# Farmland Protection Passes 50,000-Acre Mark

HARRISBURG (Dauphin Co.) — Pennsylvania's farmland protection program has reached a new milestone, preserving more than 50,000 acres of agricultural land since the program began in 1989.

At its meeting recently, the state Farmland Protection Board approved easement purchases for 44 farms in 18 counties, protecting 5,419 acres of prime farmland from development and putting the farmland protection effort over the 50,000-acre mark in approved easement purchases.

"We're delighted to have reached 50,000 acres in the farmland protection effort," said State Agriculture Secretary Boyd E. Wolff, who chairs the board. "We also approved the first easement purchases for Carbon and Columbia counties, so we're seeing the program continue to expand as more counties preserve more farms."

Under the Farmland Protection Program, the state and counties purchase development rights to guarantee that farms will remain as agricultural land. Individual landowners apply to county Agricultural Land Preservation Boards.

If approved for possible easement purchase, the county boards may request state funding participation. Counties may participate jointly with the state in easement purchases or may purchase easements outright.

Following are the properties approved, listed by county, owner, township, acreage, and easement purchase cost:

•Berks — Paul H. and Betty A. Myers, Richmond Township, 121 acres, \$242,500.

•Berks — Than Farm #3, Lower Heidelberg Township, 72 acres, \$143,600.

•Bucks — Kevin P. and Cynthia A. Bishop, Hilltown Township, 33 acres, \$174,060.

•Bucks — Michael D. and Cynthia A. Lewis, New Britain Township, 51 acres, \$206,100.

•Bucks — Edwin L. and Lois A. Daniels and Timothy L. and Sharon M. Ruth, Buckingham Township, 62 acres, \$435,577.

•Bucks — Paul E. and Dorie E. Daniels, Buckingham Township, 58 acres, \$391,770.

•Bucks — Arthur Leroy and Lillian Shull, Plumstead Township, 144 acres, \$711,180.

•Carbon — Earlyn C., Janice E., and Donald B. Gilbert, Mahoning Township, 50 acres, \$102,632. •Centre — Mark W. and Doro-

to F-strain.

Wrinkled, misshapen eggs, and weak shell or soft tips were less evident with Mycovac-L vaccinated flocks. Pullet growers and egg producers also said the Fstrain appeared to be harder on the pullet, so much so that she had trouble meeting target pullet weight in some instances compared with the milder Mycovac-L.

To date, we have no records on egg grade of egg losses incurred by these flocks, Further record evaluation including pullet body weights, and an economic cost/ return evaluation, would greatly add to this comparison.

The previous information is supplied with the understanding that no discrimination is intended and no endorsement by Penn State Cooperative Extension is implied. thy J. Smith, Spring Township, 117 acres, \$109,183.

•Chester — Elizabeth L. Harris, Highland Township, 98 acres, \$441,258.

•Chester — Dale H. and Janie C. Reburn, Lower Oxford Township, 83 acres, \$256,451.

•Chester — Robert P. and M. Terry Reisler, Elk Township, 125 acres, \$311,775.

•Chester — Amanda C. Cabot and Peter Kjellerup, West Marlborough and Londonderry Townships, 67 acres, \$349,446.

•Chester — Edwin A. Peeples and Family, West Vincent Township, 61 acres, \$447,894.

•Chester — Samuel E. Siple, Elk Township, 74 acres, \$184,725.

•Chester — John R. Jr. and Joan L. St. John, New London Township, 116 acres, \$531,666.

•Chester — March K. Walsh, Highland Township, 24 acres, \$110,002.

•Columbia — George S., Frances A., and Gregory A. Haladay, Cleveland Township, 136 acres, \$135,295.

•Cumberland — Richard M. and Anna P. Smith, North Newton Township, 121 acres, \$208,971.

