

Pilot program to enlist retired farmers to help beginners

BY DICK ANGLESTEIN

LANCASTER — Young and beginning farmers in nine Pennsylvania counties may soon have the knowledge, wisdom and experience of a corps of retired farmers to help them get started in agriculture.

The involvement of retired farmers to help beginning farmers is a key element in a pilot program announced this week by Secretary of Agriculture John Block for 81 counties throughout the country, including the nine in Pennsylvania.

The Commonwealth counties, in which the program will be launched as soon as possible, include

Lancaster, York, Berks, Franklin, Centre, Columbia, Crawford, Huntington, Somerset and Bradford.

The pilot program is similar to the SCORE program of the Small Business Administration in which retired executives volunteer their time to help beginners get started and established in small businesses.

The first step in the program will be the formation of county committees to coordinate the program. The committee will feature a three-way membership, including:

—Representatives of various federal agricultural agencies

already existing in the counties.

—Representatives of the private ag financial community.

—And representatives of retired farmers who want to help the younger members of the farm community.

While no firm timetable has been set for the just-announced program, it is hoped the committees will be formed and operating in time to begin to assist younger farmers for the coming crop year.

The central coordinating federal agency for the county pilot programs will be the Farmers Home Administration. Other agencies to be involved will include the ASCS, Extension, Soil Conservation Service, Forest Service, etc.

While the pilot program does not feature any new lending or economic phases, participating retired farmers will be paid out-of-pocket expenses. For example, they would be paid mileage from their home to the farm of the younger farmer they are helping with day-to-day management decisions on cropping, fertilizer needs, livestock expansion or the like.

Members of private ag lending institutions will be involved because an aim of the program will be the graduation of these younger farmers from FmHA loans to private lending within a period of five to 10 years.

A representative of the FmHA Office in Washington explained that one of the few areas in which

the proposed 1982 budget has been increased is operating loans.

An extra half billion dollars is earmarked for FmHA operating loans in the '82 proposed budget to bring the agency's loan total to \$1.375 billion for the coming year.

It was explained that the involvement of retired farmers to share their knowledge and expertise was incorporated following the success of a program conducted in North Dakota last year.

In announcing the pilot program, Secretary Block said:

"An important ingredient in the project is active participation by local private organizations, institutions and individuals.

"These people know what it takes to run a successful operation."

NFO president to attend Internat'l Food Conference

CORNING, Iowa — National Farmers Organization President DeVon Woodland will accompany U.S. Secretary of Agriculture John Block to Rome, Italy for the twenty-first conference of the United National Food and Agriculture Organization that begins Nov. 6.

Woodland of Blackfoot, Idaho, is one of a group of farm leaders invited to accompany Block, who will be a speaker at the convention.

In his invitation, Block indicated he would be able to spend time with the NFO president during the trip discussing "related concerns."

Block's topic at the opening session of the convention will be on contributions made by USDA policies and programs to the solution of world food problems and to work on the FAO.

Woodland said he was pleased to accept the invitation on behalf of National Farmers, and said it is indicative of the status NFO has

achieved and of its non-partisan nature.

"As we have responded to invitations to participate by previous administrations, it should further clarify our position that the National Farmers Organization is non-partisan," Woodland said.

Attendance at the conference should lend insight into the needs of underdeveloped countries of the world and strategies to deal with the issue, he added.

When we consider statistics that indicate 25 percent of the world population go to bed hungry every night and 80 percent of these are children, it becomes hard to understand. The need for food and ability to fill those needs appear to be on a collision course.

The NFO president said he would give a complete report on the conference to delegates attending the national convention of National Farmers to be held Nov. 30 to Dec. 3 in Indianapolis.



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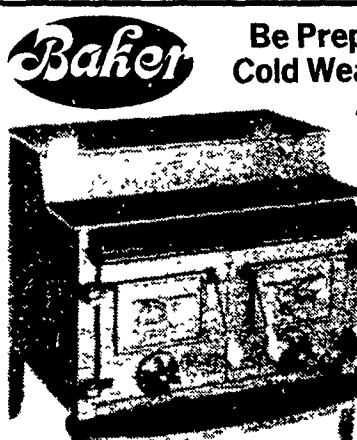
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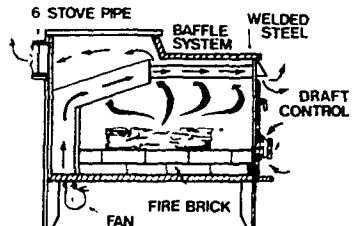
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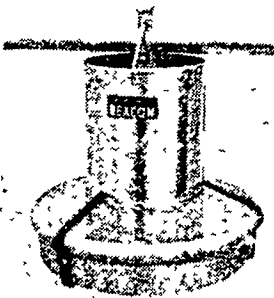
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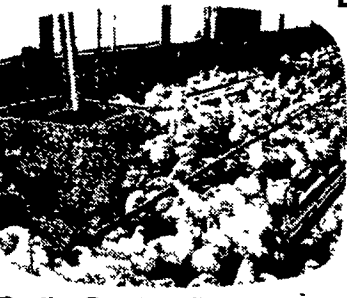
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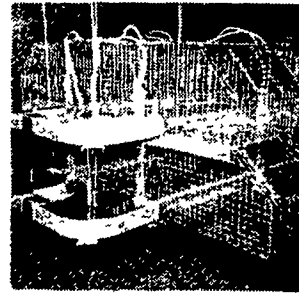
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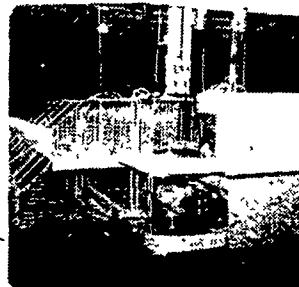


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