opens directly off the main court, is 200 feet wide and 415 feet in length.

A card to the agricultural editor at State College requesting the new experiment Station Bulletin No. 316, "Adapting Standard and High Analysis Fertilizers to Truck Crop Soils," will bring the bulletin promptly.

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Timely Farm Questions

Answered at State College

QUESTION: How many pigs can be turned into a lot where steers are being fattened?

ANSWER: This depends upon the form in which the concentrate is fed and the age of the steers. For two-year old animals from one to three pigs should follow each steer when snapped corn is fed; one to two pigs when husked ear corn is fed; one pig per steer when shelled corn is used, and one pig to each two or three steers when the corn is crushed or ground. With steers that are less than two years old, the number of pigs would be reduced. In addition to the feed picked up in the lot, the pigs should be given an animal protein supplement and minerals.

QUESTION: What is the best time to sow seeds in coldframes or hotbeds for the early spring garden?

ANSWER: The best time to sow seeds will depend upon the time the plants are wanted in the field and also upon the section. Hardy crops such as cabbages and lettuce are usually transplanted to the field as early as January 15 in the eastern part of the State. In the mountain sections, these hardy crops are started in the hotbeds or coldframes about January 1 to 15. For a very early crop, such tender vegetables as tomatoes and peppers should be started from 8 to 10 weeks before it is safe to set them in the field and for the main summer crops the seed should be sown from three to four weeks before danger of frost is over.

QUESTION: Should oyster shell be kept before the laying hens at all times?

ANSWER: This mineral may be substituted with ground limestone but one or the other should be accessible to the laying flock all the time. The mineral content of the hen's body is nearly four percent and the mineral content of the egg is eleven percent so it is necessary that the birds have certain mineral elements for growth and repair of the body. Other necessary minerals are bone meal and salt. These elements supply calcium, phosphorus, sodium and chlorine and the oyster shell or ground limestone supplies additional calcium.

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Uncle Jim Says



This year's 18,250,000-bale cotton crop is the biggest on record. It may look good to some folks, but think of what it will add to the surplus. Where will we sell it?

IN MEMORY

On Dec. 4, 1937 the death angel visited the home of D. K. Gupton and called his wife Mrs. Eva Burnett Gupton. She was the daughter of the late David J. Burnett of Centerville, and she was 64 years of age, and leaves to mourn their lost, a husband, 5 children, David, Marshal, Mrs. Allen Gupton, Mrs. Charles Burnett, of Wood, and Mrs. Lucy Tanner, of Ronake Rapids, 7 grandchildren, a brother and a sister, also a host of friends and relatives. She was a member of Wood Baptist Church. She was a good mother, and always ready to render service to anyone especially the sick. She will be greatly missed by all who knew her. She was laid to rest in the family cemetery and funeral was conducted by her pastor Rev. John Edwards. The floral tribute was beautiful, which bespoken the esteem of her life.

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