

Second CRP Signup

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or grazing for the 10-year duration of the program. During designated signup periods farmers submit proposed bids on acres they wish to enter based on per-acre rental rates in their area.

Although the cut-off for acceptable bids has not yet been announced for the latest signup

period, "If the acceptable bid level is about the same as last time, we'll have a high percentage of those farms in the program," Pennay predicted.

During the program's first signup, 397 bidders submitted bids on 13,662 acres in Pennsylvania. Only 2,463 acres on 93 farms were accepted, since the majority of the

bids exceeded the maximum of \$65 for Pool 1 and \$60 for Pool 2.

These two regional pools were established to take into account differences in rental rates across the state. Pool 1 includes the southeastern counties from Bedford, Blair, Centre and Clinton east, and bordered to the north by Lycoming, Columbia, Schuylkill, Lehigh and Northampton. All other counties are included in Pool 2.

During the current signup, 13,448

acres on 361 farms were submitted for consideration. Pennay predicts that well over half of this acreage will be accepted.

Pool 2 counties topped the signup, with 30 bidders submitting 1,154 acres in Tioga County. Washington County was second with 15 bidders and 1,132 acres.

In Pool 1, Columbia County led the way with 20 bidders and 835 acres. York County's 15 bidders submitted 797 acres for con-

sideration. No participation was noted from Lancaster and Adams Counties.

Pennsylvania's program participation remains a long way from its goal of 82,000 acres. Pennay said that a third signup will undoubtedly be scheduled before fall in an effort to take more fall crops out of production.

Nationwide, USDA hopes to take at least 40 million acres out of crop production through CRP.



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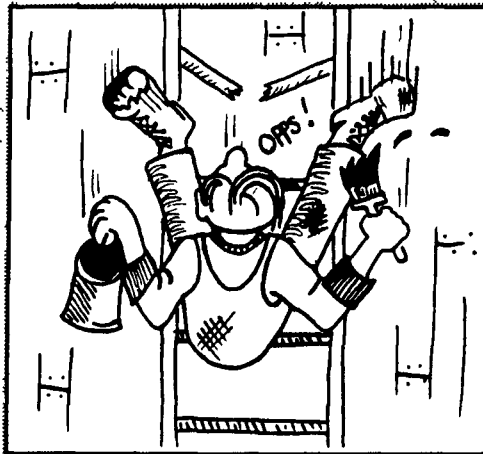
Blough Receives Dairy Award

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Blough is the current president of both the county and district

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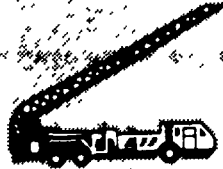
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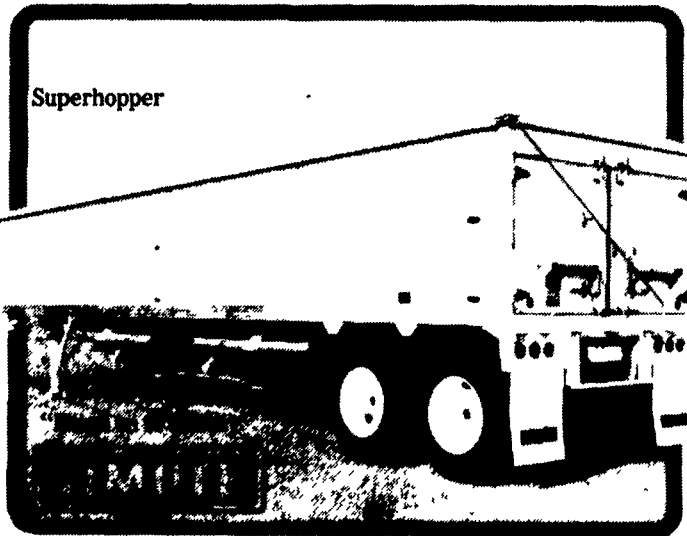
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