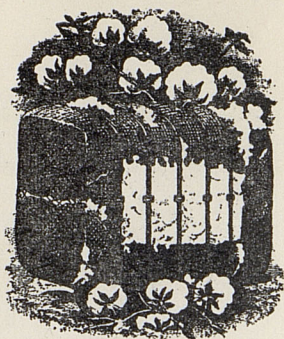


GORDON & CUB NEWSOM, OWNERS

CUB NEWSOM, MGR.



*Hockley*



SUNDOWN HI-WAY

County Gin

ROUTE 4

SUNDOWN PH. 4221

LEVELLAND, TEXAS

10-16-56

Dear Sir :  
Will you Please sign C.P. Corners loan  
papers and return to Sir,

Sincerely,  
Hockley Co. Gin  
R.E. Jones



Levelland, Texas

10/3/56  
Date

*Slaughter Farms*

Soil Bank Acreage Reserve: Application No. 19 Farm No. H-16

Dear Sir (or Madam):

You will find enclosed your Negotiable Certificate for complying with the Cotton Acreage Reserve program, on the request made on the above identified farm some time ago. This certificate will be honored at any bank.

In the event there is any discrepancy in this settlement, you may contact the Hockley County ASC office.

Yours very truly,

*J. W. Evans*

J. W. Evans,  
County Office Manager  
Hockley County ASC

*W. H. Jackson*  
68.90



Levelland, Texas

Levelland, Texas

Soil Bank Acreage Reserve: Applicant 10-2-56  
*Slaughter Farms*  
Dear Sir (or Madam) *J.C. Teel*

Date

Farm No.

Soil Bank Acreage Reserve: Application No. 187 Farm No. H-56

You will find enclosed your Negotiable Certificate for complying with the Cotton Acreage Reserve program, on the request made on the above identified farm some time ago. This certificate will be honored at any bank.

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Yours very truly,

*J. W. Evans*  
J. W. Evans,  
County Office Manager  
Hockley County ASC

*Auto Cash*  
*210.00*



Levelland, Texas

10/2/56

Date

*Slaughter Farms*

Soil Bank Acreage Reserve: Application No. 121 Farm No. H-2004

Dear Sir (or Madam):

You will find enclosed your Negotiable Certificate for complying with the Cotton Acreage Reserve program, on the request made on the above identified farm some time ago. This certificate will be honored at any bank.

In the event there is any discrepancy in this settlement, you may contact the Hockley County ASC office.

Yours very truly,

*J. W. Eva*

County Office Manager  
Hockley County ASC

*C. J. Singleton*  
*269.06*



Levelland, Texas

*Slaughter Farms*

10/4/56  
Date

Soil Bank Acreage Reserve: Application No. 29 Farm No. H-2001

Dear Sir (or Madam):

You will find enclosed your Negotiable Certificate for complying with the Cotton Acreage Reserve program, on the request made on the above identified farm some time ago. This certificate will be honored at any bank.

In the event there is any discrepancy in this settlement, you may contact the Hockley County ASC office.

Yours very truly,

*M. B. Carter*  
*374.00*  
*J. W. Eva*

*J. W. Eva*  
County Office Manager  
Hockley County ASC



Levelland, Texas

10-5-56

Date

Slaughter Farms


Soil Bank Acreage Reserve: Application No. 66 Farm No. H-3002

Dear Sir (or Madam):

You will find enclosed your Negotiable Certificate for complying with the Cotton Acreage Reserve program, on the request made on the above identified farm some time ago. This certificate will be honored at any bank.

In the event there is any discrepancy in this settlement, you may contact the Hockley County ASC office.

Yours very truly,

*R2 Ramsey*  
*260.94*  
  
J. W. Eva

County Office Manager  
Hockley County ASC



UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE  
Agricultural Stabilization and Conservation  
Gail, Texas

JULY    N E W S    L E T T E R    1956

OFFICE HOURS  
MONDAY THRU FRIDAY  
8:00 A.M. to 5:00 P.M.

