

Court orders violations to stop

NEW YORK, N.Y. - Jerome C. Davis, former operator of Jerry's Meats, Dysart, Pa., has been ordered to refrain from violating bonding requirements of the Packers and Stockyards Act, the U.S. Department of Agriculture said.

Davis formerly purchased livestock as a packer in south-central Pennsylvania, northern Maryland, Indiana, Ohio, and Kentucky. He is not in business as a meat packer at this time.

Since May, Davis had been enjoined by the U.S. District Court, Pittsburgh, from purchasing livestock while he did not have the required bond, unless payment was made in full for the livestock at the time of purchase.

The most recent order against Davis was issued in

default when he failed to answer charges in an administrative complaint filed by USDA's Packers and Stockyards Administration.

The cease and desist order, like a permanent injunction, was issued to insure future compliance with the P&S Act.

Packers are required under the P&S Act to maintain a reasonable bond as a measure of financial protection for the sellers of livestock.

Thomas Thiede, Forest City, Pa., has been ordered to cease and desist from operating as a livestock dealer without maintaining a bond as required under the Packers and Stockyards Act, the U.S. Department of Agriculture said.

Thiede purchases livestock in northeastern

Pennsylvania and southern New York State. He has now filed the required bond.

Thiede consented to issuance of the order and waived oral hearing. He neither admitted nor denied the charges in an administrative complaint filed under the P&S Act.

Schlegel wins

VIRGINVILLE - James Schlegel, of Virginville Grange, won the best of show at the Pa. Grange Convention held recently. He and his accompanist, Esther Stitzel, and their families, are representing Pa. at the National Grange Convention.

It was announced at the Virginville Grange meeting that the National Grange will be held in Lancaster, Pa. in 1979.

The awards banquet for the grange will be held on November 26 at the Grange.

SCS begins erosion study

LANCASTER - The Soil Conservation Service (SCS) is in the process of an erosion inventory and sediment yield study in Lancaster County. This is part of a national erosion study that is being carried out throughout the country, reports Warren M. Archibald, district conservationist.

SCS technicians in Lancaster County are visiting random 100-acre plots that have been selected to insure uniformity of the sampling throughout the USA. They will record land use data from these plots. They will also check three randomly selected points within each plot and record different types of information, such as the type of cover, slope, kind of soil, and conservation practices.

According to Warren M. Archibald, all this information will be computerized at Ames, Iowa. It will help SCS to determine

the amount of sheet and rill erosion in rural and urban areas both in Pennsylvania and in the nation.

Next Winter and Spring, SCS technicians will complete the study. They will examine the 100-acre plots and determine tons of soil eroded each year from gullies and streambanks. They will also measure the

amount of soil eroded from roadbanks and construction sites within the plots.

This information will also be computerized at Ames, Iowa. It will give SCS enough information to estimate the total amount of yearly erosion and sediment in Pennsylvania and throughout the United States, concluded Archibald.

Corn, soybean guide published

DOVER, Del. - Though Delaware corn and soybean farmers may still be smarting from losses on this year's crops, most of them are already planning for next year. According to University of Delaware Extension economist Carl German, farmers can gain insights into making important plantings and

marketing decisions for next year by determining this year's production costs and break-even prices.

For this reason, he has compiled a circular to help Delaware farmers plan their production strategy for next year.

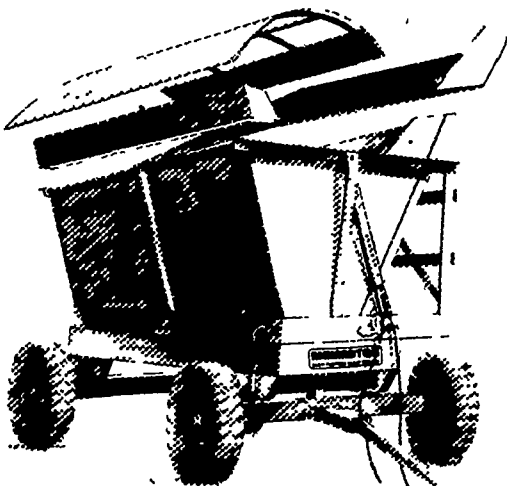
Entitled "Representative Break-Even Prices for Corn and Soybeans at Various Yields, Land Values and Size of Operations," the circular is intended as a guide to both farmers and agricultural industry personnel.

German collected information for the circular from various Delaware farm operations on the basis of their 1977 crops. He included purchased input costs, such as seed, fertilizer, fuel, etc., as well as so-called fixed farm costs like machinery depreciation, land, taxes and insurance. This data was further broken down by the size of the operation, the yield per acre, and the value of land associated with the cost of production.

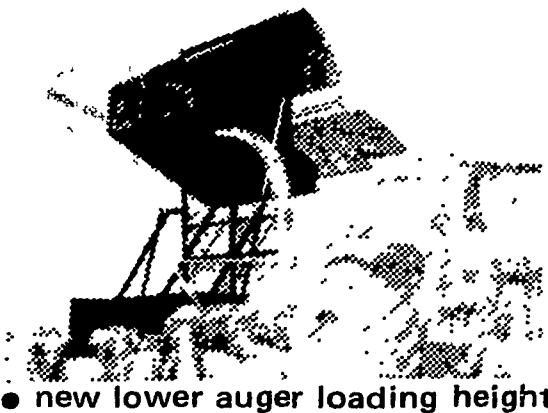
Based on the information included in this publication, Delaware corn and soybean farmers should be able to compute their own production costs and break-even prices. A worksheet for this purpose is included at the end of the circular.

Farmers wishing to receive copies of German's publication should write to Carl German at the University of Delaware or their local county extension agent's office in Georgetown, Dover or Newark, Del.

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