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Local Leaders Review Agricultural Conservation Program

About a dozen local agricultural leaders this week reviewed the 1971 Agricultural Conservation Program (ACP) at the Farm and Home Center.

The discussion was led by Richard A. Pennay, ASCS district director. Pennay said a similar review of the ACP program is underway in every county in the country. The final county report will be sent to the U.S. Secretary of Agriculture.

It was noted there was no money this year for the ACP program, although it probably will be funded again in 1971.

Using a list of questions as a guideline, the group reviewed and evaluated the ACP programs "practice by practice to determine which should get emphasis" and also "to determine the effectiveness of what we have and how to improve it."

Pennay emphasized the type of programs a particular area needs vary widely from area to area, depending on the type



Shown discussing county agricultural conservation needs in 1971 are, left to right: Richard A. Pennay, ASCS district director and discussion leader; Aaron Stauffer, Soil Conservation District chairman; Robert K. Mowrer, district director, Soil Conservation District;

Orval Bass, district conservationist, Soil Conservation Service; Clifford Holloway, Pomona Grange, and Roy Giesmann, county supervisor, Farmers Home Administration.

of land and farm crops involved. For instance, practices and needs of some areas in the western part of the state which are mainly grazing land will vary widely from a cropland area such as Lancaster County, he said.

Comments of the group included: "Sedimentation is still the number one conservation problem in the county. That's very true. That's why our streams are so chocolate," Orval Bass, district conservationist, Soil Conservation Service, stated. Bass also said he thinks the problem can be solved in Lancaster. (Continued on Page 8)

DHIA Board Approves Tester Rate Increase

The Lancaster County DHIA board Monday night approved increased fees for 15 testers operating in the county.

The increase was \$2 per month per herd for twice a day tests and \$1 for DHIA once a day and owner-sampler.

For the average county farmer with a 40-cow herd, the DHIA twice a day test rate went from \$23 to \$25 per month; DHIA single test went from \$21 to \$22 per month; owner-sampler increased from \$13.50-\$14.50 per month.

The minimum rate for 10 cows or less was increased from \$12.50 to \$14.50 for twice a day tests; the single test minimum went from \$12 to \$13, and the owner sampler went from \$6 to \$7.

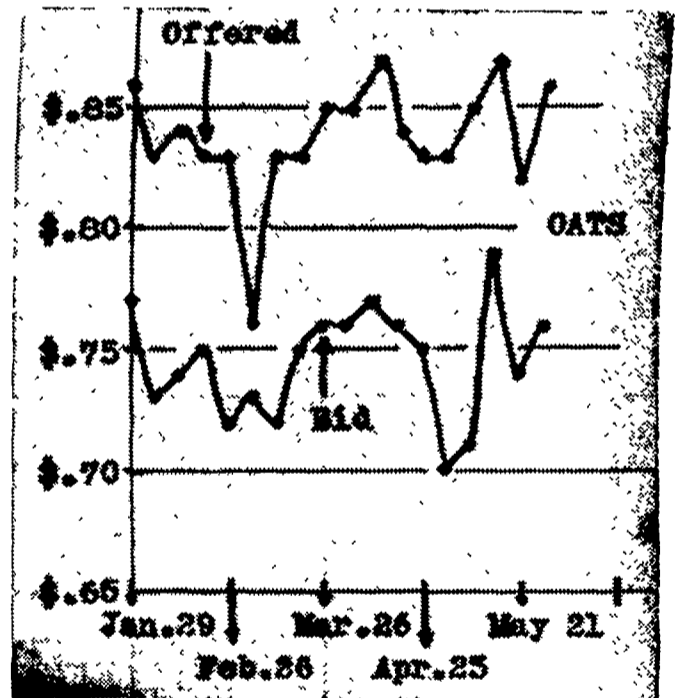
Donald Eby, Gordonville RD1, DHIA board chairman, said that of the 700 dairymen having tests made, about 425 are under DHIA and the rest are owner sampler.

Ten of the 15 testers handle less than 50 herds, while one handles 120 herds.

The testers had asked for an across-the-board five cents a cow increase.

In discussing the increase, the dairymen debated an increase per cow versus an across-the-board increase and finally decided on the latter.

The DHIA donated \$25 to the Dairy Princess contest



Local Oats Price Index Up This Week

Lancaster Farming this week continues in graph form the grain prices we began in January. This week we give the oats prices. We started last week with wheat.

The bid price or price paid by the mill to the farmer closed Thursday at 76 cents a bushel, while the offered price or price which the mill will sell to the farmer closed at 86 cents. Compared to a week ago, bid price was up two cents and offered price was up four cents.

These are average figures from the six mills which supply data to us. Since we began the data, the bid price has fluctuated between

a low of 70 cents on April 30 to a high of 78 cents on May 14. The offered price or cost to farmers hit a high of 87 cents on two dates, April 9 and May 14. Offered price generally has had a floor of 83 cents, but dropped to 82 cents last week and our figures show the offered price dropped into the 70's one week in early March.

The average local grain prices quoted Thursday, May 28, 1970, are as follows.

	BID	Offered
Ear Corn	\$37.00	\$42.33
Shelled Corn	1.46	1.62
Oats	.76	.86
Barley	.96	1.12
Wheat	1.39	1.55

Berks, Cumberland Wool Pools Scheduled in June

The 1970 Berks County and Cumberland County Wool pools have been set in June.

The pools, open to county sheep producers, involve grading of the wool by qualified Penn State University personnel and sale by weight at a specified price according to grade. The price was set by competitive bid.

The Berks pool will be at the Reading Fair grounds from 7 a.m. to 3 p.m. June 4 and the Cumberland pool at the Carlisle Fair grounds from 7 a.m. to 3 p.m. June 18.

Max Smith, Lancaster County agricultural agent, said, "Local wool producers are urged to use this type of marketing providing they have a quality product."

"Fleeces should be clean, dry and rolled with the flesh side out, and tied with the paper twine."

The sales are primarily of interest to the larger sheep producers, since the smaller growers likely won't have enough volume of wool to make the trip worthwhile, although sever-

al smaller operators could combine their wool for the sales, Smith said.

There will be a sheep sale at Carlisle in conjunction with the wool pool.

Buyer at the Berks County sale will be Wellman, Inc., Boston, Mass., at the following prices by grade: $\frac{3}{8}$ and $\frac{1}{4}$ staple, 46.91 cents a pound; $\frac{3}{8}$ and $\frac{1}{4}$ clothing, 42.91, medium rejects, 39.91, and low $\frac{1}{4}$ 43.91

Buyer at Cumberland County will be Marriner & Co., Lawrence, Mass., as follows: $\frac{3}{8}$ and $\frac{1}{4}$ combing, 48 cents, $\frac{3}{8}$ and $\frac{1}{4}$ clothing, 45 cents, medium rejects 44 cents; low $\frac{1}{4}$, 47 cents

Several lower grades have lower returns.

The Cumberland County pool notes that about four cents a pound will be deducted from each pooler's total pounds of wool for expenses of pool operation.

Smith said producers normally get about six pounds of wool per sheep.

Farm Calendar

Monday, June 1

7:30 p.m. — Elm-Penryn 4-H Club, Penryn Fire Hall.

8:00 p.m. — Lancaster County Dairy Princess Committee, Farm and Home Center.

Tuesday, June 2

8:00 p.m. — IFYE Committee, Farm and Home Center

Wednesday, June 3

1:30 p.m. — Society of Farm Women of Lancaster County Executive Board, Rhoads Spanish Tavern, Quarryville.

8:00 p.m. — Red Rose 4-H Baby (Continued on Page 13)