

Additional Funds Made Available To Farmers Home Administration

An additional \$50 million has been made available to the Farmers Home Administration for farm housing loans, Mr. Richard Hoover, the agency's county supervisor announced today.

He said that the new loan funds assure an adequate supply of this type of credit for eligible farm families during the balance of the fiscal year. Loans made so

far this year plus those being processed had practically exhausted the funds previously available.

Farm housing loans are made throughout the rural areas of the United States. The loans provide farm families with an opportunity to acquire an adequate house and efficient service buildings.

Application for farm housing loans may be made at the local office of the Farmers Home Administration, Mr. Hoover said. The loans bear 4 per cent interest and are repayable over periods up to 33 years.

The major demand in Lancaster County is for loans to construct and modernize farm homes, and most of the funds are used for new construction.

Improvements financed with loans include the installation of central heating and pressure water supply systems, the addition of bath rooms and the modernization of kitchens.

Many local farmers also use the loans to adjust their service buildings to the changing requirements of agriculture. A frequent example in this area, Mr. Hoover said, is the conversion of obsolete dairy facilities by the construction of modern milking facilities, milk houses and silos.

To be eligible a farmer must own a farm that will annually produce for sale or home use at least \$400 worth of commodities based on 1944 prices and be of sufficient value to adequately secure the loan.

5000 Heifers Sought For Breed Promotion

Pennsylvania's quota in the national drive for 5000 Jersey Heifers for milk promotion is 197 head, Edison Osborne, the state chairman of the enterprise has announced.

Osborne, the well known breeder of Jersey cattle and owner of Cornwall Farm at Peach Bottom, Lancaster County, urged every breeder of Jerseys, purebred or grade, to join in the drive to tell the public the story of Jersey milk.

The "Kickoff" meeting for the heifer enterprise in district nine of Pennsylvania is scheduled for 8:00 p.m. on March 24 at the Southeastern Pennsylvania Artificial Breeders Cooperative stud barns on route 230 west of Lancaster. The ninth district includes the counties of York, Cumberland, Dauphin, Berks and Lancaster.

Heifer enterprise is a part of the larger undertaking, The All-Jersey Program, designed to improve the position of Jersey cattle owners by increasing the demand for the product of the Jersey cow.

Heifers pledged to the project will be assembled at a central point, Osborne said, where they will be sold privately or at auction if volume warrants. Receipts from the project will go toward promotion of Jersey cattle and their production.

ASC To Begin Grain Survey

A survey of all farms in Lancaster County which produce feed grains will get underway in the next day or so, according to Landis G. Becker, Chairman of the Lancaster County Agricultural Stabilization and Conservation Committee.

The survey is being con-

ducted throughout the "major feed grain producing area" (which includes Lancaster County) as an advance step in connection with proposed feed grain programs now under discussion. The proposals would include adjusting the 1961 acreages of corn and other feed grains.

To put such a program into operation for 1961 crops in a manner which would be fair to all growers, accurate

data must be obtained immediately for the possible establishment of feed grain base acreages for all farms in the major feed grain producing area.

Such information will include the acreage history of corn, grain sorghum, barley, and oats, as well as the acreage devoted to other crops and land uses, for all farms in the area where one or more of these feed grains were produced within the past 2 years.

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