

Potato Research Referendum Approved

HARRISBURG (Dauphin Co.) — State Agriculture Secretary Boyd E. Wolff has announced the results of the Pennsylvania Potato Research Program Referendum. "The Potato Research Referendum has been approved by a margin of 76 percent in favor to 24 percent opposed," Wolff said.

"The referendum ensures that important research will continue to be funded through the program."

Under the approved referendum, producers who plant five acres or more of potatoes for sale will be assessed \$4 for each acre. A producer is defined as a person

who produces, grows, or causes to be produced potatoes in the commonwealth.

Program funds are used to support research that improves harvests by developing methods to control potato diseases and insect pests, and by investigating productivity and growing conditions. Four research projects will be funded this year.

Crop Disaster Relief Announced

LEESPORT (Berks Co.) — Farmers in Berks County may apply for financial relief from crop losses sustained as a result of hot and dry conditions during the 1993 growing season, announced Richard Troutman of the Berks County ASCS.

Under legislation signed by President Clinton on August 12, appropriations have been made available for 1993 crop losses because of damaging weather and related conditions occurring in 1993.

Eligible producers may apply for benefits on most crops through March 1994. To be eligible for payments, a producer must have sustained a 35-percent loss to a particular crop while carrying crop insurance. Otherwise, a 40-percent loss is required for eligibility.

"While it may be too early in many cases to determine exact losses, producers should be prepared to provide the needed data," said Troutman. To be prepared, they should contact the Berks County ASCS office for detailed information.

Producers will receive payment based on the difference between normal production on all crop acreage on a given farm and the 1993 actual production. The rate of payment is 65-percent of the target price (for participating program crops*) or county loan rate (for nonparticipating program crops) established for the crop.

Currently, the 1993 program covers losses to quantity only. It is anticipated that quality losses will be added in a manner similar to the disaster programs covering the 1990, 1991, and 1992 crop years.

Payment for 1993 losses in for the full amount for which eligibility is established and is not subject to factoring the meet budgetary ceiling.

State Recognizes Century Farms

HARRISBURG (Dauphin Co.) — Eleven Pennsylvania farm families have been honored by the State Department of Agriculture as official Pennsylvania Century Farms. This brings to 1,633 the number of farm owners in Pennsylvania who have been recognized under the program.

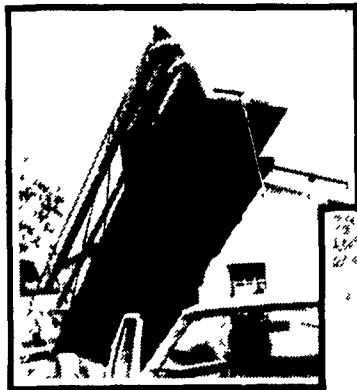
"Our Century Farm families demonstrate a durability and love of the land that is the heritage of Pennsylvania," said Secretary of Agriculture Boyd E. Wolff. "Agriculture continues as Pennsylvania's leading industry and job creator because of the hard work, dedication, and innovation of rural families like these."

The Century Farm Program honors families whose farms have been in the same family for more than 100 consecutive years, contain at least 10 of the original acres, and gross more than \$1,000 annually from the sale of farm products.

The following farm owners received certificates from the Department:

