

Hoffman transferred

CHAMBERSBURG — David T. Hoffman, Soil Conservation Technician with the Franklin County Soil Conservation Service, will be transferring to Nanticoke on Jan. 23 to fill the opening at the Luzerne County office.

Hoffman has worked in Franklin County for the past five years with SCS and assisting the Conservation District on conservation problems. Hoffman said that he will still be

working in the agriculture field but also will be assisting with strip mine reclamation and resource conservation development (flood control) projects in Luzerne County.

While in Franklin County Hoffman worked with many landowners and local government officials with erosion and conservation problems. He also worked with some on conservation education and land judging contests.

There has not been a replacement named at the present time, according to Hoffman, but a new soil conservationist will be coming in early January. Hoffman also commented that John Akers, District Conservationist and supervisor for the county, still will continue to work closely with the

HARRISBURG — Pennsylvania's 1983 potato production is estimated at 4,300,000 hundredweight (cwt.), a 25 percent decrease from the production in 1982, according to the Pennsylvania Crop and Livestock Reporting Service. Acreage harvested is estimated at 21,500 acres compared with 23,500 acres

county landowners as in the past years.

Hoffman was also active in the community as a member of the Fayetteville Volunteer Fire Department and was the Ambulance Sergeant for 1983 for them. Hoffman has been a firefighter since coming in Chambersburg in 1979 from Altoona.

Potato yield down

harvested in 1982. Average yield of 200 cwt. per acre is 45 cwt. below last year's average yield.

Total potato stocks stored in Pennsylvania on December 1, 1983 totaled 3,400,000 cwt., 26 percent less than a year ago. Of this amount, 1,380,000 cwt. was stored in processor's facilities. This represents 41 percent of total stocks.

Stocks are defined as the quantity remaining in storage for all purposes and uses, including shrinkage and waste and other losses that occur after the date of each report. Stocks may also include potatoes produced in other states and potatoes already sold. Sales of fall potatoes for all purposes generally account for about

90 percent of the total fall production. Shrinkage, loss and home use account for the remaining ten percent.

Production of fall potatoes in the United States is estimated at 288 cwt., down six percent from last year and three percent below two years ago. Harvested area totaled 1.06 million acres, down three percent from last year but fractionally above 1981. The average yield of 272 cwt. per acre fell 11 cwt. from last year's level and nine cwt. below 1981.

December 1, 1983 United States potato stocks totaled an estimated 187 million cwt. for the 15 states in the stocks program. This is down nine percent from last year and three percent below 1981. Of the total stocks in the 11 objective yield states, 72 percent were russets, 24 percent whites, and four percent reds.



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