

New Farm Program Sorely Needed In Eastern Carolina

Lloyd Stresses The Necessity Of Farmers Of Eastern Carolina Co-operating With New Farm Program

JUST KEEP DOWN ACREAGE OF CROPS

Drawing Line About The Center Of The State, Tobacco Section, Singled Out As Needing Farm Program

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Extension Tobacco Specialist, North Carolina State College to establish a boundary line for the tobacco section of eastern North Carolina, the counties of Warren, Franklin, Wake, Lee, Moore and Richmond are included with the counties in eastern North Carolina. The reason for including these is that a large portion of the soil types in these boundary counties are the same as that in eastern Carolina. However, there is some piedmont in the northwestern part of each of the six counties. According to the 1935 census report, 3,150,887 acres were planted in crops that were harvested in 1935 in eastern North Carolina. The base acreage in this area for cotton, tobacco, and peanuts, according to Triple-A contracts, is as follows: cotton, 1,460 acres; tobacco, 469,043 acres; and the peanut base, 218,893 acres. Crops harvested in 1935 were more than the three crops mentioned above, according to the 1935 census figure, were from 3,885,591 acres. The maximum payments for planting cotton is 5 cents a pound for the yield per acre established under the Triple-A. If the growers take advantage of this opportunity and divert the maximum amount of land to the payment for eastern Carolina will be approximately \$63,747.25. On tobacco, the maximum that could be diverted to receive payments would be 10 per cent of the base. The rate is 5 cents a pound on the yield acre established under the Triple-A contracts, which would



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and his payments would be determined by the productivity or the yield per acre of the general depleting base on his farm as it compares with the county yield. **Other Payments** There are other payments under the Soil Conservation Program which are known as the soil building payment. This payment is made for carrying out soil building practices and the total amount of payment that can be received by any individual grower will be determined by the amount of conserving acreage that he has on his farm. Soil building practices are adjusted to meet the needs of almost every farmer in eastern Carolina. This means that in addition to receiving what is known as the conserving payment for diverting acres from tobacco, cotton and peanuts to an acreage of hay crops, or legume crops to be turned to the soil or left on the soil, an additional payment will be made for carrying out soil building practices on the farm. The above mentioned payments are minor when two other important factors are considered. One, the diversion of depleting crops, of which there is a surplus, thereby making that portion of the crop that is grown for market sell for a price that is reasonable to both producer and consumer and giving the producer a reasonable profit. Second, the Soil Conservation Program will encourage growers to plant their most productive fields that are free from diseases. It will also aid them in improving the less productive soils and at the same time follow a rotation that will conserve the soil and promote disease control that is so sorely needed in eastern Carolina. The tobacco soils of this area are infested with diseases known as root knot, sore shank, Southern root rot and the leaf spot diseases. And last, but not least, organic matter from the legumes will build up the nitrogen supply and also the water-holding capacity of the soil, which will be of the greatest benefit to plant growth in unusually dry seasons. Organic matter will also improve the physical condition of the soil, thereby giving better aeration which is important and very necessary to plant growth. Commercial fertilizers will respond more readily

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