

The Herald's Weekly Page of Kentucky Farm News

Chapman Seeks To Aid Farmers

Local Congressman Introduces Bill Seeking Appropriation To Pay Contracts Up To Jan. 6.

Legislation authorizing an appropriation of such amounts as may be necessary in order that full payment may be made under all A.A.A. contracts and agreements for the purpose of affecting any reduction or re-adjustment of tobacco acreage or production, was introduced in the House in Washington this week by Representative Virgil Chapman, of Kentucky.

Congressman Chapman's bill would provide for such payment where there was full or partial performance by the tobacco grower before January 6, when the Supreme Court declared the A.A.A. unconstitutional.

"Many thousand tobacco growers in Kentucky and other States entered in good faith into contracts with the Federal Government to adjust their tobacco acreage and reduce the amount of tobacco produced on their farms. Thousands of them have complied to the letter with their contracts with the Government in the expectation that the Government would comply with its contract with them. The Supreme Court's decision of January 6 held the Agricultural Adjustment Act unconstitutional, leaving a situation in which the tobacco growers have performed their contracts, and I believe there is a moral obligation on the part of the Government to make the benefit payments called for in the original growers' agreement to those who have performed their contracts. It is sound morals and ethics that the Government should perform its contract also to the extent to which the individual tobacco growers have performed theirs and should make the payments contracted for commensurate with the degree of performance that has already been made by the growers.

The Agricultural Adjustment Act has been of great benefit to growers of Kentucky's principal money crop and basic farm product, burley tobacco. Incidentally, tobacco pays nearly half a billion dollars annually in revenue to the Federal Treasury and is the only product upon which the Federal Government collects a tax. Since the Supreme Court held the A.A.A. unconstitutional I have conferred with several representatives of tobacco growing districts concerning the possibility of dividing a plan that will not conflict with the Constitution, but will take the place of the A.A.A. I hope the Congress and the Administration can work out a plan through which the producers of tobacco and other farm commodities can continue to receive benefits similar to those resulting from the A.A.A., and at the same time a plan that will not violate but conform to the limitations contained in the Constitution.

All the world is a stage and the number of exits is constantly being increased.

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Mr. Tobacco Grower

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Saturday, January 18, 1936
At 10 O'clock

Farm is beautifully located, containing about 20 acres, almost all in grass with plenty of water, good fencing, 5-room house with porches, necessary outbuildings, combination stock and tobacco barns to take care of all needs of this size farm.

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ONE OF "LOOSE ENDS" OF AGRICULTURE, IS HAY

Hay, in spite of its importance to the farmer, has been referred to as one of the "loose ends" of agriculture because of the slight attention given its improvement in comparison with other important farm crops, says E. O. Pollock, hay specialist of the United States Department of Agriculture.

Losses which come from late cutting and improper curing are very real, even though not as apparent to the farmer who feeds his hay at home as to the man who makes hay a cash crop.

Early cut, well-cured alfalfa, for example, has a high percentage of leaves and green color. The leaves contain more than two-thirds of the protein of the entire plant. Green color in hay is associated with vitamin A, important in animal maintenance and reproduction. Vitamin A content is greatly reduced when hay is discolored from rain, sun bleaching or improper storage.

Alfalfa leaves left in the sun at the Arizona experiment station for less than three hours at noon lost 20 to 33 per cent of vitamin A, compared to leaves cured in a ventilated, darkened room. Leaves lying over night lost 75 per cent. A further exposure of 4 hours at noon the next day increased the loss to 84 per cent. Severely bleached alfalfa exposed for a week to sun and rain lost 94 per cent.

Such a prodigious waste, says Mr. Pollock, would not be tolerated in many other crops.

RABBITS BRING \$10,000 TO NICHOLAS COUNTY, KY.

During the rabbit hunting season which ended January 1, it is estimated that more than 50,000 rabbits were bought and shipped from Carlisle. It is estimated that these rabbits brought hunters approximately \$10,000.

