

# DER releases study on state soil erosion

HARRISBURG — Soil erosion is a major concern to most of Pennsylvania's 66 conservation districts, according to the publication "Direction for the 80's" released by the State Conservation Commission and the Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Resources' Bureau of Soil and Water Conservation.

A copy of the new limited-edition reference publication was presented to DER Secretary Clifford L. Jones during a meeting of the State Conservation Commission Wednesday. Jones is chairman of the commission.

The publication will be available for public review at local conservation district offices and the Bureau of Soil and Water Conservation office in Harrisburg.

Based on the Commonwealth's soil and water resource plan, the publication is designed to provide direction for a viable soil and water conservation program and to encourage the involvement of local conservation districts and

cooperating landowners, agencies and organizations to meet the present demands and future resource needs for an improved social, economic and physical environment for the citizens of the Commonwealth.

According to the publication, soil erosion is a major resource concern in 59 of the 66 conservation districts. Other concerns ranged from population to wetlands.

The publication contains a general outline of each concern, or problem, with steps the bureau and/or commission are considering to meet the individual problems.

For example, it is noted that statewide the average annual soil loss attributed to sheet and rill erosion exceeds 50 million tons. Soil losses from gullying, ditches, stream banks, construction and road banks amount for about another 20 million tons.

Some steps outlined to meet the problem include:

—Offering increased financial

and technical aid to critical areas  
—Improving public awareness through information and education programs.

—Improving enforcement techniques and obtaining more compliance with erosion and sedimentation control regulations.

Because more than 4500 billion gallons of water are used in the state annually, water supply is a

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## Order 4 April milk to sell at \$15.44

ALEXANDRIA, Va. — Middle Atlantic Order Market Administrator Joseph D. Shine has announced a Class I milk price of \$15.44 per hundredweight for April 1981. This price is up two cents from the March price and is \$1.31 above the April 1980 price.

Order No. 4 prices are announced for milk testing 3.5 percent butterfat, f.o.b. plants located within 55 miles of Philadelphia, and also within 75 miles from the nearer of Washington, DC or Baltimore, Md.

There is also a six-cent direct-delivery differential applicable to producer milk received at plants located within 55 miles of Philadelphia.

Shine announced a Class II milk price of \$12.70 per hundredweight for February 1981 and a butterfat differential of 16.9 cents for the month. The Class II milk price is up one cent from the previous month while the butterfat differential is unchanged.

These class prices are based on the February 1981 Minnesota-Wisconsin manufacturing milk price of \$12.66 per hundredweight adjusted to a 3.5 percent butterfat content.

The USDA reported that the wholesale price of Grade A butter at Chicago for February was \$1.4725 per pound and the nonfat dry milk price was \$.9350 per pound, f.o.b. plants in the Chicago area.

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