

Here's How 1954 Wheat Crop Production Controls Work

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WASHINGTON (AP) — Here are questions and their answers on production controls invoked by Secretary of Agriculture Benson Wednesday to restrict the growing and sale of wheat from the 1954 crop:

Question — What are the controls?

Answer — They are of two kinds: (1) Acreage planting allotments designed to control production and (2) marketing quotas designed to control sales.

Q.—What is the difference between these controls?

A.—Quotas are more restrictive in their effect than are allotments. Allotments may be used alone, but quotas require allotments. An allotment is the number of acres a farm may plant to wheat and be in compliance with the control program. A quota is the number of bushels of wheat a farm may sell and avoid heavy penalties.

Q.—What is a farm's allotment?

A.—It is the farm's share—as determined by a formula in crop control law—of a national planting allotment. The national allotment is broken down by states and counties on the basis of past acreage and production. The individual farm's allotment is established on the basis of the farm's acreage and production history and other factors.

Q.—What is a farm's marketing quota?

A.—It is the amount of wheat grown on its acreage allotment. That is, if a farm is allotted 100 acres for planting and it produced 8,000 bushels, its marketing quota would be 1,800 bushels.

Q.—What is the penalty for planting more than an allotment?

A.—Loss of eligibility for government price support aid on the affected crop. The price support for 1954 is expected to average around \$2.20 a bushel.

Q.—May a farmer sell wheat grown on acres in excess of his allotment?

A.—Yes, without any penalty except loss of price support aid, if there are no marketing quotas. If there are quotas, wheat grown on the excess acres may be sold only if the farmer pays a penalty tax imposed by law. This tax is now 15 cents a bushel, but Congress is working on legislation to change it to 50 per cent of the basic loan rate. If the legislation passes, the penalty would be about \$1.10 a bushel.

Q.—Is there anything else the farmer could do with excess wheat to avoid payment of the penalty?

A.—Yes. He may store the excess wheat until quotas are removed. Or, he may deliver the excess grain to the Agriculture Department for relief use or diversion into by-products. He cannot use the grain for livestock feed or other uses on his farm without paying the penalty.

Q.—Do controls require approval of farmers?

A.—The acreage allotments do not, but quotas do. Quotas must be submitted to a referendum of growers not later than July 24. Congress may allow the referendum this year to be held as late as Aug. 14 in order to give lawmakers additional time to make change in the control law. Approval by at least two-thirds of the growers voting is required.

Q.—Who will be eligible to vote?

A.—All wheat farmers who will be subject to quotas. This includes every person having an interest in a crop subject to quotas, both a landlord and tenant, for example. Under present law, farms with a wheat acreage of 15 acres or less or a normal production of 800 bushels or less for harvest are exempted from quotas. Pending legislation would change this to 25 acres of 400 bushels.

Q.—What would happen if farmers should reject quotas?

A.—The price support rate for wheat would be put at 50 per cent of the parity price of wheat instead of 90 per cent. The 90 per cent rate would be about \$2.20 a bushel and the 50 per cent rate would be about \$1.22.

Q.—What will be the national acreage allotment?

A.—That has not yet been determined because of pending legislation. Under existing law, it would be 55 million acres or about 30 per cent below this year's 78 million acres. The House has passed a bill to set the allotment at 66 million acres, a reduction of 15 per cent. The Senate is considering a bill that would put it at 62 million acres. Wheat-state lawmakers contend that the allotment set by existing law would require such a drastic cut in production that farmers probably would reject quotas.

Q.—When will the allotment be determined?

A.—Under existing law it must be set not later than July 15. Congress expects to pass new legislation by that time. As soon as the national allotment is determined, it will be broken down by states, counties and individual farms. The department expects to notify each farm of its allotment before referendum time.

Q.—Where will the voting on quotas take place?

A.—In every county in wheat growing areas. Polls will be opened under normal election procedures under supervision of county and community production and marketing administration committees.

Q.—Can quotas be suspended after they have been approved?

