

## USDA to approve \$40 million of CCC storage loans

WASHINGTON, D.C. — The U.S. Department of Agriculture will resume approval of new applications for Commodity Credit Corporation farm storage facility loans, up to a total of \$40 million.

Secretary of Agriculture John R. Block said this will allow farmers to begin making their storage plans for 1982 crops. Loan disbursement will begin after Oct. 1, he said.

No storage facility loan applications made since Feb. 8 have been approved "to permit the Department to review program regulations in light of changes in the legislation authorizing the program," Block said.

Now that this review has been completed, Block said the following modified requirements will apply:

— Storage needs of loan applicants will be based upon the availability of storage for one year's production of wheat, feed grains or rice produced on farms participating in the acreage reduction program for those crops. The production of rye, soybeans, dry edible beans, peanuts, sun-

flower seeds, high moisture forage and silage will not be considered.

— New CCC storage loans will be limited to \$25,000 per farmer. Loans will be considered for one-year's storage needs and will be repayable in five years. Loans will be available for building new storage structures and for remodeling existing structures but not for electrical, handling, or drying equipment.

Agricultural Stabilization and Conservation county committees may approve loans for up to 70 percent of the eligible cost items. Ineligible items which are an in-

tegral part of the structure must be paid in full before loan disbursement.

— An extended interim rule requesting comments on the new eligibility requirements will be published in the Federal Register. All comments from the public concerning the regulation will be considered before the Department publishes the final rule.

Block said that producers with pending applications will be given the opportunity to revise them based upon the new program requirements.

## PFA wins nat'l awards

CAMP HILL — The Information Department of the Pennsylvania Farmers' Association won three national awards for its information program, according to an announcement made last Wednesday by Richard L. Prether, PFA information manager.

Pennsylvania won more awards than any other state participating in the Information Recognition Program of the American Farm

Bureau Federation. PFA is affiliated with the American Farm Bureau Federation, along with 48 other states and Puerto Rico. The awards were presented at a nationwide Farm Bureau conference this week in Texas.

The three categories in which the state association won are: TV public service announcements; public relations campaign on a specific issue, and communicating with the non-farm public.

## Forest resources and herbicides

UNIVERSITY PARK — Weak trees in your woodlot? Wild brush in your pasture? Or maybe you have problems with woody vines that defy mechanical methods of control. If you do, you can now get help from a new, up-to-date guide to controlling unwanted forest trees, brush, and vines in Pennsylvania called Forest Resources and Herbicides, prepared by two faculty members of Penn State's School of Forest Resources. Single copies are available from the county Penn State Cooperative Extension Service.

The guide has the latest information on chemical controls based on recommendations from forest specialists to help you protect the land you manage. Unwanted woody vegetation can be more than a nuisance. If it's not properly controlled, it can be a substantial drain on your investment.

Forests, pastureland, watersheds, highway roadsides, and recreational areas are some land uses that often require the safe use of herbicides. Chemical controls offer land managers a more economical and effective method of controlling undesirable vegetation than laborious hand cutting or mechanical methods.

Herbicides most commonly used to establish and improve forest lands are described along with their common names and advice for application. The guide also contains detailed tables on herbicides to control forest trees, brush, and woody vines.

To get your copy of Forest Resources and Herbicides: A Guide to Control of Unwanted Forest Trees, Brush, and Vines in Pennsylvania, contact your county Extension Service office and ask. It's Special Circular 278.

## Wayne offers calf booklet

CHICAGO — Helpful guidelines on use of vaccines, preventive antibiotics and supportive treatments to ensure healthy, productive dairy calves are offered in a new booklet from the Wayne Feed Division of Continental Grain Company.

"Feeding, Health and Management Tips for Raising Dairy Calves" also contains other

helpful information on the care and feeding of those calves. And it spells out bodyweight and heart girth goals for various breeds of calves by the time they reach four months of age.

For a copy of the booklet, write to: Bill Federspiel, Wayne Feed Division of Continental Grain, P.O. Box 537, Ft. Wayne, IN. 46801.

