

Watershed Program Stresses Agriculture

Flood protection for farmland remains the most important feature of the Small Watershed Program despite the addition of non-agricultural features over

recent years, according to a U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) research study recently released. The Small Watershed

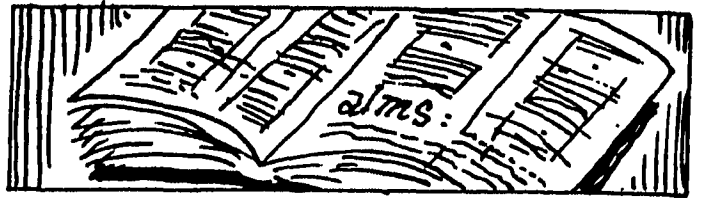
Program provides Federal technical and financial aid to local organizations to carry out water management development projects. More than 1,000 projects have been approved under the program, which applies to watersheds of 250,000 acres or less. The program is administered by USDA's Soil Conservation Service under Public Law 83-566.

The Economic Research Service (ERS) study examines how the Small Watershed Program evolved from 1954 through 1972, the extent to which the intentions of Congress have been accomplished, and it's principal shifts of emphasis.

Congressional action over the years has expanded the program to include development of recreation, fish and wildlife resources, and municipal and industrial water supply. While the watershed program has remained predominately agricultural, with drainage

and irrigation, as well as flood protection, comprising the most significant features of the program, the ERS report points out that recreation development has recently undergone significant expansion.

For example, the average amount of recreation development planned per project was more than eight times greater during the early 1970's than it had been in the mid-1960's. This increase was in response to the demand for water-based recreation facilities such as fishing, boating, water skiing, and swimming, and recognition by the local sponsors of the program's possibilities for multipurpose use of the reservoirs. The demand for recreation development has been greater in the Atlantic and Pacific coastal regions, probably because of their higher population densities, than in the interior of the country.



Various dictionaries contend that the word "alms" has no singular and no plural!

Cattle Advisory Committee Chosen

The U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) today announced the establishment of a Cattle Industry Advisory Committee to advise the Secretary of Agriculture on matters concerning this part of U. S. agriculture.

Members of the committee represent all segments of the industry from producer to consumer. The committee will provide counsel on USDA responsibilities in the following areas: production; marketing, including marketing service programs; economic outlook, statistics, and

prices; international trade; purchase programs and other activities affecting domestic consumption; and related matters.

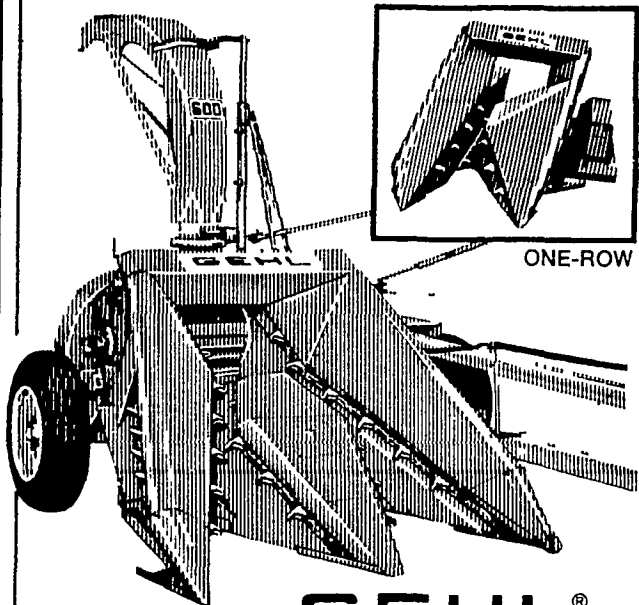
USDA's assistant secretary for marketing and consumer services, Dr. Richard L. Feltner, will serve as chairman of the committee. Vice-chairman will be the administrator of the Agricultural Marketing Service, Ervin L. Peterson; associate vice-chairman will be the administrator of the Foreign Agricultural Service, David L. Hume. There is no regular schedule of meetings for the committee; it meets as needed when called by the chairman.

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