

REPORT OF THE FARM GAME COMMITTEE

The S. E. Section of the Wildlife Society
and

The S. E. Association of Game and Fish Commissioners
Charleston, South Carolina

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The Farm Game Committee was called to order Monday afternoon in Room D of the Municipal Auditorium, Charleston, South Carolina, with twenty-four persons in attendance. Call to order was followed by an introduction of state representatives and others present at the meeting.

After a review of the memorandum sent to all member states by the Chairman, each representative present was asked to suggest any proposed programs, describe existing programs, or make suggestions pertinent to the theme of the meeting, "Government Subsidies for Farm Game Habitat on Private Lands."

Much discussion by the Committee revealed the important fact that there is significant under utilization of existing programs designed by the USDA to benefit farm game species. Many landowners are simply not aware of these programs and some programs are not available in many areas. It was pointed out that irregardless of how beneficial a program is, when adopted at the federal level, the state and county ASCS Committees do not have to participate in the programs if they do not desire to do so.

Two resolutions were presented by the Chairman and adopted by the Farm Game Committee for implementation. The resolutions were as follows:

Resolution Number 1: Develop a farm game subsidy program plan derived from suggestions presented at the Farm Game Committee meeting. A plan is to be drawn up by the Chairman, and pending approval or amending by the Director of member states or their representatives, is to be presented to the USDA for their review and possible adoption. It was stated that if the plan is accepted by the USDA then participation by state and county ASCS offices be mandatory. This resolution was unanimously approved by members of the committee present.

Resolution Number 2: Development of a regional brochure to provide landowners with guidelines as how to best utilize existing USDA programs in order to provide the most benefits for farm game species. This resolution was approved by members present.

Respectfully submitted,

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