Washington

SOIL BUILDING RATES FOR 1942 ANNOUNCED

Agriculture has announced soil-build- session of the Board of Agriculture ought to send them the stuff they ing allowance rates which will be on June 27. the basis for determining maximum payments which farmers may earn by carrying out soil-building practices under the 1942 AAA Farm Program. The rates will be substantially the same as in 1941.

Farmers may earn two types of payments under the Farm Pro-

(1) A payment for carrying out approved soil-building practices and (2) A payment for planting within special crop allotments, such as those for corn, wheat, cotton, rice,

tobacco, peanuts, and potatoes. Rates for compliance with special crop allotments and other provisions will be announced later. As in former years, conservation payments to be made under the 1942 program are contingent on the annual appropriation authorized by Congress for this purpose in the Agricultural Adjustment Act of 1938.

The soil-building rates are being announced now in order that farmers in those States where the 1942 program year began July 1 may plan now to carry out soil-building practices under the new program.

The new program will provide allotments on the same crops as in 1941 except that there will be no allotments for commercial vegetables, and, in lieu of total-soil depleting allotments, there may be substituted special crop allotments covering certain feed grains in surplus areasoats, barley, rye, grain sorghums, and sorn (outside the commercial corn area). These crops were formerly included in the total soil depleting allotment for the farm.

The feed grain allotment is being provided to stabilize such crops in 1942. Officials pointed out that the present supply of these feed grains, coupled with the 1941 crops, is ample to meet whatever feed demands will come as a result of expansion in the livestock industry.

By planting in accordance with the demand for feed crops, farmers will be making more efficient use of their soil, will be able to release much needed storage for surplus crops, and be better able to produce other crops especially needed for the defense program.

A soil-building allowance is established for each farm on the basis of such factors as the farm's cropland. non-crop pastureland, commercial vegetables, and commercial orchards. The participating farmer may earn his farm's allowance by carrying out approved soil-building practices. Under the 1942 program, the farm's allowance will be computed on the basis of the following rates:

70 cents per acre of cropland not included in special crop allotments for the farm in areas where feed grain allotments are not established.

50 cents per acre of cropland not included in special crop allotments for the farm in areas where feed grain allotments are established.

In 1941 the 70-cent rate applies only to areas generally deficient in feed, while the 50-cent rate is available in surplus feed areas.

Rates of non-crop pasture land, which will be the same as those used under the 1941 program. These rates vary by areas.

\$2.00 per acre of orchards, except for any orchard land included in cropland, for which the rate will be \$1.30 per acre. In 1941, the rate for orchards is \$1,80 per acre.

\$1.00 per acre of commercial vegetables normally grown on the farm. The vegetable rate is \$1.30 per acre in 1941 but is applicable to a smaller acreage than in 1942.

50 cents per acre of restoration land. In 1941 the soil-building allowance on restoration land is 45 cents per acre, but the additional payment of 15 cents per acre made on such land in 1941 will not be con-

tinued in 1942. Included in the 1942 program, as in 1941, will be a special allowance of \$15 which farmers may earn by planting forest trees. This payment will be in addition to any other allowance which may be computed for the farm. The 1942 program continues the 320 minimum payment which may be earned on any farm. The \$20 minimum payment does not include the tree planting allowance.

While there are only minor changes in the sile-building allowance rates, officials pointed out that final provisions of the 1942 program when work on individual farms. Substan-

