

Farm Accepts Ag Plastics For Recycling

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LEOLA (Lancaster Co.) — If you're looking for a way to dispose of agriculture plastic, Dan Zook, located here, may have a solution.

Zook is accepting polyethylene plastic at his farm on 183 South Farmersville Road. Plastic is being shipped to a company, Trex Manufacturing, located in Winchester, Va. The company mixes the plastic with sawdust to make materials for decking.

The company wants the plastic as clean as possible, noted Jeff Stoltzfus, Eastern Lancaster

County School District Young Farmer Program adviser.

Stoltzfus noted the company can handle some soil and moisture contamination in their processes. There is a \$25 per ton charge to take the plastic.

Zook can accept plastic mulch, ag bag plastic, bale wrap, silage covers, greenhouse covers, and shrink wrap.

Zook can't accept plastic twine, Remy row covers, molded plastic (greenhouse pots and trays), milk or water jugs, or pesticide or other containers.

Drip tape and ag mulch should be baled separately,

Stoltzfus noted. Scales are available at the farm to weigh each load.

Zook will accept plastic during the day Wednesdays throughout the winter.

The plastic is baled using a cardboard baler that presses bales into an area 30 inches thick by five feet long, according to Zook. The plastic is shipped to the company by trailer load.

Zook can be reached at his answering service at (717) 656-4422. He is located on South Farmersville Road about one mile off Rt. 23. From Rt. 23, he's the third farm on the right.



Jeff Stoltzfus, Eastern Lancaster County Young Farmer Program adviser, next to the baler at the Zook Farm. Dan Zook accepts ag plastics for recycling.



Discover the Power

York FSA Reminds County Farmers Of Three Announced Programs

YORK (York Co.) — County producers of oilseeds, wool, and mohair may obtain price support coverage under three programs created under recent legislation.

- Oilseeds — Soybean producers who grew a 2000 crop may apply for a market loss payment between Oct. 16, 2000 and Jan. 12, 2001. Established producers receive payments based on the highest of 1997, 1998, or 1999 acreage. New producers receive payments based on their share of the 2000 planted acreage. The higher of the actual yield from 1997, 1998, 1999, or the county average is used in the calculation process.

- Wool And Mohair Market Loss Assistance Program — Because of re-occurring low market prices for wool products, county producers can apply for this one-time payment. Support is available to wool and mohair producers who sheared wool or mohair from Jan. 1, 1999 through Dec. 31, 1999. The payment rate is 20 cents per pound for wool and 40 cents per pound for mohair. Eligible wool must have documentation for poundage certified that

was produced from stock owned for 30 days at time of shearing in 1999 and shorn in the U.S. The sign-up period is Oct. 10, 2000 through Dec. 29, 2000.

- Lamb Meat Adjustment Assistance Program — Feeder and slaughter lambs marketed between Aug. 1, 2000 and July 31, 2002 may receive \$3 and \$5 per head respectively on lambs raised for slaughter and owned for 30 calendar days continuously. Slaughter lambs must meet USDA requirements of Quality Grade Choice or Prime, Yield Grade 2, score average choice on muscling confirmation score, and have a hot carcass weight of 55 to 75 pounds. These lambs must be evaluated and certified by an AMS agent or representative.

Producers can self-certify the eligibility requirements by utilizing a notification system developed by USDA and obtaining feeder lamb ear tags.

County producers interested in any of these programs can contact the York County Farm Service Agency at 120 Pleasant Acres Road. Call (717) 755-2966 x-2.

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