

Congress Asked To Establish Farm Labor Rules Legislation

Charles B Shuman, president of the American Farm Bureau Federation, the nation's largest general farm organization, today called on Congress to enact legislation "to establish rules governing the relationships of farmers and farm workers"

In a statement prepared for presentation at a Senate Labor Subcommittee hearing, the farm leader said the new law "should not be a part of the Labor Management Relations Act" because that statute "was designed to fit industrial and commercial concerns and their employees"

"Its language and concepts do not reflect any consideration or recognition of the unique factors relating to agricultural production and employment," Shuman said

He offered the Senators a rough draft of a bill which he said takes into consideration "many of the special circumstances governing farmer-work-er relationships"

The Farm Bureau president

said the concept of a separate labor relations statute geared to the circumstances peculiar to an industry is not unprecedented. And he added

"The Railway Labor Act governs employee-employer relations in the Railway industry. In 1936 Congress enacted Title II of this Act covering labor relations in the airline industry. Agriculture is a larger industry, and employs more workers than either of these industries — or both combined for that matter."

Shuman said new legislation should protect the rights of farm workers (1) to join a union, or to refrain from joining a union, (2) to be free of discrimination because of membership or non-membership in a union, (3) to vote with respect to representation in a secret election, and (4) to bargain collectively with an employer if the majority of the employees of an employer so desire.

"Farmers, too, should be pro-

ected against violations of specified rights," he said.

"As with farm workers, these rights should be set forth in the statute, and should include (1) the right to be free of secondary, hot cargo, or product boycotts, (2) the right to avoid being saddled with specified 'feather-bedding' practices, and (3) the right to be protected against a strike that could result in the loss of a farm product"

Shuman said farmers "are indeed uniquely vulnerable to labor disputes. Most businesses can close down for a substantial period of time to sit out a strike without disastrous consequences to the financial position and the future of an employer. In sharp contrast, a relatively short strike in agriculture at harvest time can result in the loss of a year's income plus the loss of a substantial investment, often of borrowed money, to bring a crop to harvest stage

"Under such circumstances, a farmer faced with a strike and crops ripening in the field, would have difficulty resisting any demands made upon him even though such demands were arbitrary, excessive, or otherwise unreasonable"

Use of DDT Declines

Use of DDT has declined since 1959 when domestic use reached high of almost 79 million pounds. Use in the 1966-67 crop year was down to around 40 million pounds, reports the National Agricultural Chemicals Association.

Erth - Rite

Composted Organic
KELP-LONFOSCO

ASK ABOUT OUR
LITTER - LIFE
FOR POULTRY

ZOOK & RANCK,
INC.

Phone 717-442-4171
R. D. 1 Gap, Pa. 17527

Pa. Is Leader In Cut Flower Production

Pennsylvania is the leading cut flower producing State in the northeast and the third leading State in the Nation. Wholesale value of carnations, standard and pompon chrysanthemums, gladioli and roses were estimated to be \$13,284,000 for 1968, up 10 percent from the 1967 gross wholesale value of sales. The wholesale value of potted mums was \$780,000, down 3 percent from a year earlier, for a grand total of \$14,064,000 for the flowers surveyed. In addition, foliage plant net sales totaled \$1,020,000, down 4 percent from last year.

Growers in the Commonwealth plan to increase production in 1969 by 7 percent, standard chrysanthemums by 3 percent and gladioli by 3 percent. Gladioli production in 1968 was

down 22 percent from 1967. Pompon mums and carnations are expected to decline 2 percent. Area used for foliage plant production is expected to decline slightly in 1969.

Miniature or sweetheart roses accounted for 16 percent of the total wholesale value of roses sold, while miniature carnations accounted for 5 percent of all carnations sold. These items were surveyed for the first time this year.

Other highlights from the survey showed Pennsylvania to be

Second in the Nation in production of roses — 12% of the 23 State total.

Third in production of pompon chrysanthemums — 7% of total.

Third in production of carnations — 6% of total blooms sold.

ATTENTION FARMERS!

Now is the time to top dress your pastures and small grain with

URAN 30 LIQUID NITROGEN

for high quality forage and top grain yields.

We also have excellent spread service for bulk liquid fertilizers to top dress alfalfa and control weevils at the same time.

ALSO — For plow down for corn — We recommend 14-7-7 without manure or 9-9-9 with heavy manure application.

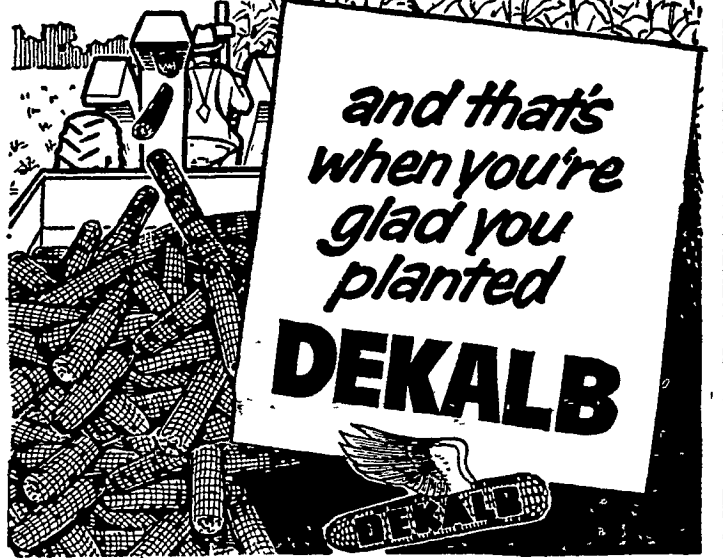
Lebanon Chemical Company

— Contact —

JOHN J. HESS
Paradise, Pa.
442-4632

PAUL BEILER
Paradise, Pa.
442-4017

Harvest Time is "PAY-OFF" TIME



P. L. ROHRER & BRO., INC.

Smoketown, Pa.

397-3539

healthy sows
large litters
big pigs...



all three with Ful-O-Pep Sow Supplement

Promote healthy sows and gilts! Ful-O-Pep Sow Supplement is specially designed to provide sows and gilts with all the nutrients necessary for the farrowing of large litters, without draining their reserve of body nutrients.

This vitamin-rich, body-building concentrate is extra rich in plant and animal proteins, plus many minerals and trace minerals. These beneficial nutrients supplement locally grown grain with extra nutrients breeding animals are known to need.

Farrow large litters! Because the manner in which the bred sow or gilt is fed affects the size of the litters, Ful-O-Pep Research formulated Sow Supplement helps farrow big, healthy pigs—pigs that grow and grow! Raise Big Pigs! Baby Pigs farrowed from sows or gilts fed Ful-O-Pep Sow Supplement don't have to worry about too little milk to go around. Sow Supplement helps provide a rich, nourishing milk flow—one that will satisfy even the hungriest of offspring.

Harold H. Good
Terre Hill

Stevens Feed Mill, Inc.
Leola

Stevens Feed Mill, Inc. S. H. Hiestand & Company
Stevens Salunga