

# New OCIA Chapter Forms

**NEW HOLLAND** (Lancaster Co.) — A new OCIA chapter has been formed in Southeastern Pennsylvania.

Organic Crop Improvement Association (OCIA) is an internationally recognized, farmer-owned and operated certification

program, with more than 60 chapters around the world, including Argentina, Belize, Bolivia, Canada, Germany, Holland, Japan, Mexico, Peru, and the United States. With more than 3000 grower members, certified acreage is well over half a million acres.

OCIA was conceived in response to increased consumer demand for food products without harmful pesticides, herbicides, and fungicides, associated with the conventional agricultural food production system.

Crop improvement is OCIA's most important responsibility.

OCIA seeks to support all farmers with the technical knowledge, skill, and organizational aids to develop workable crop management systems, capable of supplying the growing market demand for organic food. Just what consti-

tutes crop improvement can vary from farm to farm, ranging from learning to substitute timely cultivation for herbicide sprays, to exploring extremely sophisticated techniques on the frontiers of soil and pest management. Farmers must demonstrate not only a willingness to learn and to share, but a recognition that professional development is a continuous process in which there is always room for improvement.

Organic farming in southeastern Pennsylvania is growing rapidly, because of the demand for organic produce, meats and poul-

try, and an interest in producing organic milk. As this demand grows, there is a greater need for certified grains locally. This could be an opportunity for southeastern farmers to produce additional income.

The southeastern chapter of OCIA will be holding a public meeting sometime in February. Watch for more details.

At a recent meeting, Don Weaver Homestead Farm was elected president of this chapter, Roman Stoltzfoos vice president, Ned MacArthur secretary, and Enos Hoover treasurer.

## Corn, Other Grains

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GUTSHALL JR, 2. NEVIN G RICE, 3 GREG BRIGGS.  
MIXED MORE THAN 50% LEGUMES: GREG BRIGGS.  
MIXED MORE THAN 50% GRASSES:

1. KENNETH BALDNER, 2. GREG KENNIS, 3. GREG BRIGGS.  
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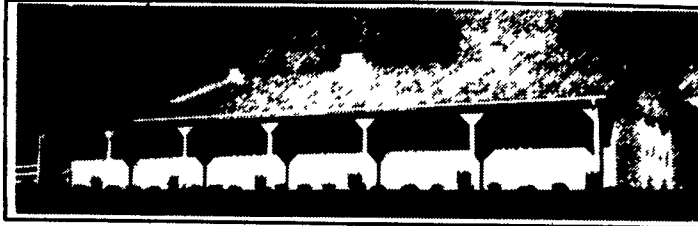
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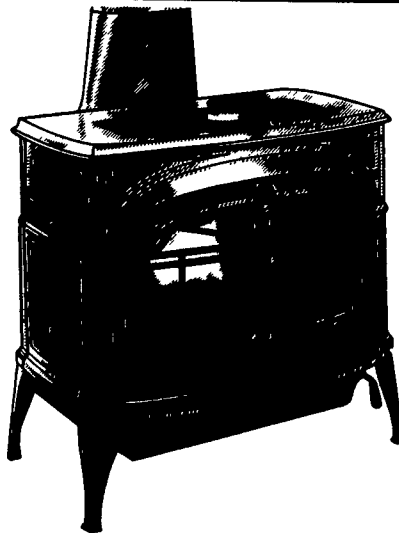
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