Stauffer urges Lancaster Co. farmers to speak out

LANCASTER - A 60-day public review period for commenting on the nation's soil, water, and related resources conservation programs will end on March

"This nationwide effort, The Resources Conservation Act, will be a strong influence in determining where the priorities for conservation programs, including cost sharing for soil and water conservation practices, will be placed. Therefore, it is imperative that farmers in Pennsylvania and the Northeast voice their concerns prior to the March 28th deadline,' says Aaron Stauffer, Lancaster County Conservation District Director.

"Too often our problems are overlooked in preference of programs that benefit Western states. Nowhere in



the nation is there a combination of acres of prime soils in cropland, high concentration of animal units, and a dense population dependent on water that drains this intensively farmed areas as Lancaster County.

If farmers do not make their opinions known in this Resources Conservation Act, Lancaster County could stand to lose Federal technical and financial assistance for soil and water conservation. This would also have an adverse affect on our water quality."

A local public meeting

where landowners and farmers can voice their opinions is scheduled for March 13, at 7:30 p.m. at the Farm and Home Center, 1383 Arcadia Road, Lancaster,

Also, landowners are invited to send their written response directly to the United States Department of Agriculture via the RCA Response Analysis Center, P.O. Box 888, Athens, Georgia 30603.

Anyone desiring more information may contact the Lancaster County Conservation District at 299-

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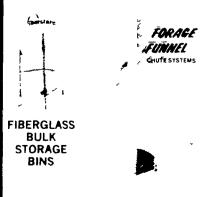
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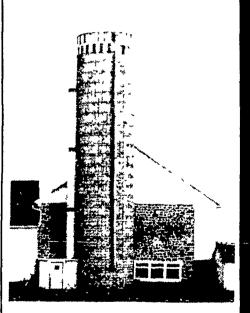
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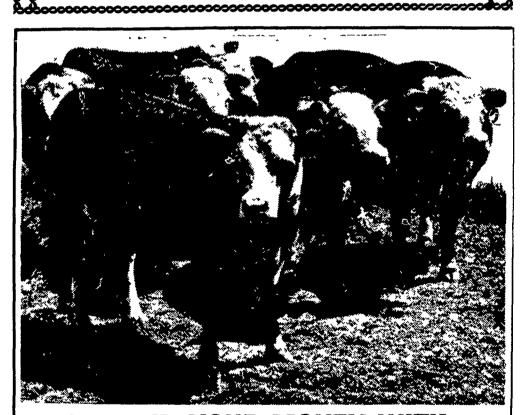
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