A.—Yes, the secretary of agriculture may increase or suspend quotas at any time in event of a national emergency or an increase in the demand for wheat.

Q.—If a farmer is dissatisfied with his quota, may he appeal?

A.—Yes. Any farmer may ask for a review of his case within 15 days after he has received notice of his quota from his county PMA committee.

Teacher With Name Similar To Red Link Faces Firing

SEATTLE (AP) — Superintendent of Schools Samuel Fleming has notified a Seattle school teacher whose name is similar to one mentioned at the trial of seven persons for subversion that he is recommending her dismissal for failure to keep an appointment to discuss the matter.

The teacher is Mrs. Hildur Josephine Hughes, 57, an English and social studies instructor at West Seattle High School.

Fleming asked her to confer with him after Clark Harper, a government witness, testified in the subversion trial that Communist Party meetings had been held at the home of a Josephine Hughes. Later, he said out of court that Josephine Hughes was a school teacher. The school superintendent asked

Mrs. Hughes to meet with him immediately but she put it off until Tuesday afternoon. He stressed that he was on a vacation. She notified Fleming Tuesday that she could not appear on schedule because of "plans to extend vacation."

Fleming immediately notified her she faced dismissal. He stressed that he was doing so because of Mrs. Hughes' failure to keep the appointment, rather than on the basis of any court testimony.

Easter Sale Camp Opening

REEDSPORT — Oregon's first Ray Nash and includes a large summer camp for crippled children—a project of the Easter Seal Society — is going into operation soon.

Howard Feast, executive director of the Oregon Society for Crippled Children and Adults, the Easter Seal Society, said the first youngsters and the staff of trained personnel, Feast said.

Beginning next summer, the camp will be open from July 1 to September 1, and crippled children from all parts of the state will be invited to spend from 10 days to two weeks for a minimum charge that will cover food and incidental expenses.

The 80-acre camp is in Coos County, on the shore of North Lake of Ten Mile Lake. It is within a half-mile of the Douglas county line ten miles south of Reedport. The property was purchased from

mer a road now under construction will be completed.

Ed High, Roseburg Insurance man, spearheaded the campaign to obtain the camp site and is chairman of a 5-county committee to raise funds.

Pine Business Fall-Off Seen

PORTLAND, Ore. (AP) — An official of the Western Pine Association predicted Thursday that Western pine business would fall off slightly in the next three months.

S. V. Fullaway Jr., secretary-manager, noted that production and shipments in June declined more than 6 per cent from the same month in 1952.

He said an apparent decline in housing construction and the general market situation led him to expect that pine business would drop about 6 per cent in the coming quarter.

He said that would make shipments about 1,900,000,000 board feet.

Despite the June drop, shipments and production in the first half of the year outstripped the same period in 1952. Shipments were 3,345,000,000 board feet, an increase of 6 per cent, and production was 3,360,000,000 board feet, an increase of nearly 13 per cent. Stocks in the mill are 1,782,000,000 board feet, about 135,000,000 ahead of last year.

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Wolverine State Finally Gets One To Be Born There

DETROIT (AP) — Michigan, the Wolverine State, has a native-born Wolverine reportedly for the first time in its 116-year history.

Just why the state got its nickname has long been a mystery, for its animal population does not include wolverines.

At least, it didn't until someone captured a female wolverine in Alaska last year and presented it to Director Frank G. McInnis of Detroit Zoo. She gave birth to a son March 23.

Director McInnis announced the birth and showed the new resident to the public Tuesday.

Seoul-Bound Red Planes Downed

SEOUL (AP) — A U. S. Navy pilot Wednesday night shot down two small Communist planes which attempted to raid the Seoul area, after bagging two others Monday night.

Lt. Guy P. Borden of Sunnyvale, Calif., reported the two small planes of the type which has been making night raids were blasted out of the sky near Kimpo, Seoul's airport.

Borden, who flies a propeller-driven Corsair, had shot down his first two Monday night about 50 miles south of Seoul.

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