

Berks ASCS lists accomplishments

LEESPORT — The Agricultural Stabilization and Conservation Service in Berks County recently announced their accomplishments for 1979.

Under the Agricultural Conservation Program, 193 farmers were helped in solving conservation problems.

Twenty-one Berks County farmers established new seedings of vegetation, putting 250 acres of soil under permanent vegetation. Thirty-five farmers improved their

vegetative studies on 218 acres of land.

Stripcropping systems were installed on 434 acres by 17 landowners, while one individual established terraces on the cropland fields, protecting ten acres of farmland.

Thirty-five Berks County land owners installed diversions to control surface runoff on cropland and hayland fields. Over 230 acres were protected, as a result.

In order to transport excess water safely from one

point in a field to another without creating an erosion problem, nineteen farms had sod waterways constructed.

There were thirteen farms assisted in the installation of animal waste control facilities to better manage their livestock manures.

And, twenty-eight acres of woodland were either established or improved with the financial assistance of ASCS.

All told, the Berks County office shared the cost of conservation with the local farmers in the amount of \$119,451, under ACP.

Under another program, called the Long Term Agreement, ASCS spent over \$13,600 to help the

county farmers to install 47 acres of strips, 2 animal waste control facilities, establish 59 acres of permanent vegetation and improve 15 acres and to protect 35 acres with terraces, diversions, sod waterways, and underground drainage systems.

The Berks ASCS had 63 active loans for crop storage and drying facilities with a loan value of \$691,929.

The office also made seven commodity loans at nine per cent interest, with a value of over \$92,000.

Under the wool incentive program, 83 producers received \$3499 for the 1978 marketing year.

Northeastern 4-H'ers hold covered dish

MANCHESTER — The Northeastern Community 4-H Club held its January meeting at the Starview Church of Christ, with a covered dish supper.

A talent show followed, with members receiving participation ribbons. First year members also received their first year pins. Lisa Hoover received a pin for

being chosen as one of the county's four best blue form winners in the baby beef category.

The next meeting will be held at the home of Lisa and Connie Hoover, with a sledding party if weather permits. Otherwise it is requested that members bring board games.

Coble award

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Southeast District 4-H Beef Show.

Other award winners included: High Project Award - Marc Webster, Halifax and Brian Aldinger, Elizabethtown; Junior Showman Award - Tim Foreman, Hershey; Intermediate Showman Award - Steve Martz, Millersburg; Champion Angus Heifer - Monique Sweigard, Halifax; Champion Chuanina Heifer - Joe Messick, Middletown; Champion Simmental Heifer - Josephine Popp, Middletown; Lightweight Champion Steer - Dwayne Messick, Middletown; Mediumweight Champion Steer - Darryl Rode, Halifax

Award contributors included: L.H. Brubaker, Inc., Lancaster; Asgrow Seed Co., Mechanicsburg; Allied Mills, Inc.; Virgil A. Baker, Elizabethtown; Hamilton Bank, Lancaster; Lancaster Production Credit, Lebanon; Grubb Supply Co.; Hoffman Chevrolet, Middletown; Middletown Kiwanis; Mr. and Mrs. Walter Heistand, Elizabethtown; Penn Jersey Hardware; R.L. Potteiger & Son, New Kingstown; Messick Farm Equipment, Elizabethtown; H.J. Smith & Son; Twin Valley Lions, Halifax, Pennfield, Lancaster; and Mrs. J. Ira Coble & Family, Hershey.

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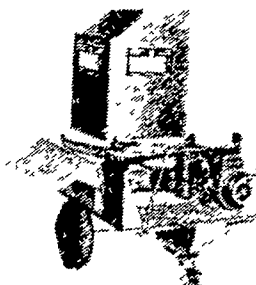
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