Progress continues on Dauphin land inventory

HARRISBURG - Soil loss on cropland continues as a major local concern of the Dauphin County Natural Resource Inventory, reports Joel Myers of the Soil Conservation Service in Dauphin County.

Dave Ball, a graduate student at Penn State, conducted the field inventory in 1980. The study contains detailed information on soil losses from cropland as well as other land uses.

Information on the study will be available in a brochure to be published later this fall. Myers explains this is the first county study to be completed in Pennsylvania and one of the first in the nation. Results will be compared with those at state and national

With the completion of the analysis, data will be summarized according to soil losses by land uses, especially relevant to corn,

soybean and winter grain cropping systems with consideration given to present and needed conservation measures, as well as the soil loss on rented cropland.

During 1982, Morris Lebo, chairman of the Dauphin County Conservation District and Paul Swartz, executive director of the District, hope to include the results of the inventory into a revision of the 1961 Dauphin County Long Range District Program. Numerous findings and recommendations also will be carried out through committees consisting of representatives of the Conservation District, agricultural agencies and groups and residents of Dauphin County, notes Myers.

For further information concerning the inventory and/or to be included on the distribution list for the brochure, contact the held office of the Dauphin Soil Conservation Office at 717/652-7035.



Preservation of Dauphin County farmland is the subject of discussion among representatives of county and federal agencies serving Dauphin County: Harold Stewart, Cooperative

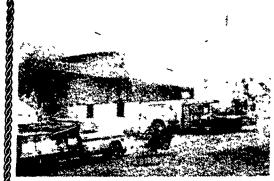
Extension service, left, Joel Myers, SCS and Ruth Tallman, ASCS. A brochure summarizing information collected in a county-wide inventory will be released later this fall.

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