

Co. ASCS Office Cooperates On Many Approved Practices

A total of 593 farmers were enrolled and completed needed conservation practices under the 1963 Agricultural Conservation Program. Practices were completed and cost-share paid as follows:

Practice	Farms	Units	Amounts
Liming grassland	429	5159 acres	\$36,239.49
Establishing permanent grass cover	187	1822 acres	20,948.01
Improvement of established cover	127	2283 acres	24,460.99
Establishing permanent cover to protect diversions, ditch banks, etc	5	7.5 acres	251.26
Establishing winter cover crops	184	3150 acres	4,603.31
Contour Stripcropping & hedgerow removal	56	2084 acres	8,560.49
Clearing & leveling pastureland	6	47 acres	705.00
Establishing Sod Waterway	6	5085 feet	721.42
Constructing Diversion Terrace	9	7758 feet	885.69
Constructing Open Drainage Systems	2	2250 feet	386.81
Installing Tile Underdrain	11	10,196 feet	1,562.37
Planting of Forest Trees	5	27 acres	454.92
Fencing of trees for protection from livestock	2	130 rods	130.00
		Total —	\$99,909.86

In addition to the amount paid farmers for establishment of the practices, \$2975 of the 1963 ACP allocation was transferred to Soil Conservation Service for technical services required in establishment of permanent type conservation practices.

CONSERVATION RESERVE PROGRAM

There are still 47 farms under Conservation Reserve contract, earning annual payment of \$37,699.81 on 1841.0 acres, and one contract was extended for one year under the Land Use Adjustment program earning \$205.60 on 26.8 acres.

WOOL INCENTIVE PAYMENTS

The following payments were made in 1963 for wool and unshorn lambs sold during the 1962 marketing year. 140 producers received \$3,248.98 for shorn wool. 57 producers received \$626.44 for unshorn lambs.

FEED GRAIN PROGRAM

A total of 311 producers enrolled in the 1963 Feed Grain Program, diverting 3887.5 acres from corn production, 12.0 from grain sorghum and 257.3 from barley for total diversion payments of \$168,051.69. Additional price support payments for feed grain grown totalled \$25,968.63.

WHEAT STABILIZATION PROGRAM

117 producers diverted 660.8 acres from wheat production, receiving \$21,967.71 in diversion payments and \$1,371.06 as price support payments.

WHEAT ALLOTMENTS & MARKETING QUOTAS

Wheat allotments were established for 5835 farms in 1963. Wheat marketing cards were issued to all eligible producers & farmers applied for Feed Wheat exemption.

PRICE SUPPORT PAYMENTS

Wheat — 122 farmers stored 80,776.51 bushel in local warehouses, and received price support of \$152,102.76. Four farmers stored 3007 bushel on the farm, and received \$6,018.37.

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Game Protector Lists Activities

The following is an accomplishment report by the Game Commission showing work completed in Lancaster County during the past year.

On the four Farm Game Projects we have a total of 27,275 acres.

Farmers contacted — 498
Confers distributed — 3200.
Wildlife Borders cut — 2000 lin ft
Refuges Maintained — 20.
Safety Zones established — 291

There are five tracts of State Game Lands in Lancaster County comprising a total of 5402 acres.

Cover Crops seeded on strips — 30 acres.

Strips mowed — 19 acres
Woodland border cut — 3400 lin ft

T. A. Reynolds, Supervisor
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Creeks, River Stocked With Trout And Bass

In 1963 the Fish Commission stocked 18 trout streams in Lancaster County with legal size brook, brown and rainbow trout, distributed fingerling trout to Sportsman's clubs for rearing and distribution in the County. Susquehanna River was stocked with muskellunge in the vicinity of Columbia and also in the Hequea Creek and Big Conestoga Creek.

The commission cooperated with farm pond owners in regards to algae and weed control and issued permits for chemical treatment of ponds, shocked and seeded farm ponds in regards to fish balance.

Channel changes and pollution investigations were made in conjunction with the Health Dept.

Robert M. Betts, Pa. Fish Commission.

Co. Planners

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several items included which directly affect Soil and Water Conservation. Certain regulations concerning the removal of surface water and sub-surface sewage disposal are designed to prevent erosion and pollution of ground water.

Comprehensive Community Development Plans undertaken by the Planning Commission consider soil and water conservation when recommending areas for future development. It is felt that not only should existing conservation problems be treated, but new ones should be prevented.

The State's PROJECT 70 proposal was actively supported by the Planning Commission through its Park & Open Space Advisory Committee. Several sites are presently being considered in the County where these funds might be used. The Commission feels that parks and open space areas will promote Soil and Water Conservation as well as creating recreational facilities.

C. Bickley Foster, County Planner.
Charles S. Conrad, Jr., Chairman, Lancaster County Planning Commission.

Sugar Beets

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20 applications for the remaining two 1966 quotas.

"In view of the widespread interest in the reserve acreage program," he said, "it is reasonable to assume that bills will be introduced in the Congress to provide for a comparable program after 1966."

Bushman noted it is possible that action may be taken to continue an acreage reserve program for future years.

Where two areas request quotas and intend to begin processing beets the same year, a selection is made on the basis:

- (1) Firmness of capital commitment,
 - (2) suitability of the area for growing sugar beets,
 - (3) the proximity of other mills,
 - (4) need for a cash crop or a replacement crop and
 - (5) accessibility to sugar markets.
- In reviewing these requests, Bushman said, it has been found that firmness of capital commitment has been the most difficult for most localities to meet.

Letters

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The farm publications are painting a bright rosy future for the farmer — an image of his goods and services being desperately needed for the survival of the world's population. Unless the inventiveness of man suddenly ceases, I can't "buy" this reasoning. I firmly believe the farmer of the future will have more problems in merchandising than he now faces. And, TODAY, not tomorrow is the time to start looking for answers to this dilemma.

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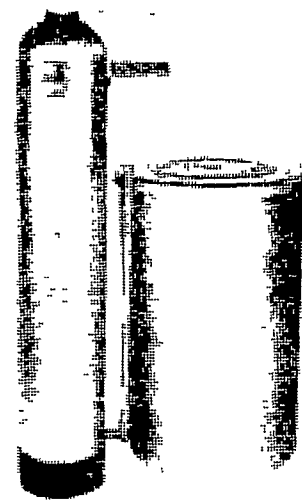
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