

DER sheet explains drought erosion control

HARRISBURG — The Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Resources has published a fact sheet explaining methods of erosion and sedimentation control for landowners and developers to use during drought emergencies.

According to Walter N. Peechatka, director of DER's Bureau of Soil and Water Conservation, valuable topsoil can be lost to wind and water erosion, even during a drought, and state law requires that earthmovers take steps to prevent erosion, which can lead to water pollution.

Regulations adopted in 1972 under the Clean Streams Law require landowners to develop erosion and sedimentation control plans (E and S Plans) before earthmoving is begun.

If the tract of land to be exposed is larger than 25 acres, the landowner or developer must submit the E and S Plan to the County Conservation District, which then will issue a permit for the activities.

On tracts of land smaller than 25 acres, an E and S Plan must be developed and kept at the site. The Plan does not require prior ap-

proval by the County Conservation District.

Revegetation of exposed soil was considered when the Pennsylvania Emergency Management Council (PEMC) adopted regulations in January, 1981, banning certain nonessential uses of water in the Delaware River Basin. PEMC regulations allow the use of freshwater for revegetation of exposed soil where an E and S Plan is required. However, only the minimum rate necessary may be used and only when adequate supplies of other water sources are not available.

According to Peechatka, while revegetation is the best way to prevent erosion, other methods may be used during a drought emergency. These include application of mulch or construction of diversion ditches to direct runoff and interceptor ditches, below disturbed areas, to collect surface water flows.

To obtain a copy of the fact sheet, or for help in developing an

E and S Plan, contact the County Conservation District office in the county where the land is located.

DER cautions landowners to contact their municipalities or water suppliers before proceeding with revegetation, because some suppliers have imposed local water use restrictions more stringent than the state regulations.

Limousin sale averages \$1,380

COLUMBUS, Oh. — The third annual Eastern Limousin Breeders Association spring show and sale was held May 2 at the Ohio State Fairground with the 46 lots totaling \$63,400 at an average \$1,380.

Worrell Land and Cattle Co. of Charlottesville, Va. topped the sale with Matching Joyce BTR26F at \$3,200. She is a 1974 fullbred daughter of Favori and sold bred to High Sierra. Royce Nease and Son, Gravette, Ark., was the buyer. The Champion purebred female, CHLL Royal Miss, was consigned by Cheryl Lanthicum, Welch, Ok. This April, 1980 daughter of KRCO Carnival Royale sold to Liberty View Farm, Wilmington, Oh. for \$2,000. The Reserved-Champion purebred female was a Fawley Farms, of Lynchburg, Oh. entry. She was a Hanchon's Home Run daughter and sold to Herbert Fields, Cedarville, Oh., for \$1,225. The twenty-two purebred females averaged \$1,327.

Topping the purebred bulls was INSF Real McCoy H37M an Interstates Farm, Reedsville, W.Va.,

consignment. He is a January, 1980 son of the Real McCoy and sold to Walter Burns, Waynesburg, Pa., for \$2,500. The Grand Champion purebred bull was FWLY Home Run Sidewinder. This April, 1980, son of Hanchon's Home Run was consigned by Fawley Farms, Lynchburg, Oh., and sold to Lane Limousin, Carlisle, Pa., for \$1,585. The nine purebred bulls averaged \$1,682.

The Champion percentage bull was consigned by Gordon Briggs, Gambier, Oh. This June, 1980 Dictator son sold to Interstates Farm, Reedsville, W.Va., for \$2,050. A Line Limousin, Carlisle, Pa., entry sold to John Clark, Tippecanoe, Oh. This April 1980 son of Four Square Herbie sold for \$1,800. Eleven percentage bulls averaged \$1,338. Four percentage females averaged \$1,096.

Gordon Briggs, Gambier, Oh., was the show and sale chairman. Tom Lindsey, Mt. Sterling, Oh., was the show judge. The auctioneer was Bruce Brooks and American Cattle Service managed the sale.

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