



## Dalton Paul honored at Farm Show

Dalton Paul, Chambersburg, center, makes acceptance remarks after being cited by Pennsylvania Secretary of Agriculture, Penrose Hallowell, left, for "Outstanding Contribution to Urban-Rural Development Leadership". Paul received the walnut-engraved plaque during ceremonies at the recent Pennsylvania State Farm Show. He was cited for having given outstanding leadership to the Franklin County Farm-City Week Committee for the past ten years, as well as for serving as vice-chairman of the 1983 Pennsylvania State Farm-City Week Council. Paul is administrator at the Franklin County Vo-Tech School. Dennis Grumbine right, 1983 Pennsylvania Farm-City Week Council Chairman, assisted in making the presentation.

Franklin County was also awarded a walnut-engraved plaque for "third place" among all Pennsylvania counties in their Farm-City Week programs.

## Potato research amended

WASHINGTON, D.C. Based on evidence from a public hearing held Nov. 8 in Denver, Colo., the U.S. Department of Agriculture has recommended amending the national potato research and promotion plan.

Charles Brader, a marketing official with USDA's Agricultural Marketing Service, said the public may submit comments on the recommended decision until Jan. 16.

Authorized by the Potato Research and Promotion Act, the program is financed by an assessment on potatoes handled. Producers who do not wish to contribute are reimbursed upon written request.

The proposal would authorize an increase in the maximum rate of assessment from 1 cent per hundredweight to one-half of 1 percent of the past 10-year U.S. average price received by growers, as reported by USDA.

"The increase is intended to counteract inflation that has curtailed program activities in recent years," Brader said.

If USDA's final decision still favors the amendment after comments are con-

sidered, the proposal would be put to a vote of potato growers in the 48 contiguous states. To become effective, the amendment would have to be approved by two-thirds of the growers voting, either by number or by volume of potatoes represented.

Comments should be sent in duplicate to the Hearing Clerk, Rm. 1077-S, USDA, Washington, D.C. 20250, where anyone may see them.

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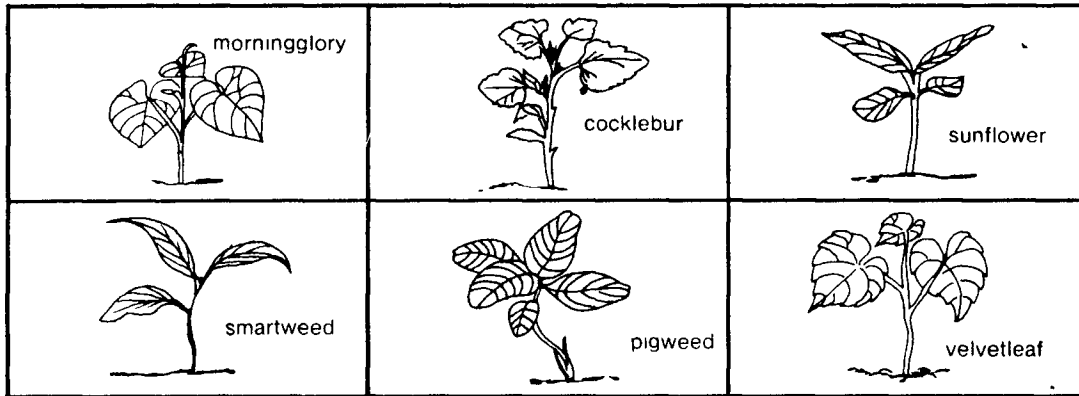
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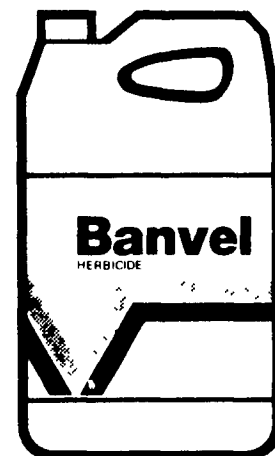
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