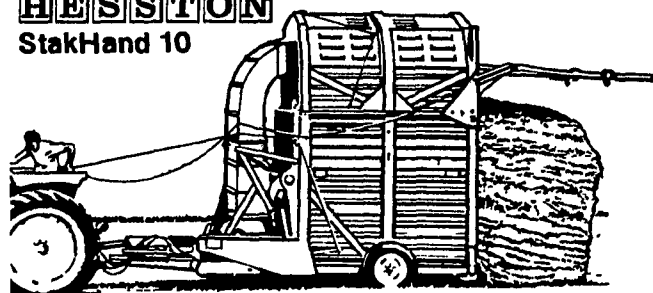


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The detailed Stream Map is about three feet wide by five feet long. The scale is six miles to the inch. Geographical features included are 3,000 each of streams, towns, and elevations above sea level.

The map is available for \$1.06, tax included, from Stream Map, Box 6000, University Park, Pa. 16802. It is available in two styles, flat or folded. In ordering, please indicate which type you want. Checks or money orders should be made payable to The Pennsylvania State University.

When visiting the Penn State campus at University Park, the Stream Map can be obtained in room 232 of the Agricultural

Plant Breeders Offered Protection Certificates

The first certificates of protection to breeders of new varieties of plants reproduced through seeds were awarded recently by Commissioner Stanley F. Rollin, of the Plant Variety Protection Office in the U.S. Department of Agriculture.

Each certificate grants to the breeder for 17 years the right to exclude others from selling the variety, or offering it for sale, reproducing it, importing it, or using it in producing a hybrid or a different variety.

In awarding the certificates, Commissioner Rollin closed a 40-year gap in protection for plant breeders. Since 1930, breeders of plants which reproduce asexually

through grafting and budding have had protection through patents issued by the U.S. Patent Office. Now, under the Plant Variety Protection Act, breeders of plants which reproduce through seeds can receive similar protection.

"With this new protection," Mr. Rollin said, "we can now expect an increase on the American scene of new varieties of grain, oilseed, fiber, forage, vegetable, and ornamental crops which reproduce through seeds."

"As well as being unique, the new varieties could be more productive, more heat and drought resistant, longer lasting after harvest, and better designed for shipping. Also, there is potential for new varieties that are naturally more resistant to disease and insects," Mr. Rollin said.

The certificates covering six new varieties of lettuce were awarded to: Asgrow Seed Co., Kalamazoo, Mich., for Great Lakes 649-700; W. Atlee Burpee Co., Philadelphia, Pa., for Green Ice; Ferry-Morse Seed Co., Mountain View, Calif., for Montemar, Super 59 and Vanmax; and Keystone Seed Co., Hollister, Calif., for Picoverde.

Enacted in December 1970, the Plant Variety Protection Act is administered by USDA's Agricultural Marketing Service. As of April 1, 342 applications had been made for protection, involving 56 species of plants. The largest numbers of applications are for soybeans, wheat, cotton, beans, peas, and asters. USDA plant variety examiners are currently concentrating on these applications to determine whether the varieties are distinct and meet requirements for protection.

Information on obtaining protection under the Act may be obtained by calling or writing the Plant Variety Protection Office, Grain Division, Agricultural Marketing Service, U.S. Department of Agriculture, 6525 Belcrest Road, Hyattsville, Md. 20782, telephone (301) 436-8547.

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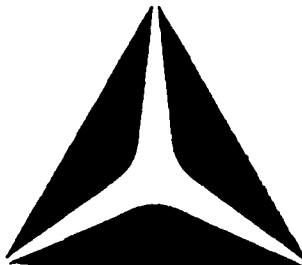


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