

County ASCS Office Reports On Program Results For 1965

A total of 700 farmers enrolled and completed needed conservation practices under the 1965 Agricultural Conservation Program. Practices were completed and cost-shares paid as follows:

Practice	No. of Farms	Units	Amount
Establishing permanent grass cover (lime, seed & fertilizer)	396	4,432 acres	\$ 37,173
Contour stripcropping and hedgerow removal	38	1,120 acres	5,388
Planting Forest Trees	5	16 acres	116
Improving established cover (lime and fertilizer)	351	4,552 acres	41,492
Clearing and leveling pastureland	4	16 acres	240
Ponds for Livestock Water	5	5 ponds	1,361
Establishing Sod Waterways	19	10 acres	2,958
Establishing permanent cover to protect diversions, ditch banks, etc.	6	12 acres	351
Constructing Cropland Terraces	21	50,780 feet	6,435
Constructing Diversion Terraces	12	13 terraces	1,929
Constructing Open Drainage System	1	1,530 cu. yds.	218
Installing Tile Underdrains	18	25,405 feet	4,054
Ponds for Irrigation	3	3 ponds	1,500
Establishing Winter Cover Crops	186	3,952 acres	9,171
Ponds for Fish	2	2 ponds	182
Woodland Border & Hedgerow Management	2	1 acre	45
Total payment to 700 farms			\$112,613

In addition to the amount paid farmers for establishing practices, \$4112 of the 1965 ACP allocation was transferred to Soil Conservation Service for technical services needed in establishing permanent type conservation practices.

WOOL PROGRAM

The following payments were made in 1965 for wool and unshorn lambs sold during the 1964 marketing year: 128 producers received \$1724 for shorn wool 82 producers received \$ 513 for unshorn lambs sold.

CONSERVATION RESERVE PROGRAM

Only three farms still remain under Conservation Reserve Contract. These farms earned \$370 for maintaining 29 acres in grass or tree cover.

PRICE SUPPORT LOANS

Wheat — 75 farmers received \$64,002 on 48,593 bushel of wheat stored in local warehouses and 6 farmers received \$3722 for 3269 bushel of wheat stored on the farm.

Barley — 2 farmers received \$857 for 952 bushel of barley stored on the farm

Corn — 3 farmers received \$3541 for 3300 bushel of corn stored on the farm.

FEED GRAIN PROGRAM

Payments were made on 382 farms under the Feed Grain Program. Diversion payment of \$229,517 was made for diverting 4780 acres from corn, 12 acres from grain sorghum and 323 acres from barley. Price support payment of \$27,019 was paid for the 2217 acres of feed grain grown.

WHEAT PROGRAM

Under the 1965 Wheat Program, 521 farmers received diversion and/or certificate payments \$11,439 was paid for 482 acres diverted, and certificate payments of \$79,059 on 4,746 acres of wheat grown.

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County Planning Comm. Reports Consv. Actions

Although the Lancaster County Planning Commission had no cooperative programs during 1965 with the Soil & Water Conservation District, they did hold two joint meetings for informational purposes.

In July of 1965, Ellis Harmed, planning director, explained the Commission's data on population, housing, employment trends and projections in Lancaster County. It showed that the areas having the most growth and development in the county also are the areas that are most desirable for agricultural purposes.

In August 1965, the SWCD directors, and county conservationist Wayne Maresch, met with the Planning Commission to explain the program of the District, and the various activities in which it is involved. This was an informational meeting during which the District representa-

tives expressed the feeling that soil conservation and agriculture are important in the present and future economy of Lancaster County.

Dist. Forester's Report Shows County Fires Up

According to District Forester W. P. Moll of the Valley Forge Forest District, in the annual report submitted by Service Forester John H. Kitch, forest fires in Lancaster County numbered 18, compared to 14 in the preceding year. The total acreage burned over, however, was up from 28 acres to 139 acres in the county.

Other Forest Service accomplishments in the area included: Woodlot owners assisted, 51; Woodlots marked for cutting, 3; Trees distributed, 91,500; Tree planting assistance, 30; Management assistance, 11; Timber stand improvement, 4; Agricultural conservation requests, 7; Educational, 10; Disease, 1.

