

Penn State Sets Alumni Weekend

Agricultural trends in the next 10 years will keynote program topics May 12 and 13 for College of Agriculture Alumni-Weekend at Pennsylvania State University.

Registration is scheduled from 4 to 7 p.m., Friday, May 12, in the Kern Graduate Center. The annual banquet will be held in the Kern Building that evening at 7 p.m. Tours of the new Agricultural Administration Building are set for 8 to 9 a.m. May 13, with dedication of an Ag Alumni Room at 8:45 a.m.

Bette Clemens, director of consumer affairs for the Council of Better Business Bureaus, Inc., Washington, D.C. will speak on "Consumer Trends in the 1970's" Friday, May 12, at 8:30 p.m. in Kern Auditorium with the public invited. She was director of the Pennsylvania Bureau of Consumer Protection in the Shafer administration.

A panel Saturday morning, May 13, will examine the subject of "Agriculture—Where Will It Be in the 1980's?" Speaking will be Dr. Eric A. Walker, retired president of Penn State, Dr. George C. Brandow, professor of agricultural economics, and Mark M. Wehr of Mifflinberg, past president of the agricultural student council at Penn State. Panel moderator will be Madelyn P. Kilmoyer of Harrisburg, personnel — membership manager of Agway, Inc. The discussion is set for 10:30 a.m.

Other events of interest to alumni will include the 47th Dairy Exposition sponsored by the Dairy Science Club on Saturday, May 13, and the Blue-White football game at 2 p.m. in Beaver Stadium. Gamma Sigma Delta honor society of agriculture will hold its annual banquet May 11 in the Hetzel Union Building.

College of Agriculture graduates who recall the watering trough at the old dairy barns will see this historic landmark in a new location. The Dairy Science Club, with financial help from the alumni association, has moved the trough to a prominent place on the lawn of Borland Laboratory, the dairy science building. This landmark will be dedicated at 5 p.m. Friday, May 12.

Reservation notices and program details have been sent to paid alumni members along with ballots to elect four directors to the Alumni Board. Others interested in reservations may contact Jack MacMillan, ag alumni executive secretary, 401-D Agricultural Administration Building, University Park, Pa. 16802. The telephone number is 865-5486.

Persons attending the "farewell luncheon" in the Hetzel Union Building May 13 will be shown the latest Penn State football film, with highlights of the Cotton Bowl and the 1971 season.

Farmer Certification Key To Set-Aside Payments

Farmer certification is the essential step preceding set-aside payments to producers participating in the U.S. Department of Agriculture 1972 set-aside programs for corn, grain sorghum, barley, and wheat according to Fred G. Seldomridge, chairman of the Lancaster County Agricultural Stabilization and Conservation Committee (ASC).

He urged farmers who have questions about certification to call or come into their county office of the Agricultural Stabilization and Conservation Service (ASCS).

"It's important that a farmer know exactly what he is certifying before he signs his name," said Seldomridge.

Final certification date this year is June 15, but certification may be made as soon as a farmer has his program crops planted and knows he is in compliance with the programs.

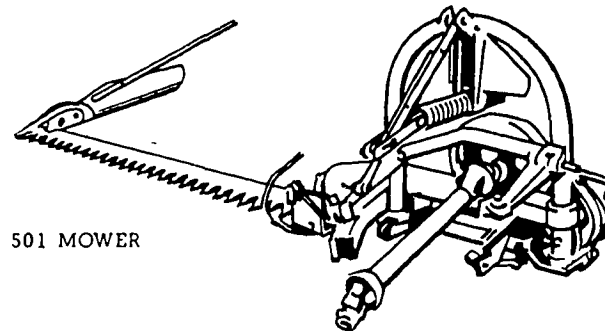
As soon as a producer certifies, the County ASCS Office begins processing the data for payment which will be made soon after July 1.

"While it speeds payment to get certifications in early, producers should also remember that mistakes can be costly. Once certification is made, no acreage adjustments can be made. A farmer has to be in compliance with program regulations when he certifies. That's why we're urging producers to call or come in now if they're not sure about what is required for certification," Seldomridge said.

When a producer certifies, he

reports exactly what acreage he has in set-aside land and what acreage he has in the program crops he signed up for. He also

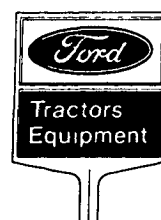
certifies he has complied with all program regulations and will continue to comply throughout the year.



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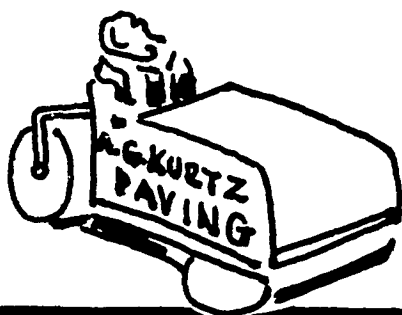
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