

PennAg Slates Meeting On Rail Transportation

The all-important question of "Engineering the Future of Northeastern Rail Service" will be the topic of discussion at a PennAg Industries Association meeting to be held July 25, 1973 at the Treadway Inn, in Wilkes-Barre, Penn. as an educational service to PennAg members. PennAg is a state-wide association representing many different types of agribusiness firms.

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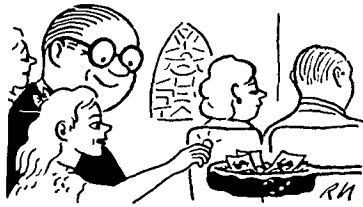
theastern railroads are contemplating abandonments and liquidations, our association feels it is particularly timely to provide an informative meeting on the subject", stated Eugene E. Eby, President of PennAg. "Therefore", he continued, "we have arranged to have representatives from the railroads, P.U.C. and industry participate in the program."

The Program Chairman, Paul Smith, Traffic Manager of John

W. Eshelman & Sons, a Lancaster-based feed company, said, "The program will cover subjects such as abandonment, nationalization, subsidies, mergers, service and rail equipment."

"PennAg members, statewide, are deeply concerned for their communities and themselves, about the rapid deterioration of rail service and abandonment proceedings", Smith went on. "The problems that face feed and fertilizer processors, which depend heavily on rail service, are the same problems that face rural communities and industries that are located along branch trackage."

Railroads in the Northeast have been having financial problems for years, but these are now coming to a head rapidly. Many communities on branch trackage are faced with the loss of rail service because rail carriers maintain such trackage is uneconomical and must be abandoned.



"A nickel isn't supposed to be as good as a dollar, but it goes to church more often."

PSU Slates Field Day For Vegetable Growers

A statewide field day for commercial vegetable growers will be held September 12 at the Horticultural Research Farm of The Pennsylvania State University, located 10 miles west of the University Park campus on route 45.

Of special interest to vegetable growers will be machine harvesting of cucumbers and cabbage, variety and fertilizer trials, genetic research with vegetable crops and potatoes, disease and insect studies, and chemical weed control.

If growing conditions permit it, field day visitors will have an

opportunity to sample Penn State's latest achievements in developing high sugar sweet corn. Researchers hope to have some high sugar corn available for visitors to eat at noontime.

Tours of the various research plots will start no later than 10 a.m.

"Vegetable growers should find this vegetable field day both profitable and interesting," states Charles J. Noll, field day chairman from the department of horticulture.

Lunch will be served at the Horticultural Research Farm by a local church group.

Federal Order 4 Milk Price Up

The June Federal Order 4 (Philadelphia) uniform price for base milk increased one cent from the previous month. Excess milk showed an increase of 8 cents, according to Andrew D. Marvin, Ephrata, local fieldman for Interstate Milk Producers Coop.

In comparison to June levels one year ago base milk was up 70 cents and excess up 79 cents.

The weighted average price for

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the market was \$7.29, an increase of 70 cents above June 1972.

A total of 373 million pounds of producer milk was pooled in June of which 60.59 percent was sold as Class I, showing a decrease of .072 percent of deliveries made in May, and a decrease of 0.31 percent under June a year ago. 8109 Order No. 4 producers provided 12.5 million pounds per day to dealers during June, averaging 1537 pounds per day per farm. Total value of producer milk was set at \$27,330,390 for the month.

The base milk price was \$7.53, the excess price was \$5.65, and the butter got differential was \$0.07.

A general world-wide demand for food has had much to do with changing food prices in the past year.

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