Conservation and Alfalfa Are Among Topics at Soils Day

reed for good soil conservation quoted Norman Reber of the farms, Bass said practices last week at the an- Pennsylvania Farmer magazine nual Crops and Soils Day

storm, compared with 100 to 500 practices, the state now has a waterways have become the type storm, compared with 100 to 500 switch to get behind him and of conservation practices that 2,500 from land in urban use

subject to fines of \$100 to \$1,000 hear "getting narrower."

Orval Bass, Lancaster County soil conservationist, spoke on the soil conservationist, spoke on the soil conservationist, spoke on the soil conservationist. He explained that forest land the former't better conservation toward a continuous corn crop, the said that terraces and sod push a little

Bass noted that farmers in He noted that the Pennsylvania Lancaster County are "headed to clean Streams Law has redefined sediment as an industrial pol-lutant and manure as a sewage for the farmer who still uses four per cent, he said. pollutant, making the farmer bay, the strips in general have four per cent, he said.

have been effective with this type of land use

Terraces and sod waterways

Alfalfa Potential Dr John E Baylor, Penn State Extension agronomist, spoke on new ideas in silage and hay making He was introduced by master of ceremonies John Yocum of the Penn State Research Faim at Landisvile, as "one of the country's foremost forage specialists "

Baylor noted that the type of conservation programs as outlined by Bass make much more intensive type of farming plactices workable

The two crops that have the most potential use for farmers, according to Bayloi, are corn ard alfalfa The essential ingredients of a

sound feeding program, Baylor noted, are erergy, protein vitamins and minerals Coin is the best source of

energy and alfalfa ranks highest in protein, he said

Baylor emphasized that the highest potential for both coir silage and alfalfa is much greater than is now being realized by farmers While farmers produce an average of about 125 tons of corn silage per acie, the potential is 30 tons and some faimers can possibly achieve 45 tons Baylor said While alfalfa yield is now an average of about 25 tons per acte, Baylor thinks the potential is an average of

As Lancaster County farmers acre of quality feed, the farmer quency of cutting is also an Pennsylvania Farmer magazine as stating that whereas the state have in the past five years gone must be concerned about long important management practice with alfalfa.

trol and weed control are ne-

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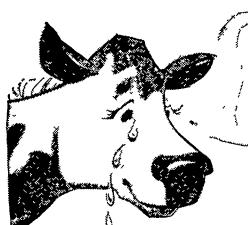
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