GOVERNMENT MAY SHIP HAY INTO KENT COUNTY

In an effort to maintain milk production, the government is arranging to have hay shipped into Kent and other counties to supplement the hay and silage put up by farmers. Since the pastures "burned up" many farmers are feeding their winter supply of roughage now. The government will pay part of the cost of the hay that must be purchased to feed dairy cattle. Farmers who know they must eventually buy hay for their dairy cattle are urged to get their orders in at once for it may take weeks and even months to locate, ship and deliver the hay to Kent.

The Commodity Credit Corporation representing the government has arranged with the Southern States Corperative to handle the hay orders in five drought stricken states at cost (no overhead, no administrative costs, no profit.) The hay to be available to all farm cooperatives and all farm supply dealers in the area.

Place orders with the local Southern States Store, the Kent County Farm Bureau or with any local farm supply or cooperative. Agreement forms in the hands of local dealers are to be signed by prospective buyers who express their preference, but authorize delivery of any hay that can be obtained. Price of:

Alfalfa—First Cutting—$25.00 per Ton in Car lots—F.O.B. delivery point.

Alfalfa—Second Cutting $27.50 per Ton in Car lots—F.O.B. delivery point. Clover (light grass mixed)—$20.00 per Ton in Car lots—F.O.B. delivery point.

Mixed Legume Hay (Clover or Alfalfa grass mixed.)—$20.00 per Ton in Car lots—F.O.B. delivery point.

Lespedeza—$20.00 per Ton in Car lots—F.O.B. delivery point.

Less car lot prices for cash may be $2.50 per ton higher. Extra charge for credit and for farm delivery service. Note—Farmers may secure loans from credit agencies and pay cash for the hay.

PRODUCE MORE

FOOD FOR FREEDOM

the CONSERVATION WAY

It would seem that the average American farmer has not yet grasped the idea or recognized the fact that he and every other tiller of the soil is as much a part of total victory as is the man working in steel or munitions.

Our armies, our civilian population our Allies and peoples of occupied territory must be fed. The three essentials for human life are as necessary today as ever before—food,, clothing and shelter. These are the things the farmers is working to supply. Grains and fruits give us food; flax, cotton give us clothing; by products of all these plus our tree crops give us shelter. Practically everything the farmer grows aids in the manufacture of explosives and other necessities of war.

No machine is stronger than its weakest part—let us keep our Agriculture as strong and as healthy a part of our war machine as we individually can.

How can this be done? A few ways are here listed:

1. Each farmers can recognize the capability of each foot of his land. By doing this, he can save time, fertilizer and seed in that he will not plant a crop on land he knows will not produce that crop economically.

2. Contour strip cropping will give at least a 10% greater yield for the same expenditure of time and material.

3. Drain all drainable arable land.

4. Adapt his rotation so that it will cut down as much hand labor as practical and spread his labor requirements as evenly over the year as possible.

5. Keep every foot of land working. There is something for every acre of land to do whether it be grain, hay, pasture, or tree crops. Keep every acre working for today and tomorrow.

In many cases, the farmer will not produce more by following these suggestions. What he does produce will be produced more economically and in many cases, he will help by not using hired help or materials someone else can use more advantageously.

If every farmers in the United States were to save one day a year by not plowing one acre of land for corn that would produce a crop of hay better, the saving would include 6,096,799 man days of labor, 1,524,199 bushels of seed corn and 659,629 tons of fertilizer and at the same time add at least 6,096,799 tons of hay to our feed pile.

It is this type of thing each farmer should strive to do.

Your local Soil Conservation District stands ready to help you—See your County Agent today.

"Food for Freedom"—that's the cry Don't let them say "You stood idly by".

The Supervisors of the Kent and Queen Anne's Soil Conservation Districts state that farmers are getting excellent results from the drainage work being done in these two districts.

Mr. William R. MacCubbin, a District Supervisor in the Kent Soil Conservation District and the owner and operator of a large dairy farm near Rock Hall, states that the installation of open field drainage ditches has increased his yield of soybeans eight bushel per acre, corn, twelve bushel per acre, wheat, five bushel per acre, and his hay, one-half ton per acre. In addition to increasing his yields, Mr. MacCubbin says that after installing the drainage ditches, his land has a better tilth, can be worked earlier in the spring and shortly after a rain. He further states that he can grow a good quality legume hay now that his land has been drained. Before draining the land, it was difficult to get a stand of clover and many times a good stand of clover was "heaved out" by freezing and thawing.

Prior to the organization of the Quen Anne's Soil Conservation District several Tax Ditches were dug by the CCC located at Goldsboro in cooperation with County Commissioners of the County. These Tax Ditches have proven a real benefit to the farmers. Mr. C. P. Merrick of Ingleside states that about seventy-five acres of his land was benefited by the digging of the Beaver Dam Tax Ditch He states that twenty-five acres of his land could not be safely used for crop production and that for several years he had lost his tomato and soybean crop because of high water. After the Beaver Dam Ditch was dug, Mr. Merrick says that he has harvsted between six and seven tons of tomatoes and two tons of soybean hay per acre from the same land after the Tax Ditch was dug.

Mr. MacCubbin and Mr. Merrick are only two of the many farmers who have been benefited by drainage. The County Commissioners of Queen Anne's County are now cooperating with the Supervisors of the Queen Anne's District in order to provide farmers with the drainage they need.

The Supervisors of both of these Soil Conservation Districts will gladly assist any farmer having a drainage or an erosion problem.

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As a guide to farmers in planning their production program for next year, the War Food Administration has announced that the price of good to choice butcher 200-240 pound hogs would be supported at $12.50 a hundred, Chicago basis, for the period October 1, 1944, to March 31, 1945. This compares with the support price of $13.75 a hundred in effect until September 30, 1944 for hogs weighing 200 to 270 pounds.

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