

Nixon Policy Blamed for Food Crisis

The National Farmers Union says farm policies carried out in the first five years of the Nixon administration "are directly responsible for the present world food shortage and threatened famines."

Government food aid shipments to needy countries were severely reduced, while at the same time American farmers were paid record subsidies to hold down crop production, the NFU said in a report to be released today and quoted by AP Farm Writer Don Kendall.

"During the Nixon administration's first five years, nearly \$4 billion more was paid to farmers to prevent food production than it would have cost for the government to buy the same amount of food from farmers," the report said.

The NFU is a general organization representing farmers nationwide. Historically, it has favored government guarantees for farmers, including price supports, and other mechanisms.