

1972 REAP Funding Announced

Secretary of Agriculture Clifford M. Hardin recently announced the 1972 Rural En-

vironmental Assistance Program (REAP) at a funding level of \$140 million. Subsequent legislation could change the level of the final 1972 program allocations.

The Rural Environmental Assistance Program helps farmers to carry out needed conservation and environmental protection measures on their farms with costs shared by the federal government. Major emphasis in the new program is placed on long-range preservation of the environment, and on practices which will return more benefits to the public at less public cost, Hardin said.

The Rural Environmental Assistance Program is administered by the Agricultural Stabilization and Conservation Service through its farmer-elected committee system. The Soil Conservation Service, Forest Service and Extension Service provide technical and educational assistance.

Consistent with the report of the House Committee on Appropriations, the 1972 program will make provision for continuation of 1970 program practices and procedures as such need may be determined by county committees.

Emphases will continue in 1972 on cost-sharing measures that result in enduring conservation benefits, and on redirecting the program toward environmental improvement. High priority will be given, as it is in the 1971 program, to those practices that offer:

— Significant pollution abatement, particularly sediment.

— Substantial improvement in the quality of the environment.

Secretary Hardin cited the following as examples of high

priority practices in some areas: Establishing permanent stands of grass or legume cover to hold soil in place and allow maximum insoak of rainfall without runoff; animal waste management practices that prevent or correct water, air or land pollution problems in and around farm livestock and poultry barns; and building ponds, diversion terrace detentions or other structures to control sediment or chemical runoff. He noted that sediment is still the number one pollutant of water in streams and lakes from the standpoint of volume.

The 1972 REAP will give a lower priority to temporary or short-term practices.

Bitler Is Voted Solanco Dairy Club President

The Solanco Dairy Club held its first meeting October 17 in the ag room. The order of business was election of officers and new business.

The election of officers is as follows: David Bitler, president; Wayne Kreider, vice president; Bill Krantz, secretary-treasurer, and Larry Aaron, reporter-photographer.

Plans for the year were discussed. Plans like a trip to a big dairy, speakers at meetings and this year's judging were brought up. A committee of three members was appointed to come up with plans for the next meeting.

The next meeting is to be held at 8 p.m. November 15 in the ag room of the high school.

Larry Aaron
Reporter

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Order Free Tree Seedlings Now

Farmers of Lancaster County are being reminded that right now is the time to plan for tree planting to be done in the spring of 1972.

As in past years, The Glatfelter Pulp Wood Co. of Spring Grove, Pa., will again furnish free tree seedlings to any interested and qualified landowner.

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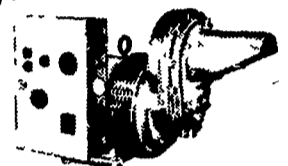
That is, they may not be used for Christmas trees, decorative purposes, or for windbreaks. Minimum order acceptable is for 1,000 seedlings. All trees are the property of the landowner and he may cut them at a future date for any wood products he desires.

If you are a landowner who is planning to plant trees in 1972 and

wish to receive free tree seedlings, act now! To obtain information about placing your order, see your local county agent, your Department of Environmental Resources District Office or write directly to The Glatfelter Pulp Wood Company, Spring Grove, Pennsylvania, 17362. All necessary information and order blanks will be mailed to you.

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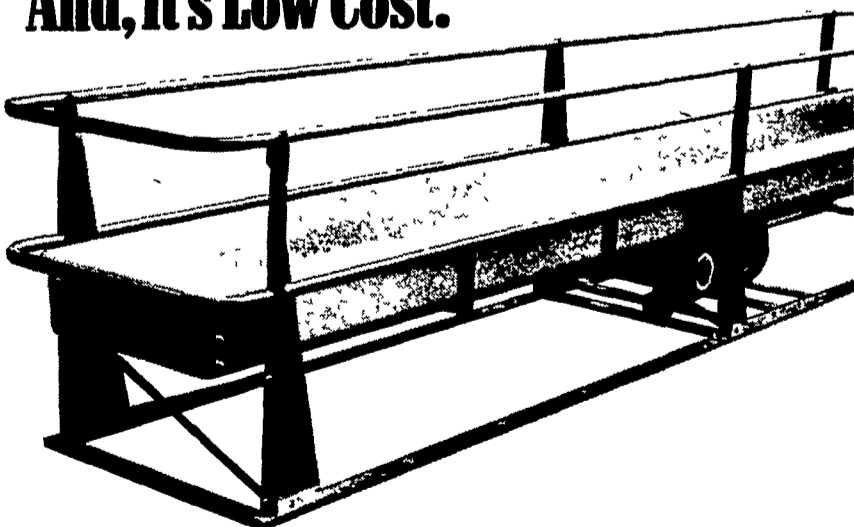
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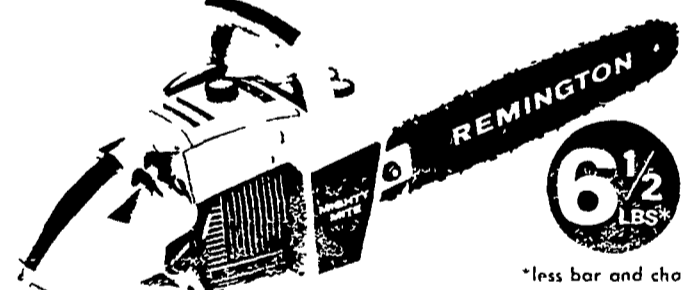
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