

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE
 Agricultural Adjustment Agency
 County Agricultural Conservation Association
 Center, Shelby, Texas

May 20, 1943

Dear Farm Operator:

Due to the need for conserving travel and man power and to insure that farmers will receive proper credit for acreages planted to cotton and war crops and credit for production practices carried out in 1943, the responsibility of reporting performance this year is being placed on the farm operator. All farm operators in the county are being requested to report the performance on their farms.

THERE IS ENCLOSED A FORM WHICH SHOWS:—

FIRST—The names of the crops and production practices, the acres or extent of which must be measured and reported by you;

SECOND—The names of the production practices, the acres or extent of which must be reported by you, but will be measured and inspected by employees of this office, and

THIRD—The names of the crops and practices, the acres or extent of which may be estimated by you.

The enclosed sketch map of your farm will assist you in making and recording your measurements and estimates. If the entire field as shown is planted to cotton or a war crop, it will not be necessary to make any measurements of that field. If only part of a field as shown on your map is planted to cotton or a war crop, it will be necessary for you to make and report measurements of the length and width of the plot itself. If this part of a field as shown on your map, is not located along a side or across the end, it will be necessary for you to report measurements from corners of the acres planted to corners of the field shown on your map. These measurements are to help us locate on our map.

Your measurements may be reported in feet, yards, or chains (a chain is 66ft. long). Please make your measurements as accurate as possible since the measurements on each farm are subject to a spot check. It will be permissible to secure the assistance of your neighbors in making your measurements; however, the turning in of accurate measurements is your responsibility. After you have made the necessary measurements and estimates, please come to Beuna Vista June 14

Blair - June 15, or to the county office at a later date if it is more convenient to you in order that your community committeeman or an employee of this office may assist you in filing your report of performance.

In order to insure that cotton farmers in the county will not be delayed in marketing their cotton crop, please make every effort to report performance for your farm as soon as possible.

Very truly yours,

Roy W. Millan

County Administrative Officer

Gilmer Tyson
 Chairman, County Committee

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CROPS AND PRODUCTION PRACTICES TO BE REPORTED BY FARM OPERATOR THE ACREAGE OR EXTENT OF WHICH MAY BE ESTIMATED.

(1) CROPS AND PRODUCTION PRACTICES WHICH MUST BE MEASURED AND REPORTED BY FARM OPERATORS.

Cotton

Vegetables for fresh market are Carrots, Snap beans, Lima beans, Beets, Tomatoes, Cabbage, Onions (green for fresh market), and green peas. Other fresh vegetable crop acreages except watermelons and cantaloupes are included in the fresh vegetable goal provided the acreages of these crops are double or triple cropped.

War Crops on farms with cotton allotments, which are the war crops that will qualify toward meeting 90% of goal: Peanuts, Sweet potatoes, Grain Sorghum, Irish potatoes, Dry edible beans (Pinto, Great Northern, etc.), Castor beans; Vegetables for processing are: (Tomatoes, Peas, Snap beans, Sweet corn, Carrots, Beets, Cabbage, Lima beans).

Practice Number:

18. Seeding permanent pasture grasses. (Turn in receipts for seed)
19. Sodding perennial grasses.
21. Seeding lespedeza sericea.
24. Application of superphosphate.
25. Application of ground limestone.
32. Control of destructive plants on noncrop pasture and range land.
 - (f) Eliminating noxious underbrush, bushes and shrubs.
 - (2) Medium infestation
 - (3) Heavy infestation
34. Establishment of fireguards on noncrop open pasture and range land.
36. Planting of forest trees.
38. Improving a stand of forest trees.
39. Construction of firebreaks for the protection of farm woodland.

(2) PRODUCTION PRACTICES WHICH MUST BE REPORTED BY FARM OPERATORS BUT WHICH WILL BE MEASURED AND INSPECTED BY EMPLOYEES OF THE COUNTY OFFICE.

Practice Number:

1. Construction of standard terraces.
2. Construction of diversion terraces.
4. Construction of earthen dams or reservoirs.
5. Construction of concrete or rubble-masonry dams or drops.
7. Construction of ditches for the diversion of flood water on cropland, pasture land, or hay land.
8. Construction of ditches for drainage of cropland noncrop open pasture and range land.
23. Establishing a permanent sod waterway on cropland as part of a planned water disposal system.
31. Development of springs or seeps by excavation.

(3) CROPS AND PRODUCTION PRACTICES TO BE REPORTED BY FARM OPERATOR THE ACREAGE OR EXTENT OF WHICH MAY BE ESTIMATED.

War Crops on farms having no special allotments established.

Estimated Extent

Practice Number:

- 13. Contour farming intertilled crops.
- 14. Contour listing cropland
- 15. Seeding close grown sorghum, millet, soybeans, peas or small grain crops on the contour
- 17. Leaving on the land as protection against wind erosion the stalks or stubbles of sorghums and millets (including broomcorn and sudan grass)
- 20. Seeding a pasture mixture on sod land
- 22. Establishing a cover crop of winter legumes
- 27. Green manure and cover crops
- 28. Natural reseeding by deferred grazing
- 30. Renovating of perennial grasses or legumes or mixtures of these, or destruction of noxious plants by mowing
- 32. Control of destructive plants on noncrop pasture and range land.
 - (f) Eliminating noxious underbrush, bushes and shrubs (Light infestation)
- 35. Eradication of prairie dogs, gophers and kangaroo rats
- 37. Cultivating, protecting and maintaining a good stand of forest trees
- 40. Growing a home garden

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