

● **ASCS**

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Enrollment for the 1967 wheat and feed grain programs will open on February 6 and close on March 3, according to Dorothy Y. Neel, ASCS office

manager. Price support loans are available to wheat producers who qualify for marketing certificates, and to feed grain producers if they qualify for price support payments, the meetings will explain program bene-

fits and qualifications in detail. Benefits for 1967 depend on the base established for the farm: 25 acres or less; over 25 acres but less than 125; or, larger than 125 acres. Participants must maintain conserving base, and stay within feed grain base on all farms in which they have an interest.

**ACP ENROLLMENT**

Enrollment is now open for the 1967 Agricultural Conservation Program, Miss Neel reported. Farmers who wish to receive cost-share benefits for establishing needed conservation practices on the farm should enroll now, Miss Neel urged. Funds are limited and the Committee will approve applications as they are received. County ACP Handbooks with a complete list of practices and payment rates are available at the county office, Miss Neel said.

Money seems to be about the only thing yet invented that is handier than a credit card

**Nitrogen Not The Only Element Crops Need**

Nitrogen is without question the one element most needed by farm crops, a soil technologist from Penn State University told a recent meeting of the Pennsylvania Crop Improvement Association

Even in dry years, many fields lack nitrogen when they seem to be suffering from drought, declared Dr Dale E Baker, associate professor of soil technology at Penn State. He added that many Pennsylvania soils also lack adequate amounts of phosphorus and potassium for maximum crop production

Addressing the state's major organization of seed growers and seed salesmen, Baker said Pennsylvania soils are often too acid for fertilizer to furnish balanced nutrition to plants. A soil test, he suggest-

ed, will show whether the land needs lime.

"In some cases the soil needs magnesium to increase the effect of chlorophyll, carotene and protein in the plants. In such cases, dolomitic limestone, or other sources of magnesium such as magnesium sulfate, will enhance greatly the crop growth," he stated.

**BORON**

Baker reported that boron is the one trace element most likely to be deficient in Pennsylvania soils. He cautioned, however, that too much boron can harm some crops. He said boron should never be used in starter fertilizers for corn and small grains. He added that alfalfa is the crop most likely to need boron.

Adding trace elements with no indication that they are needed can harm the crop and may even result in crop failure, he concluded. As other common trace elements he listed copper, zinc, molybdenum, and manganese

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