

Federal Crop Insurance Will Cover Peanuts

COLLEGE STATION — A new force to bolster the economic stability of the Texas peanut industry is now available to growers in Comanche, Eastland, Erath and Hood Counties.

The Federal Crop Insurance Corporation (FCIC), an agency of the U. S. Department of Agriculture, is now offering a non-profit insurance plan designed to help prevent annual investment costs of peanut growers from being wiped out when excessive moisture, wind, frost, freeze, or any other unavoidable

causes damage or destroy the crop.

A temporary office where interested growers may obtain information and apply for the peanut insurance has been established at the Old SWPGA Office Building in Gorman.

Federal Crop Insurance representatives will be on hand to provide complete information and take applications weekdays from 8 a. m. to 5 p. m.

Ben A. Jordan, Jr., Director of the Contract Service Center of Texas, Oklahoma, and New Mexico for FCIC with offices at College Station, will be administrator of the new program. He advises growers to contact the Gorman office immediately if interested in the insurance plan. Federal Crop Insurance is

a voluntary, self-help service offering growers protection on their annual crop investments. It is a cooperative program which helps peanut growers take a businesslike approach to the problem of protecting their capital investments, their credit, and their community economic strength.

"When adverse weather damages peanuts in any part of the four-county area, it hurts everyone for miles around—merchants, equipment dealers, bankers, consumers—every business and profession feels the economic loss," Jordan states.

The Crop Insurance plan now being offered to Texas peanut producers has been developed over a period of months through meetings between the Corporation, growers, Congressional representatives, and others directly involved in the production, marketing, and financing of peanuts in Comanche, Eastland, Erath, and Hood Counties. Similar programs under the direction of Federal Crop Insurance operate in Alabama, Florida, Georgia, North Carolina, Oklahoma and Virginia.

Basically, the new program provides that eligible growers who apply for peanut insurance may protect their investment in the cost of production from the time the crop is seeded through harvest. Premium rates are based on the amount of risk in the area where the crop is grown.

Growers may apply now for the new peanut insurance by contacting the temporary office in Gorman where Corporation representatives will fully explain provisions of the insurance contract as it fits individual producer's operations, Jordan says. Due to the limited time

KEEPING UP WITH FRIENDS

Weekend visitors with Mr. and Mrs. Lindon Shipman were their son, Mr. and Mrs.

remaining in order for the Corporation to provide protection for the coming crop, interested growers within the four-county area are asked to contact the office immediately.

Burl Harper, also Mr. and Mrs. Larry Majors, Kelli and Kim, and Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Sharp of Desdemona.

Estelle Craddock and Kay Ann Craddock of Plano visited in Longview with Mrs. Marvin Nix from Wednesday to Saturday and attended the funeral of Mr. Marvin Nix on Thursday. They also visited in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Batt Peterson and Jimmy Clark.

Mrs. Billy Taylor of Belton spent the first part of last

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week with Mr. and Mrs. Albert Taylor while Billy was attending Reservoir Ranger School in Waco.

Guests of Mrs. W. L. Wallace were Mr. and Mrs. Earle Hodgkins and Mrs. Ray Saunders of Fort Worth.

Weekend house guests of Mr. and Mrs. Doyle Welch were Mr. and Mrs. Michael Vucinich of Irwin, Pa. and Miss Susan Henry of Arlington.

Weekend guests of Mr. and Mrs. W. O. Parr were Mr. and Mrs. David Vucinich and Nancy of Baytown, Miss Pamela Moore and Mr. and Mrs. Danny Ledbetter of Denton.

Weekend house guests of Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Eaves were Mrs. Gladys Smith of Texas City and Mr. and Mrs. Vernon Bennett of Midland.

Also visiting in their home on Sunday were Mr. and Mrs. Ted Bennett and children of Seymour and Mr. and Mrs. Andy Lasater of San Antonio.

Mr. and Mrs. Jimmy Morris of Brownfield and Mr. and Mrs. Huppy Morris of Gorman have returned from an eight day vacation in Ft. Leonardwood, Missouri and Little Rock, Ark.

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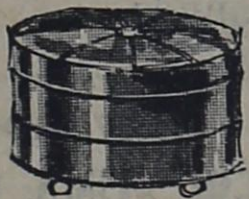
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