SOIL BANK

For the benefit of those that failed to attend our County-wide meeting on the Soil Bank Program, the following is listed for your information:

Cotton - - The maximum amount eligible is 50 per cent of the allotment or 10 acres, whichever is larger, and the minimum is 10% of the allotment or 2 acres, whichever is larger. The payment rate for cotton destroyed by natural causes prior to the time a contract is negotiated by the producer and the County Committee is \$6.00 per acre. Cotton not planted with intention of participating in the Soil Bank, the basis for payment per acre will be appraised or evaluated yield times the rate of 15¢ per pound. The farm yields have been established by the County Committee. The county check yield is 113 pounds. This yield figure is based on the past 10 years average, figured by Agricultural Marketing Service Statistician. This is for cotton which was standing on July 1, for the past 10 years except 1949.

Wheat - - The maximum is the larger of half the wheat allotment or 50 acres, the minimum is the larger of 10 per cent of the allotment or 5 acres. If you underplanted your wheat allotment with intentions of participating in the soil Bank, you may be paid by the county committee at the rate of \$4.00 per acre.

PLEASE NOTE- - Acres put in the Soil Bank for 1956 must be designated by you at the ASC office at the time of signing the agreement.

FINAL DATE for signup is July 20th and you only have until July 31st in which to secure the signature of the landlord. We suggest if you plan to signup and have an out-of-State landlord, that you secure a power of attorney from him and a understanding of the division of payments each will share.

COTTON MEASURING

IT HAS BEEN CALLED TO THE ATTENTION OF THIS COMMITTEE THAT A FEW FARMERS HAVE REFUSED MEASUREMENTS OF THEIR SEEDED COTTON ACREAGE, PENDING THE SOIL BANK. A POLICY HAS BEEN SET BY THE COUNTY COMMITTEE, SETTING FORTH THAT ALL COTTON MEASURING REFUSALS, THE ACREAGE WILL BE MEASURED AFTER JULY 15th. WE HAVE COMPLETED MEASURING COTTON WITH THE ABOVE EXCEPTIONS.

PLOW-UP-COTTON

IF YOU HAVE RECEIVED AN OVERPLANTED NOTICE, PLEASE CHECK THE 20 DAY LIMITATION STATEMENT. We plan to start measuring plowed up cotton within the next few days. The plow-up Fee is \$3.00 per farm, plus \$1.00 per plot all over one. PLEASE MAIL US A CHECK FOR THE PLOW-UP FEE BEFORE THE 20 DAY LIMIT AND SUBMIT A SKETCH OF THE PLOWED-UP PLOT(s).

WHEAT MARKETING QUOTA REFERENDUM

The Secretary of Agriculture has proclaimed a National Wheat Marketing Quota Referendum for the 1957 Wheat crop. The Referendum will be held in the District Court Room at Gail, on July 20th. The polls will open at 8:00 A.M. and will close at 7:00 P.M.. Farmers who will harvest more than 15 acres of wheat as grain on a farm in 1957 are eligible to cast ballots.

The vote is on wheat marketing quotas and not wheat allotments. Whether or not the vote is favorable on the quotas, acreage allotments will be in effect for the 1957 wheat crop. We urge all wheat producers to go to the polls and vote.



### WOOL

All 1955 Wool payments have been paid. The payment rate is 44.9% of sales on shorn wool and 77¢ per CNT on lambs and yearlings sold for slaughter.

1956 Wool Program will require that you certify all lambs purchased on or after April 1, 1956 that are included in the application. Therefore it will be necessary for any grower to keep a record of lambs purchased on or after April 1, 1956 showing the number of head, the date of purchase, and the live weight per head at the time of purchase. This weight can be estimated. This applies even to lambs bought with their mother at so much per pair.

If you receive a letter from this office, we advise that you do not file it in the waste basket, for it might be your Draft on Wool or Lambs & Yearlings.

