Conservationists Examine Impact Of Legislation

HARRISBURG (Dauphin Co.) - Currently under consideration in the United States Congress, the 1990 Farm Bill and its effects on agricultural soil and water conservation programs were to be discussed at the Pennsylvania Association of Conservation District Executive Council meeting ending Jan. 6 in Grantville.

Directors and staff representing Pennsylvania's 66 county conservation districts reviewed provisions in the Farm Bill relating to the U.S. Department of Agriculture's Conservation Reserve Program, federal wetlands protection programs, and possible incentives for resource conservation.

During the Jan. 5 banquet, Environmental Resources Secretary Arthur A. Davis and state Agriculture Secretary Boyd E. Wolff were to present the 1989-90 Pennsylvania Chesapeake Bay Program Clean Water Farm

Awards to four farmers in Penn- Wertz, Danville, Northumberland sylvania's portion of the Chesapeake Bay Watershed.

The Clean Water Farm Awards recognize farmers who practice sound soil, water and nutrient management to reduce pollutants reaching the Chesapeake from farms in the Commonwealth. This year's awards were given to: Paul Clugston, Halifax, Dauphin County; Daniel C. Schrack, Loganton, Clinton County; Neil and Leon

County; and, C. Arthur Zug, R.D. #2 Mifflintown, Juniate County.

Also scheduled for the banquet, George William Sherk, a trial attorney for the U.S. Department of Justice Land and Water Resources Division, was to speak on the development of water law and policy in the eastern United States from old riparian doctrines to water allocation rights and groundwater protection.

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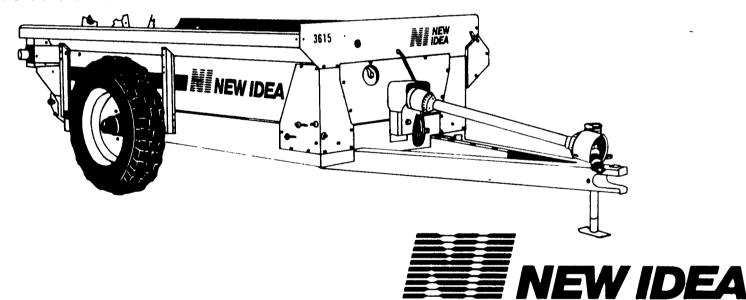
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