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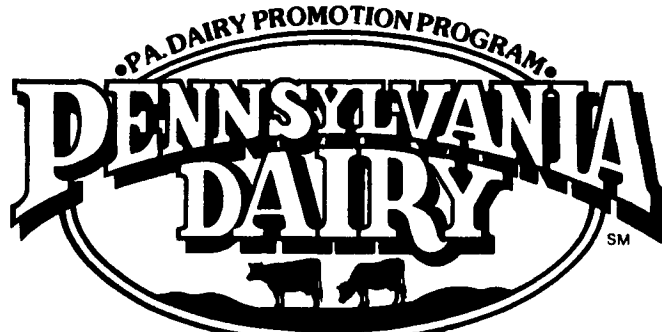
LEESPORT (Berks Co.) — Richard Troutman, chairman of the Berks County Stabilization and Conservation Service, said premeasurement and other land measurement services are available to assure producers that they are in compliance with the 1993 farm program requirements and eligible for program benefits.

At the request of producers, ASCS will measure, stake, and reference any type of acreage, or portions thereof, prior to planting. "We can also advise producers of fields which already have an official acreage," Troutman said. Only those acres premeasured by ASCS will be guaranteed for

the 1993 program year, he said. Fees vary, based on the type of service rendered. To be certain that program requirements are met, producers must plant within the stakes that are placed when the land is premeasured, and also report their crop acreage to ASCS after planted.

The 1993 farm program sign-up begins March 1. To qualify for target price protection and price support loans, producers must reduce their acreage bases by 10 percent for corn and five percent for grain sorghum. There is zero acreage reduction for wheat, oats, and barley. "Premeasurement is important

in helping farmers plan the amount of land to devote to the acreage conservation reserve (ACR) and planted acreages of program crops," Troutman said. Farmers interested in using premeasurement service, or in obtaining information on other producer services, should contact Donna Kline at the local ASCS office.



Wolff Urges Yes Vote On Vegetable Referendum

HARRISBURG (Dauphin Co.) — State Agriculture Secretary Boyd E. Wolff urged Pennsylvania vegetable producers to vote yes to renew their marketing and research program in a March referendum. The Department of Agriculture will be conducting the review referendum of the Pennsylvania Vegetable Marketing and Research

Program. The referendum will give vegetable producers an opportunity to vote on the continuation of the Program for an additional five years. Secretary Wolff expressed his support of the Program's efforts. "Our vegetable farmers have relied on the Vegetable Marketing and Research Program for healthier crops and better sales for years," Wolff said. "A vote in favor of this referendum is a vote for the continued success of vegetable farming in Pennsylvania."

or 1,000 square feet or more of greenhouse area, to grow vegetables for sale in Pennsylvania are eligible to vote on the referendum. The referendum period will begin on March 22, 1993, and end on April 9, 1993. Counting of the ballots will begin at 10 a.m. Wednesday, April 14, 1993, in the State Agriculture Building in Harrisburg, PA.

For more information about the review referendum, contact Brenda Beleski Briggs, Bureau of Market Development, Pennsylvania Department of Agriculture, 2301 N. Cameron St., Harrisburg, PA 17110.

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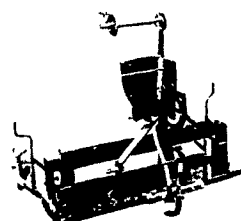
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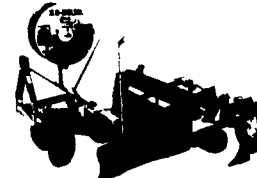
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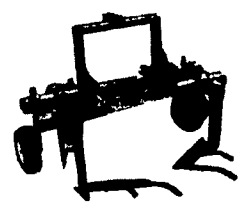
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