Integrated Crop Management Planners Approved

SMOKESTOWN (Lancaster Co.) — The USDA Soil Conservation Service has issued a list of fertilizer venders and crop consultans who have been approved to develop integrated crop management plans for environmental protection in the Pequea-Mill Creek Project area of Lancaster County.

These 13 ag chemical dealers and private consultants have completed nutrient and crop management training and passed an examination sponsored by Penn State Cooperative Extension and the Soil Conservation Service.

A \$7/acre incentive for the 1992-1993 crop year is available for farmers in the Pequea-Mill Creek watersheds who hire an integrated crop planner. Farmers must enroll with the Lancaster ASCS office between August 3 and 21 to be eligible for the payment.

The crop management planners will use soil tests, information about manure production, and crop production information to recommend nutrient and pesticide applications to achieve an opti-

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mum agronomic yield while ensuring acceptable environmental protection. They will follow up their recommendations with crop scouting visits throughout the growing season. These visits will determine if other control treatments are necessary to control diseases, insects, or nutrient deficiencies.

Planners will include the environmental protection feature by preparing a farm operator's nutrient management summary that has been developed by the agencies in Pennsylvania that are responsible for environmental protection. The summary includes a manure spreading schedule, rates of manure application, and the fertilizer required to meet crop production needs.

Farmers will find that by working with an approved dealer or consultant, they'll be able to take advantage of the experience the dealer or consultant has in being a part of their farm operation in previous years. By being approved and using the recognized forms, a dealer or consultant will be able to

offer crop management for environmental protection as a new service.

Certification of the dealers and consultants to write plans is a step in voluntary compliance with nutrient management on the part of the farmers, fertilizer dealers, and crop consultants.

This initiative is part of the

USDA funded Pequea-Mill Creek Project to improve water quality in central Lancaster County. This voluntary program also includes incentives to help farmers implement best management practices to improve water quality.

An informational meeting is planned for farmers who are interested in participating in the incen-

tive program. The meeting will be held Tuesday afternoon, August 4, at the Intercourse Park. Farmers can contact the Pequea-Mill Creek Project office, 311B Airport Dr., Smoketown, PA 17576-0211, (717)396-9423 to make reservations for the meeting and receive a list of approved dealers and private consultants.

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