

# Milk can't be loss leader

HARRISBURG - The Pennsylvania Poultry Federation, with offices here in the state capital, announces the following legislative news which may have an affect on agriculture.

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No loss leaders for milk . . . Senate bill 1000 is an extensive milk regulatory bill, but includes a provision (for milk only) which says: "Any store offering to sell milk at retail for the consumption by the ultimate consumer, shall charge a markup of at least five per cent over and above cost." It continues by making it unlawful to use milk as a loss leader, either at cost or below the cost including processing, packaging, handling, hauling, sale and distribution.

Amendment to Unemployment Compensation Law . . . House Bill 1634 amends the Unemployment Compensation Law to require that the employer give written notice to employees within five days who have become eligible, through mandatory retirement or otherwise, for benefits under this act. The employee must sign the statement and return it to the employer.

Increase in Fuel Excise Tax . . . House Bill 1720 increases the fuel excise tax from eight cents (.08) to eleven cents (.11) on all

dealer-users of fuel in the Commonwealth. The bill does not change the agricultural exemption and has passed the second reading in the House. HB 1721 provides the same changes but required one cent per gallon of the tax to be used for the maintenance and surfacing of secondary roads.

Vehicle Registration Fees . . . House Bill 1723 will increase motor vehicle registration fees. The bill has a variety of changes including exemptions for persons 65 years of age, handicapped veterans, new passenger vehicle rate of \$28.00, and new rate schedules for buses and trucks, etc. If anyone is interested in the new truck schedule, contact PPF.

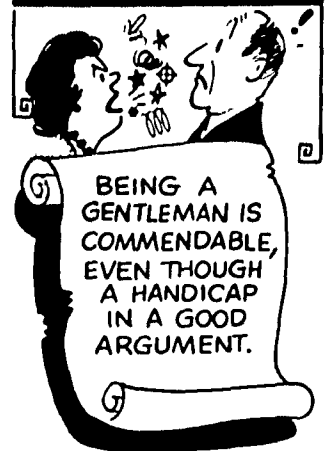
DER Must Act In 30 Days . . . House Bill 1744 would require the Department of

Environmental Resources to act within 30 days on any grant, applications for permits, licenses, registrations, renewals, etc. under any law or regulation administered by the DER. Failure to do so shall be deemed a grant of approval.

Tougher Weighing and Measuring Law . . . Senate Bill 1044 established the "Dealers and Repairmen of Weighing and Measuring Devices Registration Act." The act will require certification and registration of dealers and repairmen; reports - of sales (installation) or repair within 48 hours; maintaining records with specified information available for inspection and submission of calibration testing equipment for inspection every 2 years.

Salvaging Pennsylvania Railroads . . . Senate Bill 640 would permit the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania

