

Davis named to international position; Berg to head SCS

WASHINGTON, D.C. - Secretary of Agriculture Bob Bergland recently named R. M. Davis as special assistant for international science and education and appointed Norman A. Berg to succeed Davis as administrator of the U.S. Department of Agriculture's Soil Conservation Service. Both actions are effective Sept. 12.

In his newly-created position, Davis will concentrate on natural resource management and conservation activities and the use of science and education to improve life in developing countries. Davis, who will

work under the supervision of Dale Hathaway, under secretary of agriculture for international affairs and commodity programs, has headed the Soil Conservation Service (SCS) since 1975.

Berg has been associate administrator of SCS since 1969.

Davis is a native of Ambrose, N.D., and a graduate of North Dakota State University, where he earned his B.S. in agricultural education in 1949. He began his SCS career as a soil conservationist in North Dakota in 1952. In 1968, he became state conservationist in charge of SCS

operations in Pennsylvania. He was named the agency's northeastern field representative in 1972 and became assistant administrator of SCS in 1974. Davis has served extensively as a consultant in soil and water resources and agriculture to be governments of Iran, Afghanistan,

Pakistan, Saudi Arabia and Tunisia.

Berg is a native of Burlington, Iowa. A career employee of SCS since 1943, he served in Idaho and South Dakota before moving to Washington, D.C. in 1960 as an assistant to the SCS administrator. From 1965 to 1968, he was deputy ad-

ministrator for field services.

A graduate of the University of Minnesota, Berg holds a master's degree in public administration from Harvard University. He is chairman of the U.S. section, Great

Lakes Land Use Reference Group of the International Joint Commission; a member of the secretary's Coordinating Committee for the Soil and Water Resources Conservation Act; and a charter member and fellow of the Soil Conservation Society of America.

Penna. apple production up 26 percent

HARRISBURG - Commercial apple production in Pennsylvania for 1979 is forecast at 505 million pounds, or 12,024,000 - 42

pound equivalents based on August 1 conditions, according to the Pennsylvania Crop Reporting Service. This is 26 percent above

the 400 million pounds (9,524,000 - 42 pound equivalents) produced in 1978. Steady precipitation in July has accelerated development and a good quality crop, is expected.

Based on August 1 conditions, the state's leading variety, York Imperial, is forecast as 41 percent above the 1978 production at 95.5 million pounds.

The Commonwealth continues to place first in production of Yorks, with 39 percent of the U.S. total. Pennsylvania also ranks first in Stayman production, second in Golden Delicious production and third in Rome Beauty production.

Varieties as a percent of total production are: York Imperial, 26.7; Golden Delicious, 19.0; Red Delicious, 14.8; Stayman, 13.5; Rome Beauty, 11.9; Other, 5.6; McIntosh, 3.7; Jonathan, 3.6; and Cortland, 1.2 percent.

United States Commercial apple production, based on August 1 conditions, is forecast at a record 7.70 billion pounds, up one percent from last year and 15 percent above 1977. Based on the August 1 forecast, the Eastern United States will be slightly above last year, the Central States will be down 12 percent and the Western States will have a crop seven percent larger than in 1978.

Red Delicious continues to rank as the leading apple variety and is expected to account for 36 percent of the total production. Other leading varieties and their respective percentages of expected 1979 production are: Golden Delicious, 16 percent; McIntosh, nine percent; Rome Beauty, seven percent; Jonathan, six percent; York Imperial, four percent. Collectively, these six varieties account for about 79 percent of the forecast production.

Field crop winners

FLEMINGTON, N.J. - Fruits and vegetables were entered in the agricultural exhibit at the Flemington Fair. Although entries decreased from last year, competition was still keen. Apparently, excessive rain and swarms of insects have taken their toll of potential blue ribbon winners.

Some of the winners in the crops classes were:

Class 101 Hybrid Corn, Jeff MacDade.

Class 107 Soybeans,

yellow, Katherine Cynwinski.

