

Pros, Cons Of Nationwide Wheat Referendum Outlined By Cromley

By RAY CROMLEY
WASHINGTON (NEA) — Amid the smoke of the battle for "yes" and "no" votes in the forthcoming nationwide Wheat Referendum among American farmers, one fact stands out:
The result of this May 21 referendum may cause a major shift in future control programs for American agriculture.
The Kennedy administration, farm groups favoring the proposed strict program and farm groups opposing it all agree on this point.
Two-thirds of the nation's voting wheat growers must approve the new program if it is to go into effect.

The American Farm Bureau is urging a "no" vote. Why? Because a "yes" vote would give a great boost to "Administration efforts to expand the philosophy of supply management" to other commodities—feed grains, potatoes, dairy products, poultry and livestock. The bureau believes a "no" vote would be interpreted by Congress as a sign that farmers do not want any additional compulsory government supply management programs.
The National Wheat Committee is urging a "yes" vote. They agree that Congress will weigh a "no" vote heavily when it takes up new control programs. The

committee represents the National Grange, the National Association of Wheat Growers, the National Federation of Grain Cooperatives, the Farmers Union and the Missouri Farmers' Association.
But whether the Wheat Referendum will actually be an accurate barometer of what the farmer wants may be open to question. The details of the wheat program are becoming lost in a shuffle of claims and counterclaims.
What this farm bill would do precisely in terms of prices, income, surpluses and future controls depends on which group you listen to. Each side has expert economists prepared to predict

that a "no" vote on the referendum would mean more income for the farmers or less, that a "yes" vote would mean a greater surplus or less. Each has political experts who confidently predict that if this referendum is voted down Congress (a) will pass a new and better wheat law this year, or (b) won't pass any new wheat law this year.
But one thing is certain. The proposed program does step up the restrictions under which many wheat farmers operate. If the program is voted in, over a million more farmers would for the first time be under wheat controls. Officials would have to come out

and make precise measurements of farmers' acreages and, for many, size up their crops. These are the farmers who grow 15 acres of wheat or less, or those who grow 30 acres or less and use it all on their own farm. Such farmers are not now under acreage controls. This expanded control program will create a management and compliance problem of gigantic proportions.
Then too, certificates will be issued to farmers for millions of bushels of wheat, up to approximately 80 per cent of the "normal" crop under controls. This huge certificate system has even some Agriculture Department of-

ficials worried. Gingerly remembering Billie Sol Estes, they are concerned about the possibility of a black market in grain certificates, worth 70 cents a bushel to some farmers.
In broad outline, if two-thirds of the growers vote for the new wheat plan:
Each will have his acreage cut. He will be paid for retiring this land for the first two years and can use it only for soil conservation. Secretary of Agriculture Orville Freeman says the 1964 cut—the land to go for soil conservation—will be 10 per cent of the farmer's former allowable acreage.

A certain amount of the crop overplanted acreage times 65 per cent of parity.
If more than one third of the voting farmers vote "no" in the Wheat Referendum, price supports will drop to 50 per cent of parity (about \$1.25 per bushel on national average) for farmers who stay within their acreage allotments. They would not receive diversion payments or the certificates worth 70 cents a bushel.
This referendum is for the 1964 year only, but the program is set up as a continuing plan. The thinking in the Department of Agriculture is that once voted in, the program would be continued. Those opposing the wheat program note that the prices and

acreage allotments being granted farmers are being set high, this first year compared to what they could be. These opponents claim that this is "sweetening" to get the farmers into the program. They claim that once the farmer is in the program, the government, in future years, will cut down the "sweeteners."
The proponents of the program say that farmers will vote each year and can then vote themselves out again. The program opponents reply by saying that once farmers vote themselves in, they've gotten themselves in a position where it becomes more difficult psychologically and economically to vote themselves out.



MAKE PREPARATIONS — General committee members gather to make plans for the 4-H Spring Fair to be held June 20-22. Left to right, Mrs. Ralph Stearns, Malin; Mrs. William Kunz, Klamath Falls; and Mrs. Dale Moore, Merrill. The Spring Fair will feature 4-H exhibits of all home economics projects, entomology, forestry, geology, electricity, woodworking and creative arts.

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Spring Fair Plans Theme Of 'Once Upon A Time'

"Once Upon A Time" will be the theme of the June 20-22 4-H Spring Fair to be held at the county fairgrounds, reports Beverly Bower, county extension agent.
Decorations, special exhibits, talent show and style revue will carry out the theme by showing equipment and articles of 4-H's "Yesterdays." Persons having items suitable for display are asked to contact the 4-H office concerning exhibit procedure.
The 4-H Spring Fair will feature exhibits in all the home economics projects, entomology, forestry, geology, electricity, woodworking and creative arts. In addition to exhibits club members will participate in contest demonstrations and judging events.
Friday night, June 21, is scheduled for the annual Talent Show. Each 4-H club in the county is invited to participate in the talent event.
The traditional 4-H Style Revue will be held on Saturday evening, June 22. Modern 4-H projects will be modeled as well as garments of yesteryears.
As an added feature this year, clubs will be asked to display practice articles or products as well as samples of club activities or special projects.
All the June 20-22 fair activities will be open to the public free of charge.

4-H News

The meeting of the Pioneer Sewing Club came to order on April 30. President Pamela Smith brought the meeting to order and secretary Lee Holliday read the roll and the members answered with a material.
We sang a birthday song to Darlene Linzi and Teresa Derby after which the meeting was adjourned and we had refreshments and sewed.
Wanda McGhehey, News Reporter.

