

**Funds Available**

**Farmers Are Urged To Apply Now For Aid With Conservation Plans**

Lancaster County has received \$119,850 for allocation to farmers requesting assistance for carrying out practices under the 1951 Agricultural Conservation Program, the County Agricultural Stabilization and Conservation office announced this week.

To receive assistance, the farmers must make application to the County Committee Approved practices will be made at approximately 50% of the cost of establishment.

The following is a list of available practices:

Initial treatment of cropland or pasture with ground limestone (approval based on soil test by County Agent or State College). Initial establishment of perennial grass or grass legume cover. Improvement by liming and/or fertilizing of an established perennial grass or grass legume cover. Initial establishment of a perennial cover of a mixture of legumes and grasses in orchards and vineyards.

Initial establishment of permanent vegetation to stabilize and protect diversion terraces, waterways, spillways, drainage ditches, dams, dikes, levees, gullies, badly eroded areas, and field borders. Establishment of common ryegrass or annual field brome grass as a winter cover crop. Establishment of biennial or perennial legume for green manure cover crop.

Initial establishment of contour stripcropping to protect the soil from water erosion. Initial establishment of field stripcropping to protect the soil from water erosion.

Initial establishment of orchards, vineyards, bush fruits strawberries, or perennial vegetables on the contour. (These last three practices must be laid out by either SCS or County Agent to qualify for payment.)

Establishment of vegetative cover, for winter protection from erosion in clean cultivated orchards. Clearing and leveling of pastureland as a necessary step in the improvement of an established perennial grass or grass legume cover for soil or watershed protection. Establishment of vegetative cover for winter protection from erosion.

Developing springs or seeps for livestock water. Constructing ponds for livestock water or irrigation of a minimum of 5 acres. Establishment of permanent sod waterways.

Constructing terraces to control flow of water and check erosion. Constructing diversion terraces to intercept runoff and divert excess water. Constructing drop spillways and inlets, chutes or similar structures. Constructing permanent open drainage systems. Constructing underground drainage systems.

U. S. Forest Service is responsible for technical phases of the following practices: Planting forest trees or shrubs on farmland, farm woodlots or woodlands other than for the prevention of wind or water erosion. Requests must be made by January 31st for spring planting; Improvement of a stand of forest trees on farmland. Fencing of planted trees and fencing to permit

**Egg Production At Lowest Since 1951**

Egg produced by Pennsylvania laying flocks during November were three percent below November a year ago and the lowest November production since 1951.

The usual seasonal trend was followed during the month which placed November production just slightly below a month earlier. If the normal trend continues, production should be up during December.

Responsible for the decline was a lower average rate of lay which more than offset

natural regeneration of trees to protect an existing stand and to protect forest soil from compacting and destruction of humus. Initial establishment of a stand of trees or shrubs on farmland to prevent wind or water erosion.

Farmers are urged to sign up early and to take required soil tests for practices requiring the use of lime and/or seed and fertilizer.

County handbooks are at the printers and will be available in the near future, the local A.S.C. office announced.

the larger number of layers on farms, the Pennsylvania Crop Reporting Service said in a report this week.

The total number of eggs produced during November was 275 million compared with 276 million a month earlier and 284 million a year ago.

The number of layers on hand during November, estimated at 16.9 million, showed more than the usual seasonal increase during recent years. Poultrymen are holding over more old hens than usual this year and pullets are still being added to laying flocks as they start to lay.

The average price for eggs in the Keystone state remained at 51 cents per dozen during November. Prices for broilers also remained the same as a month earlier; however, farm chickens slipped to 16.0 cents per pound. With the price of poultry rations slightly lower, the egg-feed ratio became more favorable to poultrymen.

In the U. S. as a whole, the November production down four per cent from last year. Decreases from last year ranged up to 10 per cent in the North Atlantic region.



**SHIPPING FEVER**

Shipping fever is a serious threat to the farmer who buys feeder cattle. Annual losses in the U. S. exceed \$25,000,000 for this disease, says Dr. Samuel B. Guss, tension veterinarian. It is most serious in fall when cattle are moved into feed lots, but can be prevented with a little extra care and attention when cattle are first purchased.

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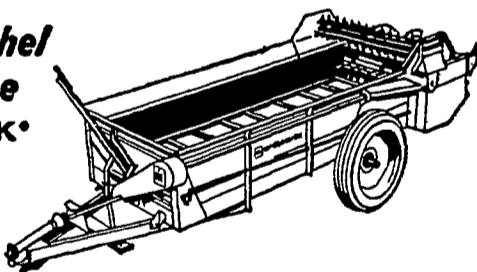
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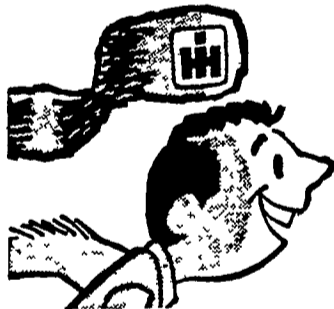
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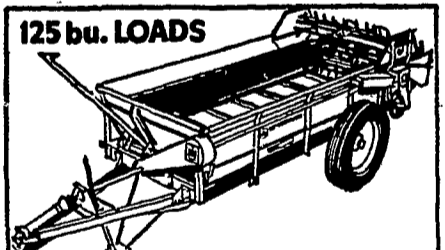


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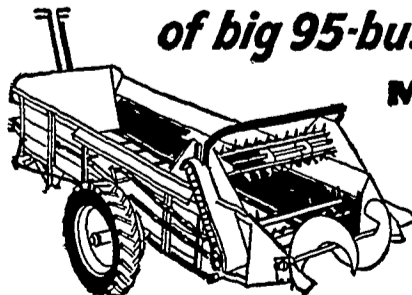
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