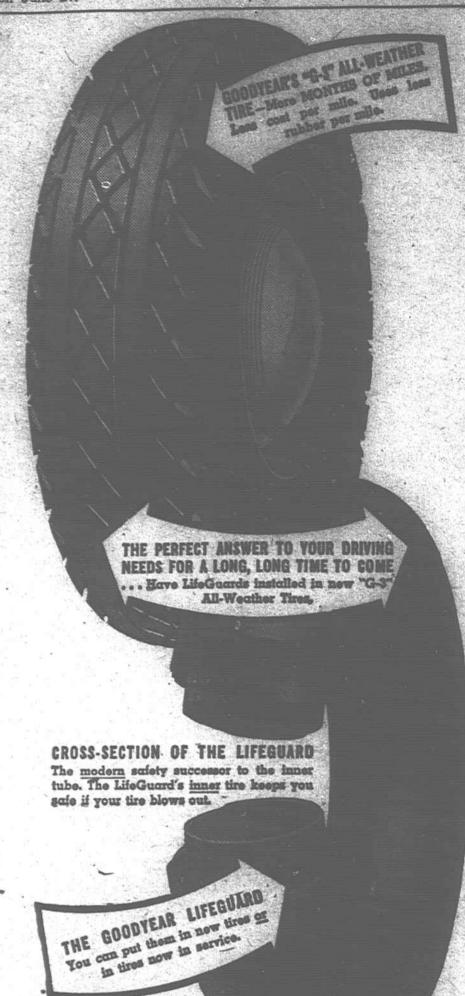
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Raleigh.-Already confronted with the worst traffic conditions in the State's history, state officials who are interested in the highway safety problem view with apprehension the opening of the tobacco markets this

"In normal years, the marketing of the tobacco crop causes abnormal traffic conditions resulting in many accidents, but with traffic already at an all-time peak, the 1941 tobacco season is liable to result in a bumper crop of traffic accidents," said Ronald Hocutt, director of the Highway Safety Division.

Our principal tobacco producing section is Eastern North Carolina where most of the defense activity in the state is concentrated. This will mean that certain highways will be jammed these next few months with military vehicles, private cars of defense workers, and tobacco-hauling vehicles. For this reason, it is all the more important this year that those who have tobacco to haul to concessor co market should take every precaution to see that their hauling is done in the safest possible manner."

Hocutt pointed out that the opening of the tobacco markets usually brings forth upon the highways a vast array of nondescript vehicles which stay in the farm yard or under a shelter most of the year and which, for the most part, lack a lot of being in the safest mechanical condition.

"These vehicles can create serious hazards on our highways," the safety director said, "and motorists should recognize these hazards and compensate for them by increasing their alertness and caution when driving on roads when a tobacco-haulers are operating."

By way of suggestions to tobacco growers, Hocutt stressed the importance of proper loading, so as to give even weight distribution, and of careful inspection of tires, brakes and trailer couplings. Inasmuch as much tobacco is hauled during hours of darkness, he also urged the importance of careful inspections of running lights and clearance lights before each trip to market. He also suggested that tobacco-haulers carry flags and flares for use in case of break-downs necessitating emergency

repairs on the highway. Still another thing about which Hocutt warned is the practice of carrying passengers on the rear of trucks or trailers. In past seasons, he said, he has observed that many drivers on their way back home after selling their tobacco make a habit of loading the back of their trucks with neighbors looking for a ride home. Several persons have been killed in the state this summer as a result of falling off or being bounced off the rear

end of trucks, he said. "Getting your tobacco to market is important," he said, "but the really important thing is that the vehicle hauling your tebacco gets to market and back to the farm without endangering the lives of your drivers and helpers or other people on the highway."

Federal Land Banks Are Now Holding Less Farm Property

College Station, Raleigh, Aug. 21-Federal land banks now are holding considerably less North Carolina farm property than last year, G. T. Scott. Johnston county farmer and chairman of the State AAA committee. said a few days ago in announcing that the farm real estate market has shown "great improvement in the past 12 months."

The number of farms now held by Federal land banks throughout the nation-18.799-is less than at any time since 1982, Chairman Scott said. Quoting U. S. Department of Agri-

culture records, the Johnston farmer pointed to increases in the appraised values of farms, compared with socalled "normal" agricultural values, as another indication of an improved farm real estate market. For the nation, Mr. Scott said, the records show that during the past year the appraised market value in only about one-fourth of the farm properties appraised was less than their normal agricultural value-a change of about five per cent compared with last year.

Adding to the encouragement of the increased farm real estate values, Scott said, is the fact that fewer farms were sold at foreclosure during the first six months of 1941 than at any similar period in the past 7 years foreclosures have taken the downtraff since 1934, the AAA chairman

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