

Disaster Payment Program Signup Starts

LANCASTER (Lancaster Co.) — The Agricultural Stabilization and Conservation Service (ASCS) will administer a crop disaster assistance program to compensate eligible producers for crop losses caused by drought, flood, and other natural disasters in either 1990 or 1991.

"To be eligible, producers with crop insurance must have had losses greater than 35 percent," said ASCS County Executive Director, Ray Brubaker. "Producers without crop insurance must have had losses greater than 40 percent."

Program applications may be filed from Feb. 3 through March 13.

The 1990-91 crop disaster program provides cash payments for production losses on participating program crops of wheat and feed grains; nonparticipating program

crops; soybeans, sunflowers, and tobacco; and all commercial non-program crops.

Brubaker said producers who intend to file should begin to assemble their records now, so they will be ready when the program opens.

He said that farmers will receive a special mailing with specific information on the program this month. "If a producer does not receive the disaster program information in the mail by Feb. 3, he or she should call the county ASCS office."

Brubaker said that a producer may not file on one crop on a farm for one year and a different crop on the same farm for the other.

"However, the producer may request benefits for 1990 on one farm and for 1991 on another farm."

The ASCS official said disaster

payments would be computed according to the 1990 Farm Bill, and that he expects to begin issuing payments to farmers by April 16.

Further details of the disaster payment program may be obtained from any local ASCS office.

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Association of Pennsylvania. Concurrent sessions covered fruit and vegetable topics, including panels related to frost control techniques, high density peaches, growing and handling nectarines, and industry show and tells.

Also, at the tomato awards luncheon, sponsored by Furman Foods, Northumberland, and agricultural chemical companies, awards were presented to winners of the 1991 tomato growing contest. They are, Class 1, machine harvest, Steve Hershey and Dale Frank, Elizabethtown; Class 2, machine harvest, W-J Farms, Berwick; Class 3, machine harvest, Paul Dotterer and Sons, Mill Hall; Class 2 hand harvest, Mt. Ridge Farms, Biglerville; and Class 3 hand harvest Irwin Martin, Selingsgrove.

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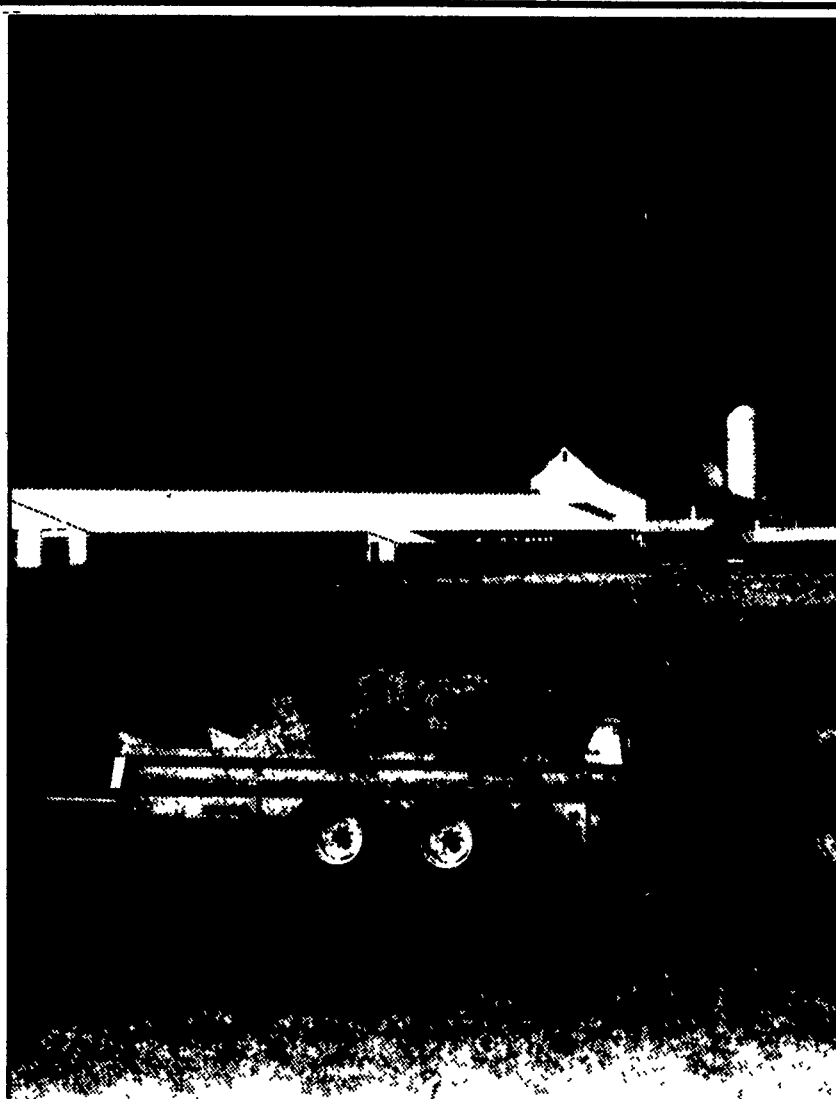


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