

Federal payments for diversion or set-aside of such acreage, is not eligible for participation in the wheat, upland cotton, and feed grain programs. Current regulations also provide that commodities produced in violation of restrictive leases on federally owned land are not eligible for price support.

Notice is hereby given that the Department of Agriculture is considering the issuance of amendments to regulations which would, effective with the 1973 crop year, (1) require all federally owned land presently constituted with other land to be separated and constituted as separate farms (with the exception of land acquired by an agency having the right of eminent domain and leased back to the former owner with uninterrupted possession), and (2) make all federally owned land ineligible for participation in the programs for feed grain, wheat, upland cotton, and other commodities (with the exception of land acquired by an agency having the right of eminent domain and leased back to the former owner with uninterrupted possession).

Under the proposed amendments, no price-support loans or purchases would be made available with respect to wheat, upland cotton, feed grains, or any other commodity produced on such federally owned land. However, the prohibition against the making of payments and the extension of price support with respect to commodities produced on such land would not apply during the current term of any lease to the extent that the lease permits the production of the commodities but would apply to any renewal of an existing lease or a new lease executed after the date of publication of regulations implementing the proposed policy in the FEDERAL REGISTER.

Interested persons are invited to submit written data, views, and recommendations on the proposed changes to the Director, Commodity Stabilization Division, Agricultural Stabilization and Conservation Service, U.S. Department of Agriculture, Washington, D.C. 20250. All written submissions made pursuant to this notice will be made available for public inspection in the Office of the Director during regular business hours (8:15 a.m. to 4:45 p.m.). All submissions must, in order to be sure of consideration, be received not later than March 1, 1973.

Signed at Washington, D.C., on February 8, 1973.

E. J. PERSON,
Acting Administrator, Agricultural Stabilization and Conservation Service.

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Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service
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HORSE PROTECTION REGULATIONS
Proposed Rule Making Regarding Scars and Limitations on Boots

Notice is hereby given in accordance with the administrative procedure pro-

visions in 5 U.S.C. 553, that, pursuant to the provisions of the Horse Protection Act of 1970 (15 U.S.C. 1821 et seq.), the Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service is considering requested changes in the regulation prescribing the limitations on boots in Title 9, Code of Federal Regulations, § 11.3, as well as considering the addition to § 11.1, Title 9, Code of Federal Regulations, of a regulation prescribing the effect of the presence of scars or similar conditions on a horse in relation to determining whether the horse is sores.

Statement of considerations. The Department has received a number of requests, including a formal request from several organizations of the Tennessee Walking Horse Industry for a more liberal regulation regarding boots. It has been requested that a heavier boot than that presently allowed be permitted in order to obtain the maximum effort from the Tennessee Walking Horse.

Also the Department has been requested to include in the regulations, a new regulation concerning the presence of scars, callouses, or granulative tissue on the coronary band/or pastern areas of horses foaled after December 9, 1970. It has been requested that horses foaled after December 9, 1970, with such conditions be considered sores and that the showing of such horses be prohibited.

As a result of these requests, the Department is instituting this rule making procedure to develop all the relevant facts pertaining to the requested changes. A decision will then be made as to whether the regulations should be changed.

The Department is requesting data, views, arguments, and any other information from the public relating to the need, if any, of revising the boot regulations and/or the need for such a scar regulation. Such data, views, or arguments would be most useful if they contain published scientific articles or other evidence supporting the views of the writer. The publishing of this notice should not be construed to mean that the present regulations are, in any way, negated. The regulations published on February 1, 1972, and amended May 4, 1972, are in effect and will continue to be enforced until such time as they may hereafter be amended.

Any person who wishes to submit written data, views, arguments, or information concerning this notice may do so by filing them with the Deputy Administrator, Veterinary Services, Animal and Plant Inspection Service, Room 324-E, Administration Building, U.S. Department of Agriculture, Washington, D.C., 20250 before March 16, 1973.

All written submissions made pursuant to this notice will be made available for public inspection at Room 403, Federal Center Building, Hyattsville, Md., during regular hours of business (8 a.m.-4:30 p.m., Monday-Friday, except holidays) in a manner convenient to the public business (7 CFR 1.27(b)).

Comments submitted should bear a reference to the date and page number of this issue in the FEDERAL REGISTER.

Done at Washington, D.C., this 8th day of February 1973.

G. H. WISE,
Acting Administrator, Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service.

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Commodity Credit Corporation
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PEANUTS

Loan and Purchase Program for 1973 Crop

Notice is hereby given that the Secretary of Agriculture proposes to make determinations and issue regulations concerning a loan and purchase program for 1973 crop peanuts. This notice also provides that interested persons may submit to the office designated below written data, views, and recommendations, concerning the proposals not later than March 9, 1973.

The program will include: (1) Loan and purchase rates, (2) the method by which loans and purchases will be made, (3) eligibility requirements, (4) storage requirements, (5) sales provisions, (6) area and period of the program, and (7) other operating provisions necessary to carry out the program.

Authority for such actions are sections 101, 401, and 403 of the Agricultural Act of 1949, as amended, (63 Stat. 1051, as amended; 7 U.S.C. 1441, 1421, and 1423), and sections 4 and 5 of the Commodity Credit Corporation Charter Act, as amended, (62 Stat. 1070, as amended; 15 U.S.C. 714b, 714c).

Section 101 of the Agricultural Act of 1949 directs the Secretary to make support available on peanuts to cooperators, if producers have not disapproved marketing quotas, at a level between 75 and 90 percent of the parity price, with the minimum permissible level of support within such range to be determined by the supply percentage.

Section 401 of that act requires that in determining the level of support in excess of the minimum level provided by law, consideration be given to the supply of the commodity in relation to the demand therefor, the levels of which other commodities are being supported, the availability of funds, the perishability of the commodity, the importance of the commodity to agriculture and the national economy, the ability to dispose of stocks acquired through a support operation, the need for offsetting temporary losses of export markets, and the ability and willingness of producers to keep supplies in line with demand.

Section 403 of the act provides that appropriate adjustments may be made in the support level for differences in grade, type, quality, location, and other factors. The average of any such adjustment shall, so far as practicable, be equal to the level of support for peanuts for the applicable crop year determined in accordance with the Agricultural Act of 1949, as amended.

Current program provisions regarding peanut warehouse storage loans and