

From Local Ag Teachers:



Thoughts in Passing



Erosion Control
We have just passed through the part of the year when erosion is at its worst. This is chiefly due to the fact that most high intensity storms occur during this part of the year, and this year has been a perfect example of it.

This coupled with the fact that most fields have less crop cover now than later in the summer and fall, adds up to "erosion". This word isn't new to the farmer and many farmers have taken steps to control soil loss on their farms. However, it's time for farmers to reevaluate their farm conservation program in the light of the newer

cropping programs and tillage methods. Probably the most startling example of this is seen this year where barley was harvested and the fields were plowed and prepared for late corn. When the rains came tons of soil was lost and large gullies were washed into fields. On neighboring farms where fields were No-Tilled in barley stubble excellent stands with little erosion is found. In the west, farmers have learned to use the stubble-mulch program to advantage and we need to realize the advantages it has for us.

The question often asked is how can I get a good stand

without conventional tillage. First, you must be willing to use the recommended control measures and not use false economy. Second, remember your erosion costs and if you lose some production it may be offset by the value of soil, organic matter, and fertilizer saved.

This is only a small facet of the overall problem and it's time to look at those fields and consider whether there is a better way to farm them. Dig out that old conservation plan and talk to your local Agricultural Teacher or the SCS personnel about how it could be used or changed.

Area youth receives dairy award

Peter C. (Pete) Witmer of Willow Street, PA has been named the first place winner in the 1975 Dairy Shrine Club student recognition contest for college seniors. The announcement was made at the recent American Dairy Science Association meeting held at Kansas State University. Pete, a native of Lancaster County where his family operates a well-known Guernsey breeding herd, is a recent graduate in Dairy Science of Penn State University. He will receive his recognition and award of \$500 at the National Dairy Shrine Club Meeting this fall at Madison, Wisconsin.

What's New . . .

New Badger Forage Box Offers Additional Convenience and Operational Control Features

A new, improved line of forage boxes which will make forage handling faster and more convenient has been announced by Badger Northland Inc. The new Badger forage boxes are available in 14 and 16 foot models, with capacity ranging from 400 - 686 cubic feet.

Special features include a drive-line which gives complete speed control of unloading. A smooth chain drive with reduction drive sprockets provides variable speed unloading with PTO operation up to 540 RPM, enabling the operator to match the speed of the forage box to the full capacity of the forage blower. Unloading is controlled by a single lever at the front of the box which has high, low or neutral settings.

The Badger forage box provides greater safety and operational control. Three separate safety shut-offs, including the full width front panel, let you simultaneously stop apron, beaters and cross conveyor. Only the front safety clutch and reset lever can put the box back into operation.

The forage boxes are available with heavy-duty 8 ton or 10 ton "walking tandem" running gears that literally float over uneven terrain. The running gear features a 5 inch "I" beam construction axles, a quick-hitch telescoping tongue, and

with a water repellent preservative to resist moisture and silage acids. The box is fully welded and bolted.

Badger's 14 foot and 16 foot forage boxes are available with standard 48 inch sides or extra-deep 72 inch sides. The 48 inch models have two large diameter beaters, the 72 inch boxes have three



improved automotive type steering.

Other features include all-steel, welded channel frame construction, steel side and roof supports and DFPA exterior plywood floor and side walls. The floor, which is 3/4 inch plywood, is treated

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