



taken last week by representatives of Lancaster County agricultural agencies and groups, the COWAMP consultant, and the Department of Environmental Resources. The tour was designed to show to government officials just what has already been accomplished in conservation practices of these projects. A total of 17 representatives from various agencies were on the tour.

Trimble's manure pond is 12 feet deep and has a paved slope going into it for the purpose of manure removal. The ramp has a 15 per cent slope to it.

Asked if he has any complaints about his manure pond at all, the dairyman thought for a moment and then disclosed that his pond collects a good bit of rain water at times.

Robert Kauffman, whose farm is home for 83 milk cows, built two manure storage areas and a slat dam between them. The recently completed facility was designed by specialists at Penn State, and it is said to be the only one of its kind east of Minnesota. The idea behind the two separate

Said to be the first manure storage system of its kind east of the Mississippi River, this one on the Robert Kauffman farm, Peach Bottom, has two distinct areas. In the foreground is the area where manure is deposited from the feeding area. The solids spread out and gradually drift towards the "slat dam" shown in the center right half of the picture. The solids stop here, but the liquids are allowed to go through to a second collecting area about 40 feet downhill. The liquids follow a con-

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They were impressed

LANCASTER - Tom Kelso of the Lancaster County Planning Commission described the recent visits to dairy farms "a great tour" which succeeded in showing engineering consultants and DER representatives just what agriculture is doing to

prevent possible pollution of streams.

The tour was conducted prior to the Thanksgiving holiday and included visits to four farms.

"The purpose was to have it be an educational tool for

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