

Geotextile - erosion workshop planned

LANCASTER — Geotextiles are a relatively new product used in the field of soil engineering. Fabrics made from petrochemicals, their uses include embankment protection, erosion and sedimentation control, subsurface drainage, and soil stabilization.

The Lancaster County Conservation District has long been concerned and involved in erosion and sedimentation control both on agriculture and developing lands. Land actively being developed is particularly susceptible to ex-

cessively high erosion rates. Movement of soil creates problems on and off-site. Sediment creates problems off-site in the lowering of water quality in streams and creeks.

Erosion and sedimentation control has been required on all earthmoving sites the past 10 years since the Pennsylvania Clean Steams Law was enacted. Straw or hay bale filters have been used extensively as a sedimentation control measure. They are inadequate in certain situations and act more as a diversion than as

a filter. They did serve a purpose in the "early days" of erosion and sedimentation control, though

Today, however, the technology has improved. Geotextiles, or filter fabric, has become a superior replacement of bales. It is less maintenance intensive, filters much more efficiently, and is cost-effective. Filter fabric is easier to transport to the site and easier to install. Filter fabrics have revolutionized erosion and sedimentation control.

The Lancaster County Conservation District is sponsoring a Workshop on March 29, for anyone associated with erosion and sedimentation control...

developers, contractors, engineers, architects, surveyors, and municipal officials. The purpose of this workshop is to acquaint those concerned with urban development with geotextiles and their uses as they relate to soils and erosion and sedimentation control. The workshop will be held at the Farm and Home Center Auditorium, 1383 Arcadia Road, Lancaster. The morning session will deal with erosion and sedimentation control and be followed by an introduction to fabric uses by manufacturer's representatives.

The afternoon session will be a "hands-on" experience. Workshop

participants will be bused to an active earthmoving site to see first hand how the fabrics are installed. Installation will be done by a local contractor and manufacturer's representatives. Sufficient time will be allowed for questions and answers.

Included in the day's activities will be a buffet luncheon in the Auditorium. Handout materials will also be available. The cost is \$15.00 per person if pre-registration is made by March 23, 1984. After that date, registration is \$18.00 per person. Registration/Agenda Forms can be secured from the Lancaster County Conservation District by calling 299-5361 or visiting the Office in Room 6 of the Farm and Home Center, 1383 Arcadia Road, Lancaster, Pa.

Bramble seminar planned

MARLIN — A day long seminar on brambles sponsored by the Schuylkill County Cooperative Extension Service will be held on March 20 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Schuylkill County Area Vocational Technical School at Marlin.

This meeting is for all individuals interested in growing brambles. Registration is \$6.50 which includes lunch and morning coffee and donuts.

Topics to be covered are site selection, planting, fertility, herbicide control, insect and disease control, variety selection,

pruning, harvesting and marketing. The guest speakers are Roland Daniels, Penn State Horticulture Department; James Travis, Extension Pathologist, Wayne Marz, Stauffer Chemical and four Extension agents.

For additional information contact the Schuylkill County Cooperative Extension Service, P.O. Box 250, Schuylkill Haven, Pa 17972 - telephone. (717) 385-3431, George P. Perry, Jr., County Agent - Horticulture or your local Extension office for more information. Deadline for reservations is Friday, March 16.

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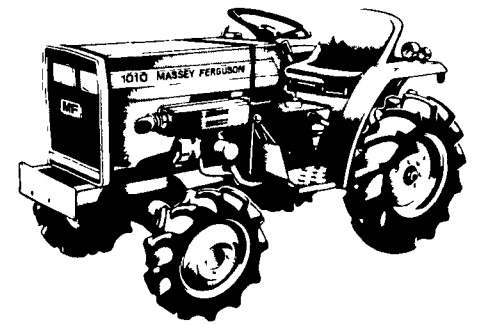
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