### Loans On 1955-Crop Cotton to be Carried Through December 31, 1955

The U. S. Department of Agriculture has announce that Commodity Credit Corporation loans on 1955-crop cotton which have a maturity date of July 31, 1956, will be carried in a past-due status through December 31, 1956. This will give producers an additional five months in which to redeem their loans cotton.

Producers may either sell their "equity" in the loan cotton or redeem the cotton from the loan and then sell it in the open market until the close of business on December 31, 1956.

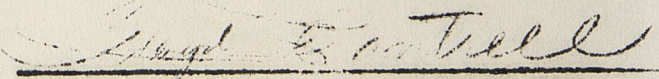
The 1955-crop loan cotton anot redeemed on or before December 31, 1956, will be purchased as of such date by Commodity Credit Corporation.

### EMERGENCY FEED PROGRAM

We have advised by telegram that we were included in the New Emergency Feed Program, which it should be in operation within the next few days.

### ACP Payments

Several inquires have been made with refernce to when ACP Payments might be expected. They will be made soon as time permits.

  
Floyd J. Cantrell, County Office  
Manager Borden County ASC



July 9, 1956.

Mr. Cleve Littlepage,  
Route 3,  
Tahoka, Texas.

Dear Cleve:

I am returning herewith signed Soil Bank  
Agreement, as per your request of the 6th.

I certainly hope you get enough moisture  
to make a crop on the other acreage. Sorry,  
but I havent learned the art of "rainmaking";  
maybe I should take a course in it, since both  
Fort Worth and Dallas have hired a "rainmaker"  
this year.

Sincerely yours,

41.4 Acres @ 15.00 621.00

Tenant 465.75  
Landowner 155.25

Rec'd ch for 159.78

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Rt 3  
Tahoka, Texas  
July 6, 1956

Mr. James C. Teel  
Slaughter Farms  
919 T & P Passenger Station  
Ft. Worth 2, Texas

Dear Mr. Teel:

Enclosed herewith <sup>is a</sup> ~~are some~~ form~~s~~ requiring signatures in connection with the soil bank program. It would be appreciated if you would please sign and return ~~this~~ <sup>these</sup> paper~~s~~.

The crop here is very disappointing because of lack of moisture. The largest rain we have received at any one time is 7/10 of an inch. This small amount was hardly sufficient to germinate seed, however we did secure a fair stand of cotton and grain sorghum. Because of the extremely dry weather, I think it wisest to take advantage of the soil bank program for cotton this time. The ASC committee has established a normal cotton yield of 125 lb. per acre for this farm and has offered to "buy" our cotton crop this year for 100 lb. per acre at 15¢ per lb. Because of our poor prospects (the cotton is dieing) we should sell the poorest half of our allotment for the \$621 and gamble that the remaining better half will receive rain before it is too late.

We have harvested the rye crop with good yields considering the year. We have not weighed the crop yet because we are planning to clean the seed and sell them this fall for planting seed (a premium market). The patch cut one large trailer full, estimated at 4500 to 5000 lbs. The grain elevator tells me that they can clean and treat this seed for me next week and after that time I will know our exact yield.

The remaining half of the cotton allotment (41.4 acres) is looking good and still has a fair stand. If you could arrange to have it rain soon you sure would help me and Mrs. Slaughter too. Please don't procrastinate or this will be another "next year" crop.

Yours truly,

*Cleve Littlepage*  
Cleve Littlepage

P.S. The ASC office just called to say they want me to return their file (duplicate) copy of agreement hence the corrections. I had to "rob" the postman.



July 12, 1956.

Mr. R. T. Ramage,  
Route 5,  
Levelland, Texas.

Dear Gail:

I am returning signed Soil Bank Agreement in line with your request.

I expect to be out at the farms next Monday, and at that time I want you to tell me why you couldn't produce a feed crop on this land, since you say the crops in general look good and you don't need rain bad at this time. If we can't produce crops when we have moisture, we certainly are in bad shape because we sure can't do it when we don't get the rain.

