

SCS urges only best land be cropped

HARRISBURG — Munkittrick, State Conservationist for the USDA, Soil Conservation Service. "Because of an excellent demand for American grain in the year ahead, there is no set-aside or diversion for wheat and feed grains, and

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each farmer will decide for himself how much cropland to plant," Munkittrick said. He pointed out that the most serious soil erosion occurs on a fraction of the cropland, usually sloping land with highly erodible soils. He warned that switching to crop production on hard-to-protect acres can undo years of work and hundreds of millions of dollars invested in soil conservation practices

"Whenever farm prices are high, we see thousands of acres of cropland that should never been plowed and the destruction of a lot of good conservation systems," he said. "Each farmer should ask himself if the chance in the short run is worth the risk of long-range damage to his farm."

Munkittrick added that

marginal lands are not the only source of soil erosion

"Even in a so-called normal year, about 31 million tons of soil wash away from Pennsylvania's cropland," he said. "Millions of acres of cropland in current use need more conservation applied."

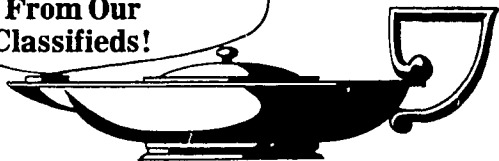
Many farms need more contouring, contour strip-cropping, terraces, and more conservation tillage," Munkittrick said.

He urged farmers to plant only the best, protected land to crops, and save the rest for future generations.

Technical and financial assistance in controlling erosion is available from several Department of Agriculture agencies, including the Soil Conservation Service and the Agricultural Stabilization and Conservation Service.

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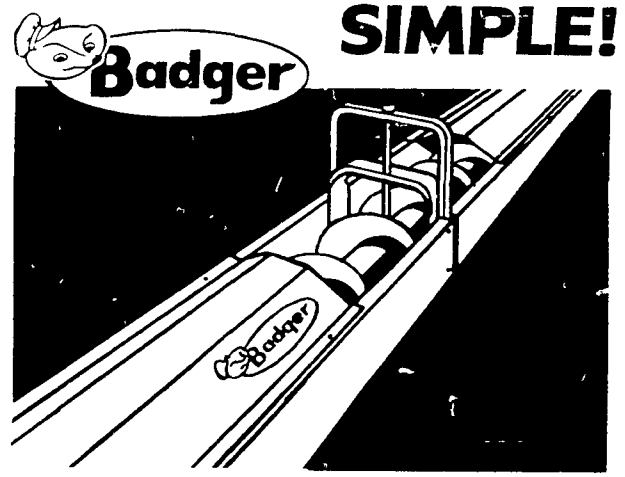
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