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Final arrangements for funding the state Youth Conservation Corps pilot program were announced recently by Secreatary of Agriculture Earl L. Butz and Secretary of the Interior Rogers C. B. Morton.

Now going into its fourth year, the Youth Conservation Corps (YCC) program will this summer for the first time include state-operated projects in addition to the 178 conservation corps camps on U.S. Department of the Interior's Bureau of Indian Affairs, Bureau of Land Management, Bureau of Reclamation, Bureau of Sports Fisheries and Wildlife and the National Park Service.

For this first summer of state participation in the YCC program, \$3 million in grant funds have been made available to the states for cost-share projects on nonfederal public lands and waters. Grants have been awarded and all available grant funds obligated, the two secretaries said. They emphasized that youth

selections for the 1974 season have been made and all programs are filled.

Forty-six of the 50 states will be conducting camps this summer, according to the secretaries' announcement. Only the states of Alabama, Hawaii, Oklahoma and South Carolina will, because of previous commitment of funds for other ongoing programs, be unable to participate. In addition to the participating states, the District of Columbia, American Samoa, The Virgin Islands, Guam, Puerto Rico and the Trust Territories of the Pacific

Islands will also operate YCC projects.

About 5,000 young men and women will be employed for eight weeks at some 150 state YCC projects throughout the nation, starting in mid-June. The secretaries pointed

out that the YCC program is designed to fill the following basic needs: (1) accomplish needed conservation work on lands; (2) provide gainful employment for young citizens from all walks of life; and (3) develop in participating youth an understanding and ap-preciation of the nation's natural environment and heritage.

A report from Penn State of weekly crop and weather round-ups with a report on weather conditions for the

Growing

week ending June 3. In Lancaster, the average temperature for the week

waa_60 degrees, 7 degrees belowsthe normal, severage for the time of year.

Growing degree days for crops that start at 40 degrees totaled 1136 degree days, 124 more than the normal average. For crops starting at 50 degrees growing degree days totaled 552, which is 100 more than average.

Rainfall for the week was Rainfall .74 inches, measured from April 1 was 9.28 inches, 1.42 inches more than the normal average.

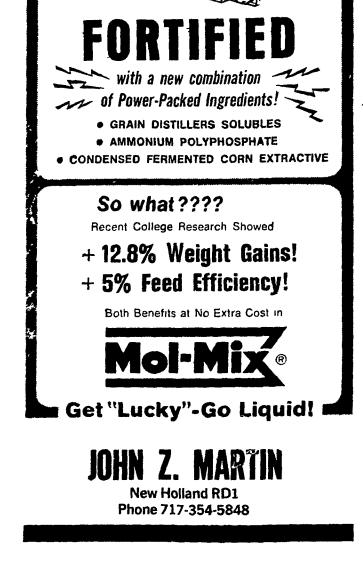


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