

# Feed Grain Program Now In Effect For Farmers; Get Info From ACS

Paul Barwick  
The emergency Feed-Grain program which was proposed by President John F. Kennedy has gone into effect after passage by both the U. S. House of Representatives and the U. S. Senate.  
Purpose of the program is to re-

duce the surplus feed grain stocks now on hand and being stored by the Federal Government. Secretary of Agriculture Orville L. Freeman said, "I am sure that farmers appreciate the action and will cooperate to make the program effective. With about 3 million bus-

hels of feed grains in government loan and inventory stocks, representing an investment of more than \$4 million, it is time for action in the interest of the farmer and other taxpayers."

"Unless the present drift is stopped, it promises to become only worse and threatens the entire feed grain and livestock industry. It ultimately threatens the consumer as well," Secretary Freeman added.

Under the program, participating producers will reduce their corn and grain sorghum acreage by a minimum of 20 per cent below their average acreages for the 1959-60 period.

For diverting acreage equal to 20 per cent of their base or 20 acres whichever is larger, producers will be eligible for a payment equal to 50 per cent of their normal production on their diverted acreage times the county support price. The County support price in the corn producing locality is \$1.20 per bushel.

Actual payment computation will be based on a payment rate per acre for the County times the acreage diverted and a productivity index for each farm, which will reflect its normal production.

For example, if a farm practices and the County corn yield last year was 60 bushels, the farmer would receive \$1.20 per bushel times 30 for diverting 20 per cent of his corn acreage of 20 acres which ever is larger. This means the farmer would receive \$36 per acre for not planting.

There is also provision in the program for further reductions at a higher payment rate. This additional reduction can be any amount up to 20 per cent more. As an incentive, the higher rate will be at 60 per cent of normal production. The payment will also be computed on the basis of an average county rate and a productivity index for the farm.

As outlined, producers who participate in the program will be expected to devote the acreage diverted from corn or grain sorghum production to conserving uses. This will be in addition to the average 1959-60 acreage devoted to soil-conserving uses on the farm.

The conserving uses for acreage diverted under the feed grain program will vary from area to area and will include cover crops, trees, water storage, wildlife protection, and other acceptable practices.

The diverted acreage cannot be harvested or pastured.

Secretary Freeman says: "This program will cost the government less than the continued unlimited production with a guaranteed price at a lower level. Ultimately, this one-year operation should reduce the cost to taxpayers by \$400 million to \$600 million."

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MRS. SALLIE A. SUMNER  
Mrs. Sallie Ann Sumner 72, of Beaufort, died in Duplin General Hospital after a brief illness.  
Funeral services were conducted from the Cabin Freewill Baptist Church Saturday afternoon at 3:00 o'clock. Burial followed in the Mercer family cemetery near the home.  
She is survived by sons Tethro Sumner and Sanford, and John W. Sumner of the home, four daughters Mrs. Rommie Bowen, Mrs. Jennie Jones, Mrs. Perry Holmes, of the home, and Mrs. Kirby Edwards of Baltimore, Md. Nineteen grandchildren and eleven Great Grandchildren.

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