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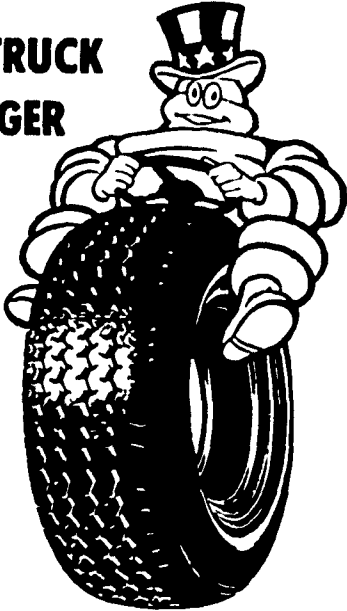
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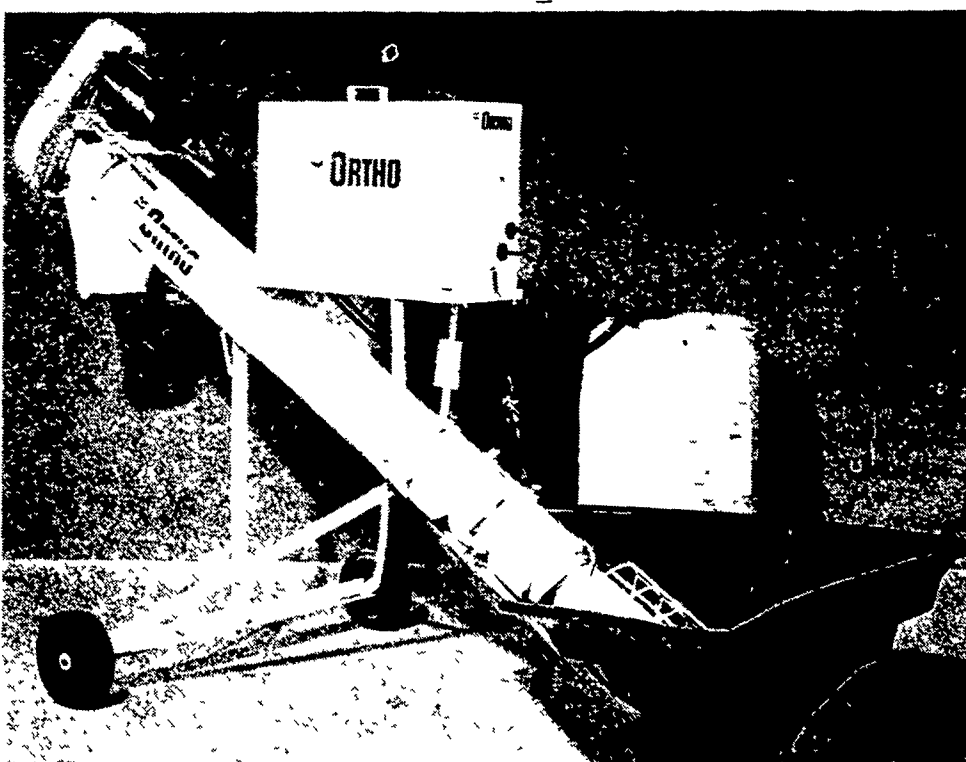
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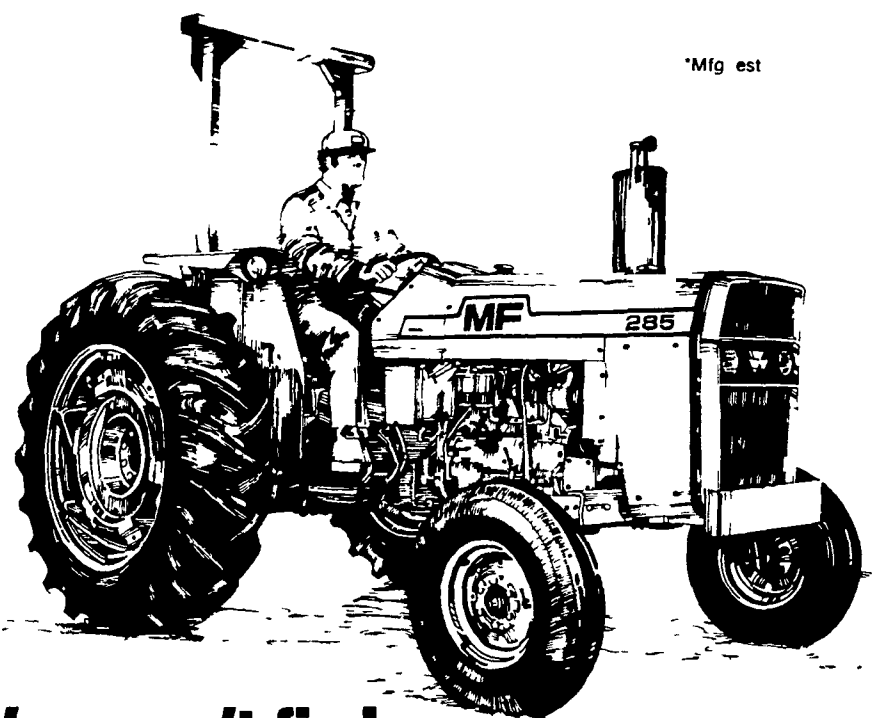
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