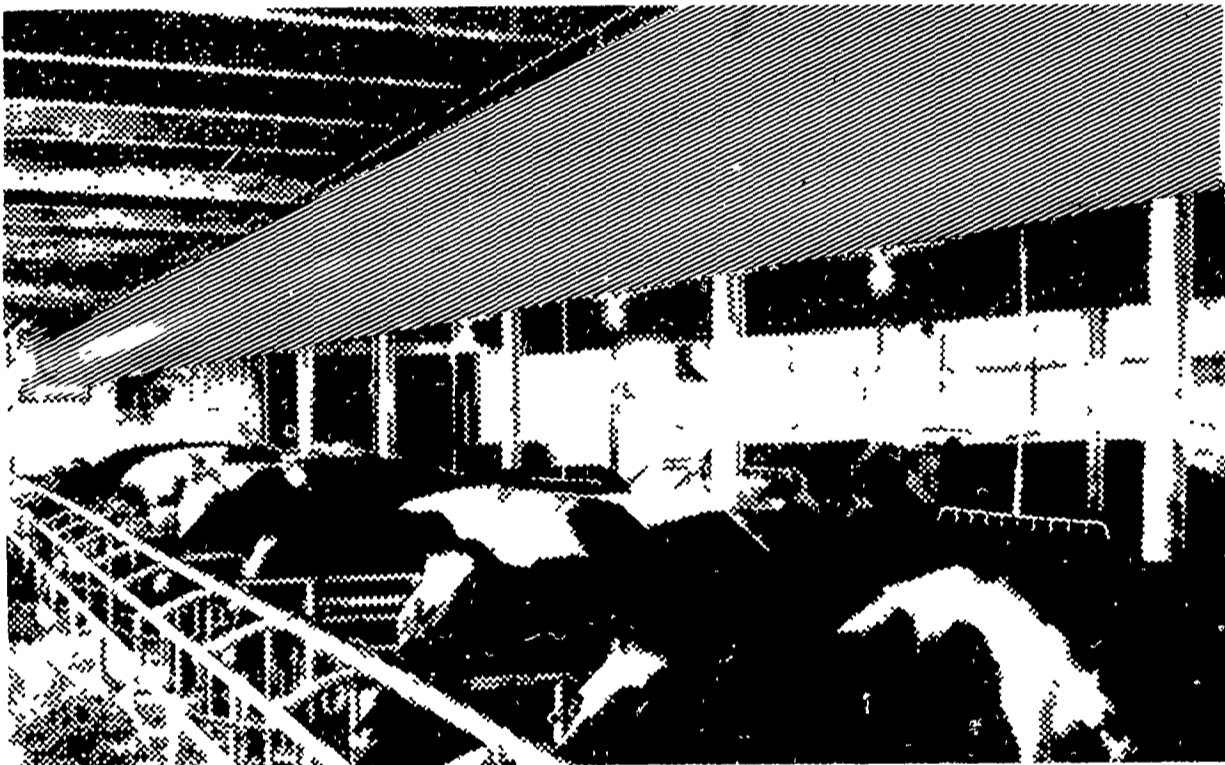
Class 109 Alfalfa, Sue Daku.

Class 111 Red Clover, Prall Bodine.

Class 113 Grass, Perry James.

Kingwood Grange placed first in the grange competition. Locktown was second; Hickory, third; Mt. Lebanon, fourth; Ringoes, fifth; and Stanton, sixth. The grange exhibits were judged on quality, diversity, display and correct naming.

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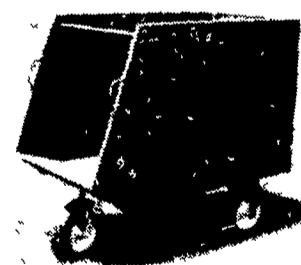
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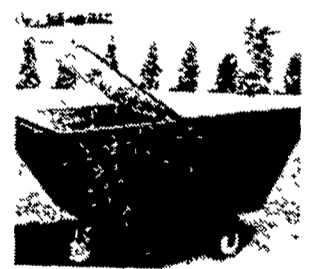
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