THE BOBBINETTES

The sixth meeting of the Bobbinettes was called to order by Robbing Dunlap, president. The flag salute was led by Donna Rummelhart and the 4-H pledge was led by Dolly Sommers. We discussed modeling at the fair, good grooming and at the next meeting everyone will dress up and we will give criticism where needed.
The next meeting will be held at Donna Rummelhart's home. We checked over our projects and talked about our final project. Special visitors were Robert Schill and Robert Buck. The meeting was adjourned by the president and Sue Casson seconded the motion.
Georgia Casson, News Reporter.

POE VALLEY SEWETTES

At a recent meeting of the Poe Valley Sewettes the meeting was called to order by Doris Emrick. Barbara Marshall read the minutes and the roll call. Beverly Bowman reported \$3 in the treasury. Under new business we discussed making tray cards for the hospital. Kathy Rice did a demonstration on the correct tools for sewing. Brenda High showed us her finished scissors case.
At a later meeting we talked about having a style show and tea with the Henley Yum Yums foods club. Beverly Bowman gave a demonstration on matching materials. Mrs. High, our leader, talked about demonstrations for the fair.
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Klamath County Wheat Vote At Klamath Falls, Bonanza

Klamath County wheat producers will vote Tuesday, May 21, in a national referendum on proposed marketing quotas for the 1964 wheat crop.

4-H Clinic Scheduled

A 4-H Demonstration Clinic will be held Saturday, May 25, from 10:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. at the Altamont Junior High School for 4-Hers enrolled in Home Economics and related projects. Beverly Bower and Francis Skinner, county extension agents, have announced. An agricultural demonstration clinic will be held later in the summer.

The clinic will give 4-Hers help in improving their demonstrations before the county contests at the June 20-22 4-H Spring Fair. Demonstrations must pertain to the project the 4-Her is carrying, however, all 4-Hers can present health and safety demonstrations. Demonstrations for the clinic can be completely or partially prepared. Demonstrations should take no more than 20 minutes to present.

Individual and team demonstrations may be given. Team demonstrations will consist of two members of the same club and in the same age division. At the fair, the age groups will be as follows based on age as of Jan. 1, 1963: 9-11, junior; 12-14, intermediate; 15 and older, senior.

It will be necessary for club members to bring all their own equipment. Electric ranges and sinks will be available for use in food demonstrations. Although it is not required, 4-Hers who plan to participate in the clinic are urged to pre-register with the 4-H Office by May 15. Leaders 4-Hers and parents are invited to watch as many demonstrations as they wish.

Home Economics demonstrations include the following projects: child development, bachelor clothing, clothing, food preservation, food preparation, home improvement, knitting, outdoor cooking, creative arts, junior leadership, safety and health.

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sued entitling the grower to a support price of \$2 a bushel, national average, he said. Remaining wheat would not receive certificates, but would be supported at a lower level of \$1.30 a bushel, national average.

If quotas are not approved, the law provides that the 1964 wheat support rate would be 50 per cent of parity for growers who plant within their allotments. Those exceeding their acreage allotments would lose their eligibility for price supports, but there would be no marketing quota penalty, he said.

The vote relates to the program that would be in effect for the 1964 crop only, explains Walt Jendzejewski, county extension agent. The national acreage allotment for 1964 has been set at 49.5 million acres and a national marketing quota of 1,220,000,000 bushels has been proposed. The quota will be in effect only if approved by two-thirds or more of those voting Tuesday.

If quotas are approved, marketing certificates covering about 80 per cent of the quota will be issued.

Smith Elected To Angus Group

Lafe Z. Smith, Klamath Falls, has been elected to membership in the American Angus Association at St. Joseph, Mo., announces Frank Richards, secretary.
Smith was one of 10 breeders of registered Aberdeen-Angus in Oregon elected to membership during the past month.

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Horse Play Day Slated

The Basin 4-H Horse Play Day will be held May 19 at the Klamath County Fairgrounds, according to Francis A. Skinner, county extension agent. Klamath County 4-H horse clubs are host with Warren Woodard, chairman of the event.

Classes for Junior and Senior 4-H Club members will be provided in showmanship, horsemanship, reining and trail horse. Timed events will include keyhole race, pole bending, hurdle racing, barrel race, saddle race and rescue race. Oregon Horseman's Association rules will be followed.

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Every 4-H horse club member participating must be registered and approved by parent.

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RECEIVES AWARD — David Clark of the Malin Beef Club is shown receiving the Young Farmers Club second annual registered heifer award. The award is to encourage the raising of quality beef animals by 4-H Club members. At left is Norman Jacob, past president, and center, Rodney Wright, vice president, producer of the Hereford heifer awarded to Clark.

Heifer Calf Award Made By Young Farmers Club

David Clark of Malin has been awarded a registered Hereford heifer by the Klamath County Young Farmers Club, according to Francis Skinner, county extension agent.

In accepting the heifer, David agrees to return the first heifer calf to the Young Farmers to be awarded in future years. This is the second annual award according to Stuart Heazel, president. Karl Kerns was awarded the first heifer in 1962.

David Clark is a fourth year 4-H beef member of the Malin Beef Club, led by Earl Wilson. David is the son of Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Clark.

Other 4-H members recommended for the award were Bernie Liskey, Merrill; Terry High, Poe Valley and Jim Watts, Bly. Selection was based on 4-H record, facilities, story and interview.

The purpose of the award is to encourage 4-H members to raise quality beef animals.

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