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Farm Program Sign-Up Starts

Farmers in Cleveland County are reminded that sign-up for the 1970 feed grain, wheat, and cotton programs began on Monday, February 2. The sign-up period will continue through March 20.

Objectives of these voluntary farm programs include strengthening and stabilizing farm prices, and keeping production in line with demand.

Wheat, feed grains, and cotton occupy over half the harvested cropland in the United States.

Secretary of Agriculture Clifford M. Hardin has testified before a Congressional Committee that the farm programs for these commodities affect most farmers and set the pattern for other commodity programs.

Farm program participants earn payments on their crops and are eligible for price support loans.

"Small farm" provisions are included in each of the voluntary programs, adding additional benefits for the farmers who qualify.

While the sign-up period will

extend through several weeks, farmers are urged to file their applications as soon as they decide on 1970 production plans.

HOW TO ASSIGN PAYMENTS
Making a crop, getting it to market and getting paid for it takes a long time, and supplies and services must be bought long before the crop is sold.

Farmers may not always have the ready cash to pay for these items at the time, but may have money coming to them from one or more farm programs.

So, a farmer may arrange to have all or part of these payments made directly to the people who sold him seed, fertilizer, farm equipment, or other things necessary to raise the crop.

Such arrangement is called Assignment of Payments, and assignments may be made at the County ASCS Office, or, in some instances, at the bank of

lending institution which is providing the cash advance. Payments may be assigned, paid directly to the lender or creditor, from these programs: ACP, CAP and Upland Cotton Program. If a farmer wishes to assign a program payment, he may come to the ASCS office and ask them to assist him in preparing the assignment form (ASCS-36). The information needed on the form will be his name and address, farm number, and the name and address of the person or company to which the money is to come.

The farmer signs the form, or his authorized agent may sign it for him. His signature must be witnessed and dated. The lender also signs and dates his signature.

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Vet Technicians Being Trained

By NANCY DUCKETT

SANFORD — Central Carolina Technical Institute is a pioneer in the training of veterinary medical technicians. The institute is training young men and women to assist the veterinarian who is in private practice.

Central Carolina's program is the only one of its kind in Southeastern United States and was begun in 1965.

According to Dr. James Brown, director of veterinary medical technology at the technical institute, until 1969, there wasn't another program similar to North Carolina's in the country.

State's were begun in Nebraska, Colorado and the State of Washington, and another is to start in Wisconsin in September.

The several other veterinary medical technology programs in the country are designed to train technicians in the care of animals used primarily in research and related areas.

North Carolina's veterinary medical technology program is recognized for its merits throughout the country. In fact, Dr. Brown reports that nearly

every week he receives questions from other schools considering setting up a program and from individuals interested in taking the course.

For years competently trained personnel have been needed to work in the many different areas of veterinary medicine. In the past veterinarians have attempted to fill these positions with technicians who received their training in the human field or by employing some individual who could receive training on the job.

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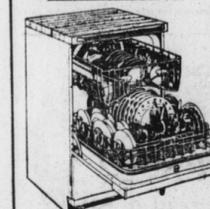
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