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RULES AND REGULATIONS

- Exhibitors, with the exception of open class livestock, will be furnished with an exhibitor's ticket without cost, which will let them enter their exhibits, but which will not be good for admission to the grounds.
- Exhibitors in open class livestock will be charged a nominal entry fee of 1.00 and issued an exhibitor's ticket which will admit the exhibitor to the grounds for the day's program.
- A stall fee of 50 cents per single stall will be charged in the open class.
- Membership tickets are good for one year.
- No premiums will be awarded on anything not listed in his list.
- All stock must be entered on or before Monday, August 18, 1958.
- Entries of cut flowers will be accepted for entry until Tuesday, August 19, at 9:00 a.m. No other entries can be made after 11 a.m., same day.
- The books will be open for entry articles one month before the Fair, and blanks for the entries will be mailed on application to the Secretary of the Board.
- Proofs of breeding on fall purebred animals must be furnished if required.
- An exhibitor attempting to interfere with the judges will be promptly excluded from the competition.
- Diligence will be used by officers of the Board to prevent in-

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Holt Has But One Great Plains Signer

Ninety-eight farmers in 32 Nebraska counties have signed contracts in the new Great Plains conservation program, the state soil conservation has announced.

The contracts—all signed in the past six months—provide for \$583,713.63 in cost-share payments to participating farmers on enduring conservation practices such as terracing, reports H. G. Bobst, state conservationist.

Contracts signed provide the government portion of 50 to 80 percent of the cost for establishing various practices in the 132,822 acres of land involved. In the case of initial establishment of permanent vegetative cover, the government pays 80 per cent of the average cost and the farmer pays the balance.

A total of 55 counties in the Great Plains area of Nebraska—roughly the western two-thirds of the state—have been approved to participate in the program, Bobst stated. Five additional counties may participate but their plans have not been approved as yet.

Nuckolls county led the list of contracts signed with 14 as of July 1 followed by Sherman county with 11. The average acreage per contract is 817 acres.

Early trends indicate that more than a third of the acreage in the contracts is being converted from cropland to permanent grass, Bobst reported.

Other practices that are being established include: terraces, diversion terracing, ditch lining, fencing, conservation rotations, proper use of grassland, erosion control dams, water control dams, livestock water wells, tree planting, waterways, strip cropping, range reseeding, pasture furrowing, and shrub control.

While the Great Plains conservation program is new, it does not replace any existing farm programs. It supplements programs such as the Soil Bank and the agricultural conservation program, Bobst emphasized. It is another tool to accomplish a complete soil and water conservation program.

The responsibility for administration of the program has been assigned to the soil conservation service. It is being carried out in cooperation with other federal agencies, local and state governments, the Great Plains agricultural council, soil conservation districts and farm organizations.

Holt county has one Great Plains contact; Brown, Rock, Boyd and Loup, none.

Ivan Minshall, a Page farmer, was the first Holt man to apply for a Great Plains pact.

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