

Conservation programs begun

WASHINGTON, D. C. - The U.S. Department of Agriculture activated a \$190 million 1977 Agricultural Conservation program on October 1 which will be operating in all agricultural counties.

"The objective of ACP is to encourage enduring soil and water conservation practices on farmland, and is aimed at those farmers who cannot undertake these conservation practices without some economic assistance," Claude Hetherington, chairman of the Pennsylvania State Committee, Agricultural Stabilization and Conservation Service, USDA, said.

Farmer-elected county

Agricultural Stabilization and Conservation Committees have full authority in identifying critical farm conservation problems and developing local plans for solving them on a priority basis.

Hetherington said, "The delegation of authority to County ASC Committees places decision-making in the hands of local farmers who are in the best possible position to evaluate local conservation needs and priorities. We are pleased with the past performance of the ASC committees and are sure that they will continue to provide good service to farmers."

ACP provides up to 75 per cent of the cost of carrying

out approved soil, water, and woodland conservation practices. All approved practices in effect under the 1970 National ACP are eligible.

"USDA also announced the 1977 funding for the Forestry Incentives Program at the \$15 million level authorized by Congress FIP is designed to increase the production of timber products on small, private timber tracts and will be available in most states in specifically-designated counties with high resource potential for increased timber production. Pennsylvania, with its many thousands of acres of woodland, will have most counties participating," chairman Hetherington said.

ACP, FIP, and WB are administered by the Agricultural Stabilization and Conservation Service. Full details will be announced later by County ASC Committees.

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Maryland Angus show held

GAITHERSBURG, Md. - Maryland Angus Breeders held their 1976 Show here at the Montgomery County Fairgrounds, this summer. Judge of the event was Donald Kniffen, Rutgers University. Sixty-eight head of Angus cattle were shown.

Charles Papa's Hillside Lake Farm of Hagerstown scored a double win as his two year old, Wye Ankonian of HSL was named grand champion bull of the show and Blackbird Burgess HSL was named grand champion female. This same farm showed the reserve junior champion bull and both bulls are by Form of Wye and out of the same dam, Georginas Elevate HSL, as was the first place late sr. bull calf. The junior champion bull was also by Form of Wye and was shown by Mary Frances Sweeney of Gaithersburg.

Calf champion and reserve grand champion bull was BHA Amazon Pride, shown

by William Gregg and Sons' Black Haven Angus, Gaithersburg, who also showed the intermediate champion bull. Reserve bull calf champion was shown by Branchwater Farms, Inc., Owings Mills, who also showed the reserve heifer calf champion. Reserve grand champion female was the heifer calf champion, Oatland Erica 804, shown by Chandler Keys, Olney, who also showed the reserve junior champion female, both by Montague of Wye.

Reserve senior champion bull was shown by Moreland Farm, Brookeville; intermediate champion female by Susan Holston, Derwood; and reserve intermediate champion female by Robert Miller, Woodsboro.

The show was sponsored by the Maryland Angus Association and trophies were presented by Wye Plantation, Queenstown, Md. and the Maryland Angus Association.

PAFC award given

David Putney, a Harrisburg attorney known for his work with farmer cooperatives, was presented with the Pennsylvania Association of Farmer Cooperatives (PAFC) award last month.

The PAFC award is given annually to a Pennsylvania resident who has demonstrated outstanding leadership in improving farmer cooperatives and allied industries.

He has been a practicing attorney in Harrisburg, since 1932 and is a former assistant district attorney from Dauphin County, Pa. He was general counsel for the Pennsylvania Farm Bureau Cooperative Association and has served as counsel for Agway Inc., Syracuse, N. Y., Atlantic



David Putney

Breeders, Lancaster, Pa., and 14 other cooperative associations.

Putney was one of the draftsmen for revisions of laws relating to farmer cooperatives.

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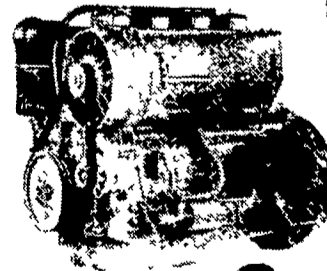
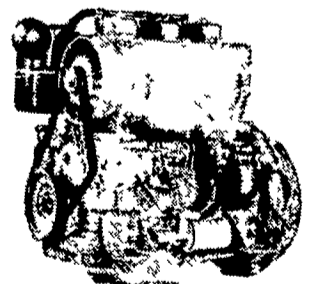
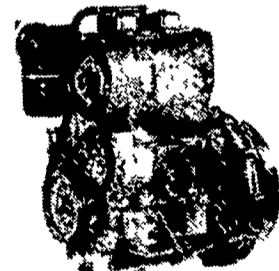
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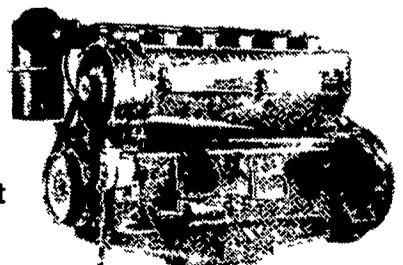
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