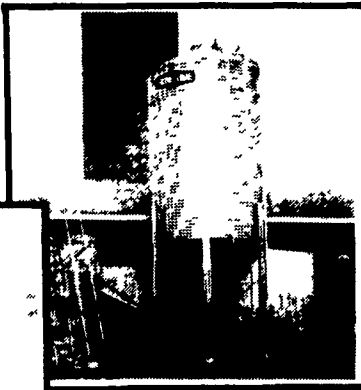
- Armstrong County - E. Wayne & Connie McLean, RD 1, Creekside, farm purchased in 1866 by his great grandfather John M. McLean.
- Franklin County - J. Herbert & Alma Frantz, 10471 Buchanan Trail East, Waynesboro, farm purchased in 1838 by his great-great-grandfather Christian H. Frantz.
- Bedford County - Robert W. & Joyce Y. Mearkle, RD 1, Clearville, farm purchased in 1864 by his great-great uncle David S. Mearkle.
- Cambria County - Ralph J. & Marion M. Sheehan, RD 1, Patton, farm purchased in 1878 by his great grandfather Michael Sheehan.
- Lancaster County - Roger & Kandy Rohrer, Girvin Rd., Strasburg, farm purchased in 1893 by his great grandfather Witmer J. Rohrer.
- Lawrence County - Gertrude Chapin, RD 3, New Castle, farm purchased in 1834 by his great grandfather Andrus Chapin. Charles M. & Helen L. Eppinger, RD 2, Volant, farm purchased in 1893 by his grandparents Sara Jane & Henry Eppinger.
- Lycoming County - Byron & Louise Schneider, RD 1, Morris, farm purchased in the 1850's by his grandfather Jacob Schneider.
- Northampton County - Robert F. & John R. Mills, Richmond Rd., Easton, farm purchased in 1889 by their maternal grandfather Amandus A. Frankenfield.
- Venango County - Charles J. & Denise L. Bean, RD 3, Franklin, farm purchased by his great grandfather William D. Bean in 1893.
- Washington County - Millervale Farm, Mr. & Mrs. W. Edwin Miller, Miller Rd., McDonald, farm purchased in 1872 by his grandfather John H. Miller.

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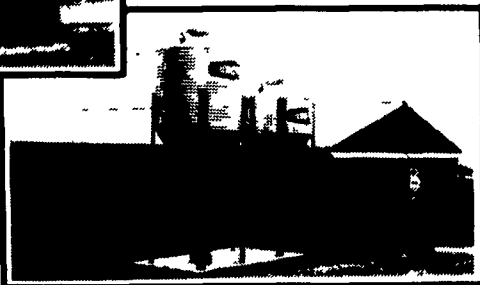


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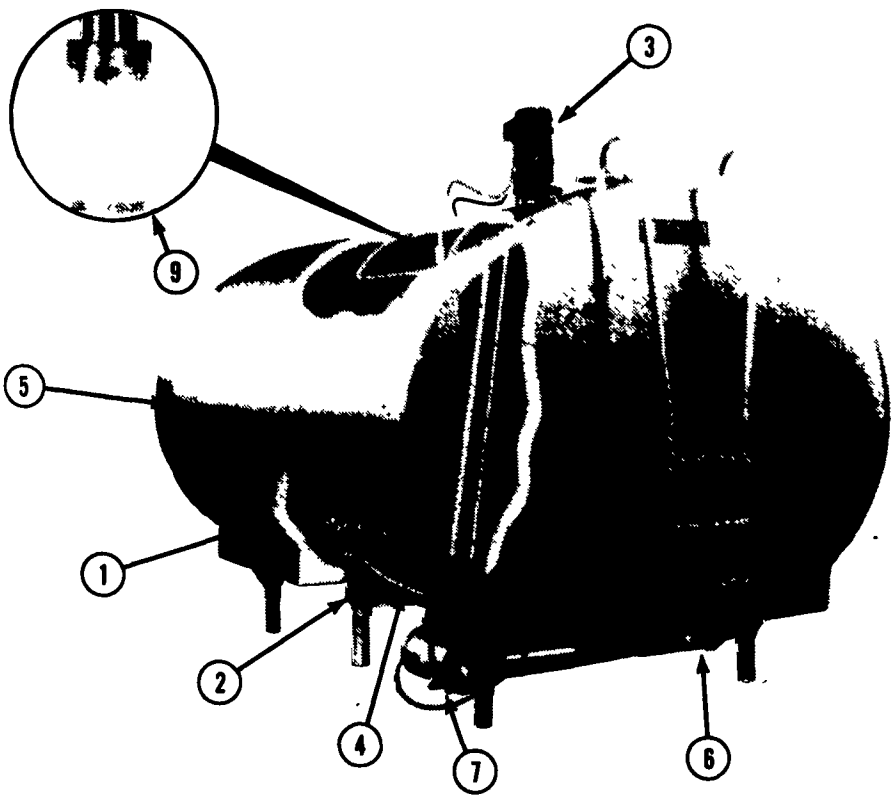
- ① Solid polyurethane insulation bond between inner and outer tank adds rigidity.
- ② Structural steel support channels support inner tank for calibration accuracy over the cooler's life.
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