

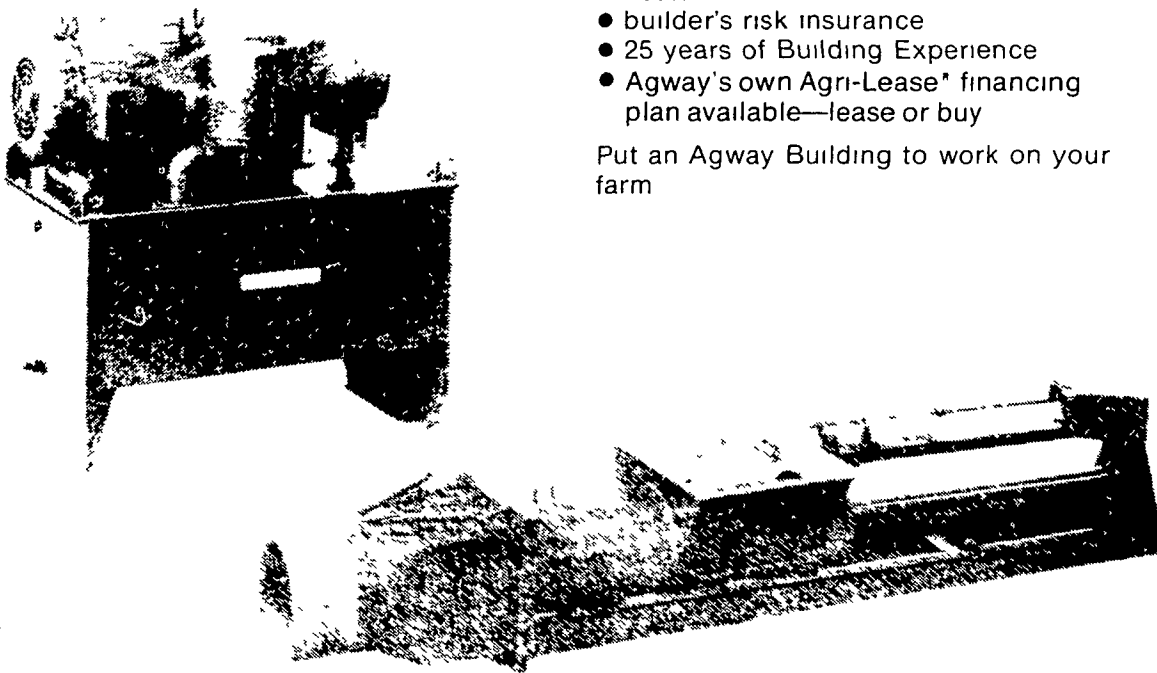
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Alfalfa beats soybeans for protein says SCS

LEBANON — "You can realize 50 percent more protein from a typical alfalfa crop than soybeans", says Fred Suffian, Soil Conservation Service. "This protein turns into dollars when being fed to cattle."

He noted several local farmers have stated alfalfa crops produce more income than soybeans or corn after the establishment year. Modern equipment, new varieties with disease resistance, and yields as high as 7 ton of dry matter per acre have increased net income on haymaking.

Cutting alfalfa as haylage is a popular handling method. "The crop is harvested similar to corn silage - omitting the baling operation," Suffian said.

Establishment of alfalfa fits well into the cropping schedule. Normally, harvesting will not interfere with the Summer wheat or Fall soybean or corn harvest, he added.

According to soil fertility specialists, top dressing alfalfa can payoff even with high fertilizer prices. Take soil tests and split your applications after the first and third cuttings, Suffian advised.

Finally, you can save energy in haymaking, he pointed out. "It takes less fuel to harvest hay than plowing, discing, planting and combining a grain crop."



Wheat crop

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time the wheat was in blossom and pollinating.

Nolt said there are a couple of critical days over the bloom period which this year's wheat came through well.

Red Rose Grain Elevator in Quarryville reported that the moisture content on the grain it was receiving Thursday was running 14.8-17.2 percent with a test weight of 59-62 pounds per bushel.

At Snavely's Mill, Mount Joy, Jerry Snavely reported that the first load of local wheat was received by them on Saturday, harvested on Friday. Snavely said the moisture was running about 15-15.5 percent and that the weight was running 61-62 pounds per bushel.

He said that harvests seemed to be running an average of 50 bushels per acre. He also said the quality is excellent. Snavely said

that last year's quality was poor and they received a lot of tombstone wheat, improperly matured heads.

All agreed that last year was a poor year for wheat. Lueck said that state averages ran about 40 bushels per acre in 1978 and about 30 bushels per acre in 1979.

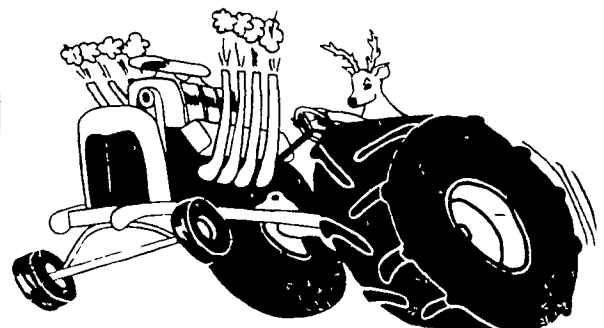
Pennsylvania Crop Reporting Service reported statewide figures at 24 percent headed, 66 percent turning and eight percent ripe. The north reports 32 percent headed and 68 percent turning. Central areas have 29 percent headed, 66 percent turning and five percent ripe, while southern counties report seven percent headed, 65 percent turning, 23 percent ripe and five percent harvested.

Last year, 60 percent was headed, 18 percent was ripe and less than five percent was harvested.

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