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Evolving legislation

Beegle also provided an update on the evolving state nutrient management legislation, which is now considering two animal units per acre (he said one cow and replacement is the equivalent of two animal units) as basis for creating nutrient management plans.

According to Beegle, farmers who calculate manure amounts on the farm have to carefully consider "uncollected manure" in the exercise or sacrifice lots. Often, he believes, the manure ends up in places "where it shouldn't. Where is the uncollected manure going?"

Only half the nitrogen in manure is available the year it is spread, and the other half is slow-release nitrogen, according to Beegle. Farmers must keep that in mind when considering manure application planning.

Rely on management

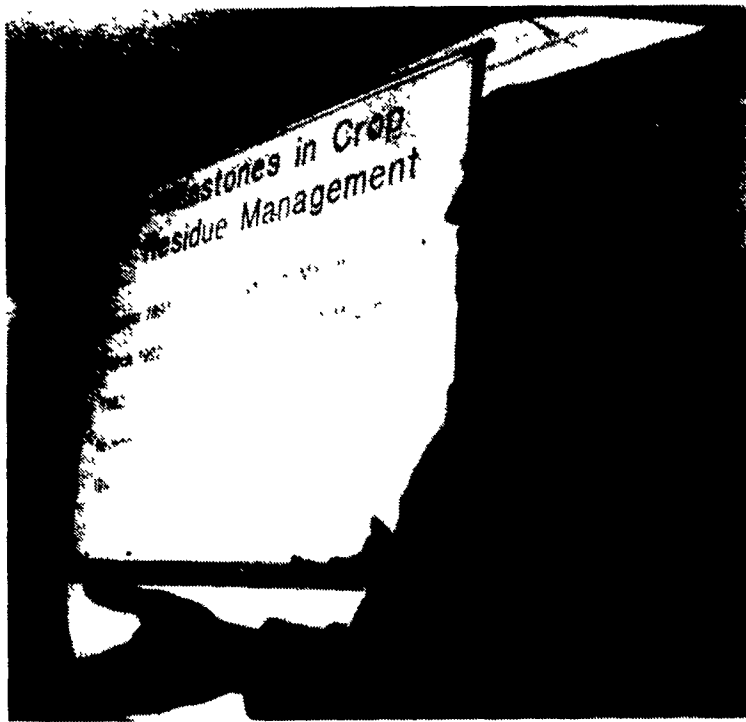
Farmers must rely more on residue management than tillage in keeping to conservation compliance, according to Myers.

There are many benefits, including the effectiveness of residue in reducing soil erosion. Also, farmers can see savings of up to \$10 a pass/acre in equipment wear and tear, fuel, time, and other factors, according to Myers.

But with using no-till, the overall soil loss is so much less than conventional tillage. And in some hard-to-farm regions, no-till is being used successfully.

If you have to use conventional tillage, use it to solve only specific problems in specific areas, according to the SCS representative.

Overall, industry, agencies, and



Conservation compliance is dependent on farm site, and can fit into any farm system, according to Joel Myers, state agronomist with the Soil Conservation Service (SCS), who spoke on how to achieve optimum residue management.

farmers and working together to share information in providing improved soil stewardship.

Also at the meeting, Norm Conrad, Union County extension agent, provided a water table recharge model demonstration to show how groundwater is

recharged and some of the ways water sources can be affected. The model was constructed by students from Iowa State University in Ames, Iowa.

"Our farming practices have an affect on our water supplies," said Conrad.

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ABC Announces Election Results

LANCASTER (Lancaster Co.) — Atlantic Breeders Cooperative Inc. has announced the result of elections of member representatives held last month during its many annual district meetings.

Elected to three-year terms as district directors were Harold Haldeman, of Doylestown, for District 1; Raymond Martin, of Jonestown, for District 3; John Wigle, of Latrobe, for District 11; Lawrence Wallace, of Marion Center, for District 12; and Richard Rhoades, of Emlenton, for District 13.

Also held at the same time was the election of members to serve two years on district resource and promotion committees.

In District 1, elected were Brian Moyer, of Souderton, and Terry Hafer, of Douglassville.

In District 2, elected was Harry Troop, of Cochranville.

In District 3, elected were Ernest Gelsing, of Robesonia, and Delmar Weaver, of Lykens.

In District 4, elected was Edward Sensenich, of Lititz.

In District 5, elected were David Byers, of Quarryville, and David Hess, of Lancaster.

In District 6, elected was Richard Foster, of Parkton, Md.

In District 7, elected were Josie Hess, of Gettysburg; Thomas Bashore of Mechanicsburg, and Frank Elgerma, of Westminster, Md.

In District 8, elected were Edward Brechbill, of Chambersburg, and David Stuck, of Belleville.

In District 9, elected were Charles Harpster, of Pennsylvania Furnance, and Michael Stoltzfus, of Bedford.

In District 10, elected was Chris Hay, of Rockwood.

In District 11, elected were Sam Stoner, of Latrobe, and John Yates, of Eighty Four.

In District 12, elected was Brenda McMullen, of Ebsensburg.

In District 13, elected were Timothy Burkett, of Punxsutawney, and Nelson Smith, of Mayport.

In District 14, elected were Russell First, of Wooster, Ohio, and Jeffrey Kennedy, of Butler.

In District 15, elected were Leroy Geibel, of Jackson Center, and Michael Isiminger, of Union City.

In District 16, Steven Gates, of Corry, was elected to serve.

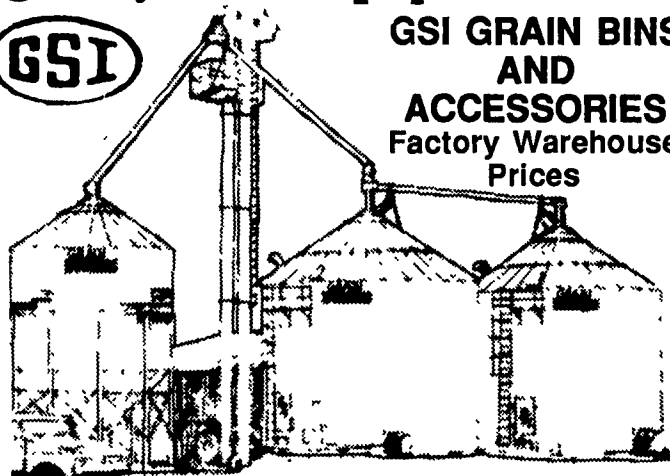
Also announced was the cooperative's annual meeting scheduled for Wednesday March 24 at the Eden Resort.

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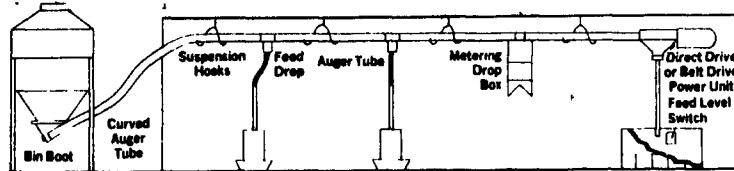
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