

FARM AGENT'S DEPT.

By County Farm Agents

Hybrid corn exceeded the production of our best variety of pure corn by one bushel per acre in variety test conducted by W. T. Moss, Youngsville, on Cecil clay loam soil. The plot used for the variety test by Mr. Moss was very uniform in soil type and fertility and exceptionally good corn for Franklin County was grown on same. Wood's Hybrid Golden Prolific led the test of twelve varieties with 63 bushels, exceeding Douthitt's Prolific by one bushel per acre. The production of other varieties obtained on this test are as follows:

- Mixed Corn (Seed selected from cross of pure varieties from variety test plot of 1938)—60 1/2 bu.
- Wood's Hybrid White Dent—55 bu.
- Jarvis Golden Prolific—49 1/2 bu.
- Wood's Early Yellow Dent—48 bu.
- Mosby's Prolific—47 1/2 bu.
- Weekley's Improved—46 bu.
- Cocke's Prolific—45 1/2 bu.
- Southern Beauty—45 bu.
- Local Variety—43 1/2 bu.
- Indian Chief—41 bu.

We are in receipt of information changing the basis of making adjustment payments for 1940. I am sure that every farmer's consideration of these details at present time may avoid disappointments when payments are being made in 1940 announces N. H. Ayscue, Chairman of Agricultural Conservation Association. Therefore, we are presenting these instructions to you as received for your special attention.

"Terms and conditions under which the 1940 parity payments will be made to producers of cotton, wheat, corn (in the 1940 commercial corn area), tobacco and rice were announced today by the Agricultural Adjustment Administration. Payments, which are conditioned upon producers participating in 1940 Agricultural Conservation Program, will be made from the \$225,000,000 appropriated for this purpose.

The provisions are similar to those in effect for the 1939 parity payments, but have been strengthened by including these additional requirements:

1. That the producer plant within the total of the acreage allotments or permitted acreages of cotton, wheat, corn (in commercial corn area), tobacco, and rice established for his farm under the 1940 Farm Program.
2. That the producer not offset performance on the farm by overplanting the five commodities, cotton, wheat, corn (in commercial corn area), tobacco, and rice—on other farms in which he has an interest.

In approving applications for parity payments, committeemen will take into consideration 1940 plantings of those crops in excess of the allotted or permitted acreages under the 1940 conservation program. Persons who offset the

performance on one farm by overplanting the same or another commodity on another farm, will not be eligible for payment. In the case of non-wheat-allotment farms, the permitted acreage will be usual acreage or 10 acres, whichever is larger.

Rates of price adjustment payments will be announced later, after the 1939 season average prices are determined. The rate for any crop cannot exceed the amount by which the 1939 average farm price of the commodity is less than 75 per cent of the parity price. No parity payment was made on tobacco in 1939 since the 1938 average farm price was above 75 per cent of parity.

Officials pointed out that the changes are intended to bring about a more effective administration of the program than has been possible under previous regulations. Under the 1939 price adjustment program a producer could qualify for a payment by adhering to the allotment for one commodity even though he overplanted the acreage allotment of another commodity on the same farm or overplanted the same crop or other commodities on another farm. The new provisions make it possible for the county or state AAA committee to withhold all or part of the payment in such cases under the 1940 program.

Producers of winter wheat may apply for and receive 1940 parity payments before their 1940 performance is checked on corn, cotton, tobacco, or rice, upon agreeing to make refunds if subsequent check-ups show that they have overplanted their allotments of any of the four other crops named.

YOUNGVILLE F. F. A.

The Youngsville Chapter of the Future Farmers of America have joined the State organization 100 per cent this year. The entire membership have paid their dues which gives them the privilege of entering all the contests sponsored by the State organization and attending the Summer camps which are owned by the organization at White Lake and Barnardville.

On Nov. 14th the Youngsville chapter competed with the other Vocational Departments in the county in a musical contest. Youngsville was awarded fourth place in this contest. The contest was held in the auditorium of the Mills High School. The following boys represented Youngsville: Holman Cyrus, Charles Cyrus, Wallace Mullen, Thomas Shadrack, and Herbert Dement.

After the contest the vocational boys voted to organize a federation band. The band will be composed of members from the six vocational department in the county. There were twenty boys playing instruments in the contest so we may expect a large group of players in the band. The first practice of the band will be held in Franklinton, Monday, Nov. 20th.

The Youngsville chapter is headed by the following officers: Holman Cyrus, Pres., Charles Cyrus, Vice-Pres., Wallace Mullen, Sec'y., Thomas Shadrack, Treas., and Bervin Perry, Reporter.

Wallace Mullen is Secretary for the County Federation and Bervin Perry is the Reporter in the

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