

## Silo filling

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support of chapter activities were presented to Robert Gregory, sales manager for livestock feeds for Pennfield Corporation, and Paul Houck, president of the New Holland Fair Association.

Approximately 175 members and guests attended the banquet. The evening's speaker was Michael Ondik, deer research specialist at Penn State, who presented a slide program on Pennsylvania's White-Tailed Deer.—DA

## State soil info available on 97 percent of state land

HARRISBURG — Soil Scientists of the USDA Soil Conservation Service have walked over, mapped, and classified the soil on 97 percent of the land in Pennsylvania.

SCS State Soil Scientist Art Kuhl reports 426,580 acres of land were soil surveyed in 1980. The soil survey is part of the technical assistance provided by SCS.

Uses of the soil survey range from farm soil management to management of large areas of

public lands to the construction of houses in suburban areas. The main use of soil surveys can be grouped under conservation planning, land evaluation, engineering uses of soil, planning and conduct of research, and general education on natural resources.

In addition to mapping, soil samples are collected and studied in laboratories at Penn State, Pennsylvania Department of Transportation and SCS. These

tests determine the ability of the soil to produce crops, absorb sewage affluent, support buildings and roads, and many other uses.

The completed maps and laboratory tests with interpretations are published on a county basis as a soil survey report.

A total of 30 counties have published soil survey reports. Another 30 counties have completed field mapping and are in the process of publishing a county soil

survey report. Active soil mapping is in progress in the remaining seven counties.

For additional information on soils and the soil survey, contact the local Soil Conservation Service

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