## Soil Stewartship Week proclaimed

WASHINGTON, D.C. - Soil Stewardship Week, which had its origins more than 1500 years ago, will be celebrated throughout the United States and its territories on May 20-27.

The theme for the 1979 celebration is "Interdependence," a concept endorsed by President Carter in his foreword to the descriptive Soil Stewardship Week booklet. The booklet and accompanying Soil Stewardship Week material is distributed by Conservation Districts to clergymen, lay leaders, civic and educational organizations and individuals interested in participating in the unique celebration.

"Americans have always understood the value of working together to achieve common goals," President Carter said. "We have learned that unity of purpose and mutual dependence are essential to our growth as a society of self-governing people

"It is especially fitting, country, of Americans and their resources, and of man and nature...is the theme of Soil Stewardship Week in the President observed. "Our nation can be thankful for our progress in repairing the damage we have done to our environment. But that is only a start. To achieve greater harmony with nature, we must continue to seek harmony with one another "

Tie concept of Soil therefore, that in- stewardship had its origins terdependence...of city and in the special Rogation Days set aside by the Bishop of Vienne, France, following bad weather and earthquakes that brought crop failures and widespread hunger to much of France some 1500 years ago. The Bishop called upon the people to offer prayers and penance, and to offer humble thanks to their creator "for the priceless gifts of soil, water, air and sunshine

which make all living things possible."

While we are not faced with the immediate prospect of famine or hunger in the United States today, the reasons for Soil Stewardship commemorative activities hasn't changed very much, the sponsors believe. We still need to pause every year to express our thanks for the natural resources of soil, water and air which nurture our people and provide us

with daily food and fiber necessary to carry on our daily existence.

Soil Stewardship Week has been sponsored in the United States since 1955 by the National Association of Conservation Districts, in cooperation with the nation's early 3,000 Conservation Districts. Information of Soil Stewardship Week and descriptive materials may be obtained through local Conservation Districts.

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## York Co. man named to PDA post

HARRISBURG - Darwin J. Moyer, 41, of Dillsburg R5, York County, has been appointed Director of the Bureau of Administrative Services for the Pennsylvania Department of Agriculture, according to State Agriculture Secretary Penrose Hallowell. Moyer assumed his new duties on May 9.

As Director of Administrative Services, Moyer will be responsible for providing staff, logistical and administrative support for the Department's activities. The bureau prepares the Department's

budget, monitors spending patterns and handles all contract work for services both in Harrisburg and at the Department's seven regional offices.

Moyer had been serving as a Research Analyst for the Republican Caucus in the Pennsylvania House of Representatives. In that position, he worked on legislative proposals and research and prepared reports and draft legislation.

An employee of the House of Representatives since 1974, Moyer has also served as Legislative Field Services Coordinator and Public Information Specialist. Prior to his appointment in the House, Moyer was the executive editor of the Weekly Bulletin in Dillsburg.

He is married to the former Patricia Walker. The Moyers have three daughters, Tammy, 16, Wendy 15, and Kelley, 12.

Moyer has been active in many community organizations, such as the Dillsburg Jaycees. He served as their vice-president and received their Distinguished Service Award. He served as an executive committee member of the Pennsylvania Jayceees, vice-president of

the Northern York County Youth Recreation Association, and director of the Dillsburg Little League.

He also served as chairman of the York County March of Dimes. An elected member of the Northern York County School Board, Moyer also served as vice chairman of the Northern York County School Authoritv. He is currently a member of the Pennsylvania School Board Association Legislative Committee and served on the Capitol Area Intermediate School Board Unit, Region 6. Moyer received the Citizenship in Action Award from WSBA Radio.

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MADISON, Wis. -Starting in mid-June, there will be a new dairy marketing business newsletter which will try to sort out some of the complexities of milk marketing. That publication will be The Milkweed.

Peter L. Hardin will edit and publish The Mılkweed. Hardin has covered dairy marketing in the northeast for The American Agriculturist, Hoard's Dairyman and The Farm Journal.

The Milkweed will have a Northeast edition. There will be a total of 15 issues per vear — one each month and

three special updates during the year. Subscription price for The Milkweed is \$12.00.

Dairy farmers and interested persons may subscribe to The Mılkweed by mailing a check for \$12.00 to Pete Hardin, Box 713, Madison, Wisconsin 53701. The first issue will be published on June 15.

Hardin, 30, is a native of Sussex, N.J. He is a 1971 graduate of Earlham College (Richmond, Indiana) and earned a master's degree in agricultural journalism from the University of Wisconsin-Madison in 1977.

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