## USDA Sets Type 41 Tobacco Referendum

Secretary of Agriculture Earl L. Butz has proclaimed marketing quotas for the 1974, 1975 and 1976 crops of Pennsylvania cigar-filler (Type 41) tobacco and called a grower referendum for February 25-March 1.

In the referendum, growers will decide by their votes whether marketing quotas will be in effect on the next three crops. Quotas have never been in effect for cigar-filler tobacco. Legislation provides that the Secretary of Agriculture shall proclaim marketing quotas during the last year of a three-year period for which growers of any kind of tobacco have disapproved marketing quotas. Quotas were proclaimed on the 1971, 1972 and 1973 crops of Pennsylvania cigar-filler tobacco and were disapproved by growers voting in a referendum held in February 1971.

The National acreage allotment for the 1974 crop of cigarfiller tobacco was announced as 46,651 acres. There were 14,000 acres of cigar-filler tobacco grown in 1973.

Notices showing the 1974 allotments for individual farms are being mailed to farm operators by local ASC Committees. Local Committees will mail to all known producers of cigar-filler tobacco ballots to be used in voting in the referendum. Any producer who does not receive a ballot may obtain one from the office of the locas ASC Committee.

## **Octorara Young Farmers Plan Annual Banquet**

The Octorara Chapter of the Pa. Young Farmers have been holding very interesting farm meetings in the ag room of the Otorara High School this winter

On February 25, a Diesel and Gasoline Engine Maintenance and Tune Up meeting will be held in the shop of C. B. Hoober and Son, Intercourse, Pa. Farmers interested in attending this meeting are to be at the C. B. Hoober shop at 7:30 p.m.

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entertainment.

There will be awards given to the winners of the various contests held during the 1973 season.

Tickets for the banquet may be purchased from Glen Engle, 593-6097; Elmer Mast, 593-5853; or Ivan Stauffer, agricultural teacher at Octorara High School.

Meat Dollar Spending Who spends the most meat dol-On March 4, the Octorara lars? Those families whose head Young Farmers plan to hold is between the ages of 35 - 44, their Fifth Annual Banquet with the over 55 age group secin the cafeteria of Octorara ond. Youngest purchasers, whose household head was under 25

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