

Land conservation increasing

LANCASTER, Pa. — Pennsylvania landowners are requesting conservation plans in increasing numbers, reports Benny Martin, State Conservationist, USDA Soil Conservation Service (SCS).

In making the SCS annual report for fiscal year 1976, Martin noted that for the third year in a row, SCS had assisted an increasing number of landowners in developing plans to conserve

the resources on their properties. Over 3,900 Pennsylvania farmers and other landowners developed conservation plans with SCS aid. In Lancaster County, 109 landowners developed conservation plans.

SCS provided assistance to 22,790 landowners during the past year. Of this number, more than 11,000 individuals completed one or more conservation practices. Warren M. Archibald, district conservationist added that 508 landowners were assisted by SCS personnel from the Lancaster Field Office.

Soil and water conservation practices completed included 33,375 acres of contour stripcropping, 139 miles of diversions and terraces, 11,740 acres of minimum tillage, 836 miles of underground drains, 211 ponds and 6,498 acres of tree

planting. Lancaster County's accomplishments in the past year included 787 acres of contour stripcropping, 28 miles of diversion and terraces, 29 miles of underground drains, 20 miles of grassed waterways, and 15 Ag Waste Storage Facilities.

SCS soils information is being sought by more communities as an aid in land use planning. Municipalities also recognize the value of SCS erosion and sediment control practices. A total of 1,490 Pennsylvania communities received SCS assistance in 1976.

In releasing the annual report, Martin noted that the accomplishments were made possible through the help and cooperation of concerned people - conservation district directors, landowner groups, agencies and public officials.

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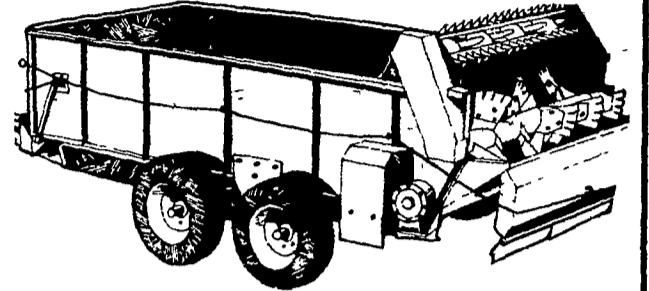


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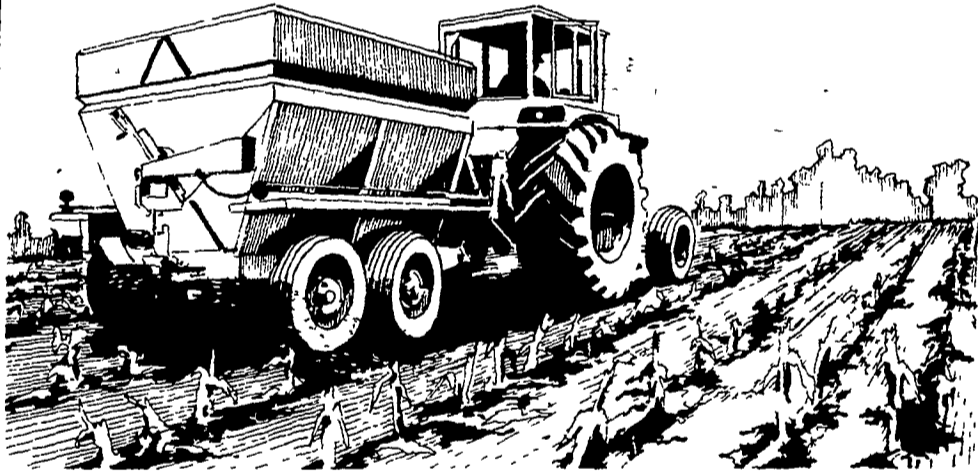
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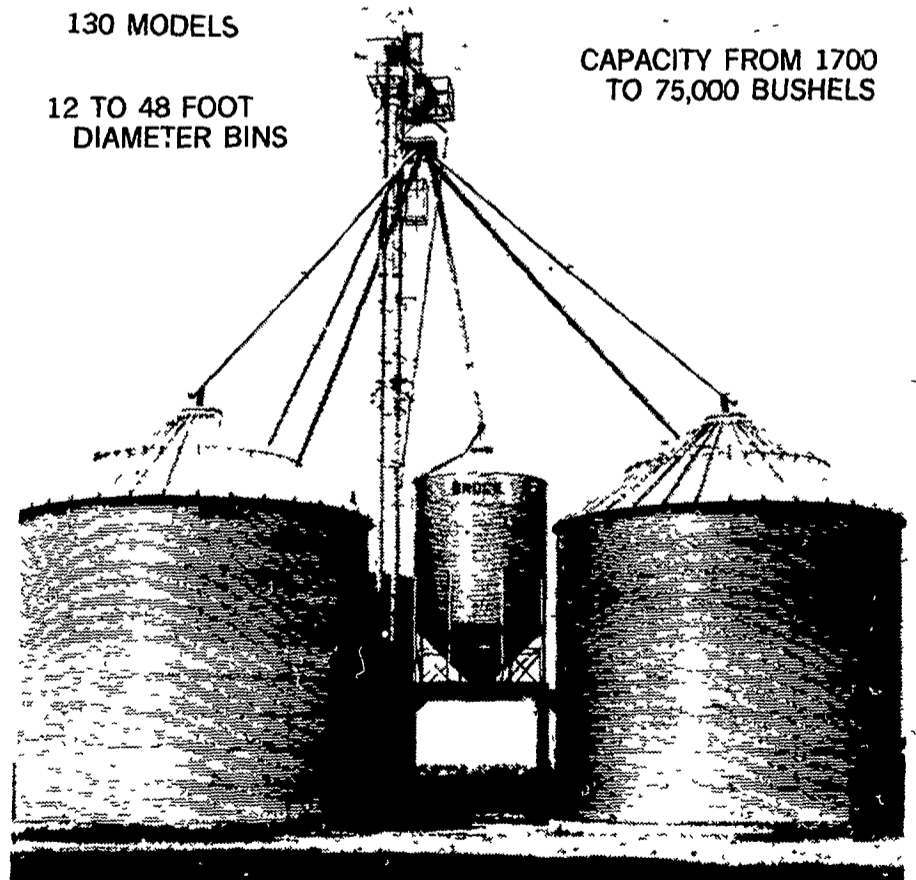
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