

Government Payments To Farmers To Be Increased \$200,000,000

Washington, Aug. 15.—Secretary of Agriculture Henry A. Wallace tonight announced a 1939 agricultural adjustment administration program which will increase government payments to farmers by more than \$200,000,000.

Provisions of the program, except for increased benefit payments, are similar to those put into effect this year under the new farm act. They follow closely recommendation made by 100 farmer-committeemen at a meeting which ended Saturday.

Increased government benefits will be derived from the \$212,000,000 price-adjustment fund appropriated by the last Congress. Payments for soil conservation and soil-depleting acreage diversion will be about the same as this year, Wallace said.

Payment Rates Listed

The probable rates of payments to farmer participating in the 1939 program were listed by Wallace as:

Cotton 1.8 to 2 cents a pound plus the price-adjustment payment of 1.8 to 2 cents a pound, a total of 3.6 to 4 cents a pound on the farm's normal yield per acre of cotton for each acre in the cotton allotment.

Corn in the commercial area: 8 to 10 cents a bushel, plus a price-adjustment payment of 5 to 6 cents, a total of 13 to 16 cents per bushel on the farm's normal yield per acre for each acre in the

corn allotment. Wheat: 16 to 18 cents per bushel, plus a price-adjustment payment of 10 to 12 cents per bushel, a total of 26 to 30 cents per bushel on the farm's normal yield per acre for each acre in the wheat allotment.

Rice: 8 to 10 cents per hundred pounds, plus a price-adjustment payment of 12 to 15 cents per hundred pounds, a total of 20 to 25 per hundred pounds on the farm's normal yield per acre for each acre in the rice allotment.

Potatoes: approximately 3 cents per bushel on the farm's normal yield per acre for each acre grown not in excess of potato allotment.

Tobacco Unchanged

Tobacco: probably the same as the 1938 rates for most types.

General soil depleting acreage in class A areas, \$1 an acre compared with \$1.25 this year. Non-depleting acreage in class A areas 50 to 60 cents an acre, compared with 50 cents an acre this year.

General depleting and non-depleting acreage in class B areas, 70 cents an acre, the same as this year. Vegetable, orchard, pasture and range land about the same as this year.

AAA Administrator H. R. Tolley said that the farm meeting, while advocating some changes, was certain that the principles of the program were sound and that was certain that the principles of the 1938 program should not be changed materially.

Most of the modifications suggested were intended to strengthen the soil building and conservation phases of the pro-

gram and to simplify and improve administration, he said.

"The problems created by increased surpluses were discussed at the conference and the consensus was that producers should make full use of the program, including marketing quotas if needed, to prevent the demoralization of farm prices, and farm income," Tolley said.

Essential Points Given

Essential points of the 1939 program, Tolley said, are:

1. Establishment of national allotments for soil-depleting crops and a national objective for soil-building crops and practices.
2. Establishment of individual soil-depleting crop allotments for wheat, cotton, corn, rice, potatoes, flue-cured, burley, fire-cured, dark air-cured, cigar filler and binder and Georgia-Florida cigar wrapper tobaccos.
3. A maximum payment to be calculated for each farm participating in the program.
4. Crop classifications and soil building practices similar to those approved in 1938.
5. The provision that land used for home gardens may be excluded in calculating soil-depleting crops for the farm.
6. The continuation of efforts to restore grass, land unsuited for crops in the great plains area.

Wheat Allotment

The 1939 allotment for wheat was made two months ago at 55,000,000 acres. This compared with 80,000,000 planted for harvest this year and an average of 69,000,000 acres for the past 10 years.

Wallace said that in view of the current supply of cotton (13,400,000 bales) that the acreage allotment for cotton next year will approximate the 27,500,000 acres allotted for this year.

The acreage allotment for corn, tobacco, rice and other commodities for which special allotments will be made in 1939 will be determined upon the basis of the situation affecting these commodities and will be determined after 1938 production is known, Wallace said.

"On the basis of the current production estimate for corn, the 1939 corn acreage allotment for the commercial corn production area will not be greatly different from the 1938 allotment," Tolley said.

King News Items

Mrs. Alva Turner who resides in Walnut Hills is spending some time with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ott Daub in Canada.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Sprinkle and Jack Sprinkle are spending their vacation at Carolina Beach.

James Beasley had a finger cut off by a woodworking machine at the Slate Lumber Plant where he works Wednesday.

The following patients underwent tonsil operations in the Stone-Helsabeck Clinic last week: Miss Peggy June Vaughn, of Winston-Salem, and Miss Hope Jones of King.

Coster Collins who holds a position as musician with the Rio Grand Rangers is spending his vacation with his parents here.

County Group Named To Appraise Tenant Loans And Farms

Three Stokes county farmers have been named by the Farm Security Administration, U. S. Department of Agriculture, to help County Supervisor J. E. Cheves, Reidsville, N. C., carry out the tenant purchase program.

Mr. Harvey G. Johnson, of Germantown, N. C.; Mr. P. Oscar Frye, of Pinnacle, N. C., and Mr. J. Moir Hawkins, of Sandy Ridge, N. C., well known farmers, were chosen members of the County FSA Advisory Committee. The announcement was made early week by Vance E. Swift, FSA State Director, Raleigh, N. C., who said he had just received the official wire from Regional Director, George S. Mitchell, Raleigh, N. C.

Advisory groups now have been named in 50 counties in this State, chosen as counties in which loans will be made this year to tenant farmers for the purchase and improvement of farms. These include counties designaed last year as well as new counties recently added to the list.

The County Committees were cculture on the advice of the chosen by the Secretary of Agriculture farm tenant committee lists sent in by County FSA Supervisors and Farm Agents. These local committees will study applications for loans, choose tenants who have the character and ability to pay for a farm, and appraise the farms successful applicants want to buy. Tenants are

placing applications for loans with County Supervisors who will assist successful applicants in building or repairing their houses and in laying out their farm plans, it was pointed out.

Sandy Ridge News

Rev. J. A. Joyce and Gladys Joyce have returned from a few days vacaton in Asheville.

Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Ward of Liberty visited here Tuesday

Misses Aljene and Ruth Joyce spent the week-end with Louise Jessup near Lawsonville

Mr. and Mrs. John Lee Spencer visited here Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Riley Stovall of Roanoke, Va., spent some time here last week.

Gladys Joyce is spending some time in Randolph county.

Mr. and Mrs. Elma Wright visited here Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Blair of Greensboro vased here last week.

Miss Ruth Joyce visited her sister, Mrs. Lelia Moore, who is ill at her home in Liberty Thursday.

Miss Marie Stovall visited Miss Ailene Joyce Sunday.

Miss Louise Jessup, Curtis Stevens visited Ruth Joyce Sunday afternoon.

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