

## Over Million Farmers Took Part In ACP During 1962-67 For First Time

Secretary of Agriculture Orville L. Freeman announced today an estimated 1,126,000 farmers, who had been doing little or no conservation work in the past, participated in Agricultural Conservation Program (ACP) cost sharing during the period 1962-67.

This achievement in the conservation of soil, water, and woodland resources to help maintain the productive capacity of American agriculture re-

sulted largely from intensive efforts by Agricultural Stabilization and Conservation (ASC) community committeemen, said the Secretary.

Working on their own time and without pay, community committeemen got non-conservation farmer neighbors to undertake needed conservation measures on their farms, Secretary Freeman pointed out.

County Agricultural Stabilization and Conservation Service

offices not only provided community committeemen with lists of non-conservation farmers, but also set aside cost-share funds to assist new participants and low-income farmers in carrying out conservation measures. And beginning in 1966, funds were also reserved for ACP special projects and beautification-conservation practices.

In 1962, some 200,000 farmers did conservation work on their farms for the first time in a number of years. In 1963, the number rose to 254,000 and then tapered off to 216,000 in 1964, about 190,000 the next year, and on down to 156,000 in 1966 as more and more of the non-conservation farmers began participating. The estimated number of new participants for 1967 is 100,000.

The ACP was established in 1936 to help farmers combat erosion and carry out other soil and water conservation measures to protect the Nation's farmland.

Annually, about a million farmers joined with the ACP on about a 50-50 basis in installing needed conservation practices. These include establishing and improving vegetative cover on farmland, planting trees, building terraces, constructing ponds and reservoirs, strip-cropping slopes, and establishing sod waterways. These measures along with others conserve soil and water, and reduce sedimentation and other pollution of streams.

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To date our fall season is below normal in rainfall; unless this condition improves before freezing weather arrives, it will be advisable for many homeowners to apply water to shrubs and trees; this is especially true with newly planted shrubs and with the broadleaf evergreens such as azaleas, hollies, and rhododendrons. Unless the root zone of these plants is well saturated with moisture when freezing weather comes, there will be dehydration from the plant and severe winter killing. Ample watering is strongly advised later this fall.

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