



The first spade of earth is turned Tuesday at the construction site of the new Organic Plant Food Company facility. Handling the shovel are left to right, Don Dodson, Organic salesman, Bill Brubaker,

Organic president, and Lloyd Hess Organic office manager. At the extreme left is Don Leng, construction superintendent with Rice and Weidman Company.

Organic Plant Co. Breaks Ground

Organic Plant Food Company officially broke ground for a new 15,000 square foot processing plant and warehouse facility on Tuesday afternoon

Participating in the ceremonies were Bill Brubaker, Organic president, Lloyd Hess, office manager, Don Dodson, salesman, and Don Leng, construction superintendent representing the general contractors, Rice and Weidman Company of Lancaster

The new plant will be off Hartman Station Road adjacent to the New Holland branch of the Penn Central Railroad. The land for the plant was part of a farm formerly owned by John E Landis Organic is presently located on Grofftown Road in Lancaster

Plans for the new site include a new office facility, expanded dry blending operations, enlarged anhydrous ammonia storage capacity, and addition of a 4,000 square foot warehouse. The new plant will become the operations headquarters for the company. The move to the new location was a result of the improvements to Pa Route 23

According to Brubaker, the new plant will double the company's dry storage capacity and modernize all the bulk handling facilities. Included in the plans for the plant will be a bagging installation that will permit the products to be packaged at the plant. The storage available for the anhydrous ammonia will be more than doubled.

Initial grading of the construction site is already underway with the target date for completion of the project mid-November.

Organic has two other parcels of land in the building site which are available for future development. Brubaker noted the possibility of the land being sold to other agriculture-related industries for plant or sales locations.

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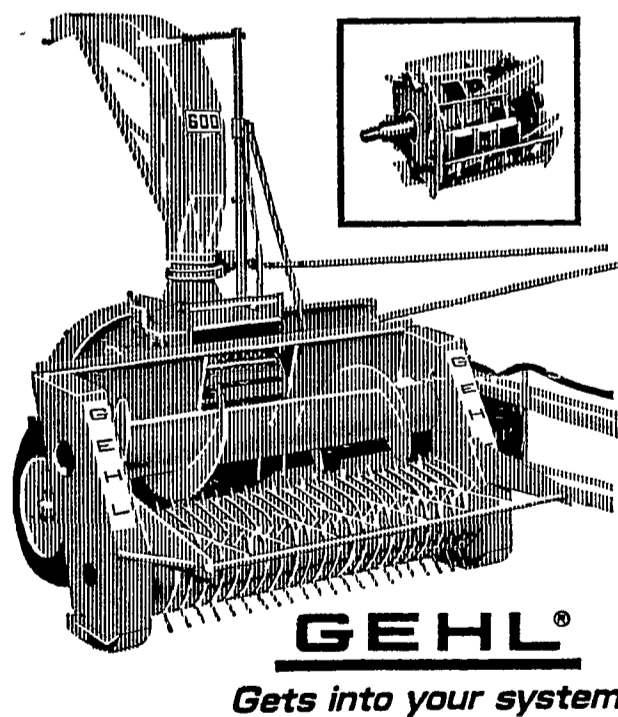
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