

# Soybean farmers vote emergency funds for export promotion

ST. LOUIS, Mo. — Soybean farmers will invest an additional \$557,000 in checkoff funds during 1983 in eight emergency export promotion programs. Approved by farmer leaders on the American Soybean Association board of directors, the action is part of an ASA move to generate increased demand for U.S. soybeans and return prices to profitable levels, says ASA President B.B. Spratling, Jr.

The majority of the approved programs focus on expanding soybean oil utilization.

"Because of the large surplus of oil stocks and the current low oil price, the financial crunch is really on the soybean oil side," explains Dennis Blankenship, ASA director

of market development. "We need significantly increase demand for soybean oil in order to reduce supplies and increase price."

Included in the projects are a major expansion of efforts to promote non-food uses of soybean oil in the U.S. This includes using soybean oil as an agricultural crop oil, as a grain dust suppressant and as an industrial replacement for petroleum oil.

Other newly approved projects are soybean oil promotion campaigns in West Germany, Belgium, Italy and Japan; a domestic soybean oil education program for dieticians and home economists and a push to increase soybean oil PL480 and government credit allocations.

"ASA's biggest, most dramatic change in export promotion is the non-food emphasis in the U.S.," says Klakenship. "Up till now, ASA promotion activities in the U.S. have been focused on food uses of soybean oil. If the U.S. program is successful, ASA will increase worldwide promotion of the industrial uses of soybean oil."

President Spratling stresses that "the expansion of industrial uses of soybean oil in the U.S. alone will help U.S. soybean farmers."

show that ASA's new program could increase soybean oil usage in the U.S. by almost 75,000 metric tons per year, over a three-year period.

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First published in 1976, the map is issued as an educational, non-profit function of the agricultural Experiment Station, the research division of the College.

Robert J. Flipse, assistant director of the Station, said the Land Resources Map brings together factors of soil depth, drainage, available moisture, and productive capacities of soils.

The map has been used widely by industrial and community planners, Dr. Flipse commented. High school and college teachers find it helpful in studying earth sciences. It was developed by Howard W. Higbee, professor emeritus of soil science, who considers it vital for soil and water resources managers.

Copies are available for \$3.25, tax and shipping included, from Land Resources Map, Department 6000, University Park, PA 16802. Make check or money order payable to The Pennsylvania State University. Allow at least two weeks for delivery. The map may also be purchased directly in room 204 of the Agricultural Administration Building at University Park. The office is open from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday through Friday, except holidays.

Multiple patterns and colors are used to portray the 153 soil groups — coded and symbolized for identification. Each soil unit or group is evaluated by 16 characteristics. The more important characteristics are depth, soil drainage environment, geological source of soil material, available moisture, plant rooting zones, and dominant crop production.

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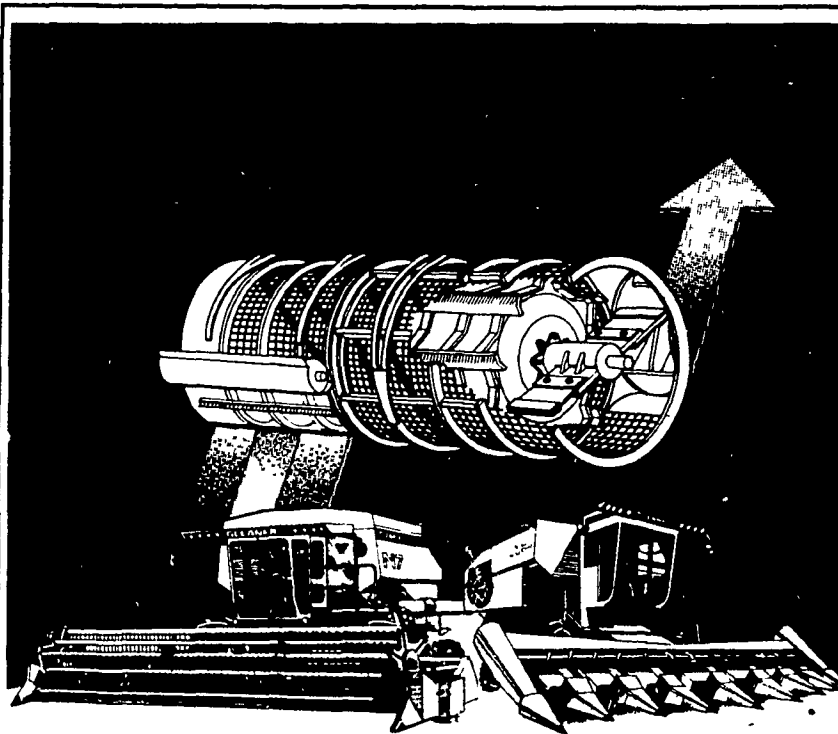
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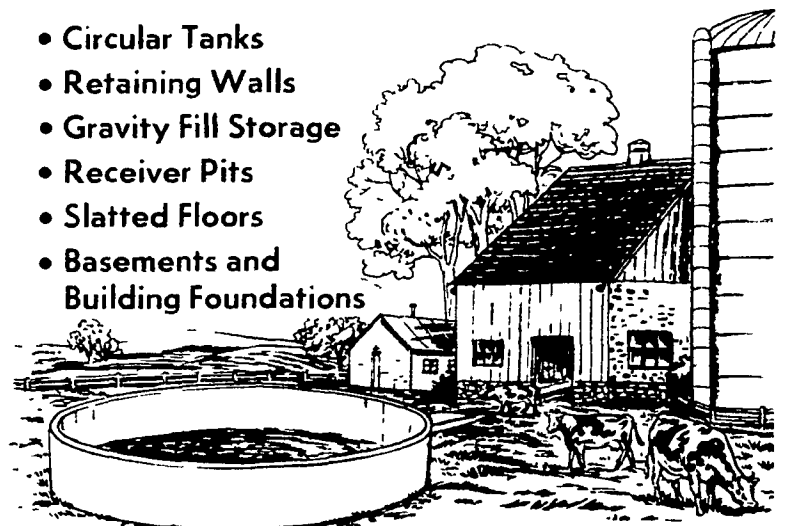
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