

# Farm Facility Loans can Ease Storage Problems

Pointing out that many farmers experienced problems last fall in finding storage facilities for grain, Fred G. Seldomridge, chairman of Lancaster County Agricultural Stabilization and Conservation Committee (ASC), suggested that use of the farm facility loan program of the Agricultural Stabilization and Conservation Service (ASCS) can help prevent a repetition in 1972.

Five-year-term loans up to \$35,000, at a current interest rate of approximately 5 1/2 per cent, are available to farmers producing commodities eligible

for support. Application should be made at the county office of the ASCS which maintains the record for the farm to which the loan application relates according to Seldomridge.

The loan interest rate in the program was recently lowered to 46 cents per \$100 or fraction thereof per month, or approximately 5 1/2 per cent annually, a decrease from the previous 6 per cent rate. Lower borrowing cost of the Commodity Credit Corporation made it possible to lower the rate.

"On-farm storage has several advantages for producers. To

begin with, it gives them more flexibility at harvest time. They can save field losses by harvesting when the crop is ready. With on-farm storage, they can stretch the marketing period for their crops, using a support loan to help carry them through. In years of excess production, they can reseal their grain under support loan in on-farm storage and, with proper facilities, maintain the grain in good condition. Producers with ample on-farm storage are not completely at the mercy of such events as transportation strikes, box care shortages, depressed markets,

and scarcity of commercial storage space," Seldomridge said.

Eligible structures under the program include new grain storage structures both of conventional design and 'wet storage' types provided they are weathertight and suitable for use for dry storage. Multi-purpose structures also are eligible for loan.

Eligible drying equipment under the facility loan program includes continuous-flow type dryers, drying systems with wagons or trailers as an integral part, batch or in-store drying systems, and new equipment which conditions or facilitates drying by aerating, circulating, or stirring the commodity.

All structures and equipment must be new, with the exception of that purchased from the Commodity Credit Corporation.

In general, farmers who participate in set-aside programs or produce other commodities eligible for support loans and who need the proposed on-farm storage facility or drying equipment, are eligible for loans,

Seldomridge said Storage needs are determined on the basis of two years production of the eligible crops.

Complete details about the farm storage and drying equipment loan program are available at the ASCS County Office.

## Ham Dinner on Mother's Day

The East Petersburg Jaycees will be sponsoring a family style ham dinner on Mother's Day, May 14, at the East Petersburg Elementary School beginning at 11 a.m. and running until 3 p.m.

Tickets may be purchased from any Jaycee from East Petersburg or at the door. Prices are \$2 for adults and \$1 for children 12 years of age or under.

Proceeds will be used for community service work.

### Dogwoods Need Protection

Dogwoods planted in home landscapes need some protection from direct winds, say Extension ornamental horticulturists at Pennsylvania State University. Dogwoods do not grow well when set out in the wide open spaces of a lawn area. A good location would be as a part of the plant border or near the house, or another structure where they are more protected.

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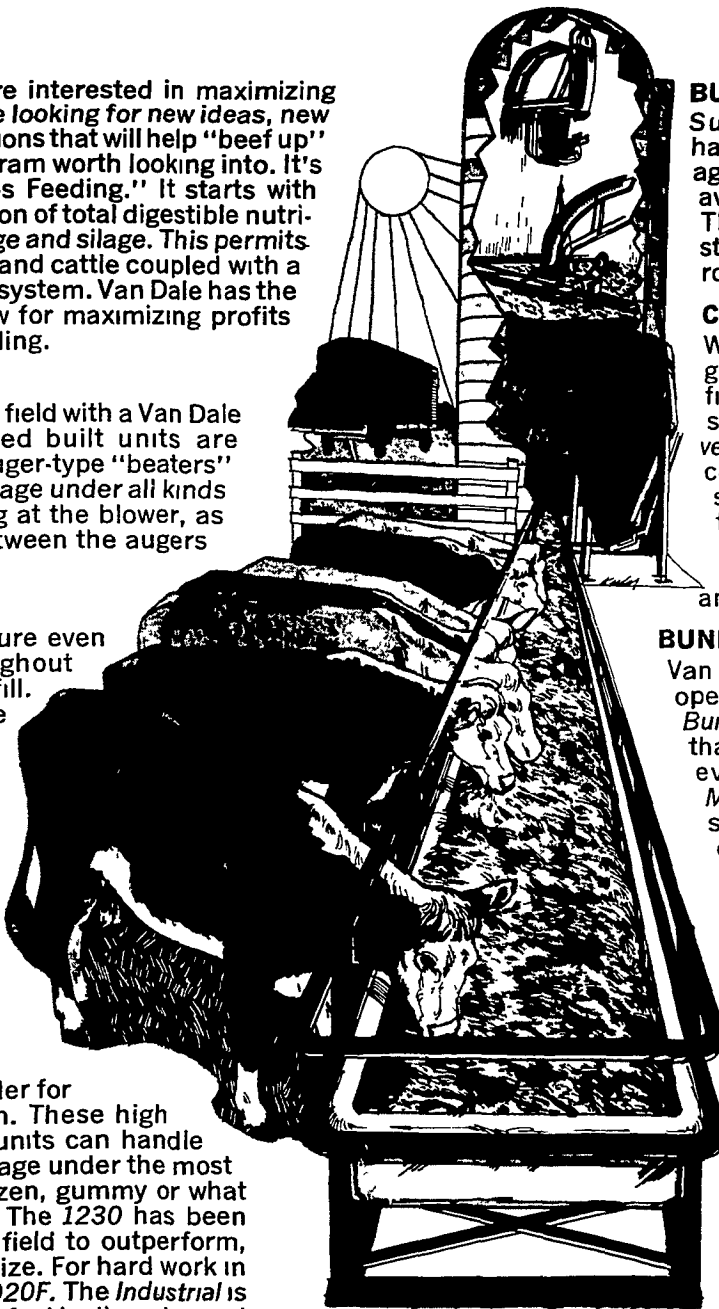
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