Forest management plan can help farms

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little expert help and a management plan might be worth double or more of its present value.

"A variety of foresters are available to help farmers with their woodlots," explains Ken Olenderski, of the Pennsylvania Forestry Association.

"The forester is interested in managing the timber for maintaining and renewing a natural resource.

"The farmer as a landowner is interested in getting the most economic return from that wooded acreage.

"And, these two goals work together very nicely."

One such agriculturist and landowner who is finding this out is Lloyd E. Lerew, of Lerew Farm Markets, Inc., along Rt. 74 north of Dover in York County.

The Lerew operation, which has about 100 acres in orchards primarily apples and peaches, also includes some 103 acres of woodland. It is now in its second year of participation in the American Tree Farm Program and is also a member of the Glatfelter Tree Farm Family.

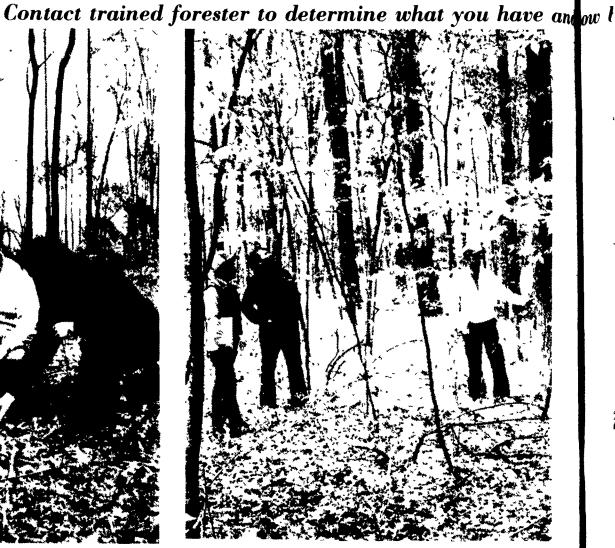
"I look at the Tree Farm Program as a long-term investment and making better use of roughly half of our land," Lerew explains.

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Regrowth begins

New regrowth in thinned stand of timber is examined by, from the left, Ken Olenderski, Tom Wieland and Lloyd E. Lerew



Thinning needed

Second timber stand on Lerew Farm Market property that will be thinned this winter is examined by foresters Ken Olenderski, left; Tom Wieland, right; and Lloyd E. Lerew.

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