

## ASC Assistance Now Requires Soil Test

"Take your soil samples early and avoid the rush"—sounds like a Christmas slogan, but it isn't. Soil samples become a serious matter this year for thousands of Tar Heel farmers. In order to obtain financial assistance for soil conservation practices through the Agricultural Stabilization and Conservation program (formerly PMA), farmers must first have their soil tested for lime and fertilizer needs.

In Western North Carolina some 20,000 farmers have already received approval for carrying out conservation practices under the 1954 Agricultural Conservation Program, which requires the soil sample. These 20,000 farmers, according to H. D. Godfrey, state ASC administrative officer, are expecting to carry out their conservation measures this spring. But in most cases they cannot even begin until after they have received their soil analysis.

In no case will the farmer be eligible for federal cost-sharing for practices involving the establishment of a permanent cover of perennial legumes or grasses, the initial treatment of cropland to permit the use of legumes and grasses, or the initial improvement of an established grass or grass-legume cover until a soil sample has been submitted and the amount of limestone needed shown on the analysis sheet, says Godfrey.

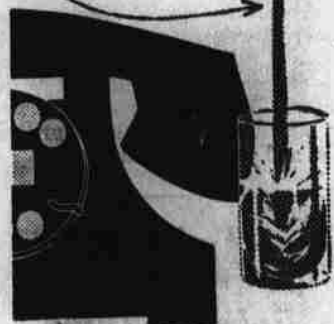
Even before the ASC's Agricultural Conservation Program required soil samples in connection with certain practices, it was recognized by many farmers that soil sampling and liming and fertilizing according to the soil laboratory's recommendations are good farming practices. Now, as well as being good farming practice, Godfrey reminds North Carolina farmers that federal cost-sharing on some practices is dependent upon a soil sample. The State Soil Testing Laboratory

in Raleigh is keeping up with the flood of samples that are coming in now. The peak season for the Soil Testing Laboratory, however, will begin the last of January or the first of February so be sure to get your samples before then. They should be mailed directly to the Soil Testing Laboratory, State Agricultural Building, Raleigh, or bring them to your County ASC Office for mailing. Don't wait; you might be too late.

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Through her testimony, many believed in Christ. Thus, we see that Jesus, instead of resting, used this casual meeting with a despised woman and a subject which was of deep interest to her, to convict her of sin, to bring her to a belief in and acceptance of him as the Messiah and giver of eternal life. So enthused was she with joy at her regeneration, she became a witness to "those things which she

had seen and heard," winning others to Jesus.

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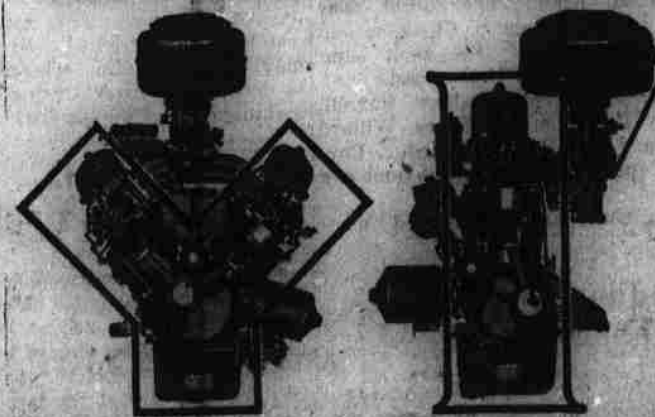


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