

Cost Sharing Available For Animal Groups To Meet Integrated Management For Educational Program

SMOKETOWN (Lancaster Co.) — The Lancaster County ASCS office has announced a sign-up period for farmers interested in receiving cost sharing for integrated crop management and other water quality practices.

The cost sharing is part of the Water Quality Incentive Program (WQIP). To be eligible for the cost sharing, farmers must live in the Pequea or Mill Creek watersheds in Lancaster County.

Farmers will receive \$7/acre to offset the cost of hiring an approved crop consultant to soil test, regularly scout for insects,

weeds, and other crop pests. Consultants will use this information to make fertilizer and pesticide management recommendations.

The sign-up period will be open from Feb. 22 until March 12. Farmers will need to visit the ASCS office in the Farm and Home Center during that time period to sign up.

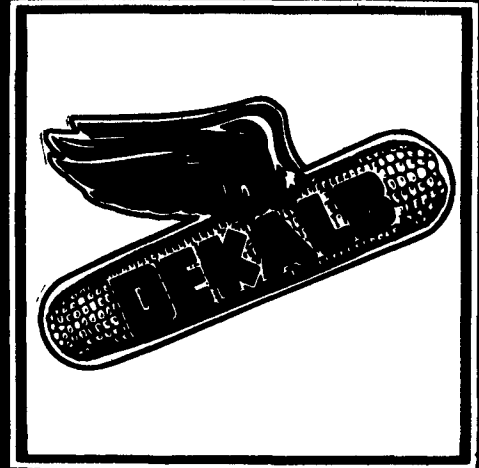
This initiative is part of the USDA funded Pequea-Mill Creek Project to improve water quality in central Lancaster County. For more information and a list of approved crop consultants, contact the Pequea-Mill Creek Project office at (717) 396-9423.

HARRISBURG (Dauphin Co.) — A statewide conference for animal users will be held on February 12 here at the Days Inn Airport.

Sponsored by Pennsylvanians for the Responsible Use of Animals (PRUA), the second annual "Conference on the ABC's of Responsible Animal Use" will feature a hard-hitting educational program aimed at reversing myths about animal use and combating infringements on the individual's right to use animals in a humane manner.

The day-long program is geared for groups and individuals who are involved in agriculture, the food industry, biomedical research, wildlife conservation, and entertainment.

To receive a conference registration form or more information about Pennsylvanians for the Responsible Use of Animals, contact Kenneth Brandt, P.O. Box 61, Elizabethtown, PA 17022, (717) 367-5223.



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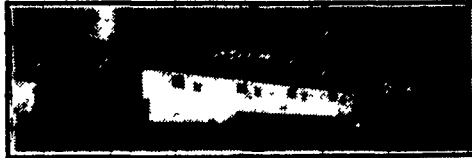
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