

## Grain program sign up slow

HARRISBURG — Pennsylvania signups in the federal feed grain and wheat programs have not been overwhelming since they were opened last month. "We would like to be further ahead than we are compared to national figures," reports Agricultural Stabilization and Conservation Service spokesman Al Fleming.

As of Oct. 22, the acreage base signed up for each grain by Pennsylvania farmers is as follows:

wheat, 4,495 acres or 2.4 percent; corn, 24,023 acres or 2 percent; grain sorghum, 166 acres or 1.6 percent; barley, 316 acres or 0.6 percent; and oats, 1,833 acres or 0.9 percent.

On the national level, the base acreages signed up are: wheat - 8,720,170 acres; corn - 6,530,098 acres; grain sorghum - 1,258,236 acres; barley - 658,038 acres; and oats - 208,126 acres.

Fleming reported that those Pennsylvania farms that

requested 50-percent of their land diversion payments for the crops represent 2,103.5 acres of wheat; 121 acres of barley; 709.1 acres of oats; 14,240.7 acres of corn; and 165.8 acres of grain sorghum.

The acreage base involved in 50-percent projected deficiency payments includes: wheat - 1,736.7 acres; barley - 72.5 acres; corn - 14,095.9 acres; and grain sorghum - 165.8 acres. Oats are not eligible for deficiency payments under the

program.

Fleming said the next acreage report will be available after Nov. 26. He was optimistic that more Pennsylvania farmers will enroll in the programs before it closes next March, noting "most of our farmers sign up during the last three weeks."

Signup in the federal programs is required for farmers to be eligible for other ASCS program benefits, such as commodity loans,

target price protection, and grain reserve.

Farmers who sign up to participate in the wheat and feed grain programs agree to reduce their base acreage by at least 20 percent. Feed grain producers sign up for a 10 percent acreage reduction and a 10 percent paid land diversion, while the requirements for wheat producers are a 15 percent acreage reduction and a 5 percent paid land diversion.

## '83 Simmental Sire Summary available

BOZEMAN, Mt.—The American Simmental Association has announced the publication and release of its 1983 National Simmental Sire Summary. As described by Earl B. Peterson, association executive vice president, "It is the most accurate and up-to-date measurement of the American Simmental breed available anywhere."

"A great deal of the early research work done with Simmental was based upon the genetics of European bred cattle,"

Peterson explained. "A key feature of the Sire Summary is that the records come from producers, and thus they represent the current status of the breed more fairly than any other document or report that might be used."

Progeny data is gathered from ASA performance records provided by Simmental breeders. Breed wide comparisons of sires are tabulated in 12 economic traits, allowing breeders to evaluate the potential usefulness of a large pool of purebred bulls when used in

their own herds.

"The format for the 1983 Sire Summary includes some changes," Peterson said. The name, city and state of the owner of record for each sire has been added to help breeders locate and investigate bulls they may be interested in using.

In 1971 the initial Sire Summary listed 13 purebred sires and 6,110 progeny from 301 management units. The 1983 edition, by comparison, lists 1,610 purebred sires and 518,069 animals from 54,043 management units. The Sire Summary includes a listing of 86 Genetic Trait Leaders, identifies reference sires; carries a trait correlation table and other information.

The Simmental Sire Summary is mailed free of charge to all active ASA members. Non-members may obtain copies by mailing a \$5 check for each copy requested to the American Simmental Association, One Simmental Way, Bozeman, MT 59715.

## York Farm Credit to hold meetings

YORK — Stockholders of the Federal Land Bank Association and the Production Credit Association of York will conduct their annual meeting with registration at 6:15 p.m. on Tuesday, Nov. 9, at the Embers Quality Inn, Rt. 11, north of Carlisle, and Wednesday, Nov. 10, at the Sheraton Inn, Gettysburg, U.S. Business Route 15 South.

Scheduled are the election of three directors and nominating committees for the next annual meeting. In addition, reports of association operations during the

past year will be given.

The farmer-owned institutions make and serve farm and rural home loans in the counties of Adams, Cumberland, Franklin, Fulton, Perry, and York. These members are using their cooperative institutions to obtain the long-term and operating credit required for modern farm operations. The associations currently have over 2,400 loans outstanding in excess of \$127,000,000.

All stockholders are urged to attend one of these meetings.

## Pork recipe contest underway

NEWARK, Del. — Entries are being accepted for the 1983 Delmarva Pork Congress' FAVORITE PORK RECIPE CONTEST. Deadline is January 1. The contest is open to both young people and adults.

All recipes must feature pork or pork products. Finalists will bring their completed dishes to the Wicomico Youth and Civic Center in Salisbury, Md., for judging on Wednesday evening, January 19, 1983.

Judging will be based on four factors: pork cut selection, preparation, flavor, and appearance of the finished dish.

Judges will look for recipes that appear appetizing, are innovative

but fairly easy to prepare, use generally available pork cuts suited to the cooking method chosen, and are seasoned enough to be tasty but mild enough to please most people.

Cash prizes will be awarded for first, second and third places in both youth and adult divisions.

The contest is sponsored by the Delaware and Maryland Pork Producers Associations, the Delaware and Maryland Porkettes, and the Extension Services of Delaware and Maryland. To obtain an entry form, contact county Extension offices in either state. Offices in Delaware are located in Newark (738-1239), Dover (736-1448) and Georgetown (856-5250).

## 4-H'ers honor top 'cheeses'

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division; and Mark Welk, Peach Bottom, in the senior category.

Thirteen dairy members received project awards this year for work in their individual clubs. Recipients were, in the Ayrshire, Brown Swiss and Jersey Club, Anthony Spickler, Mount Joy and Anita Brommer, Conestoga; in the Golden Guernsey Club, Gerald Garber, Willow Street; in the Kids and Cows Club, Helen Arrowsmith of Peach Bottom, Matthew Arrowsmith of Peach Bottom, and Jere Shertzer of Lancaster; in the Holstein Club, Susan Hess of Quarryville, Marilyn Landis of Manheim, Stephanie Stoltzfus of Kinzer, Danny Welk of Strasburg, Brent Brubaker of Rheems, Scott Hess of Conestoga, and Karen Shertzer of Lancaster.

Glenn Shirk, Extension dairy specialist and dairy 4-H advisor, announced the following list of sponsors: Agway, Inc. of Salunga; Atlantic Breeders' Cooperative;

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