Crops To Be Checked By Plane

Crops planted in Jeff Davis parish will be checked by using aerial photographic slides as part of farm program compliance stated Gerald Moore, County Executive Director for the Agricultural Stabilization and Conservation Service for Jeff Davis Parish.

ASCS personnel are trained to take pictures of fields which are developed into slides and superimposed on large aerial photographs to insure farmer compliance with farm programs, Moore said. In addition to insuring compliance, the data is important to the farmer in updating aerial photographs and determining field acreage. Farms to be checked will include those selected at random as a percentage of the total farms participating in the farm programs administered by ASCS.

Moore explained that the aerial photographic slide method of compliance has been used in the parishes in Louisiana where the majority of the row crops are grown. For four years the method has been used and is again being used in 1981. The aerial photographic slide method is proving to work well and is less costly than the other method of having field reporters visit farms and verify data from on the ground.

Moore said that here in Jeff Davis parish, the principal crops to be checked are rice, soybeans and wheat.