•Franklin — John H. Sr., Doris E. and John H. Koons Jr., Washington, Quincy, and Antrim Townships, 111 acres, \$162,076. •Franklin — Joel R. and Catherine M. Thomas, Montgomery

Township, 112 acres, \$178,917. •Lancaster — P. Steven and Jo-

seph B. Graybeal #2, Fulton Township, 275 acres, \$228,730. •Lancaster — David H. and Ida

H. Wenger, Warwick Township, 68 acres, \$318,429.

•Lancaster — Shelly R. and Margaret M. Shellenberger, East Donegal Township, 96 acres, \$295,400.

•Lancaster — James F. and Joanne D. Brubaker #2, East Donegal Township, 64 acres \$180,000. •Lancaster — R. Steven and Joseph B. Graybeal #1, Fulton Township, 397 acres, \$366,800. •Lebanon — Earl W. Ziegler, Bethel Township, ~164 acres, \$278,009.

•Lycoming — Richard and William Steppe, Limestone Township, 471 acres, \$398,708.

•Lycoming - David and Elaine Steppe and John Orgitano, Limestone Township, 252 acres, \$251,630.

•Monroe — Lizzie Christman Estate, Polk Township, 95 acres, \$239,381.

•Monroe — Gerald E. and Nancy E. Kresge, Polk Township, 82 acres, \$235,496.

•Monroe — Steven S. and Annette L. Murphy, Polk Township, 79 acres, \$234,000.

•Montgomery — Palmer E. and Patty L. Retzlaff, New Hanover Township, 161 acres, \$716,594.

•Montgomery — Robert E. and Edith M. Zawada, Upper Freder-

ick Township, 83 acres, \$371,403. •Montgomery — Aldo and Anna E.M. Magazzeni, New Hanover Township, 79 acres, \$355,635. •Northampton — Daniel W. and Diane L. Schlegel, Moore Township, 94 acres, \$104,504.

•Schuylkill — Robert R. and Opal R. Brosius #1, Eldred Township, 49 acres, \$48,640.

•Schuylkill — Robert R. and Opal R. Brosius #2, Eldred Township, 127 acres, \$126,780.

•Schuylkill — Kermit L. and Mae V. Kahler, Eldred Township, 110 acres, \$109,880.

•Schuylkill — Harold J. and Susan M. Marks, Barry Township, 42 acres, \$42,230.

•Schuylkill — Keith E. and Helen C. Masser, Hubley Township, 142 acres, \$141,790.

•Susquehanna — Larry L., Dorothy F., Michael and Stanley Abbott, Bridgewater Township, 245 acres, \$163,842.

•Wayne — Robert K. and Sylvia G. Bailey, Mount Pleasant Township, 184 acres, \$187,402.

•Westmoreland — Frederick & Dorothy Slezak, 224 acres, \$342,782.

### District Has New Conservationist

WEST CHESTER (Chester Co.) — The Chester County Conservation District announces the employment of Stephen Thompson as Chesapeake Bay resource conservationist.

Thompson is from Altoona, and began working for the district on Tuesday, Feb. 22. His background includes a bachelor's in agricultural and biological engineering from Penn State.

As Chesapeake Bay resource conservationist, Thompson will be directly involved with the Elk and Octoraro watersheds, located in southwestern Chester County in the Chesapeake Bay drainage basin. He will provide technical assistance to accelerate implementation of nutrient plans, the installation of best management practices (BMPs), and related technical needs under the Chesapeake Bay program.

The Chesapeake Bay program is a voluntary program that allows a farmer to input their own special considerations into the planning process. Each plan is customized to each particular farm and farmer. If you would like more infor-

mation regarding the Chesapeake Bay program, call Stephen Thompson at (610) 696-5126.

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## Poultry Pointers

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Egg case weight was signific-

antly greater during the 40-49 and

50-59 week periods for the hens

that received Mycovac-L (48.7 vs.

48.3 pounds, and 49.8 vs. 49.6

Consistent trends in body

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and case weight would suggest

Mycovac-L is a desirable product

to use in Pennsylvania for coping

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