

## County ASCS Office Reports On Program Results For 1966

The Agricultural Stabilization & Conservation Service is the agency of USDA which carries out the various action programs authorized by Congress. Programs are administered within the County by farmer elected County Committeemen.

Programs include the Agricultural Conservation Program (ACP) which encourages farmers to complete needed conservation practices. Farmers who enroll and complete practices according to required specifications, earn cost-share payments. In most cases the payment represents half the cost of completing the practice.

The following is a report of participation and payments made under ACP during 1966 to 620 farmers who completed conservation practices.

Practice	No. of Farms	Units	Amount
Establishing permanent grass cover (lime, seed and fertilizer)	367	4,442 acres	\$ 40,274
Contour stripcropping and hedgerow removal	36	1,063 acres	6,195
Planting forest trees	4	9 acres	163
Improving established cover (lime and fertilizer)	243	3,763 acres	30,158
Clearing and leveling pastureland	9	40 acres	579
Pond for livestock water	1	1 pond	300
Establishing sod waterways	31	25 acres	7,011
Establishing permanent cover to protect diversions, ditch banks, etc.	12	18 acres	395
Constructing cropland terraces	13	35,693 feet	4,813
Constructing diversion terraces	7	7,801 feet	989
Constructing open drainage system	2	2,100 feet	352
Constructing drop spillways	1	1	24
Installing tile underdrains	6	6,613 feet	1,571
Pond for irrigation	1	1 pond	500
Establishing winter cover crops	168	3,735 acres	8,597
Pond for fish	1	1 pond	100
Woodland border & hedgerow management	1	.1 acre	5
Total payment to 620 farms			\$102,026

In addition, \$5600 of the 1966 ACP allocation was transferred to Soil Conservation Service for technical services needed in establishing permanent type conservation practices.

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## Conserv. Taught to 483 Ag. Students Teachers Report

In reporting to the County Soil & Water Conservation District, Lewis Ayers, president of the Lancaster County Agriculture Teachers Assn. noted that 483 students in the county's nine vocational agriculture programs had received 90

hours of classroom conservation instruction during 1966.

In listing other cooperative activities he added nine field trips were taken, 41 conservation films were shown; 45 students participated in the land judging contest, and five schools took part in public speaking contests with speeches about conservation.

In addition to Ayers, there are 14 agriculture teachers listed in county high schools.

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## Trout Stocked In 68 Miles Of County Streams

In 1966 the Pennsylvania Fish Commission stocked 68 miles of trout waters and 6,000 acres of warm water fishery throughout Lancaster County. In the past year, the State Fish Warden assisted numerous land owners by giving technical advice on farm ponds. This advice is to help establish better working relations among landowner, County Soil and Water Conservation District, and the Pennsylvania Fish Comm.

The primary basis for success in a farm pond fishery is a good management program. With emphasis placed on habitat, (natural environment, temp etc.) stocking methods, desirable species, reproduction, growth rate and food supply vs. population, says Samuel W. Hall, District Fish Warden.

Among goals listed for 1967, the commission plans to about match the 1966 figures, but gives no estimate as to whether the 192,749 fish planted in the past year will be increased, or decreased. Hall states that the quantity will vary widely from year to year due to the Warm Water Stocking Program.

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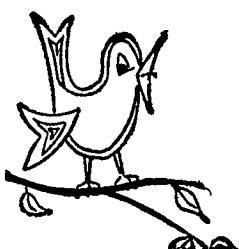
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