

# Conservationists, Contractors Join To Fight Erosion

## Dewart Livestock Auction

Dewart, Pa.  
Monday, November 7, 1988  
Report Supplied by PDA

**CATTLE 145...** PDA...Compared with last Monday's market: Slaughter cows steady to \$2 higher. Few Standard and Select slaughter steers 58.00-65.50. Couple Choice sl. heifers 62.00. Breaking Utility & Commercial sl. cows 46.00-50.25, couple to 51.50, Cutter & Bon. Utility 45.00-48.00, Canner & Low Cutter 37.00-42.25, few Shells down to 31.50. One Standard bullock 58.50, few Utility 40.50-45.50, Shells down to 38.00. Yield Grade No. 1, 1000/1650 lbs. sl. bulls 53.00-58.25. FEEDER CATTLE: Medium Frame No. 1, 400/860 lbs. steers 60.00-70.00. Medium Frame No. 1, 300/675 lbs. heifers 58.00-68.00.

**CALVES 213...** One Choice vealer 102.00, few Good 83.00-90, Standard & Good 75/100 lbs. 80.00-91.00, Utility 60/90 lbs. 70.00-78.00. Farm Calves: Holstein Bulls 90/135 lbs. 91.00-156.00, mostly 120.00-145.00.

**HOGS 50...** Few Lots US No. 1-3 210/275 lbs. barrows and gilts 37.00-39.50. US No. 1-3 280/550 lbs. sows 24.75-32.25, couple 35.75. Few Boars 22.00-25.00.

**FEEDER PIGS 209...** US No. 1-3 25/40 lbs. feeder pigs 8.00-13.50, 50/75 lbs. 16.50-24.00 --- all per head.

**SHEEP 14...** Few Choice 50/110 lbs. wool slaughter lambs 55.00-70.00.

**GOATS 8...** Few Large 35.00-61.00 - per head.

**LEESPORT (Berks) —** The U.S. Department of Agriculture Soil Conservation Service (SCS) has joined with the Land Improvement Contractors of America (LICA) to train conservation contractors as a way to speed up the application of soil and water conservation practices. These practices are needed by farmers with highly erodible land so they can comply with the conservation provisions of the 1985 Farm Bill.

SCS Chief Wilson Scaling and LICA President Jim Jacobs signed an agreement that marks a new level of cooperation between a USDA agency and a private organization.

Chief Scaling said, "To stay eligible for USDA programs, farmers with highly erodible cropland need to have a conservation plan by 1990 and have the planned practices applied by the end of 1994. That means a tremendous number of conservation practices must be installed and must meet SCS specifications." Scaling said that SCS can not meet this goal alone. "This agreement will enable conservation contractors to improve their skills and assist in checking out the completed

work."

Under the agreement, SCS will train conservation contractors in layout and checking of conservation practices. The goal is to develop conservation contractors with the knowledge and skills to handle both the construction and the required documentation of the soil conservation practices.

LICA's local chapters like the Pennsylvania Land Improvement Contractors Association (PLICA) will encourage conservation contractors to become trained. The training is voluntary and will be available to both member and non-member contractors. PLICA Executive Director Vernal C. Miles notes that such an effort has been under way in Pennsylvania for some years. "A good percentage of our contractors already have obtained this training and have the authority," reports Miles. PLICA has 220 members in Pennsylvania. Another 25 firms that supply contracting materials are associate members.

Nationwide, LICA reports that 1,600 contractors are already qualified. SCS hopes to see the number double by 1990. SCS accepts documentation from con-

tractors who have demonstrated their competency in installing and checking construction for adherence to specifications. SCS randomly field checks each contractor's practices annually to assure

that practices meet specifications. Contractors desiring information on LICA should contact V. C. Miles at 336 Sixteenth, New Cumberland or their county office of the USDA Soil Conservation Service.

## 30 YEARS AGO THIS WEEK

-When youngsters in one family enter eight baby beef in a major show, that's news. When they capture the Grand and Reserve championships of the entire junior division of a major livestock exposition, that's really news.

But when they take seven steers into that show and place at the top, in order of standing within their entries in every class with every animal they enter, that's impossible.

At least it was until Paul, Wesley and Rhoda Mast, Morgantown, Berks County, did just that Wednesday at the Pennsylvania National Livestock Exposition.

Wesley, 15, exhibited one of his Angus steers to the Grand Championship over the Hereford of brother Paul, age 19, and a shorthorn, exhibited by Connie Quesenberry, Stewartstown 4-H member.

After the judge indicated his championship placing, his sister Mae, 13, led in the Angus reserve champion to compete for junior show reserve championship. Paul's Hereford champion won this spot, while the championship class saw three members of the same family competing.

-Mrs. John Snavelly, Manheim, was hostess for Society No. 2 Saturday afternoon.

Mrs. Andrew Low was elected to the president's post, with Mrs. Carl Brubaker becoming secretary. Both officers will serve two year terms. Mrs. Nathan Oberholzer was named to the Flower Gift Committee.

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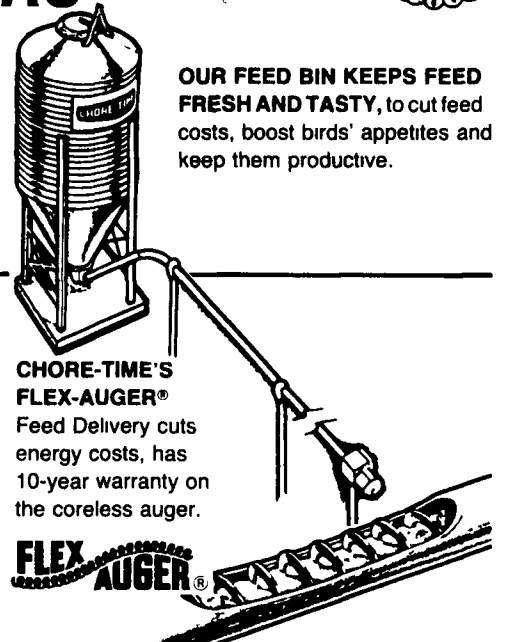
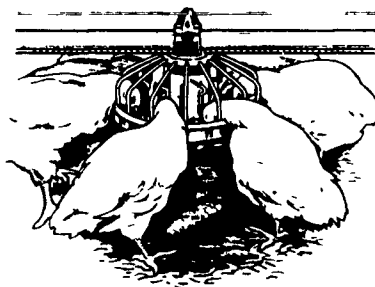


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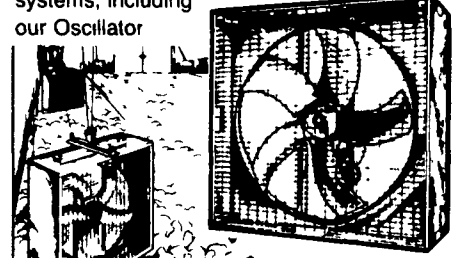
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