

Pa. USDA Helps Save Chesapeake Bay

HARRISBURG, (Dauphin Co.) — Earth Day 2000 finds USDA agencies in Pennsylvania doing their part to preserve and improve water quality in the Chesapeake Bay through more than \$192 million in projects, programs, and practices specifically within the Chesapeake Bay Watershed in Pennsylvania during the last seven years.

While representing just a portion of each agency's work throughout the state, their efforts help to install or improve water and wastewater disposal systems in rural Pennsylvania and help farmers install conservation practices which prevent erosion run-off and nutrients from polluting streams going into the bay.

Agencies of the USDA work with farmers, landowners, and communities to protect and conserve the resources as well as improve the quality of life for rural Pennsylvanians.

Earth Day is an excellent opportunity to highlight the work we have been doing to improve rural communities, water quality, aquatic habitat, and recreational opportunities in the Chesapeake Bay, according to Cook, rural development state director; Bill Baumgartner; Farm Service Agency, state executive director; and Janet Oertly, Natural Resources Conservation Service, state conservationist.

Rural Development (RD), through its Rural Utilities Ser-

vice, administers a water and wastewater loan and grant program in rural areas, cities, and towns with populations less than 10,000. Public entities and non-profit associations may apply for funding to acquire, construct, expand and improve rural water supplies and waste disposal systems. RD has funded eight water projects and 42 sewer projects for more than \$122 million in grants and loans in the Chesapeake Bay Watershed since 1993. They have additional applications for 12 sewer projects and one water project for more than \$33 million.

The Rural Utilities Service is coordinating the Water 2000 Initiative, seeking to provide clean, safe, and affordable drinking water to all rural homes by the end of 2000.

The community of South Philipsburg in Centre County lies within the Chesapeake Bay Watershed. Their existing wildcat sewer system permitted raw sewage to drain into ditches along the streets contributing to river and stream pollution and potential health hazards for the residents.

Borough officials applied to USDA Rural Development for assistance to correct the problem. The residents were very concerned about the situation, but were apprehensive about the cost of constructing a new sewage collection system. At a public meeting attended by rep-

resentatives of Rural Development and DEP, officials explained the negative impact the existing sewer system had on the environment and the health of the residents. One young mother spoke up for her children and all children who might come in contact with the raw sewage, saying it was time for a

change. Borough officials agreed to proceed with the new sewer system and their application to Rural Development was approved. The new wastewater system now provides safe and sanitary conditions for this small community of more than 400 people.

"Quality drinking water is critical to all Pennsylvanians," said Cheryl Cook, RD state director. "Our efforts help communities provide clean drinking water to their residents and insure the future of the community. Clean water for communities means Pennsylvania sends clean water to the bay."



USDA Releases Pesticide Summary

WASHINGTON, D.C.—The U.S. Department of Agriculture's Agricultural Marketing Service today released its "Pesticide Data Program: Annual Summary, Calendar Year 1998." The program provides statistically reliable data on pesticide residues detected in selected foods.

The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) uses Pesticide Data Program (PDP) information to assess dietary exposure to pesticide residues. EPA analyzes exposure to infants and children as well as other sensitive populations as required by the Food Quality Protection Act (FQPA). PDP data are also used to reevaluate tolerances to support the new FQPA pesticide reregistration requirements. USDA uses PDP data to support the export of American products in an expanding competitive global market and to review good agricultural practices with respect to pest management issues.

In 1998, PDP analyzed a total of 8,500 samples. These samples were collected as close to the point of consumption as possible. Foods analyzed in 1998 included six fresh fruits and vegetables, seven processed fruits and vegetables, milk, soybeans, and corn syrup—food items that are highly consumed by children. These foods were monitored for insecticide, herbicide, fungicide and growth regulator residues. PDP also conducted a special survey on single servings of pears. Data from this survey were used by EPA to evaluate acute dietary exposure to pesticides.

PDP has analyzed 40 different commodities through 1999,

and is testing peanut butter, poultry, and sweet cherries this year. PDP has begun to reintroduce commodities tested earlier by the program to assess the effectiveness of label changes and other mitigation measures resulting from implementation of FQPA. PDP conducted a special survey on single-servings of apples in 1999 with a special survey on peaches currently underway. Data from these single-servings surveys are being provided to EPA on a continuing basis. Program activities planned for 2001 include a survey to evaluate potential exposure to pesticides through consumption of drinking water. Funding for this survey is in the President's Budget for fiscal year 2001. Data collected in 1999 will be released in the next summary.

Congress approved implementation of PDP in January 1991 because of the recognized need to improve the quality and quantity of information available on chemical residues in domestically produced and imported

PDP provides the most comprehensive database available on actual residue levels of pesticides found in the U.S. food supply.

Copies of the 1998 PDP Annual Summary can be obtained by writing to the Pesticide Data Branch, Science and Technology, Agricultural Marketing Service, USDA, 8700 Centreville Road, Suite 200, Manassas, VA 20110, by faxing to (703) 369-0678, or calling (703) 330-2300.

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More than 86 percent of the votes cast were in favor of the consolidation.

"We are pleased that the membership has supported the board's initiative to combine these five strong Farm Credit associations," said Walter Hopkins, chairman of the MidAtlantic board of directors. "The vote results are indicative of the unity and support of our membership."

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