

## U.S. breaks tree planting records

WASHINGTON, D.C. — Tree planting is growing on landowners in the United States.

In 1984, 2½ million acres were planted to trees, more than in any previous year, R. Max Peterson, chief of the U.S. Department of Agriculture's Forest Service, announced recently.

That's more than five times the acreage planted 35 years ago, Peterson said.

The forest industry led the way, planting more acres than than all other ownerships combined - 56 percent, even though it owns only 14 percent of the commercial forest land. Non-industrial private forest owners, who own 58 percent

of the commercial forest land, planted 29 percent of the trees. The remaining 15 percent were planted on federal and other public lands.

"The Forest Service encourages tree planting on private land through cooperative efforts with state foresters under our State and Private Forestry programs," Peterson said.

While industry plants more acres, nonindustrial private forest owners have shown the largest percentage increase in the past 10 years. They have doubled their acreage planted, registering significant increases in the last two years. Industry has increased its tree planting by 30 percent in the

past 10 years.

"Nearly three out of four acres planted are in the 12 southern states," Peterson said, "where 80 percent of the industrial and private forest planting is taking place."

Most of the trees planted are loblolly pine a tree that grows well in the south, said Peterson. Other

species include douglas-fir and shortleaf pine.

Today's record-breaking pace makes earlier major tree planting efforts pale by comparison. The Civilian Conservation Corps (CCC) planted 2 1/3 million acres to trees over a 10-year period in the 1930's and early 1940's. The Conservation Reserve Program, better known as

the Soil Bank Program, planted more than two million acres in the late 1950's and early 1960's.

"The record tree planting today is based on the realization that growing trees is not only an effective land stewardship action," Peterson said, "but is a profitable investment as well."

## Dairy nutrition supplement

NEW YORK — Animal Nutrition Supplements, Eastman Chemicals Division, has committed itself to expansion in the animal nutrition industry following successful testing of its IsoPlus™ Nutritional

Supplement which helps dairy cows produce more milk.

"Eastman Chemicals recently completed field trials with IsoPlus at 54 dairy farms throughout Michigan," according to Bob

Morrow, director, Animal Nutrition Supplements. IsoPlus was shown to increase milk production in dairy cows by up to 4-6 pounds per cow per day.

"Prior to the Michigan field trials we had tested IsoPlus extensively in several universities throughout the country," explained Morrow. "However, before releasing it commercially we wanted to evaluate it in actual on-farm trials. Therefore we set up the 54 trials under all kinds of management practices and feeding programs. The field trials confirmed the university findings."

IsoPlus is a combination of four volatile fatty acids found naturally in the cow's rumen. These acids improve digestive efficiency of the cow. IsoPlus causes no side effects or milk residues and is not a drug.

Because of the trial successes, Eastman Chemicals will expand its staff to market IsoPlus. Three district marketing managers will direct 10 marketing representatives in IsoPlus distribution to major dairy states east of the Rockies. An account manager has been appointed to serve the California market.

Also, Eastman Chemicals plans expansion of operations at Texas Eastman Company in Longview, TX where IsoPlus is presently manufactured in developmental quantities. The expansion is to meet future demands of national and international markets.

Eastman Chemicals plans to break ground July 1 for its new multi-million dollar research facility in Washington County, TN. When completed in the summer of 1986 the research facility will include space and accommodations for a variety of farm animals, including 100 dairy cows, as well as a feed mill and a feedlot to accommodate 500 beef cattle.

## Potato stocks down 24%

HARRISBURG — Total stocks of potatoes stored in Pennsylvania on May 1 were 390,000 cwt., 24 percent less than a year ago, according to the Pennsylvania Crop and Livestock Reporting Service. Of this amount, 100,000 cwt. was stored in processors' facilities. This represents 26 percent of total stocks.

Stocks are defined as the quantity remaining in storage for all purposes and uses, including seed, shrinkage and waste and other losses that occur after the date of each report. Stocks may also include potatoes produced in other states. Sales of fall potatoes for all purposes generally account for about 90 percent of the total fall production. Shrinkage and loss and home use account for the remaining 10 percent.

Most of the potato stocks reported by Pennsylvania growers are seed potatoes for the 1985 crop. Favorable weather conditions have permitted earlier plantings than normal. For the week ending April 28, 43 percent of the potato crop was planted compared to with six percent planted by the same time in 1984.

May 1, 1985 potato stocks totaled an estimated 51.6 million cwt., for the 15 states in the stocks program, up two percent from a year ago but 10 percent below 1983 stocks.

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