

Line-up Soybean Supply Early

It's not too early to start lining up the soybean seed you'll need in 1975. Unfavorable weather conditions last summer have caused a widespread range in quality and germination, according to Dr. William H. Mitchell, extension agronomist at the University of Delaware. You'll have more selection in varieties with early buying of soybean seed and usually less

pressure on price, he says. Several states have reported poor quality of soybeans at harvest because of a combination of rain-drought-rain-early frost weather conditions. Other states had early frost conditions which, in some instances, stopped bean growth before maturity. This may lower the germination to an unacceptable level—depending on how mature



Officers and directors of the Pennsylvania Grassland Council, elected at the organization's recent annual meeting in Hershey, are from left: Dr. John E. Baylor, Extension agronomist at The Pennsylvania State University, executive vice president; Harold Mengel, of 2430 Cedar Road,

York, a director; Robert H. Jones, of RD1, Bath, a director; Donald R. Daum, Penn State Extension agricultural engineer, a director; Chaney Reese, of RD, Warriors Mark, president; and Ivan Kaufman, of 1130 Aquilla Drive, Lancaster, vice president.

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the soybeans were when frost hit. In any event, the germination percentage of the seed beans should be known in order to adjust the planting rate.

Mitchell predicts that the Delaware supply of certified seed will be fair to good. Several fields have been lost, though, because of poor weed control and frost damage. In spite of this, he sees the Delaware supply as "a little better" than that in some northern states.

Due to the high cost of soybean seed and the

potential for low quality because of this past season's weather, 1975 is a year to make special use of seed treatment with a fungicide and-or an insecticide to help prevent seed decay, damping-off of seedlings and insect injury. If both seed treatment and inoculation (necessary when planting on ground where soybeans have not been planted recently) are required, it is best to treat the seed with fungicide or insecticide early. Then apply the inoculant just before planting.

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