So. Side Latol 70 Yours truly,

55 acres @ 26.25

Tenant  
Landlord

1443.75

1082.81

360.94 ✓

Red check  
92



Levelland Texas

Dear Jimmie, July 11, 1956

am sending you contract  
on some cotton we didnt  
have. It is what I liked  
getting my allotment Planted  
the maize on this 5' 5' acres  
is Poor Stand my cotton  
measured out 303 %/100 acres  
I was supposed to plant 363 %/100  
I really thought I had more  
Planted it wont affect  
the feed crop because where  
we get payed for it. the  
feed is not any good any way  
this is just like picking it  
up crop is sure pretty. dont  
need Rain God. use your pleasure  
about this and thanks. If you  
wont to sign it Rush it back



I have got to get it of  
by 20 of July come see  
Me. Was sorry to hear  
about your eye trouble hope  
You are O.K. by now

Will see you soon  
I hope. Very. Resps

R.T. Ramage

Levelland Texas

Route 5-



July 6, 1956.

Mr. Guy Carter,  
Box 119,  
Sundown, Texas.

Dear Mr. Carter:

I am signing the Soil Bank Agreement you sent me, relying on your statement that it is too dry to produce a feed crop on this land. I am rather disappointed, however, as I was under the impression that we had more moisture on the farms now than in the past several years and that by planting even this late a feed crop could be made.

If you think it is to our advantage to put this acreage into the Soil Bank, we will abide by your decision.

Yours truly,

SLAUGHTER FARMS.

By: \_\_\_\_\_

7 1/2 56

43.2 acres @ 30.00

Tenant 972.00

Landlord 324.00

1296.00

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83



July 3, 1956  
Sundown, Texas  
Box 119

Slaughter Farms  
S. J. C. Trel  
919 248 Passenger Sta.  
Fort Worth, Texas

Dear Sir:

I am writing you concerning signing this Soil Bank Acreage Reserve agreement 1956. It was to dry to plant this block in cotton. I planted it in feed but it was still to dry to come to a good stand. I believe this <sup>is</sup> more than we can make on the 43 acres.

If this is agreeable with you please sign the enclosed paper and return to me. I would be glad to discuss this with you.

Sincerely,  
Guy Carter



July 6, 1956.

Mr. W. H. Jackson,  
Route 5,  
Levelland, Texas.

Dear Mr. Jackson:

Referring to your letter of the 3rd, attaching  
Soil Bank Agreement.

It seems to us that \$26.25 per acre is a poor  
return on cotton that is already up, if there  
is any chance at all for it to mature, and as  
far as we are concerned we had rather take a  
chance on letting it mature. After all, we  
dont have much to lose.

However, since we cant come out there at the  
present time, we are going to let you decide  
what is best to do. We are signing the Soil  
Bank Agreement, and if you want to use it you  
have our permission to do so.

Yours truly,

SLAUGHTER FARMS.

By: \_\_\_\_\_

10.5 acres at 26.25 per acre

Tenant  
Landlord

206.72  
68.90

275.62

✓ Red check  
82



7-3-56

The Slaughter Farms  
919 T & P Passenger Station  
Fort Worth 2, Texas

Attn: Mr. Jas. C. Teel

Dear Sir:

I am sending you a form on the Soil Bank program. I have some spots in my cotton that are burned pretty bad from sand and I thought it might be better for us to use this program for these spots.

It's really more benefit to the landlord than to the tenant as you will notice when you read the terms and conditions of this agreement.

If after reading the agreement you feel that it would be best for us to leave the cotton as it is and take a chance on it making more per acre after it matures than we will get through the soil bank it will be fine with me.

I would like to hear from you as soon as possible on this matter. If we are going to use this program I would like to get the cotton plowed up and get the cover crop planted while I have a good season. You do understand that it is only the cotton that I feel is so badly damaged that I intend to enter in this program. I am alloed to plow it up in spots.

We had about an inch of rain Sunday night.

Thank you for your cooperation.

Sincerely,

Mr. Jackson



August 6, 1956.

Mr. Artie B. Srader,  
Route 5,  
Levelland, Texas.

