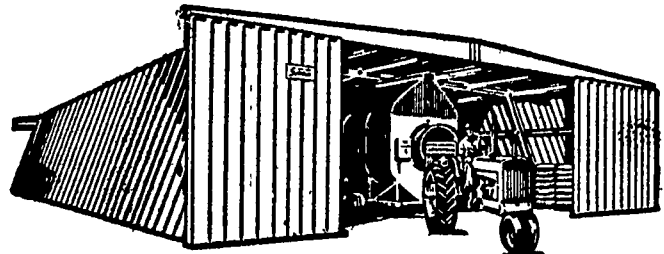


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The chartbook is the combined effort of five USDA agencies: Economic Research Service, Foreign Agricultural Service, Agricultural Research Service, Rural Development Service, and Statistical Reporting Service.

Color slides and black and white prints of the charts for classroom and conference presentation are also available for sale.

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Roy H. Miller, 55 S. Grant St., Manheim, Pa. 17545, area representative for International Stock Food Corporation listens to Dr. Edward J. Czarnetzky (left), ISF Director of Research, explain the bacterial action of Silo Guard, a fermentation control process for corn and hay silage, as J. G. Forest (right), company president, looks on. The sales meeting, a one-day affair, was held at the Owego (N.Y.) Treadway Inn, Friday, October 26.

"Produce And Protect The Land" Urges Conservation Practices

Soil erosion could cause severe land damages in Pennsylvania as thousands of acres go back into production to meet the demands for food, according to State Conservationist Benny Martin, U. S. Soil Conservation Service. Martin said about a quarter of a million additional acres will be used for agricultural purposes during 1973 and 1974. He cautioned farmers against plowing land prone to erosion. And he urged that land being pressed into production be protected with conservation measures.

"Produce and Protect the Land" is a major concern of today's soil conservationists. During this period of all-out production the Soil Conservation Service is placing maximum emphasis on aiding farmers plan and install measures for protecting the land, Martin said.

According to the State Conservationist, state farmers have a long and successful experience in soil conservation. Nearly half of the farmers are working closely with their conservation districts in applying erosion control practices. Technical help of the Service in erosion control is available through Pennsylvania's 66 conservation districts, Martin added.

In calling on Pennsylvania farmers to select land for intensive farming that can be adequately protected from erosion, Martin stated that erosion control measures also help improve production. Contour farming, strip cropping, terracing, and minimum tillage are popular conservation practices with state farmers. These practices are easily installed and fit into most farming operations in the state, Martin said.



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