

Voter Eligibility For ASC Committee Elections Explained

Ballots soon will be mailed to agricultural producers known to be eligible to vote in Agricultural Stabilization and Conservation committee elections, according to Lancaster County ASC Committee Chairman Fred G. Seldomridge.

He said any resident of the county who is eligible to take part in a farm program administered by ASCS is eligible to vote in the community committee elections to be held the third week in September. This applies without regard to sex, race, color, religion, or national origin.

"Our list of known eligible voters totals 7,410 and I am hopeful that each will cast a ballot," the ASC Chairman said.

He pointed out there may be agricultural producers — owners, operators, tenants, or sharecroppers — who are eligible to vote but are not on the eligible voters' list. "We invite those who may be eligible voters to check at the Lancaster County ASCS Office, 1383 Arcadia Rd., Lancaster, Pa. If they are eligible, we will add their names to the list and they will receive ballots. The list of known eligible voters is maintained at the ASCS office and is available there for public inspection," Chairman Seldomridge said.

Almost every agricultural producer in the county is an eligible voter, according to the ASC Committee Chairman. "For instance, if he produced a crop eligible for price-support, he is eligible voter. He doesn't necessarily have to actually apply for price-support, so long as he has a crop which was eligible for price-support," said Mr. Seldomridge.

"If he has cropland in any of the various retirement or diversion programs of the U.S. Department of Agriculture, he is an eligible voter, or if he could have participated in the Agricultural Conservation Program (ACP) for installing soil and water conservation practices, he is an eligible voter in the ASCS community committee elections. Again, I point out that participation in the programs is not the determining factor; what counts is whether a producer was eligible to participate in any ASCS program," he continued. If so, he or she is eligible to vote."

Holstein Association Participates In Research

Executive Secretary Rumler has announced that HFAA will participate in a project to study the relationship between genetic markers and performance in dairy cattle. Cooperating agencies in the project which began last year and is anticipated to continue for four years, are the U.S. Department of Agriculture and the Experiment Stations in

the Northeast, North Central and Western Regions.

The object of the project is to determine the degree of relationship between marker genes for blood and to milk protein types and economically important traits such as milk yield, milk composition, reproductive performance and liability in dairy cattle. Blood and milk protein typing and milk constituent determinations will be done on 6,000 Holstein cows (approximately 1,500 first calf heifers each year for four years) in Experiment Stations and cooperating herds. The marker genes involved must be studied in a large number of animals if there is to be any hope of determining their relationship to economically important traits through joint cooperation work on the genetic marker system has the potential to make a significant contribution to knowledge in cattle breeding.

Historically, selecting dairy cattle for genetic improvement hinges waiting long enough to have lactation records available on a large number of daughters. Our present system of evaluating the performance of a sire means that the bull is already mature and that "cows are at least three years old before their first lactation records are

Farm Women

SOCIETY 14

Farm Women Society #14 met Wednesday afternoon at the summer home of Mrs. Murl Clark at Spring Lake. Co-hostesses were Mrs. James Hall, Mrs. Harold Groff, and Mrs. Charles Murray.

Anna Marie Groff had charge of devotions, reading some verses from James Chapter 3 and some valuable thoughts from "Daily Bread" on how small things may become great.

Roll call was answered by a Bible verse on nature. The president, Mrs. Christian Landis reported on the County board meeting and plans were discussed for selling mints.

Professor Raymond C. Mullin, Safety Education Instructor at Millersville State College gave a lecture entitled, "Accidents are not Accidental." Did you know that accidents are the fourth major cause of death in our country?

Next meeting of the Society will be held Sept. 10, at the home of Mrs. Aaron Shirk in Paradise. Co-hostesses will be Mrs. Ira Kleider, Mrs. Merle LeFevre and Mrs. Ira Rutt. Mrs. E. Mark Weaver will speak on "The Joy of Drying Flowers."

The Agricultural Stabilization and Conservation Service administers acreage allotments, price-support loans and payments, cropland retirement and diversion programs, the sugar program wool and mohair incentive production program, wheat certificate program, the farm storage and drying equipment loan program and the Agricultural Conservation Program, a joint effort by landowners and the U.S. Department of Agriculture to preserve our Nation's land, water and timber resources.

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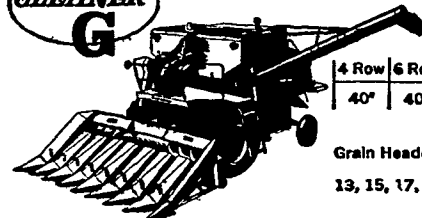
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