

Pa. Dept. Of Agriculture Plans Twenty Farm Research Projects

HARRISBURG—Twenty Research projects, all aimed at advancing the state's farm and agribusiness programs, were activated recently by the Pennsylvania Department of Agriculture.

Leland H. Bull, state secretary of agriculture, said the studies will be conducted by his department and by three state educational institutions under contracts totaling \$375,000.

Money for the research will derive from the state's harness racing income under authorization by the 1965 Legislature and Gov. William W. Scranton.

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Applied when seeding a new lawn, siduron has given complete control of crabgrass in two years of experiments by the Agricultural Experiment Station at Penn State. Siduron was used at rates varying from 4 to 8 pounds of active ingredient per acre.

While eliminating crabgrass in newly seeded turf, siduron did not injure bluegrass, stated William G. Downs, associate county agent in Perry County who carried out the experiments as a graduate student at Penn State. In previous experiments, other lawn grasses were not injured.

"These experiments open up the possibility of successful Spring and early Summer seeding of turf areas where crabgrass has been a problem," Downs affirmed. "Spring seeding has not been a recommended practice, but when well established, a lawn should remain relatively free of crabgrass," he pointed out.

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Even when applied 13 days after seeding, crabgrass density was reduced 70 percent, Downs said. Lack of sufficient moisture decreased the effectiveness of the chemical. In the current tests, siduron has not remained active in the soil from one year to the next. The product is available under several brand names, and sometimes comes ready-mixed with commonly available lawn fertilizers.

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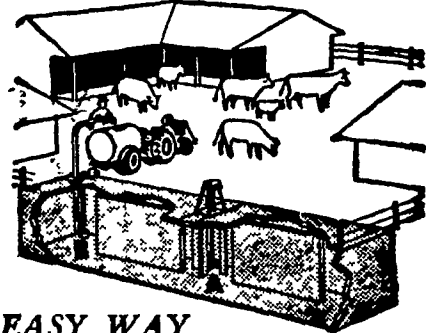
HARRISBURG — Stocks of potatoes held by state growers, dealers and chippers on March 1 totaled 1,200,000 hundredweight, second lowest supply since 1974, according to the Pennsylvania Crop Reporting Service.

The low point was recorded last year when March 1 holdings totaled 1,100,000 cwt.

Dealers reported excellent demand for potatoes during February with sales totaling 1,000,000 cwt., 25 percent higher than in February a year ago.

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