

FREE COTTON MARKET SERVICE
COLLEGE STATION, February

---More than one-third of the cotton ginned in Texas this season has been classified free under the Smith-Doxey Act for 90,700 farmers in 1,048 one-variety cotton improvement groups.

These figures were released to F. E. Lichte, cotton gin specialist of the Texas A. and M. College Extension Service by John L. McCollum, manager of the Southwest area cotton branch of USDA's Production and Marketing Administration.

Special market news services go regularly to the one-variety groups to guide members in selling their cotton and cottonseed, McCollum reported. Included are a weekly cotton market review, semi-monthly grade and staple report and weekly cottonseed review.

The cotton market review, furnished regularly throughout the year, gives information on spot and future prices, supply, demand and activity in domestic mills. Grade and staple report, issued seasonally, shows production and quality trends by localities and counties. Anyone reviewing the report can easily determine where the best cotton is being produced and ginned in Texas and where the poorer qualities are predominant, McCollum points out. The cotton seed review, also issued seasonally, itemizes average price and grade by counties and districts and the average for the state.

Farmers who need the reports can write to McCollum's office, 1104 South Ervay, Dallas. Persons in the irrigated section around El Paso should request the market service from Production and Marketing Association's Western Area cotton branch office, 212 Progressive Building, Bakersfield, California.