## Ford offers 9.75 interest

TROY, Mich. — Ford Tractor dealers will offer 9.75 annual percentage rate (APR) financing through Aug. 31 on farm and industrial tractors financed for 12 months or less, according to R. J. Nicolazzi, general operations manager for Ford's Tractor and Implement Operations, North America.

"Our new program offers qualified buyers a 9.75 annual percentage rate for one-year contracts on all 1000 Series, TW Series and Series 10 agricultural

tractors and most industrial equipment through Ford Motor Credit Company and some other lending agencies," Nicolazzi said.

He said the plan also allows customers to select the term of their finance contract with the annual percentage rate increasing by one percent for each additional year of the contract up to a maximum term of five years.

Ford implements sold with eligible farm and industrial tractors also are included in the new financing plan.

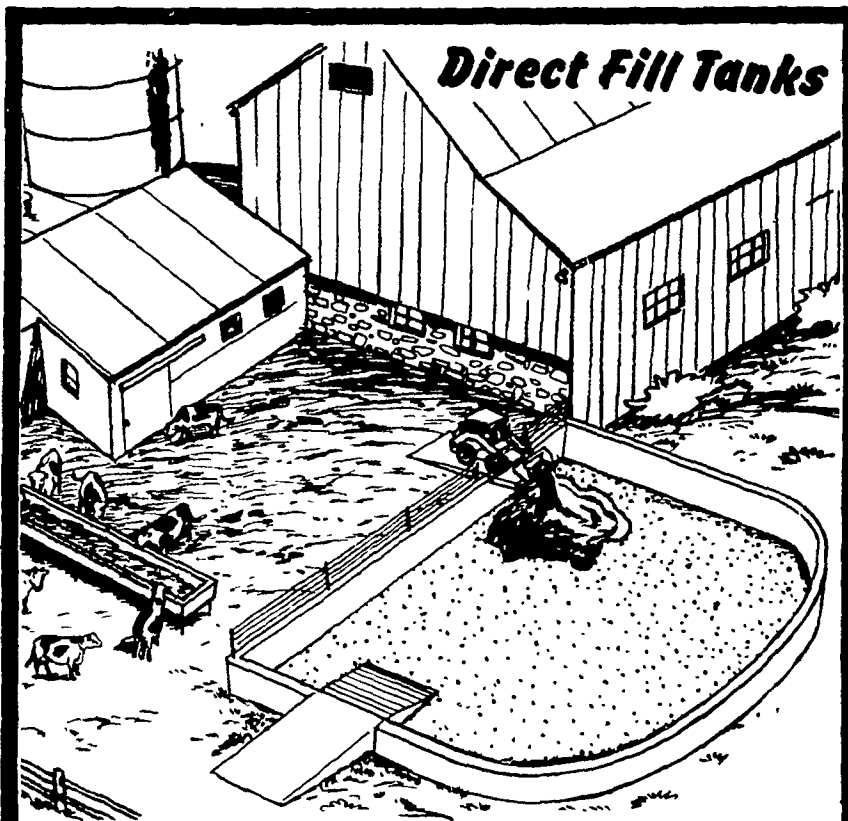


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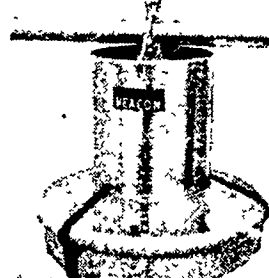
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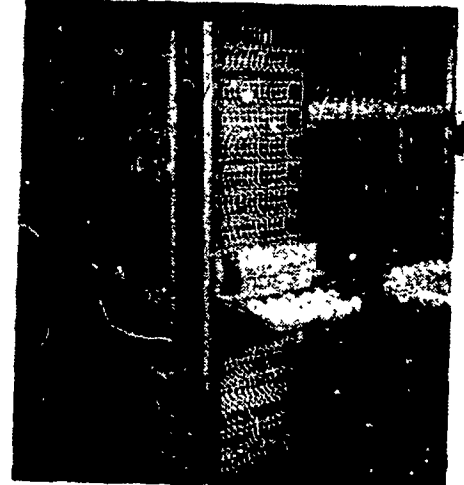


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