

## GSYF meeting to feature forage crops

The Garden Spot Young Farmers will sponsor a Forage management meeting on Tuesday at 7:45 p.m. in the agriculture classroom of the High School. Areas of study will center on disease, insect and weed control, variety selection, and harvest management. The speaker for this meeting will be John

Yocum, director of the Pennsylvania State University's Southeast Penna. Field Research Laboratory at Landisville. The last several years the potato leafhopper, blotchleaf minor, and anthracnose have been particularly damaging to alfalfa. Proper management can eliminate much of the damage and it is

this area of management that will be explored at this management meeting. Several new varieties have been developed to help combat some of the disease problems that are becoming more prevalent and data will be available on the effectiveness and yield potential of these varieties. Harvesting hay crop silage is becoming more popular and the knowledge needed to make high quality hay silage will be discussed. Forage analysis is revealing much heat damaged protein due to improper storage management, as well as harvesting practices that can minimize protein loss. With hay prices running close to \$100.00 per ton for

quality alfalfa, alfalfa is truly the "Queen of Forages." Proper management can return many dollars worth of feeding value and return per acre. Plan to attend. Refreshments will be served.

## 1976 tobacco program proposed

WASHINGTON - The U.S. Department of Agriculture recently announced a proposed loan program for 1976-crop tobacco, with loans at higher levels than in 1975 to reflect increases in the index of prices paid by farmers, including wage rates, interest and taxes. Under the proposed program, loans will be made as in the past to associations under contract with Commodity Credit Corporation.

The proposed 1976-crop loan rates and the comparable 1975 rates follow:

Kind of Tobacco	1975 Crop	1976 Crop
	(Cents per pound)	
Flu-cured, types 11-14	93.2	106.0
Burley, type 31	96.1	109.3
Virginia fire-cured, type 21	65.2	74.1
Kentucky-Tennessee fire-cured, type 22-23	65.2	74.1
Dark air-cured, types 35-36	58.0	65.9
Virginia sun-cured, type 37	58.0	65.9
Cigar binder, types 51-52	66.5	75.6
Cigar filler & binder, types 42-44, 53-55	48.0	54.6
Puerto Rican, type 46	49.9	56.7

The association to which loans are made will be authorized to withhold one cent per pound from the advances to producers to help defray association administrative expenses.

Under the proposed program, consideration is being

given to amending the regulations to delete provisions under which tobacco produced on federally owned land is ineligible for loan.

Comments, suggestions or recommendations regarding the proposed loan program should be submitted in writing to the director, Tobacco and Peanut Division, Agricultural Stabilization and Conservation Service, U.S. Department of Agriculture, Washington, D.C. 20250, where they will be available for inspection. Those received by April 29 will be considered before final action is taken.

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