

(\$1575.00). Now at that time the government had control of what we call this crop control--wheat, cotton, broom corn--

CONTROLS ON CROP ACREAGES AND INSUFFICIENT ACREAGE FOR ECONOMIC RETURN

(You mean by that how many acres you can plant?)

Well, yeah. I didn't have much wheat at that time on this land. That kept me broke because they just go according to this allotment here--because it's not taxable, you know. I don't pay taxes. The fellow across here, he's got about ninety acres of wheat. But I got forty-three acres over here. Now, I've got bigger family than he's got. So that's my downfall.

(Why would they just give you 43 acres of wheat?)

Because they don't get no tax money off this restricted land.

(You mean they figured that in when they decided how much you could raise?)

That's the way I figured it. This guy across the road--I think he's got about 80 acres. In wheat. He pays tax on his land--I don't.

(Who's the one around here who decides how many acres you can have?)

I think there's three mans in this area here. They work for this Agriculture Department over here--the county.

(Is that the County Agent--?)

Yeah, the County Agent. See, they got...anyway, they got three men from each (township?).

(This forty-three acres of wheat, you were allowed to plant this back when you were farming?)

Yeah.

(How about today?)

We got forty-seven. You see, there's a difference in values. Well, the land value is the same to me. But, money wise, the money is higher--the five hundred--at that time I got the same kind of crop he's making today. Only he's got more beef than I've got. He's got around thirty-five or forty head of cattle in here. That's makes a difference. He gets good money out of those cattles. They got a hay-grazer--bale a lot of hay here.