

# Young farmers want less help from government

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Army National Guard Pvt. Karl C. Culver, son of Kenneth C. Culver of rural Russell, and Paula G. Culver of 212 W. Jackson St., Corydon, has completed the tactical communications systems course at Fort Sill, Okla.

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A survey conducted by Iowa Secretary of Agriculture Robert Lounsberry indicates younger farmers, in contrast to older and more established farmers, favored less help from the federal government.

In these troubled economic times, that particular result surprised some observers of the Iowa farm scene.

Over 1,000 Iowans turned in questionnaires to Lounsberry in his quest to find out what farmers thought should be in the 1985 farm bill that will be threshed out in Congress.

So far, computers have analyzed 923 responses. The responses showed the average age of farmers who responded was 47. They farmed an average of 490 acres, started farming when they were 23 and had farmed for nearly 25 years.

Thirty-nine percent of the farmers who responded wanted government programs to be increased, 39 percent wanted them decreased, and 22 percent wanted them eliminated.

Younger farmers were less in favor of increasing corporate taxes and were less inclined to open up land purchases to non-family farm corporations and to foreigners.

The set-aside program was popular with 32 percent of the farmers who responded, saying it helped them the most. Commodity loans were a close second, favored by 31 percent, followed by deficiency payments, 16 percent; grain reserve, 11 percent, and grain storage, 10 percent.

Lounsberry said "one really good idea" that came out of a series of meetings held across the state was a proposal to give livestock producers an incentive for forage farming.

State Representative Horace Daggett, R-Lenox, is making plans to incorporate this idea on the state level in an attempt to promote the ruminant animal industry and to take fragile land out of production, Lounsberry related.

Summary statements and recommendations contained in the questionnaires will be presented to U.S. Secretary of Agriculture John Block, who is holding a public hearing at Davenport on Thursday.

By over a four to one margin, farmers favored each farm to qualify for government program benefits. A margin of five to two voted to require the practice of a "sensible soil erosion program," including putting fragile land into a permanent reserve program.

They also favored two to one having mandatory soil conservation requirements or tillable land that is obviously an erosion risk and voted four to one in favor of protecting fragile land.

By nearly two to one they favored cross compliance and three out of four were willing to set aside 15 percent of their corn base without payment if corn

were pegged at \$3.50 a bushel.

Lounsberry said 57 percent thought all-risk crop insurance should be improved and designed to replace the present disaster program, but only 29 percent wanted it to be mandatory for participation in

federal farm programs.

Over 50 percent wanted Farmers Home Administration benefits extended to all farmers. There was strong support for property tax breaks to help beginning farmers and to keep land in farms rather than used

for urban development.

Sixty-two percent of those who responded to the questionnaire favored long-term debt restructuring, 82 percent wanted tax reforms to discourage expansion by corporate and large-scale farmers.

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**HARRY DENNIS MILLIGAN**

**Race/White; Sex/Male; Ht./6'1"; Wt./160 lbs.; Hair/Brown; Eyes/Blue; Address/Rt. #3, Albia, Iowa; SSN/481-90-5049; DOB/10-04-62.**

Harry Dennis Milligan, age 21, has been missing from the Monroe County, Iowa, area since July 1, 1984. He was last seen driving a maroon, 1977 Pontiac Gran Prix, bearing Iowa license number EIJ 244, when he left some friends near the business district of Albia, Iowa, en route to his family home in the nearby Village of Avery, Iowa, between 3:00 and 5:00 A.M. When last seen, Milligan was wearing a blue plaid, short sleeved shirt, blue jeans and white tennis shoes.

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