York Conservation District meets

YORK — The York County Conservation District accepted four new cooperators into the fold st week during their monthly meeting.

Joining the conservation group were: Samual Weaver, Fairview Twp.; Charles Emenheiser, Lower Windsor Twp.; Fred Leader, Warrington Twp.; and Donald Diehl, Shrewsbury Twp. District cooperators are eligible for technical help from the U.S. Soil Conservation Service in layout out contour strips, grass waterways, diversions, animal waste facilities,

and more.

Also at the September meeting, Peggyann Carnill, executive director of the York ASCS Office, reported that \$6,000 is still available to farmers for special projects in the Conewago and South Branch of the Codorus Watersheds, including strip cropping, terrace systems, diversions, and sod watersays. An additional \$2,000 is available county-wide under the ACP fund. Also, farmers who received June storm-related damages can apply for emergency funds to repair

permanent fences, grade and reshape, remove debris from farmland, and restore structures and other installations. The deadline to apply for this assistance is Sept. 30. Applications must be approved by the County ASC Committee before construction can begin.

The final report on a study of agricultural sources of pollution in two York County watersheds (Conewago Creek and S. Branch Codorus Creek watersheds) was presented at the meeting. The most important findings of the

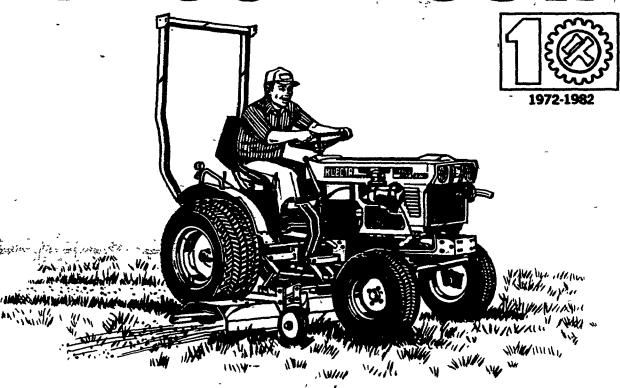
study were: sediment from farmland erosion is the largest source of agricultural pollution; 60 percent of the watersheds was planted to rowcrops; conventional plowing is still the primary method of

tillage in York County, but minimum tillage and no-till are on the increase. Copies of the report will be available from the Conservation District in the near future.

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Forest proposes changes

WASHINGTON, D.C.

The U.S. Department of Agriculture's Forest Service proposed changes recently which would simplify the process for appealing Forest Service management decisions.

Forest Service Chief R. Max Peterson said the changes would correct ambiguities in the present appeal process, streamline procedures and make the regulations easier to read and understand.

The proposals are the result of a comprehensive review of existing appeal policies and procedures and suggestions for improving them, which have been made by Forest Service officials, appellants and other individuals and organizations, Peterson said.

About 500 appeal requests are made to the Forest Service each year. If the proposed rule changes are adopted, they will affect only new appeal requests. The current rules will remain in effect for cases filed between June 28, 1977, and the effective date of the revised rules.

The proposed changes were published in the Federal Register of Aug. 20. Comments on the proposal should be sent to: Forest Service, USDA, Rm. 1004-S, P.O. Box 2417, Washington, D.C. 20013, before Oct. 18, 1962.



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