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Morgantown, West Virginia 26506
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MEMORANDUM

TO: District Conservation Farmers

FROM: Charles B. Sperow, Jr. *Charles B. Sperow Jr.*
Extension Specialist-Agronomy

SUBJECT: Energy Input-Output Relationships

First of all, congratulations on your selection as District Winner in the State Conservation Farmer Contest. I look forward to visiting with you and looking over your farm later this month.

We are always interested in ways of improving the Conservation Farmer Program. With the current interest in energy and the environment we would like to take a look at some of the energy relationships for your farms and what your soil erosion losses are for each pound of meat or milk produced on your farm.

If you are willing we would like for you to give us the information called for on the enclosed form. Some of this information may be considered confidential. Please be assured that none of the information you give us will be revealed in such a way that it can be identified with your farm.

If you have any questions perhaps I can answer them when we visit your farm later this month. I would like to get the information then, if possible, but in any case would like to have it no later than September 10.

Thank you very much for your cooperation.

cc: E.B. Collins
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Soil Conservation Committee

Charleston 25305

October 8, 1976

Mr. Thomas Savage
Rt. 1, Box 81
Wheeling, West Virginia

Dear Mr. Savage:

The State Awards Committee congratulates you on being selected as the outstanding Soil and Water Conservation Farmer from your county for the year 1976. It is a nice honor, and you should be very proud of it.

With the help of our State Department of Agriculture and some outstanding businesses and other interests, we have a good system of awards each year for all winners, beginning with the first place county winner.

You and your wife are entitled to an all expense paid trip to Jackson's Mill, November 9-11, for the Annual Meeting of the District Supervisors. This is one of the most outstanding meetings of the year, and we are sure that you will both enjoy every minute of it. It will start with lunch on Tuesday and end with lunch Thursday.

We hope the Soil Conservation District Supervisor in your county will contact you in the very near future to help arrange for your transportation and other details for the trip and meeting. If he doesn't, don't let this interfere with your making your own plans. If you drive yourself, be sure to check your speedometer so that you will know the correct mileage to the Mill. You should have enough money to pay your expenses at the Mill, which will be refunded to you shortly after your return home from the meeting. You will sign a certificate for all your expenses at the Mill, which will include your meals, mileage and lodging.

We hope it will be possible for you and your wife to attend the full meeting. If there is anything we can do that will add to your pleasure while you are attending the meeting, please let us know. Because of the accommodations at Jackson's Mill, it will be necessary that you pack separately. In case you do not care to bring your own soap and towels, you may get them at the office when you check in, for a small fee.

Sincerely,

WEST VIRGINIA AWARDS COMMITTEE

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Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Savage
R.D.#1, Box 81
Wheeling, West Virginia 26003

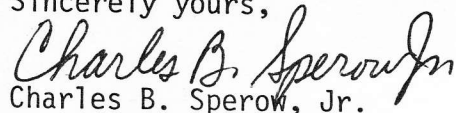
Dear Mr. and Mrs. Savage,

On behalf of the State Judging Committee, the State Conservation Committee and other sponsors of the West Virginia Conservation Farmer Program I want to congratulate you on being selected West Virginia's Conservation Farmer for 1976. We know that you are very deserving of this reward and hope that you will have long and pleasant memories of your participation in this program.

Your efforts in establishing good conservation practices on your farm have served as good examples for others in your community. We know that the improvement you have made in your farm over the years has already been a great reward to you. We hope that this recognition will make you aware that we think your conservation efforts have not only helped you but helped your community and State as well.

We wish you the best of luck in your continued conservation efforts.

Sincerely yours,



Charles B. Sperow, Jr.
Extension Specialist-Agronomy

cc: Northern Panhandle Soil Conservation District

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November 10, 1976

Mr. Thomas Savage:

As first place winner in the 1976 West Virginia Soil Conservation Farmer Contest, you are hereby awarded an all expense paid trip to the National Meeting of Soil Conservation Districts. This meeting will be held in Atlanta, Georgia, February 6-10, 1977.



WEST VIRGINIA SOIL CONSERVATION COMMITTEE
CHARLESTON, WEST VIRGINIA 25305

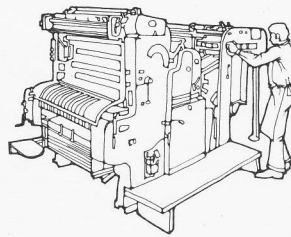
MR. THOMAS SAVAGE

TOM SAVAGE WINNER OF WEST VIRGINIA
CONSERVATION FARMER AWARD FOR 1976

Thomas W. Savage (immediate past president of the C.D.C.) has been selected as the West Virginia Conservation Farmer for 1976. Presentation of the award was made at the 35th Annual Meeting of the W.VA. Soil & Water Conservation District Supervisors Assn. held at Jacksons' Mills on November 9 - 11, 1976.

Savage and his wife began farming in 1938 and have remained on the same farm since then. Today they operate a diversified livestock operation on their 140 acre farm. Although their primary source of income is from selling Grade A milk from the dairy cows, the Savages also have a herd of Hereford cows and a small flock of Polled Dorsets.

The West Virginia Conservation Farmer Contest is a program sponsored by the W.VA. State Soil Conservation Committee and numerous state and federal agencies associated with agricultural programs. Winners are judged on the basis of how well they are carrying on conservation practices on their farms and their contribution to soil and water conservation in their home communities. As part of this award the Savages received a plaque, two wrist watches, a \$25 & \$50 Savings Bond, and an all expense paid trip to the National Soil Conservation Meeting to be held in Atlanta, Georgia, in February.



Noah Perry
Director, Information Division

November 20, 1976

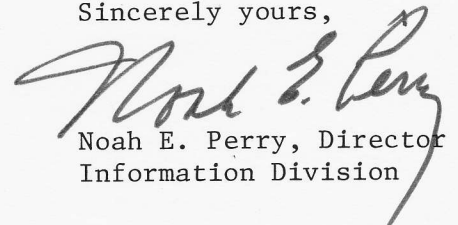
Mr. Tom Savage
Route 1, Box 81
Wheeling, WV 26003

Dear Mr. Savage:

Congratulations on being selected West Virginia's Conservation Farmer of the Year. I have enclosed some of the pictures that I took at Jackson's Mill. You may keep these.

I look forward to seeing you again in the future.

Sincerely yours,



Noah E. Perry, Director
Information Division

Enclosure--Photos