



SPECIAL REPORT

UPDATE ON WATER PROJECT
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 Creek Program

The Pequea-Mill Creek Project, which encompasses 130,000 acres in Lancaster County, is designed to look at innovative and cost-effective ways of reducing nonpoint source pollution.

The USDA water quality project will have a display set up in the Conservation Tent at Ag Progress Days.

The goal of the project is to involve the state's agricultural industry in water quality education efforts. Some of the areas being addressed include integrated crop

management, nutrient management, barnyard management, stream fencing, and farmstead assessment.

Fact Sheets detailing these practices will be available at the display in the Conservation Tent throughout Ag Progress.

Recently, highlights of the lessons learned in the U.S. Department of Agriculture's Rural Clean Water Program were discussed at a conference last week.

The program, held at Lancaster's Farm and Home Center, 1383 Arcadia road, explained the findings of the project.

During the 10-year Rural Clean Water Program (RCWP) project, the effects of using agricultural best management practices (BMPs) to control nonpoint source

pollution were studied. The practices studied included nutrient management and pipe outlet terraces.

The results of extensive ground and surface water monitoring done in conjunction with implementing these practices were reported by staff of the United States Geological Survey, who did the monitoring.

At last week's program, Penn State extension staff discussed nutrient management principles and educational strategies used to implement nutrient management in the upper Conestoga watershed.

Putting agricultural nonprofit source pollution in perspective and control of agricultural nonpoint source pollution were discussed by Soil Conservation Service personnel. A farmer's perspective was

provided by Aaron Stauffer, owner of one of the farms where ground-water monitoring was conducted. For more information about

these water quality projects, contact me or Leon Ressler, Penn State Cooperative Extension, (717) 394-6851.

Council Helps Ukraine Obtain Credit

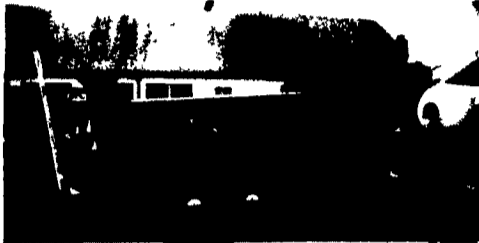
WASHINGTON, D.C. — In May, USDA announced a first-ever GSM-102 credit guarantee line of \$110 million for Ukraine thanks in large measure to efforts of the U.S. Feed Grains Council.

In January, Ukraine grain trade, government and banking officials revealed to the Council their readiness for Ukraine's own line of GSM-102 to the former Soviet Union and Russia.

The Council advised Ukraine officials to submit an official request for the credit guarantees and proof of their credit worthiness to USDA. The Council also sent a letter to the administration requesting USDA grant \$300 million in GSM-102 to Ukraine.

Of the \$110 million in credit guarantees granted, \$33.7 million was allocated to feed grains.

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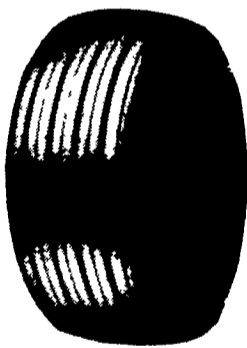
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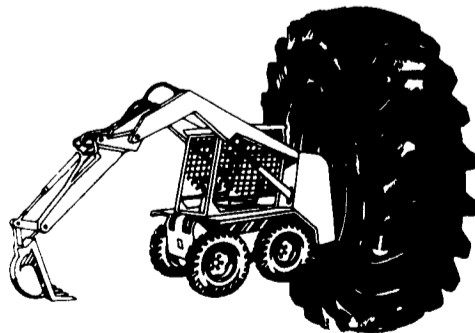


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