Conservation District Enters Awards Program

Lancaster County Conservation District will compete for top prizes in the 26th annual Goodyear Conservation Awards program, according to Aaron Z. Stauffer, Ephrata, district chairman.

The district will pit its 1972 record of conservation achievements against other districts in the contest sponsored by Goodyear in cooperation with the National Association of Conservation Districts (NACD). An independent judging committee will select the first and second place districts in the state.

Each first-place district wins expense paid, vacation-study trips for its outstanding cooperator and a member of the governing board. Representatives of 53 award-winning conservation districts nationwide will be guests of Goodyear on a tour of outstanding resource development projects.

The awards program also

includes recognition of the outstanding cooperator who will be selected by the district from the 1,500 landowners and land users who are enrolled in the Lancaster District's program.

Lancaster Conservation District has participated in the awards program many times and was first-place winner in 1953-54, 1956-57, and 1958-59. They were a second place winner in 1955-56.

Members of the District governing board are: Aaron Z. Stauffer, Ephrata RD1, chairman; Amos H. Funk, Millersville RD1, vice chairman; Mrs. Nancy J. Burkhart, Strasburg RD1, secretary; William Rohrer. Conestoga RD2, treasurer; Henry H. Hackman, Manheim RD2, executive assistant; Abram Dombach, Millersville, county commission member; Robert G Brubaker, Elizabethtown RD3; Kenneth C. Depoe, Mount Joy RD1; J. Everett Kreider, Quarryville RD1, and Robert K. Mowrer, Willow Street

Aument Resigns as County Committeeman

Frank W. Aument, regular member of the county committee of the Agricultural Stabilization and Conservation Service (ASCS) has resigned from the county committee to accept full time employment. Aument served 14 years as a community committeeman and over two years on

the county committee.

B. Snavely Garber, Willow Street RD2, has been named successor to Aument. Garber was the first alternate member of the county committee, and has served as a community committeeman for 12 years.

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Angus breeders during the first six months of fiscal year 1972 weighed and graded 49,810 bulls and heifers in the Angus Herd Improvement Record (AHIR) program.

This is an all-time high for the first six months of any year and is a substantial increase of 7,500 head over the first six months of 1971, reports Lloyd D. Miller, executive secretary of the American Angus Association.

During the first six months from October 1971 to March 1972, 40,940 weaning weights and grades were processed and returned to breeders. The number of yearling weights and grades recorded was up to 8,870 head for a total of 49,810 head or an increase of seven per cent from 1971 figures.

The percent of weaning age calves measured in A.H.I.R. accounted for 29 per cent of the total registrations for the first six months of fiscal year 1972. "This is the highest percentage ever recorded," as Miller pointed out, "and one that will continue to increase as more emphasis is placed on high performing efficient Angus cattle."

Growth in A.H.I.R. is best illustrated by year to year comparisons. In 1963 there were only 4,500 head of calves weighed and graded. In 1966, there were more than 23,000 head measured, compared to 40,940 head for the first six months of fiscal year 1972. Growth in the yearling program has been almost as dramatic. In 1963, there were 2,304 head measured compared to just over 6,000 head in 1966 and the 8,870 head in the first half of 1972. In the 12-year history of the program, there have been 351,989 weaning and yearling records processed by the Association and nearly 170,000 were handled in the past two years.

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