

Lebanon County elects ASCS committees

LEBANON — The Lebanon County Agricultural Stabilization and Conservation Service (ASCS) elected the following county and community officers recently:

County Committee: Edward Krebs, of Grantville R1, re-elected chairperson; Frank Reist, of

Lebanon, vice-person; John Stick, of Lebanon R6, regular member; Kenneth Blatt, of Jonestown R1, re-elected first alternate; and Eugene Hoffman, of Newmanstown R1, second alternate.

H:idelberg and Millcreek Twps.: Donald Bollinger, of

Newmanstown R1, chairperson; Vernon Balmer, of Myerstown R2, vice-chairperson; Warren Bucher, of Myerstown R2, regular member; Walter Heisey, of Newmanstown R1, first alternate; and Eugene Hoffman, of Newmanstown R1, second alter-

nate.

South Lebanon, North Cornwall, West Cornwall, Cornwall Boro and North Lebanon Twps.: Mark Hitz, of Lebanon, chairperson; Cyrus Bomberger, of Lebanon, vice-chairperson; Phil Arnold, of Lebanon, regular member; and

Mark Ruhl, of Lebanon, first alternate.

South Annville, South Londonderry, North Annville, and North Londonderry Twps.: John Alger, Campbelltown, chairperson; Elvin Hostetter, of Annville R3, vice-chairperson; Timothy Tyson, of Palmyra R2, regular member; Adam Brandt, of Lebanon R4, first alternate; and Lawson Hemperly, Sr., of Annville R3, second alternate.

Union, Swatara, East Hanover and Cold Spring Twps.: Kenneth Blatt, of Jonestown R1, chairperson; Thomas Shuey, of Annville R2, vice-chairperson; Jeffrey Werner, of Jonestown R1, regular member; Clair Wagner, of Pine Grove R1, first alternate; and Dennis Hetrick, of Palmyra R1, second alternate.

Jackson and Bethel Twps.: Ray Sattazahn, of Lebanon R6, chairperson; Earl Ziegler, of Fredericksburg R1, vice-chairperson; Dale Maulfain, of Jonestown R1, regular member; Mark Hunsicker, of Myerstown R5, first alternate; and J. Clyde Bowman, of Myerstown, second alternate.

Manure facilities save labor, nutrients

YORK — This is the time of year for farmers to analyze their farming operation and consider whether any changes need to be made. For a dairy or livestock producer, among these considerations are whether or not a manure storage facility would be an asset to their farm.

Manure holding facilities give a greater flexibility to a farmers' workload. Manure does not have to be hauled daily during the winter in cold, wet conditions or during the summer when limited land is available for spreading. This also means that the manure is a more viable source of nutrients (and cuts fertilizer bills) and potential pollution problems are minimized.

According to Ann Marie Meyer, Soil Conservation Technician with the SCS in York, there are many types of manure holding facilities that can be constructed. The basic types of manure holding facilities that can be constructed. The basic types are: an earthen pond with a concrete bottom, a concrete

structure built on site, or a prefabricated facility assembled on site. Depending on the type of facility and the site, the system is usually loaded and unloaded with a front-end loader, by pumping or by gravity.

"Many things must be considered before deciding what system is right for your particular operation," Mrs. Meyer says. What is your present financial situation and how elaborate a system can you afford? Do you want to handle the manure as a solid or a liquid? Reviewing your situation may help you decide this: what type of livestock do you have (beef manure usually is easiest handled as a solid and milk house wastes can be added to dairy manure to make it more a liquid).

Do you use bedding in your barn? What equipment do you have now? Are you willing to purchase new equipment and possibly make your manure handling easier?

Aside from how you want to handle the manure, you must decide the size of the facility you need. Consider the number of head you have and whether you want to expand your herd in the future. Consider, too, how long you need to store the manure and how much space you have to build the facility. Also determine how much land you have available to spread the manure.