Pa. Game Comm. Work In County

The following accomplishment report by the Game Commission shows work completed in Lancaster County during the past year, according to T. A. Reynolds, supervisor, Southeast Div. On the four (4) Farm Game Projects we have a total of 28,122 acres:

Farmers contacted, 372; Coniferous distributed, 6,450; Wildlife border cut, 7,895 ln. Ft.; Refuges maintained, 18; Safety Zone established, 132.

There are four (4) tracts of State Game Lands in Lancaster County comprising a total of 4,231 acres:

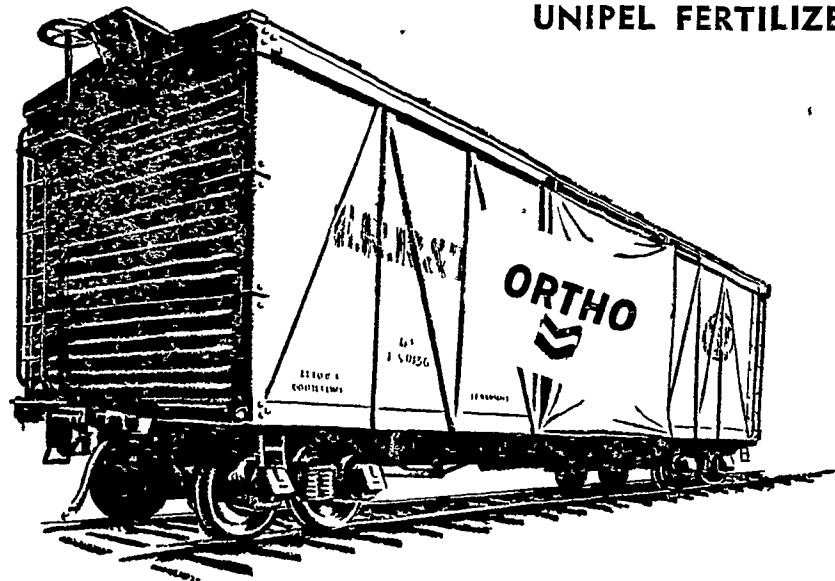
Cover crops seeded on strips, 0; Strips mowed, 18 acres; Woodland border cut, 350 Lin Ft.; Trees released, 995; Roads maintained to food plots, 10 miles; Shrubs and vines released, 260; Forest thinnings and cuttings, 21.

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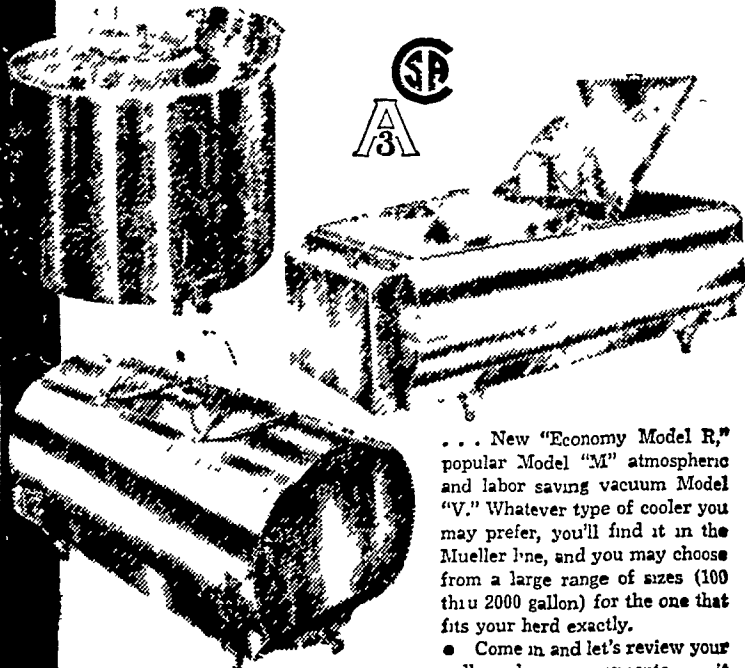
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