

Lancaster Farming

Neglect Cover Crop Tax Mapping 25% Complete

Smith, Lancaster County Agent, this week re-
 ments farmers of the value of proper timing in
 own cover crops this spring.
 pointed out that the use of cover crops in Lan-
 county is particularly valuable in view of the fact
 here are among the lowest in the state in organic
 content.
 the use of cover with sweet clover, six to
 especially rye twelve inches."
 er rye, field brome "Another factor is that if
 sweet clover. The there is too much growth it
 thing in handling is very difficult to get the
 top it to get it cover crop plowed down
 in before it gets properly, and if dry weather
 interferes with sets in, furrows are very
 illary flow of wa- hard to plow down.
 soil," he said.
 With rye grass and brome
 happens when the the most value is in the mas-
 is so heavy as to sive root systems, not the
 m a vegetative tops, so excess top growth
 in the soil turned will do little good.
 moisture in low- Use of a nitrogen fertiliz-
 rs. er, applied over the area
 and disked in with the tops
 in much the before plowing is strongly
 as building insula- recommended. The nitrogen
 ts the passage aids in more rapid decom-
 in this case it is position of the cover crop.
 the movement of "In many cases, from 50-
 to plant roots", 100 lbs. of actual nitrogen
 of a winter rye per acre should be applied,
 plow under when Smith said. In case of corn
 with is 12-18 inch- stalk ground, which is to be
 h. With rye grass plowed for corn in 1959, a-
 round 150 lbs. of actual ni-
 trogen will give the best re-
 sults in height and suits."



PAUL H. UIBEL, right, Stevens RD 1, and Master of Ephrata Grange, examines the standard property appraisal tables used in the Lancaster County Board of Tax Equalization's current program to completely map and reappraise the county's taxable property. Explaining the table's uses to Uibel is Donald E. Climenson, Landisville, Chief County Assessor, who spoke to Ephrata Grange Monday about the massive tax project. —LF PHOTO

Governor Presents Plans Aiding Pa. Agriculture

for David L. Lawrence said this week his Ad-
 is preparing legislation in connection with a
 program to advance the marketing of Pennsyl-
 products. He said he was hopeful the bills
 ready for introduction this week.
 ylvania agriculture has not kept pace with oth-
 er areas in the marketing of its products," he
 stating has not kept pace with production ad-
 vanced proposed programs will be mutually beneficial
 to distributors and consumers."
 points he pro-
 poses:
 and further de-
 velopment of the Penn-
 sylvania Department of Ag-
 riculture and its Bureau of
 Marketing, specifically, to in-
 crease the field of promotion
 and expansion.
 agriculture pro-
 help themselves
 by the technique of
 orders and mar-
 keting.
 appropriate \$250,000
 out of the Depart-
 ment of Agriculture to be
 used on a matching basis
 for county groups for
 promotion of Pennsyl-
 vania products.
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With exactly one year's work accomplished in the
 Lancaster County Tax Equalization Board's work to estab-
 lish a uniform tax structure for taxable property holdings
 in the county, a little more than one-fourth of the project
 is completed, according to Donald Climenson, chief county
 assessor.
 Climenson reported this week that work is proceeding
 at a good pace in the gigantic task of mapping and apprais-
 ing every one of the approximate 100,000 taxable property
 holdings in Lancaster County.
 The field editing work, project workers to call on
 which is the first step in lo- county residents and are us-
 cating property holdings as ually residents of each com-
 to location, owner and area, munity in the county, who
 had 37,711 parcels of land know the area, Climenson
 completed on March 31, ex- said. They work on a piece-
 actly one year from the pro- rate basis and collect the
 ject starting date. following information.
 Field editors are the first Location of property lines,

the former owner and the
 deed record number. Proper-
 ty lines are marked on an
 aerial photograph the editor
 carries.
 From this information, the
 assessor's office workers can
 locate the deed record in
 county files, determine the
 full legal description, draw
 a scale plat of the property
 to remain with the records
 and then draw the property
 itself onto the county tax
 map.
 When the mapping pro-
 ject is completed, Climenson
 reports, his office expects to
 have every inch of Lancaster
 County located on the tax
 maps.

Two More Counties Quit S.E. Dist. 4-H Beef Show

Two more counties have dropped from ranks of the
 Southeast Dist 4-H Baby Beef and Lamb show for 1959,
 marking the second straight year the scope of this event
 has been narrowed.
 County Agent Max M. not"
 Smith reported, following
 the Wednesday night meet-
 ing of show directors at the
 Stockyards Exchange Room
 and that Adams and York county
 officials have decided not to
 enter the district event this
 year. Last year Lebanon,
 Berks and Cumberland coun-
 ties dropped out.
 Henry T. Moon, asst state
 4-H leader, and Lester Bur-
 dette, Penn State extension
 livestock specialist, also at-
 tended
 Officials of 4-H clubs in
 the counties by-passing the
 district show indicate they in-
 tend to have strictly local,
 one-day events in their home
 counties.
 They gave the extra travel
 distance, missed school days,
 added shrink to animals and
 insufficient prices as reasons
 for abandoning district com-
 petition.

Second step in the field
 for the project is building
 inspection. At present, the
 county has three teams of
 eight inspectors and a super-
 visor at work.
 Two men work as an in-
 spection crew, measuring
 and inspecting permanent
 "improvements" on property
 holdings for size, type of
 construction, conditions, ma-
 terials, use, etc. These crews
 do not appraise for value,
 Climenson emphasizes.
22,692 Total Mapped
 As of March 31, a total of
 22,692 property holdings
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Ancient Pattern

those who feel the ways of Lancaster County's ag-
 riculture are changing, the Lancaster Farming circulation
 has evidence to the contrary. For the past sev-
 eral years the "delivery boys" have been bombarded with
 "address" notices for their subscriptions.
 Those who know Lancaster farming and the county's
 will recognize this as a result of the traditional
 farming date in the county; unchanged in the "space
 age."
 would like to remind those of you who are mov-
 ing your subscription address changed—PLEASE
 send your old address as well as the new. We can insert
 it in our mailing list, but it is extremely difficult
 to find the old plate among the thousands on our sub-
 scription list without knowing at least the old post office.

FIVE - DAY WEATHER FORECAST
Saturday - Wednesday
 U. S. Weather Bureau,
 Lancaster Office
 Temperatures will aver-
 age 3 - 6 degrees below
 normal range of 40 - 60
 degrees. Cooler through
 weekend, warmer Tuesday
 and Wed. Precipitation on
 Saturday, possibly again
 Tuesday and Wednesday.