To ensure a manure facility is going to work properly, SCS helps to make sure every detail is worked out before beginning the project. Test pits should be dug to

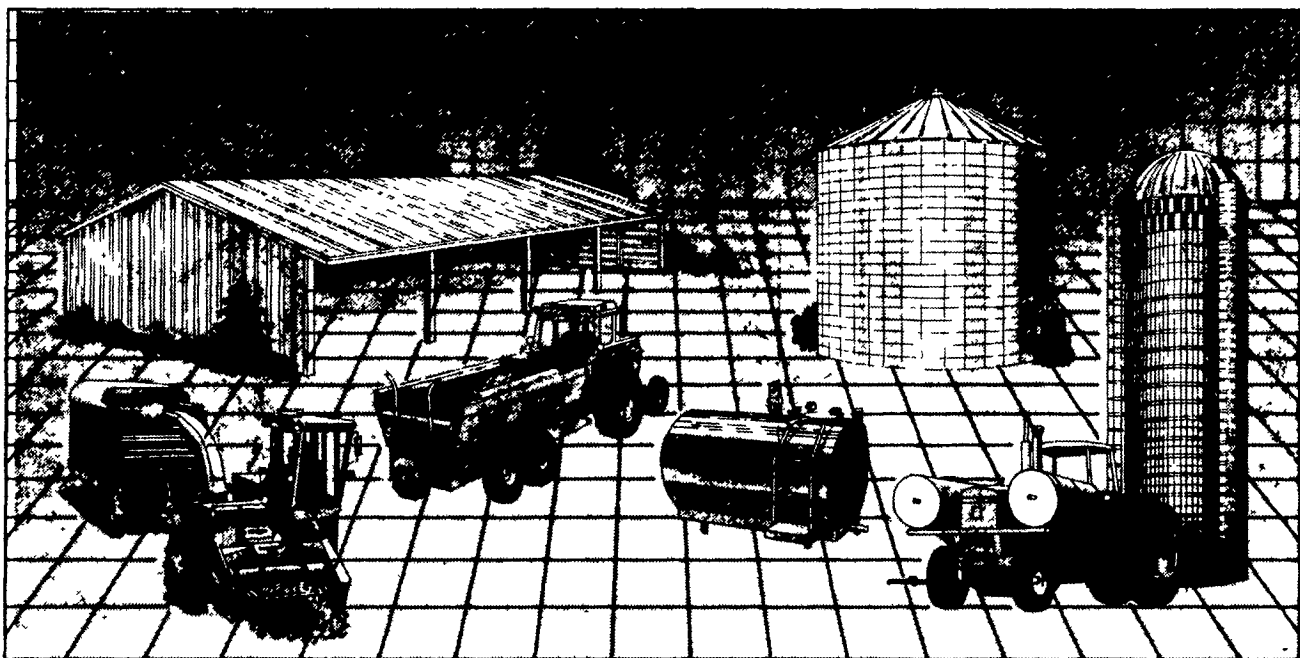
determine how deep a manure pit can be and whether or not footer drains are needed. All clean water from roofs, springs, etc. should be diverted out of the facility to keep from needlessly hauling extra water. When construction time comes, find a contractor who is dependable and has constructed manure facilities before. SCS will provide a design and guidance to the contractor during construction. After the facility is finished, it should be fenced to keep children and livestock safe and periodic maintenance should be performed.

For more information and help in deciding what type of system is best for your operation, contact the Soil Conservation Service, 122 Pleasant Acres Road, York, PA 17402, phone 755-2966.

Egypt buys U.S. butter, cheese

WASHINGTON — The U.S. Department of Agriculture's Commodity Credit Corporation has signed a contract with Egypt for the sale of 35,000 metric tons of butter, butteroil and cheese, Secretary of Agriculture John R. Block has reported. The total value of the sale, made at current market prices, is \$47.8 million.

Block said the sale consists of 15,000 tons of butter, 15,000 tons of butteroil, and 5,000 tons of processed cheese. Delivery of the butteroil and cheese will begin in March and delivery of the butter will begin in April.



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