During the season the Blue Grass Produce Company, the largest individual buyers in Carlisle, bought a total of 24,981 rabbits, for which the company paid \$4,226.77 or an average of approximately 17 cents each. M. T. Ruddell, manager of the company, said this was the highest price paid for rabbits in several years. Mr. Ruddell also said that his company probably received less than half of the rabbits sold in Nicholas county.

Mr. Ruddell shipped most of his rabbits to Detroit.

The Scott Cream Station bought and shipped approximately 10,000 rabbits during the season, for which about the same price was paid.

These figures do not include many thousands of rabbits killed and used in home consumption.—Carlisle Mercury.

BUYS 39-POUND TURKEY.

W. E. Watson, agent for the Peter Fox Produce Company in Todd county, reported buying a 39-pound turkey from James Crouch this past week. The turkey sold for 18 cents per pound and came to \$7.02.

According to Mr. Watson, this is the largest bird sold in Todd county for the past ten years, and officials of the Peter Fox Company in Hopkinsville informed Mr. Watson it was the largest purchased this year by them. The turkey was an old tom.

Ten years ago Mr. Watson said he purchased a tom turkey from Miss Bessie Crouch, sister of James Crouch, weighing 40 pounds for which he paid 20 cents per pound, amounting to \$8.—Todd County Standard.

WOODFORD COUNTY BOY WINS TOBACCO PRIZE

Ira Wash, Jr., of Woodford county, is the new 4-H club tobacco project champion of the central district. His crop of 900 pounds sold for \$39.58 per hundred following the Central Kentucky 4-H club show and sale at Lexington. He will receive an all-expense trip to the National 4-H Club Congress in Chicago. Kelly Cook, Fayette county, won the reserve championship with a 666-pound crop selling for \$42.97.

Club members from 21 counties exhibited and sold approximately 70,000 pounds of tobacco, averaging \$27.17. In the county exhibit, Woodford county placed first, followed in order by Jessamine, Franklin, Johnson and Magoffin.

Park Explains Court Ruling

County Agent Says Contract Signers Must Still Call For Allotment Cards When Leaf Sells.

In an interview with County Agent C. F. Park, he declared that there has been much misunderstanding concerning the proper procedure in regard to selling tobacco since the A.A.A. has been ruled unconstitutional by the Supreme Court.

All contract signers should continue to call for their allotment cards to be used when their tobacco is sold. Any excess to be sold by contract signers can only be disposed of by purchasing a deficiency from some other contract signer through the county agent's office, or by purchasing an excess card after obtaining a money order or certificate check made payable to the United States Department of Agriculture in the amount of three cents per pound for the poundage to be sold.

The question, too, has often arisen as to whether the warehousemen are required to deduct the 33 1/3% imposed on the non-signers under the Kerr-Smith tobacco act. This law to date has not been changed in any way and the Internal Revenue department still requires the warehousemen to make this deduction and will hold them responsible that same is done. The Kerr-Smith act has not been repealed; in fact, it is now awaiting action by the United States District Court of Cincinnati, after which it must go to the Supreme Court for final decision.

Those who pay the tax under this act should file a claim with the Internal Revenue Department, as the law specifically states that no refund can be made under same unless claim is filed within 12 months from the date of payment.

Mr. Park expects to have more definite information during the week in regard to the procedure for the old contract signers. They should preserve all sales bills and also be sure to return their used allotment cards when the final sale has been made, he said.

Mr. Park said that he was under the impression that those persons who have complied under the different contracts, yet who have not been paid their different payments, would be paid at a later date. This, however, is only an opinion and is not official, he added.

STATE HOLSTEINS MAKE GOOD RECORD

The Holstein-Friesian Association of America announces that the herd of 11 Holsteins at the Kentucky Agricultural Experiment Station at Lexington recently completed a year's production test with an average of 404.6 pounds of fat and 11,878 pounds of milk. U. K. Beth was high cow, being credited with 544.7 pounds of fat and 14,711 pounds of milk for the year. Second place was held by U. K. Lad Florence, her production being 501.8 pounds of fat and 15,574 pounds of milk. The herd was milked twice daily.

