

## Feed Cost Outlook Cloudy, Group Told

"If farmers fulfill their planting intentions for this growing season, then we'll see a decrease in feed prices with the harvest of this year's feed crop," Dr. Thomas Culton told a group of dairymen Thursday afternoon. Culton was speaking at Pennfield Corporation's second annual dairy awards luncheon, attended by farmers from throughout the state as well as Maryland. Culton is Pennfield's staff nutritionist. Culton said that largely because of government incentives, midwestern farmers had upped both their corn and soybean planting intentions for this growing season. Corn production nationally is expected to be 5.8 billion bushels for the 1973 season, up from 5.5 billion last year. Soybeans are expected to go to 1.5 billion bushels, up from 1.3 billion last year.

The nutritionist pointed out, however, that there were still a number of factors that could unfavorably influence crop yields. Chief among these is the fact that midwestern farmers got very little field work done last fall because of muddy conditions. There's a shortage of certified seed, especially for soybeans. And, of course, there's that perennially imponderable, the weather.

While Culton expects feed prices to be well under current levels by the fall, he did feel that soybeans prices in July and August might be very high.

After Culton's speech, dairymen with outstanding 1972 records with Pennfield-fed cows were honored.

The winners were announced and awarded engraved trophies, statues, or plaques by Robert E. Gregory, Pennfield's dairy and livestock marketing manager and host for the luncheon. Gregory introduced a new award this year, that of honors for owners of herds with a herd average increase of 1000 lbs. Milk and/or 40 lbs. Butterfat.

Winners in the new category were: John E. Kreider, Lancaster; Eugene M. Kilgare, Airville; Roy and Frank Feeser, Hanover; John J. Lapp, New Holland; Sinking Spring Farm, York; B. Frank Eshelman, Landisville; Norristown State Hospital; J. Z. Nolt, Leola; Barley Brothers, Conestoga; Young Brothers, Peach Bottom; Donald Ensor, Parkton, Maryland; Lager and Sons, Fulton, Maryland; and Christ R. Beiler, Quarryville.

Awards were also presented to owners with a herd average of 600 lbs. Butterfat and or 17,000 lbs. Milk: Sinking Spring Farm, York; J. Z. Nolt, Leola; Paul Zimmerman, Ephrata; Bare Brothers, Lebanon; Barley Brothers, Conestoga; Paul W. Chronister, Carlisle; Norman L. Rothermel, Pitman; John S. Stolfus, Atglen; G. Hershey Hostetter, Gap; Clarence Good, Blue Ball; Maple Lawn, Fulton,

Maryland, Kingstead Farm, Clarksburg, Maryland; and Norristown State Hospital.

Owners with individual high cow records meeting these requirements: Holsteins—1000 lbs. Butterfat and/or 25,000 lbs. Milk; Brown Swiss—750 lbs. Butterfat and/or 20,000 lbs. Milk; Ayrshire, Guernsey or Jersey—750 lbs. Butterfat and/or 15,000 lbs. Milk, were honored at the luncheon. Recipients of these awards were: Dwight Rath, Wawa; Don Brown, Oxford; Leader Farms, Sinking Spring Farm and Rutter Brothers, York; J. Z. Nolt, Leola; Dan Fisher and Ben Fisher, Strasburg; Crumdale, Berwyn; Young Brothers, Peach Bottom; Kingstead Farm, Clarksburg, Maryland; Maple Lawn, Fulton, Maryland; Harold Good, Airville; Nelson Young, West Grove; Jesse Balmer, Lititz; Paul B.

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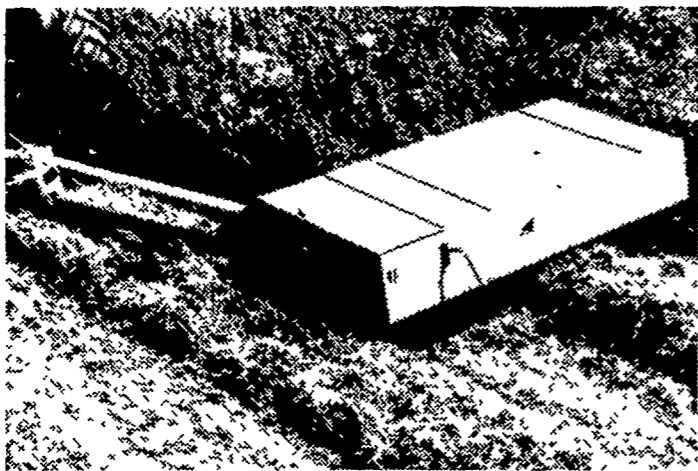
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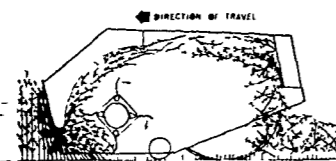
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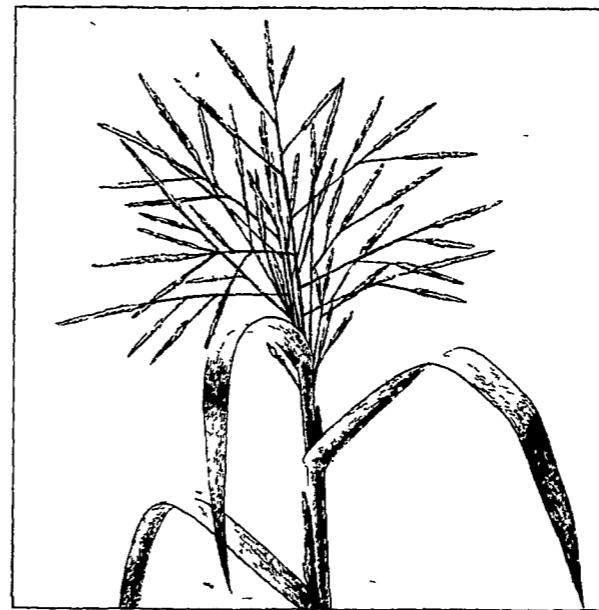
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