Dear Artie:

I am returning herewith signed copy of Soil Bank  
Agreement.

I am glad to know that the crops look good, and  
sure hope conditions continue favorable.

Sincerely yours,

SLAUGHTER FARMS.

By: \_\_\_\_\_

32 acres Laton 58 x 60  
@ 26.25 \$840.00  
Tenant's Share 630.00  
Landlord's ✓ 210.00 ✓

Rec'd check  
82



Route 5-  
Levelland, Texas  
August 4, 1956

Mrs J. C. Teel.  
Fort Worth, Texas  
Dear Sir.

The thirty-two acre block north of the school house was such a poor stand as I never did get enough rain on that block to get a good stand, so I thought it would make you and I both more money in the soil bank.

We had a pretty good shower of rain this week and crops are real pretty. Enclosed is the paper for you to sign.

Sincerely yours,  
Artie B. Draber  
Rt 5-  
Levelland, Texas



July 25, 1956.

Mr. G. B. Singleton,  
Box 194,  
Sundown, Texas.

Dear Mr. Singleton:

I am going along with the farmers on the  
Soil Bank Program this season. After seeing  
how it works out, I will decide what our  
policy will be in the future.

I thought most of the crops looked pretty good  
when I was out there last week, and if we could  
just get some rain while the cotton is fruiting  
things might turn out all right this season.

Yours truly,

SLAUGHTER FARMS.

By: \_\_\_\_\_

44.9 acres 19 + 20 @ 26.25 1178.62

Tenant's Share	883.97
Landlord's ✓	294.65

Reck Check for 269.06  
82



Sundown Tex  
July 24-56

Mr. Teel.

Dear sir:

I thought I would write you a few lines to see what you thought about putting some of that Cotton in the Sail Bank. It dont look like it is going to rain, I think it would be a good idea my self.

I am send you the paper to sign if you would like to put some in the Sail Bank.

Sincerely  
C.B. Singleton



*This letter to all farmers except  
Ramage 82*

July 3, 1956.

Mr. Harold B. Carter,  
Box 543,  
Sundown, Texas.

Dear Sir:

Due to having undergone an eye operation some two weeks ago, from which I now am about recovered, I have not been in position to check up on the Soil Bank Program; in fact, I was under the impression that it would not apply to this season's cotton crop.

One of our farmers called me yesterday and asked if he could go into this program, and I told him I would leave it to his judgment. On giving the matter further thought, however, I realize we may be hurting our grain rents by allowing the farmers to put in the Soil Bank acreage that would produce a feed crop. While it is true that you might be better off by taking your share of the payment, rather than going to the expense of growing and harvesting a grain crop, that does not apply to the landlord, since our share of the payment would be much less than our one-third of a decent grain crop.

We therefore request that you do not put into the Soil Bank any land that would produce a feed crop. Of course, if you have already signed up, then there is nothing we can do about it now.

Yours truly,

SLAUGHTER FARMS.

By: \_\_\_\_\_



July 3, 1956.

Mr. R. T. Ramage,  
Route 5,  
Levelland, Texas.

Dear Gail:

For your information, I have been incapacitated for the past two weeks on account of an eye operation, from which I am about recovered; in fact, yesterday was the first day I was able to be at the office. For this reason, I have not been able to check up on the Soil Bank Program, and I really thought it would not apply to this year's cotton crop.

You will recall that when you called me yesterday, I said I would go along with the farmers on this plan. On giving the matter further thought, however, I realize we may be hurting our grain rents by allowing the farmers to put in the Soil Bank acreage that would produce a feed crop. While it is true that you might be better off by taking your share of the payment, rather than going to the expense of growing and harvesting a grain crop, that does not apply to the landlord, since our share of the payment would be much less than our one-third of a decent grain crop.

We therefore request that you do not put into the Soil Bank any land that would produce a feed crop. Of course, if you have already signed up, then there is nothing we can do about it.

We are writing the other farmers along these same lines.

Yours truly,

SLAUGHTER FARMS.

By: \_\_\_\_\_