

# Eight of 10 growers have tobacco losses

Part of a series of messages from South Central Bell.

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Hamilton Jr., John Peters and Dennis Hunt.

"With the number of claims being turned in by growers, we are not able to keep current," Soper added. "Also, the computer center in the Kentucky office, which processes all claims is backed up with huge numbers of corn and soybean claims from the drought in the corn belt."

In Nicholas County, only 34 corn crops were insured in the federal program and virtually all turned up with a loss, he said.

A CHANGER in the program for 1984 has the FCIC insuring the effective tobacco quota for each farm plus any poundage leased to that farm through the ASCS office by July 1.

This is in compliance with legislation recently passed by Congress for the tobacco program administered by the ASCS arm of the U.S. Department of Agriculture.

Soper suggested that farmers grow corn in 1984 should contact their local agent to check out FCIC benefits. THE FOLLOWING instructions were included in the December ASCS news letter mailed to local farmers this week:

"If production of tobacco seed falls below your FCIC dollar guarantee REYNOLDS, RANNEY AT AN MEETING OF STOCKHOLDERS Samuel C. Reynolds of South Central Bell represented Southern States Cooperative's members at the association's 6th annual stockholders meeting held in Richmond, VA, Nov. 16-17.

Attending the session also was Mrs. Sue Ranney, representing the Carolina Southern States retail dealership. They heard Executive Vice President and General Manager Gene A. James report that dollar volume for the fiscal year ended June 30, 1983 fell 6.2 percent to \$42,250,000. This was due to the impact of recession on the farm, the Payment-to-Kid (PKR) acreage reduction program and the adverse advertising season weather.

"The PKR program — coupled with the extreme drought and soaring heat this summer — apparently will go far in reducing surpluses," James says, "and restoring a degree of economic stability to the grain sector of American agriculture. We believe the PKR program is a 'plus' for the future, even though its short-term effect is partially responsible for the sales and earnings decline of Southern States in the year just ended."

FCIC is expecting many losses in the area this year and they may not get to your claim as promptly as they would like to. Prompt reporting of a loss to your agent will be helpful to them.

"Your summary of insurance has the amount of premium owed for 1983. Federal crop insurance will probably send out only one billing and this will be about Jan. 1, 1984. You have 90 days to pay the premium before an interest charge is added. If you have a loan claim for over the amount of premium, the premium will be taken out of the claim."

"If you have someone sharing with you on the land first find out if they have insurance and who the agent is. This will be helpful as FCIC can work the loss at the same time."

The third week of barley tobacco auctions was marked by poorer quality and lower grade prices than the previous week. This combination forced the general average downward compared with the previous week.

The amount of tobacco going under increased again. Volume was extremely light at some points by the end of the week, causing a few markets to pass sales for a day. By the latest crop estimate about 81.5 percent of this year's crop has been sold. Auctions ceased Dec. 15 for the Christmas break. Gross sales for the week ended Dec. 8 totaled \$2,048,688 pounds and averaged \$17.72 per hundred. This average represents a drop of \$1.47 from last week. The season figure stands at \$20,284,621 pounds averaging \$19.32. For the first 11 sales days last season 47.2 million pounds averaged \$19.45.

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