

# These farmers eligible for Conservation Awards

WASHINGTON — Farmers and ranchers demonstrating practical and innovative ways to conserve soil and water in their operations are invited to participate in a national soil and water conservation awards program.

This is the fourth annual awards program, sponsored by the National Endowment for Soil and Water Conservation and the Du Pont Company, which selects a conservation farmer/rancher from each state and awards \$1,000 to each of the three national winners. In 1985, the national winners and spouses attended a special ceremony in the Roosevelt Room of the White House.

"The purpose of the awards program is to identify and honor

those farmers and ranchers who are implementing sound, innovative and cost-effective conservation techniques," says Emmett Barker, chairman of the Endowment and President of the Farm and Industrial Equipment Institute. "These outstanding farmers and ranchers deserve special recognition and through this program their conservation initiatives are brought to the attention of others in agriculture and the public."

The top conservation farmer/rancher will be selected from each state by committee of farm, conservation and government leaders. The Endowment Technical Advisory Committee will then review the conservation

work of the state winners, selecting up to 10 national finalists on the basis of their accomplishments in soil and water resource management and pollution abatement.

The national finalists and their spouses will receive an expense-paid trip to attend a national awards ceremony in the fall. Three national winners will be selected from among the finalists.

The winners in the 1985 program were from Nebraska, Pennsylvania and Washington. The other finalists were from Connecticut, Kentucky, Minnesota, Nevada, New Mexico, South Carolina and South Dakota.

"Du Pont is pleased to sponsor the Endowment awards program

because we believe the nation has no choice but to do a better job of conserving our soil and water resource base," says Dale E. Wolf, a Du Pont group vice president. "By focusing the spotlight on conservation methods and accomplishments of growers across the country, we can accelerate the achievement of that goal."

The National Endowment for Soil and Water Conservation, established in June 1982, is a non-profit, privately funded, non-political organization dedicated to conserving natural resources and promoting a sense of stewardship for the land.

The following persons are eligible for the awards:

Connecticut — John Oros, State Association of Conservation Districts, RD#2, Box 165A, Route 6, Bethel, CT 06801, 203-743-5453; Delaware — Lee Emmons, Department of Natural Resources and Environmental Control, P.O. Box 1401, Dover, DE 19903, 302-736-4411; Maine — Carlton Fitzgerald, State Association of Conservation Districts, Route 1, Box 1210, Vassalboro, ME 04989, 207-445-2855; Maryland — Donald L. Spickler, State Association of Conservation Districts, Box 351, Clear Springs, MD 21722, 301-842-2534; Massachusetts — Robert Hatch, State Association of Conservation Districts 19 Pleasant

Street, Granby, MA 01033, 413-467-9820; New Hampshire — Jay Jacobs, State Association of Conservation Districts, RFD, Marlborough, NH 03455, 603-827-3261; New Jersey — Samuel R. Race, Division of Rural Resources, CN 330 - Room 203, Trenton, NJ 08625, 609-292-5540; New York — Robert S. Jonas, Land Improvement Contractors of America, 39 Rockhill Road, Rochester, NY 14618, 716-442-1745; Ohio — Larry Vance, Division of Soil and Water Conservation, Fountain Square, Columbus, OH 43224, 614-265-6610; Pennsylvania — V. C. "Corky" Miles, Land Improvement Contractors of America, 336 W. 16th Street, New Cumberland, PA 17070, 717-774-7302; Rhode Island — Matthew Puchalski, State Association of Conservation Districts, 46 Quaker Lane, West Warwick, RI 02893, 401-828-1300; Vermont — William F. Snow, State Natural Resources Conservation Council, State Office Building, Montpelier, VT. 05602, 802-828-3357; Virginia — L. Willis Miller, Soil Conservation Society of America, 400 N. 8th Street, Richmond, VA 23240, 804-771-2461; West Virginia — Edward Bumgarner, State Soil Conservation Commission, Guthrie Agricultural Center, Charleston, WV 25305, 304-348-2204.

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## Franklin County Shepherds Club

The Franklin County 4-H Shepherds Club met March 25 at the county Extension office.

Heather Fusting presented a report on Rambouillet sheep. The group also discussed feeding and caring for lambs.

The group is planning a trash pick-up, sponsored by Penn-Dot, for April 26.

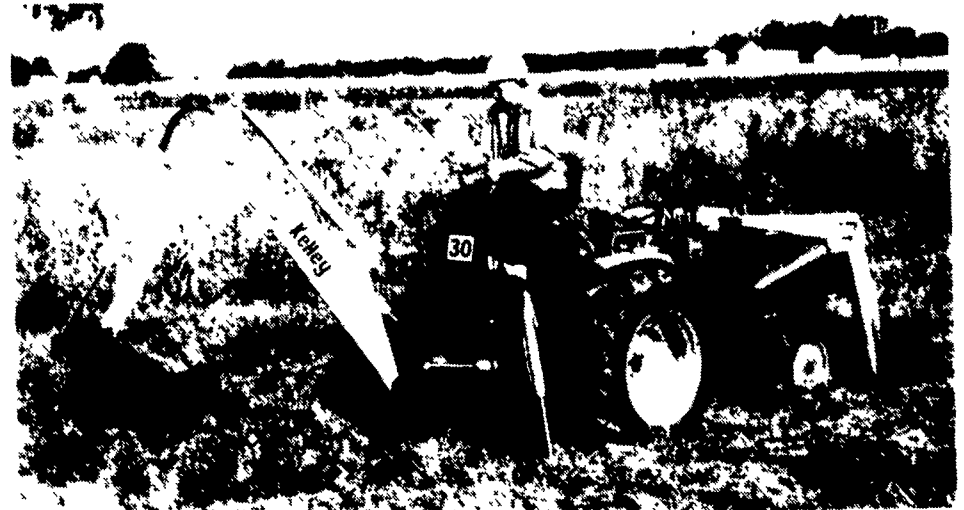
The lamb and wool queen contest

will be held in July. A cooking club is forming and will meet at the home of Beth Keener. Mrs. Bixel will be in charge of the teen leaders project.

The club is collecting newspapers.

The next meeting will be April 22 at 7:30 p.m. at the Extension office.

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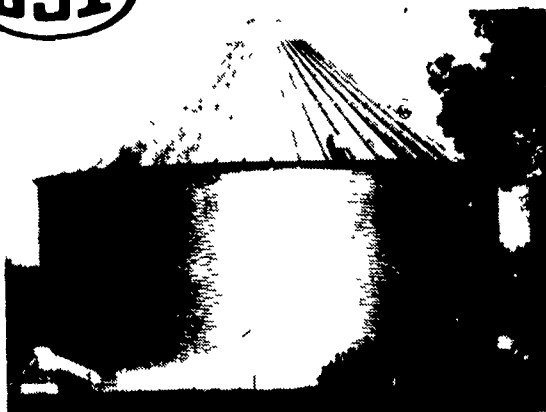
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