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Soil Conservation Contest For Future Farmers Is Renewed

The Pennsylvania Association of Soil Conservation Districts will again sponsor a soil and water conservation award program for chapters of Future Farmers of America.

Charles Gillette, retiring president of the association announced this week that the popular program is being sponsored in cooperation with the state Soil Conservation Commission, U S Soil Conservation Service and Vocational Agriculture Division of the Department of Public Instruction, under a grant from The Sears-Roebuck Foundation.

The program consists of two parts. An evaluation of the conservation activities of participating FFA chapters based on a score sheet submitted by the chapter will make up one phase of the contest. An evaluation of conservation speeches prepared and made by members of participating chapters will form the second part of the contest, but to be eligible to compete in the

speech phase, a boy must belong to a chapter participating in the first phase of the contest.

In addition to the cup for the state winner, the chapter contest carries cash awards of \$175, \$100, and \$50, while the speech contest has cash

awards of \$50, \$30, and \$20 for individual boys.

Regional awards of \$50 and \$25 for chapters and \$30 and \$10 for individuals have also been provided.

Chapters desiring to enter the contest are requested to complete an application form and return it to the Area Advisor of Vocational Agriculture before January 1, 1963.

Co-op Continues Hay Shipment To Members Hit By Drought

Harrisburg — Farmers in this State who lost much of their forage crops because of the drought this past Summer have used more than 4000 tons of emergency feed rations in the first two months of operation of Farm Bureau's disaster relief program, according to the farmer-owned cooperative's general manager, George G Connor. About half of this tonnage was in hay imported from the south and mid-west.

Greatest impact of the drought was felt in the central and south central sections

of the State where dairy and livestock operation are greater in size and number.

Improved weather conditions in late August and September enabled many farmers to make up some of their forage losses with late hay cuttings. However few harvested enough of the crop to carry them very far through the winter months.

For this reason, Connor said, Farm Bureau will continue its emergency program as long as it is needed.

Connor remarked the program not only has made hay, citrus and beet pulps and extender feed available, "it also nipped in the bud a black market which threatened to push prices of hay to unwarranted high prices."

"Our farmer organizations responded quickly and adequately to the emergency," the Cooperative manager noted, "enabling many farmers to survive the early stages of this crisis. We have brought hay from points as distant as Minnesota, and pulp supplies from the deep south and far west."

"Reduced freight rates made it possible for many of these supplies to be moved without creating extra financial

burdens on the farmers."

"This cooperation by the railroads and by many in the trucking industry has won praise from farmers in the livestock industry," Connor said. "Without this kind of cooperation, many livestock growers may have been forced to reduce their herds, or even may have been forced out of business."

"Although the greatest danger has passed, supplies of hay and extender feeds probably will move in nearly the same volume as in the past two months until farmers again can harvest hay crops next Spring."

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New Holland Young Farmers Hold Classes

David Yoder, General Manager of the Southeastern Pennsylvania Artificial Breeders Cooperative, and SPABC personnel will present a program on Breeding and Reproduction Problems in Dairy Cattle at the next meeting of the Garden Spot Young Farmers Association.

The meeting is scheduled to begin at 7:15 p.m. in the Vocational Agriculture Department of the Garden Spot High School, New Holland, on November 20.

R. Gene Daugherty, advisor for the young adult farmer group, says all farmers are encouraged to attend the meeting.