SHELBY CO. MAN GETS \$180 FOR 40 TURKEYS

Rex Watson, Kenton town, Shelby county, recently sold his crop of 40 turkeys for \$180. The price was 30 cents a pound. A number of farmers in that section are making profits on turkeys. Several reported that the time spent on turkeys gave them higher pay per hour than that spent in tobacco growing.

KENTUCKY FARM NEWS

J. W. Fegenbush, of Jefferson county applied 500 pounds of fertilizer to land planted to sweet potatoes, and obtained an increased yield of about 90 bushels an acre on relatively fertile ground. Other potato growers reported similar successful results.

Ben Wilson, of Meade county, fed 331 western feeder lambs during the fall a ration of alfalfa hay, corn and cottonseed meal, with a resultant average gain of 24 1/2 pounds a head. The lambs had 350 bushels of corn 15 tons of hay, 1,500 pounds of cottonseed meal, pasture and plenty of fresh water.

Philip Freese, a Lawrence county booster of korean lespedeza, estimates that 10,000 acres were seeded to hay and pasture in that county last year, with approximately 100,000 pounds of seed used.

Caldwell farmers have agreed on the following poultry program as a way to increase profits during 1936: clean chicks to start with; satisfactory, clean equipment; clean ground for houses and range; feeding balanced ration, and careful management.

Fisher Mark and L. H. Peed, of Sideview community in Montgomery county, reported the largest yield of korean lespedeza seed in the county. They threshed 425 pounds of seed an acre. The average yield of Montgomery county farmers was 100 to 125 pounds.

JESSAMINE MEN HELD IN TOBACCO THEFT

James Shell and Earl Cristwell were arraigned before Judge T. R. Guyan, in the Jessamine county court, Friday, charged with stealing 500 pounds of tobacco from David Baker, a farmer of the Harrodsburg road. The two men waived examining trial and were held to the grand jury, under \$1,500 bond, which they were unable to give. The three other men arrested for the same offense, Manuel Johns, Arvin Cristwell and Hollis Dawson, negro, pleaded not guilty and their trial was set for January 10. They were also remanded to jail under \$1,500 bond, which they were unable to give.

SOYBEAN PIE TO CAP ALL-SOYBEAN MENU

Guests at a dinner which will open the East Texas Chamber of Commerce soybean conference at Corianna next Tuesday are going to eat soybeans—from soup to pie. Yes, pie.

Glen D. Davis, assistant manager of the chamber, said there will be soybean soup, soybean salad with soybean dressing, a soybean meat substitute, soybean-vegetables, soybean bread, soybean pie, soybean coffee and—he promised proof—soybean milk.

ELECTRIC SOIL HEATING

Electric soil heating for propagation of seeds and promoting growth of plants to be set out in fields, is making headway in Canada. The Dominion Department of Agriculture reports installations in Ontario greenhouses have proven satisfactory. Also in hotbeds and cold frames for propagating seeds of tomatoes, cabbage, cauliflower, egg plant peppers, cucumbers, certain flowers and sweet potatoes, the use of electric soil heating has proven valuable.

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365,000 Acres of Forest Purchased

United States Has Acquired Land in East Kentucky in Two Years.

Approximately 365,000 acres of forest land in Eastern Kentucky have been acquired by the United States Forest Service during the last two and a half years, it was reported by C. L. Graham, supervisor of the Cumberland National Forest.

The Kentucky National Forest, the proposed area of which is more than a million acres, is situated in seventeen counties, forming a semicircle east of Clark county. Land is purchased at its market value as determined by the Government scale of soil and timber. The entire supervision of the project is handled through the local headquarters and suboffices over the area.

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Cast-iron plows made about that time were superior to the wooden plows, but they were too rapidly and would not scour properly in the rich, sticky soils of the Mississippi and Ohio Valleys. They "rooted, but not inverted the soil."

Oliver's experiments led him to obtain several patents for the process of hardening or "chilling" the nose and cutting edge of the share. Thus he realized his ambition for a plow that "sang" as it cut its way thru rich prairie sod or heavy soil.

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