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Feed grain signup ends Friday, March 30

Barley and corn growers who want to participate in this year's feed grain or malting barley exemption programs must sign intentions to participate by March 30, John Roberts, chairman of the Agricultura Stabilization and Conservation committee pointed out this week.

Participation in the diversion programs entitles the applicant to diversion payments and price support. There are no payments under the exemption program but producers who qualify become eligible for price support on the normal production of their barley acreage.

Producers who qualify for the malting exemption become eligible for price support by planting

only approved malting barley varieties, by planting not more than 110 per cent of their 1962 farm barley base and by meeting cross compliance requirements. Under cross compliance, a corn base on the farm may not be exceeded, or if there is no corn base, no corn may be planted, and the barley and corn bases may not be exceeded on any other farm in which the producer is interested in the production of these commodities.

Chairman Roberts pointed out that the County ASCS office is open weeks days from 8 to 12 a.m. and 1 to 5 p.m. to provide additional information to interested producers and to assist them with their sign-up. Since the final date to sign-up is March 30, he urged all interested producers to visit the County ASCS office as soon as possible.

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AC Program offers assistance to farm conservation projects

Farmers and ranchers with soil and water problems are encouraged to work for more lasting conservation benefits to the land by making corrective efforts which meet specifications detailed by the Agricultural Conservation program.

For many problems federal cost-sharing is available to effect a more thorough job of conservation than might be possible if total costs were to come wholly out of the individual's own pocket.

Signing a request for cost sharing before a conservation practice is begun will secure in the neighborhood of from 50 to 80 per cent of cost help financially, and the work in many instances will be supervised by experienced technicians. 1962 ACP practices for which cost-sharing is available are:

ON ALL LAND:

Three new wildlife conservation practices including (1) establishment of vegetative cover to provide food plots and habitat, (2) development or restoration of shallow water areas and (3) construction of ponds or dams for wildlife. Control of noxious weeds including Canada Thistle, Whitetop, Bindweed, Quackgrass, Russian and Spotted Knapweed, Leafy Spurge, Goatweed, Sow Thistle, etc. Establish approved permanent vegetative cover on gullies,

dams, dikes, ditchbanks, farm roadsides, and other like area. Protect farmland from erosion or flood damage by initiating a streambank or shore protection.

ON CROPLAND

Seed vegetative cover in excess of normal crop rotation. Establish a legume for green manure. Subsoil, Level or grade land for better distribution of water or to prevent ponding. Drain cropland. Establish strip-cropping Retard or reduce runoff water. Reorganize and established irrigation system.

ON RANGELAND:

Seed artificially or defer grazing for natural re-seeding of desirable vegetative cover. Develop additional water sources, or cross fence, for better distribution of grazing. Control competitive shrubs. Establish fire-breaks.

ON FOREST LAND:

Thin and prune to improve a stand of forest trees. Prepare a site for natural forest reseedling. Remove undesirable competing vegetation.

ON LAND TOO POOR IN SOIL QUALITY OR TOO ROUGH FOR FARMING:

Prepare seedbed and seed premanently to approved vegetative cover or to trees to secure some benefit from the land and to control weeds.

FHA financing available for conservation work

R. M. Sherick, county supervisor, Farmers Home administration, whose offices are located in the Tower and Robinson building, Polson, advises that funds are available to farmers and ranchers to assist them in the financing of essential soil and water development work.

Loans can be made either to individuals or to groups of farmers and rural residents to develop their water supply systems for irrigation, household use and livestock, for land drainage, leveling, and other soil conservation measures.

Soil and water loans are available at interest rates of four and one-half to five per cent and loans to individuals can be amortized for repayment up to periods extending 20 years.

In addition the Farmers Home administration has available funds to assist farmers and rural residents with rural housing loans for construction, repair,

Douglas Beed and a friend stopped at the home ranch on his way to the Beed cabin on Little Thompson river to study the bear situation.

Owen Vivian and Watson Beed attended the Soil Conservation meeting at Polson Tuesday.

TAKE PART IN PLAYS AT CARROLL COLLEGE

The Carroll Players presented two one-act plays at Carroll College in Helena on March 9 and 10. Gerald Brown, Ronan was a member of the "The Happy Journey" and Kathleen M. Smith of St. Ignatius, was stage manager of the two productions. The other play was "The Browning Version."

Conservation supervisors attend workshop

Soil Conservation District supervisors from Lake county met with supervisors from Sanders county Friday, March 16th in Hot Springs for a workshop in District administration.

Ole Ueland, executive secretary of the State Soil Conservation committee, spoke on the topic of "How I can be a Good Leader." Larry Osburnsen, area conservationist for Western Montana, presented information designed to help district supervisors in developing an annual plan of work.

Rex Campbell, extension supervisor, talked about the concepts of leadership and their implications to district supervisors. Sid Tietema and Henry Mikkelsen, county agents from Lake and Sanders counties, talked about the administration of Soil Conservation districts.

District supervisors from Lake county present were Nick Herak, George Thompson, Ralph Tower and Cal Livingston. Lewis Fuller, work unit conservationist, also attended.

Charlo band talent show is tonight

Charlo

The Charlo Band will hold its sixth annual county-wide talent show Thursday evening, tonight, at 8 p.m. in the high school auditorium.

Judges will be Miss Zelda Lee of Dixon, Guy Price of Ronan and Dan Bachelder of St. Ignatius, all band directors.

repayment over periods up to 40 years and the interest rate for farm ownership loans is five per cent, Sherick said



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