

## Seedmen get exclusive rights to variety production

WASHINGTON, D.C. — The U.S. Department of Agriculture has issued certificates of protection for 19 new seed varieties that give their owners exclusive rights to reproduce the varieties in the United States for 18 years.

Thomas H. Porter, an official with USDA's Agricultural Marketing Service, said the newly protected varieties are alfalfa, dwarf snap bean, large lima bean, caper spurge, cotton, soybean, common vetch and common wheat.

Porter said certificates of

protection are granted after a review of the breeders' records and their claims that each new variety is novel, uniform and stable.

Among the newly protected varieties are: Hy-phy alfalfa developed by FFR Cooperatives, West Lafayette, Ind.; Lindo garden bean developed by Royal Sluis, Enkhuizen, Holland; the Dompe 95 large lima bean developed by Ben Fish and Son, Crows Landing, Calif., and Chico caper spurge developed by Wilbur A. and Eva M. Henderson, Chico,

Calif.

The Agronomy & Soils department of Auburn University's Agricultural Experiment Station, Auburn, Ala., received protection certificates for four new varieties of common vetch: Cahaba White, Vantage, Nova II and Vanguard.

New soybean varieties and their developers are: GT 1380, AP 71, and HP 3700, North American Plant Breeders, Mission, Kan.; 0877, Pioneer Hi-Bred International, Inc., Des Moines, Iowa; Hartz 936X, Jacob Hartz Seed Co., Inc., Stuttgart, Ark.; A1937, Asgrow Seed Co.,

Kalamazoo, Mich.; PL 707743, Soybean Research Foundation, Inc., Mason City, Ill. and FFR 668, FFR Cooperative, West Lafayette, Ind.

Cotton varieties are Coker 3131, Coker's Pedigreed Seed Co., Hartsville, S.C., and Rogers LG 102, Rogers Delinted Cottonseed Co., Waco, Texas.

Also protected was S78 common wheat from Pioneer Hi-Bred In-

ternational, Inc., Hutchinson, Kan. Coker 3131 cotton, Hartz 936X soybean AP 71 soybean will be sold only as a class of certified seed.

The Plant Variety Protection program is administered by USDA's Agricultural Marketing Service. It provides marketing protection to developers of new and distinctive seed-reproduced plants ranging from farm crops to flowers.

## Fertilizer use hits record high

WASHINGTON, D.C. — U.S. Fertilizer Consumption reached a record high 53.2 million tons during fiscal 1981 that ended June 30. That's up 1 percent from a year earlier and record high for the second straight year.

Increase came despite the fact that the top two users, and 6 of the top 10, used less fertilizer than the year before.

Illinois remained the top fertilizer user, though its total, at 4.26 million tons, was down 5 percent from a year earlier. California remained the No. 2 user though its

total, at 4.17 million tons, was down 7 percent from a year earlier.

Iowa held the No. 3 slot with a 4.05 million total that was up 4 percent from a year earlier. Texas moved up to No. 4 with a 2.96 million ton total that was up 5 percent from that of 1980.

Indiana dropped to No. 5 with a 2.72 million ton total that was down 5 percent from a year earlier. Minnesota moved up from No. 7 to No. 6 with a 2.48 million ton total that was up 7 percent from that of 1980.

Ohio dropped to No. 7 (from No.

6) though its total, at 2.42 million tons, was up 2 percent from a year ago. Georgia held the No. 8 position with a 2.20 million ton total that was up 2 percent.

Florida held the No. 9 position, though its total, at 2.08 million tons, dropped 2 pct. and Nebraska held the No. 10 position, though its total, at 1.98 million tons, was off 8 percent from a year earlier.

The top 10 states used 29.3 million tons, 55 percent of the total, down slightly from the 29.5 million tons, 56 percent of the 1980 total.

## Perry Co. ASCS elects officers

KISTLER — The Perry County Agricultural Stabilization and Conservation Committee held their annual convention for the purpose of electing members and officers here on December 16.

Delegates to the convention were composed of the recently elected committeemen who were elected by the local farmers. They are: Blain Community — Clark W. Bower, William E. Gray, Nevin G. Rices. Duncannon Community - J. Owen Ebersole, Clyde S. Gault, Porter D. Hostetter. Green Park Community - L. Gene Lyons, Robert W. Weibley, Dale B. Smith. Liverpool Community - G. Keith Byers, James L. Wright, Jr. Newport Community - Robert T. Gabel, Richard H. Bratton, Richard L. Maurer. Elliottsburg,

Shermans Dale Community - Charles Lupfer.

At the meeting William Gamber of Duncannon was reelected to a 3-year term on the county committee. Gerald Holman of Millerstown was reelected chairman and William Gamber, vice chairman. Kenneth Morrow of Blain is the third member of the committee. Also elected were Dale Smith of Elliottsburg and Richard Bratton of Millerstown as alter-

nates to the county committee.

After the balloting was concluded, Gerald Holman, chairman, presented certificates and pins for years of service on the county and community committees. Those receiving the awards were Clark Bower, 15 years; J. Owen Ebersole, 15 years; Robert Gabel, 15 years; Dale Smith, 20 years; Charles Lupfer, 20 years; Kenneth Morrow, 25 years; and William Gamber, 30 years.

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