

Districts Request Additional State Funding

GRANTVILLE (Dauphin Co.) — An increase in funding for Pennsylvania's county conservation districts could save money for the commonwealth, the Pennsylvania Association of Conservation Districts, Inc. (PACD) said at its quarterly statewide executive council meeting recently here at the Holiday Inn.

The three-day conference also included a quarterly meeting of the State Conservation Commission, chaired by Department of Environmental Resources (DER) Secretary Arthur Davis, as well as general sessions highlighting the environmental education legislation and the Envirothon program.

A fund-raising task force was created last year by PACD President Robert Wagner to address the problem of growing responsibilities and an unchanging budget. The PACD executive council agreed with the task force's assessment that the current level cannot adequately support conser-

vation district implementation of state environmental programs. Local districts are not always fully able to implement state programs because of financial restrictions. The first year cost of district involvement in implementing the new Nutrient Management Act alone is estimated at \$750,000. The current total allocation is \$1.5 million. PACD leadership has requested \$4.04 million to reimburse districts for their response on behalf of the commonwealth. A recent study by DER deter-

mined that the amount of work performed by districts, on behalf of the commonwealth, is in excess of \$7 million. The conservation districts are being asked to contact their legislators in support of the funding increase. The State Conservation Commission at its quarterly meeting announced it is seeking public input on the proposed interim criteria for nutrient management plans required under Pennsylvania's new Nutrient Management Act.

Sire Power's Report Card Out

TUNKHANNOCK (Wyoming Co.) — Following the January 1994 Sire Summary, Sire Power has 42 active Holstein sires in their lineup. Included in that group is the industry's highest new release sire and the top two protein pound sires.

9H1489 SLOCUM was graduated from Sire Power's GOLD program at +1311 TPI. This ranks him third on the Top 100 TPI list. He has the distinction of being both the highest New Release sire and Cleitus' highest TPI son.

SLOCUM is +\$289, +70p and +2530m. He also offers a +2.58 PTAT and +2.17 Udder Composite. There is considerable interest in SLOCUM. Sire Power sales personnel report rapid sales and the Sire Power office has received many calls inquiring about the bull.

9H1909 VALVANO is another Cleitus son that entered the Sire Power lineup. He was developed by Superior Sire Associates in Oxford, New York. VALVANO was bred by Keystone Farms in Pennsylvania. He has a very deep pedigree with seven generations of cows over 100,000m lifetime. All but one of those cows are scored Very Good or Excellent.

VALVANO is +1128 on TPI. He is +\$247, +.04% and +69p. He also has a +1.50 PTAT and +1.39 Udder Composite.

Sire Power has the distinction of being able to offer the top two TPI, Cleitus sons in SLOCUM and 9H1475 JAG*BL. JAG ranks 13th on the Top 100 List at +1222. His +.09% and +69p is complemented with a PTAT of +1.71 and a +1.80 Udder Composite.

Sire Power is very proud to offer the only two 90 pound protein sires in the Holstein breed. 9H1293 CURIOUS is the breed leader at +95p. He holds the Number 12 TPI spot on the list at +1233. 9H1401 MOUNTAIN ranks second at +91p. His +1185 TPI ranks him 31st on the TPI list. Both sires offer extreme production and respectable type patterns.

The Sire Power line-up averages +62p. There are 15 sires over +\$250. Leading the list for Protein Dollars is 9H1448 SANDMAN. He is an outcross sire (Beautician X Spirit) that is +\$325, +81p and +2682m. Another \$300 sire is 9H1289 OSCAR. He has been used as an industry-wide sire of sons. OSCAR is now +81p, +1190 TPI and +1.42 on type.

There are also several High Reliability sires in the Sire Power line-up. 9H1360 LEADER *RC's udder composite (+2.21) and PTAT (+1.71) increased with the addition of nearly 500 daughters. He also added over 1500 daughters to his production proof and is now +\$241, +68p and +2265m. His +1129 TPI ranks him 68th on the Top 100 TPI list.

Another high reliability favorite is 9H1057 ARES. He is known to sire extremely fancy udders. His current udder composite is +2.30. ARES is now +\$238 and +2078m with a PTAT of +1.75. 9H939 FRONTIER continues to be in demand because of his +2.06 udder composite and +72p. Sire Power also

re-activated 9H1173 GLOW. He has an udder composite of +2.16 and a PTAT of +1.91. GLOW entered the Sire Power line-up in January 1990 at +2033m. After his January 1994 summary, at 99% Reliability, he is +2190m.

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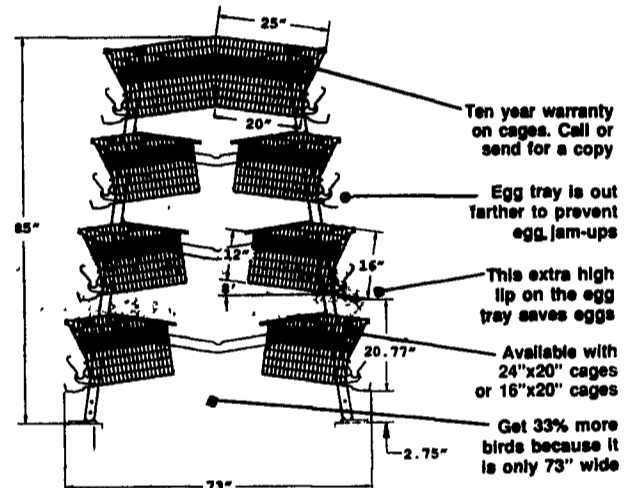
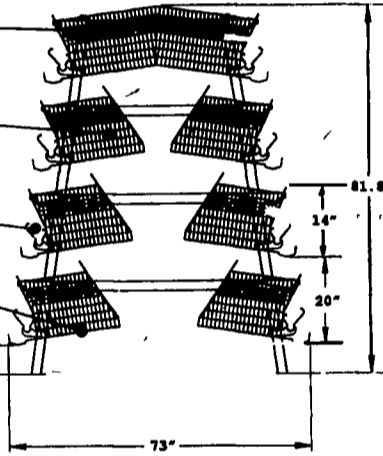
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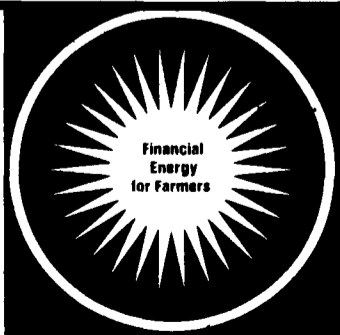
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