

# York Co. gets \$19,000 in ASCS wheat and barley payments

YORK — Farmers who reported their 1984 crop acreage and filed a deficiency payment application have received federal payments for their wheat and barley, according to Agricultural Stabilization and Conservation Service chairman, Wilson E. Nace. Checks totaling an estimated \$19,000 have been issued to 29 farmers in York County.

The 1984 farm program participants became eligible for deficiency payments when the national average market price for the first five months of the marketing year fell below the government-established target price of \$4.38 per bushel for wheat, and \$2.60 per bushel for barley. Nationally, farmers received an average price of \$3.38 per bushel for wheat, and \$2.34 per bushel for barley. Therefore, eligible farmers will be paid \$1 a bushel for their 1984 wheat crop and 26 cents a bushel for barley.

"We began issuing checks on Dec. 12," Mr. Nace said. Wheat payments will total about \$18,900, and barley payments \$100.

Deficiency payments are computed by multiplying the program yield for the farm by the

acreage for harvest times the payment rate. The per-bushel payment rate is the difference between the target price and the higher of either the national average loan rate for the commodity or the national average price received by farmers.

Nationally, ASCS will disburse approximately \$1.1 billion in wheat deficiency payments, and some \$50 million in barley payments.

To prevent economic loss and preserve the quality of farm-stored grain destined for future markets, Nace said farmers who participate in the commodity loan and grain reserve programs should inspect the crops year-round.

"The grain must be inspected for insects and mold growth, not only in warm weather, but also during the fall and winter months." Mr. Nace said program participants can use prescribed grain storage and handling methods to eliminate wasted grain and lost profits.

"The market value of infested grain may be substantially reduced if the damaged kernels lower the grade of the grain. If live insects are present in the grain, discounts against the price paid per bushel are often assessed by

the buyer," he said.

Before farmers apply for a grain loan they should check to see that their storage structures are adequate to control insect infestation, and then apply an approved insecticide to the grain when it is placed in storage. This treatment usually protects grain from insect damage for almost one storage season. However, periodic inspections are still needed

because the longer it is in storage, the more apt it is to become infested.

Remember, insects in stored grain almost go dormant for the winter. However, temperatures in the center of newly-stored grain may be warm enough for insects to feed and increase in number. Also, moisture from warm grain moves to collar parts of the storage structure, causing damp areas

within the grain that favor insect activity and mold development.

The ASCS official said when there is evidence of grain deterioration, farmers must either fumigate or recondition the grain, rotate it with new crops or repay the loan.

About 150,000 bushels of York County's grain crops are under price support loan. All are stored on the farm.

## ASCS Committees Named for Dauphin Co.

Community committee persons elected to the Agriculture Stabilization and Conservation Service (ASCS) have been announced for Dauphin County.

Farmers elected to the committees are listed in order of chairman, vice-chairman, and regular member:

Community 1 (Upper Paxton Twp.) - Elvin Lebo, Marlin Miller, Robert N. Miller.

Community 2 (Mifflin and Washington Twps.) - Lynn Henninger, Raymond Kessler, Kenneth Kocher.

Community 3 (Lykens,

Wiconisco, Williams) - James Leshner, Albert N. Morgan, John Leshner.

Community 4 (Upper Halifax & Jackson) - Roy Wilbert, Leroy Patton, Wilmer Campbell.

Community 5 (Reed, Lower Halifax, Wayne, Jefferson) - Eugene Sweigard, Kenneth Bechtel II, Dave Rode.

Community 6 (Rush, Middle Paxton, Susquehanna) - John Tallman, Annie Espenshade, James Speece.

Community 7 (West Hanover, East Hanover, South Hanover) - Robert Cassel, Michael Hubler,

Otto Shifflet.

Community 8 (Lower Paxton, Derry, Lower Swatara, Swatara) - Aaron Hoffer, Thomas Williams, Lloyd Byers.

Community 9 (Londonderry & Conewago Twps.) - Richard Alwine, Howard Kopp, Dale Kennedy.

ASCS Committee members are in charge of local administration of national programs such as the acreage reduction, land diversion, conservation, and commodity loan programs.

## Franklin Co.

### ASCS Elects Committeeman

CHAMBERSBURG — Walter W. Grove, Shippensburg, a Franklin County farmer and dairyman, was re-elected to the County Agricultural Stabilization and Conservation Committee at the Franklin County ASCS convention recently.

Convention delegates also elected J. Robert Myers, Sr. of St. Thomas and Carl Pugh of Chambersburg as first and second alternates to the committee.

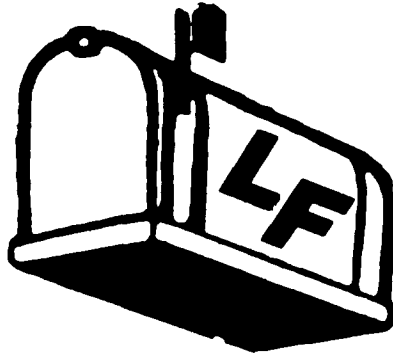
Grove owns two farms in the Shippensburg area on which his two sons have a dairy operation. Meyers owns two farms in the St. Thomas area, where his two sons also have a dairy operation. Pugh and his son have a dairy operation and farm several farms.

R. Gene Stoner of Mercersburg, was elected committee chairman. Stoner is a partner in Stoners Hijos Hill, Inc., which runs a dairy and swine operation. Grove was elected vice-chairman. J. Thomas Shook, a grain farmer from Greencastle will serve as regular member.

The County ASCS Committee is responsible for local administration of government farm programs such as the Wheat and Feed Grain Program, Milk Diversion Program, Agricultural Conservation Program (cost-sharing), and Wool Incentive Program.

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