

More REAP Funds Released

Secretary of Agriculture Earl L. Butz recently announced that an additional \$55½ million had been made available for the 1972 Rural Environmental Assistance Program (REAP).

Secretary Butz said the administration's action was in response to indications from across the country that farmers are willing to match, or exceed, the additional investment in soil

and water conservation and pollution prevention and abatement practices.

The \$55½ million will augment an initial allocation of \$140 million, announced last October so States and counties could start operation under the 1972 REAP. The announcement cited several significant events of recent months that led to the decision to release additional funds for the 1972 REAP:

On October 1, reports from selected States showed a 400 per cent increase in 1971 over 1970 in funds to be expanded for pollution abatement practices

On October 28, during a meeting of the President's Advisory Board on water pollution control, the need for additional funds was recognized and documented.

In November, REAP reports indicated an increased demand for expansion in 1972 of the REAP farm and ranch solid waste disposal pilot project to additional States

On December 3, President Nixon approved an Oklahoma watershed, which was the 213th watershed project approved during his administration. Additional REAP cost-share funds are required to help complete work called for in the watershed plans

REAP reports during the fall of 1971 indicate a substantial increase in demand for REAP forestry practices over previous years.

Under REAP the federal government shares, generally on a 50-50 basis, the cost of such practices in the effort to solve rural environmental problems for the primary benefit of the

Wool, Lamb Program Deadline Jan. 31

Producers who file applications and 1971 marketing reports on wool and unshorn lambs by January 31, 1972 at the Lancaster County Agricultural Stabilization and Conservation Service Office (ASCS) will receive payments early in April under the National Wool Act, reports Fred Seldomridge, chairman of the Lancaster County ASC Committee.

Applications should cover only wool and unshorn lambs sold during the marketing year which ended December 31. Marketings after that date will be eligible for payments to be made in 1973.

"The county ASCS office will provide information on the items

that should be included with producers' applications, and will give assistance as needed," Seldomridge said. Wool producers are eligible to receive payments regardless of the quantity sold in 1971. "As with all ASCS programs, the Wool Program is administered without regard to race, color, creed, sex, religion or national origin of participants," he said.

The payment rate for 1971 marketings will be announced early in April following announcement of the national average price received and is expected to be well above last year's rate which was 102.8 per cent

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Pennsylvania turkey growers intend to raise eight per cent more turkeys in 1972 than in 1971, according to the Pennsylvania Crop Reporting Service

And if these intentions materialize, a total of 2,962,000 turkeys will be raised in the state this year

A breakdown shows that 85 per cent of the turkeys will be the heavy breeds and the remaining 15 per cent will be light breeds

The total number of heavy breeds raised is expected to be 2,526,000 or 10 per cent more than in 1971. The light breed forecast, at 436,000 birds, is five per cent less than the 1971 number raised

The Crop Reporting Service pointed out that the number of turkeys actually raised in 1972 may vary from the 1972 in-

tentions of growers with their reactions dependent upon this report, price of feed and other factors

Allis-Chalmers Names Lindgren

David C. Scott, president and board chairman of Allis-Chalmers Corp., recently announced the election of Richard T. Lindgren as a vice president of the Company

Lindgren is general manager of the Agricultural Equipment Division, having joined Allis-Chalmers in March, 1971, in that capacity. Previously, he was associated for 17 years with the Ford Motor Co. in various financial and operating management positions

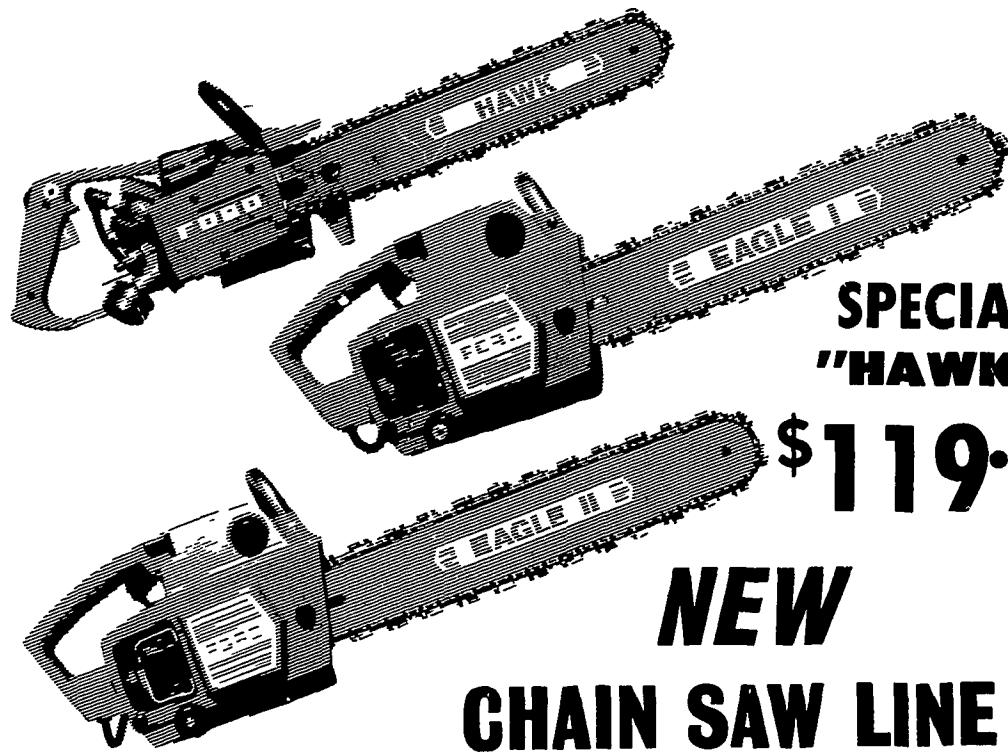
total rural community and the public

REAP is administered by the Agricultural Stabilization and Conservation Service (ASCS) through its farmer-elected committees. The Soil Conservation Service, Forest Service, and Extension Service provide technical and educational assistance.

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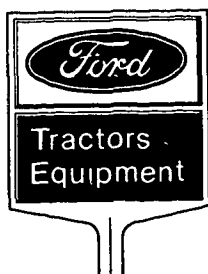
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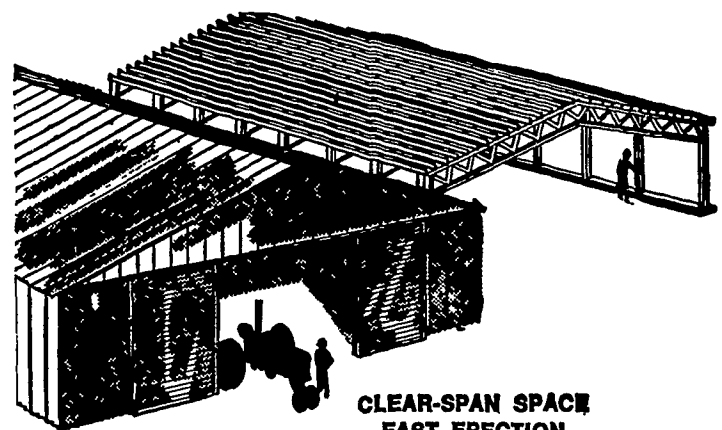


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