

State votes to continue six ag research projects

HARRISBURG — The Pennsylvania Agricultural Research Committee has voted unanimously to fund six on-going agricultural research projects for another year, according to the State Agriculture Secretary Penrose Hallowell.

Funding for the on-going projects, totaling \$197,355, was approved on April 2 during a meeting of the nine-member committee, chaired by Hallowell.

He said the money used to fund the projects is part of approximately \$400,000 transferred

to the department for research from the horse and harness racing revenues.

"The goal of the research committee is to fund projects which will benefit our farmers, while making the best use of the taxpayers' dollar," Hallowell said.

"Agricultural research becomes more important every year by helping develop better ways for farmers to meet rising costs and consumer demands for top quality products."

The Secretary noted that 42 new project proposals totaling over \$1 million, ranging from the study of poultry diseases and their effects on egg production and shell quality to the effects of stray voltage in dairy operations, were also introduced at the meeting.

These projects will be studied and reviewed over the next few weeks, Hallowell said. A vote on which new projects will be funded is scheduled when the research committee meets on April 23.

The continuing projects approved for another year and the institutions doing the research are:

—Improved Vegetable Handling, to develop better postharvest handling techniques for improved marketing of vegetables and strawberries, Penn State, \$16,841.

—Vegetable Production Efficiency, develop new methods to increase vegetable production, Penn State, \$42,000.

—Alcohol Production, study and evaluate on-farm ethanol fuel production from corn and other agricultural products, and engine modifications for its use, Penn State, \$48,626.

—Swine Tuberculosis, an epidemiological and experimental study of the disease, University of Pennsylvania, \$40,000.

—Flock Profiling, development of an automated test system to monitor antibodies in poultry, University of Pennsylvania, \$28,688.

—Diarrhea in Cows & Horses, develop rapid diagnosis of specific diarrheal diseases in dairy and beef cattle and horses, University of Pennsylvania, \$21,200.

Members of the Pennsylvania Agricultural Research Committee include, besides Hallowell, Deputy Secretaries of Agriculture E. Chester Heim and J. Luther Snyder, Fred Wertz, acting director of the Department's Office of Planning and Research, Charles R. Ord, executive secretary of the State Harness Racing Commission; Senator Edward Helfrick, chairman of the Senate Agriculture and Rural Affairs Committee; Senator Patrick J. Stapleton, minority chairman of the Senate Agriculture and Rural Affairs Committee, the chairman of the House Agriculture and Rural Affairs Committee and Representative Kenneth Cole, minority chairman of the House Agriculture and Rural Affairs Committee.

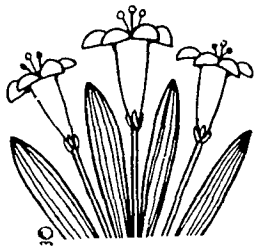
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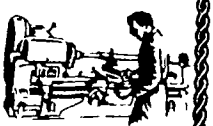
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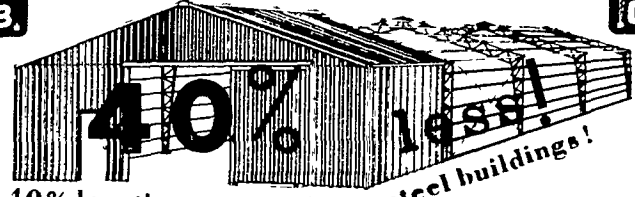
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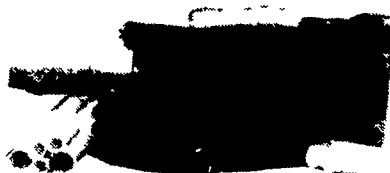
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