

## Area Agway Drivers Receive Safety Awards

Safe driving awards were presented to 30 area Agway truck operators for their contribution to Agway's 20 percent decrease in accidents in the past fiscal year at a dinner Thursday in York.

Men cited and their years of accident-free driving are:

**Lancaster Agway** - Wilbur B. Shultz, three years; Vernon Frankhouser, seven; Harvey Rodgers, 11; John Witmer, 12.  
**New Holland Agway** - Donald

Gruff, four years; Stephen M. Kurtz, five; E. Phares Martin, seven.

**Quarryville Agway** - James L. Herr, seven years; W. Verne Anderson, 10; Robert E. Tollinger, 11.

**Salunga Agway** - Eugene S. Kreider, one year; Albert Brosey, two; David S. Musser, two.

**Willow Street Agway** - Melvin L. Hollinger, two years.

**Manheim Feed Mill** - David H. Minnich, one year; Lloyd M. Zimmerman, five; Harry S. Dietz, seven; Lloyd B. Ginder, 11.

**Lancaster Petro Plant** - Stephen G. Shaeffer, one year; John B. Petersheim, two; Kenneth W. Bradford, three; Bruce A. Gross, three; Mervin Weaver, four; Edward G. McMullen, five; S. Roy Hollinger, seven; Ray M. Gerlach, 10; Paul E. Miller, 10; Clair L. Shimp, 10; Morgan B. Zook, 10; H. Paul Huber, 11.

About 1,350 drivers from across Agway's 12-state territory were presented awards this year for compiling safe driving records of one to 28 years. More than 55 percent of the award recipients have completed five or more years without a preventable accident.

Their record of 0.83 accidents per 100,000 miles was well under the national average of 1.05 accidents per 100,000 miles for all truck fleets reporting statistics to the National Safety Council.

Edward Hartnett of Harrisburg spoke at the dinner. Agway Area Manager James Waters and Petroleum District Manager Robert Sowerbrower presented the awards. The Agway Safety Department was represented by Richard Resig of Syracuse, N.Y. Agway drivers traveled nearly

## Tighter Sterility Requirements Proposed for Poultry Vaccines

The U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) proposed a stricter sterility test for noninjectible live virus vaccines, like those applied by eye dropper, dabbing, aerosol spray, and in drinking water.

Officials of USDA's Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS) said the change would bring sterility test requirements for noninjectible live virus vaccines, used almost exclusively on poultry, into line with those covering live virus

vaccines that are injected into livestock and poultry. They noted that improved manufacturing procedures justify this proposal to apply the more stringent test requirement to all live virus vaccines.

The more stringent test allows no tolerance for any bacteria or fungi in the vaccine; if either type of contaminant is noted in a specified test medium, the vaccine is declared unsatisfactory. Under the old system, a limited number of bacteria or fungi were permitted in noninjectible live virus vaccines.

The proposal affects all manufacturers licensed by USDA to produce and sell noninjectible live virus vaccines such as Newcastle and bronchitis vaccines across State lines. Authority for regulating this trade comes from the Virus-Serum-Toxin Act of 1913, which requires USDA to set standards assuring the safety, purity, and efficacy of vaccines and other biologics for animals.

The proposed change was published in the Federal Register Feb. 9. Interested persons will have until April 9 to submit written comments in duplicate to: Biologics Staff, Veterinary Services, APHIS, USDA, Federal Center Bldg. No. 1, Hyattsville, Md. 20782. All comments will be available for public inspection at that location.

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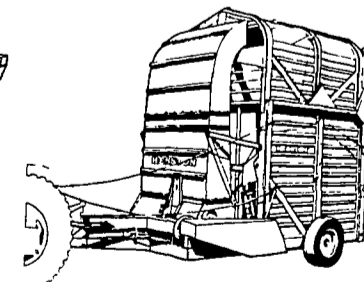
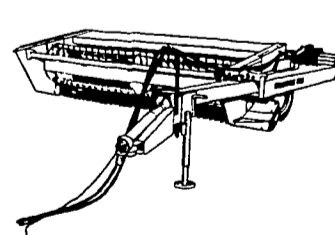
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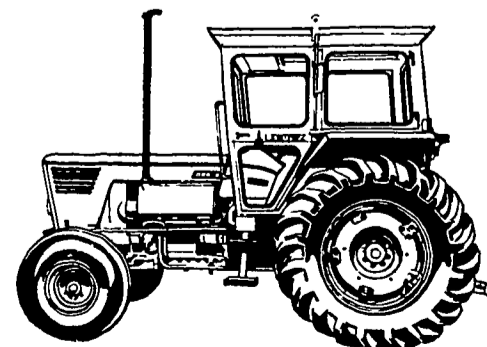
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