

# Most farmers oppose OSHA regulations

CHICAGO, Ill. - A recent survey, conducted by International Harvester's FARM FORUM Magazine, indicates that almost two-thirds of farmers polled are

against OSHA (Occupational Safety and Health Act) regulations to help protect hired farm help from accidents. And more than half (56

percent) believe that OSHA and other governmental safety regulations have absolutely no effect on making farming operations safer.

These and other conclusions are based on a random sampling of 829 U.S. farmers who voiced their opinions on a variety of questions concerning farm safety.

In response to the question, "How do you feel about government enacting OSHA regulations to help protect hired farm help from accidents," the farmers responded as follows:

I'm for OSHA regulations 100 percent. - 1 percent answered yes.

OSHA is necessary because farmers haven't corrected safety hazards themselves. - four percent agreed.

Although I can't say I'm for OSHA regulations, I think the good points outweigh the bad. - thirty percent agreed.

I'm against OSHA interfering in farm operations. - sixty-five percent said yes.

Asked if they felt OSHA and other governmental safety regulations really made their farming operation safer, only four percent answered definitely yes. More than a third (37 percent) said somewhat, and 56 percent said absolutely no effect.

To date, OSHA regulations apply only to hired persons working on a farm, and do not apply to a farmer or members of his immediate family. The farmers were asked if OSHA or OSHA-type regulations should be extended to include the farmer and members of his family as well. Their responses were as follows:

Definitely yes - two percent.

Yes, if that's what it takes to get persons to be more safety conscious - nine percent.

No. A farmer's safety should be his own responsibility, and no law is going to make him more safe. - sixty-two percent.

Under no circumstances does the government have any business telling a farmer whether to practice safety. - twenty-six percent.

Yet more than three-fourths of the responding farmers had had some sort of farm or farm-related accident. Most (58 percent) had received only minor cuts, bruises or sprains; 15 percent had had a serious accident; and 4 percent had had an accident causing permanent injury.

The responding farmers were divided on how dangerous an occupation they feel farming is, answering as follows:

Extremely dangerous

occupation - four percent. More dangerous than the majority of other jobs - 35 percent.

No more or less dangerous than any other jobs - 52 percent.

Less dangerous than other occupations - eight percent.

The farmers were asked which was the one most hazardous job or situation in their farming operations. Responses included: driving

or operating tractors or self-propelled equipment on roads and highways (2 percent); operating, adjusting or repairing combines, corn pickers or other farm machinery (20 percent); handling herbicides, insecticides or fertilizer (11 percent); and handling livestock (12 percent).

Despite the dangers, 33 percent of the respondents indicated that they do not practice as good a farm safety program as they should, while 65 percent said that they do. And only nine percent are personally involved in an organized safety education program in their communities.

## LVTPA held tractor pull

The Lebanon Valley Tractor Pullers Association sponsored their first pull of the season on June 4 at the Lebanon Area Fairgrounds. The following were awarded trophies in the farm tractor classes.

5000 lb. class - Tom Showers, Lebanon, driving an Oliver 88

7000 lb. class 1st - Dennis Showers - Lebanon, with Oliver 88; 2nd - Donald Hoffer, Lebanon, John Deere 3020.

9000 lb. class - 1st - Donald Hoffer, John Deere 3020; 2nd - Tom Showers - Oliver 88.

12000 lb. class - 1st. Robert

Meyer, Womelsdorf, 1150 Massey; 2nd Stephen Barry, Jr. Newmanstown, 806 IHC.

12000 Turbo - 1st. Robert Myer, 1150 Massey; 2nd Joe Schott, Lebanon, 4230 John Deere; 3rd Robert Barry, Newmanstown, 806 IHC.

15000 Open - 1st. Gerald Hoffer, Annville, 4430 John Deere; 2nd Eckenrode Bros. Lebanon, 1566 IHC.

Unlimited - 1st. Robert Myer, 1150 Massey; 2nd Albert Keiffer, Bangor, 9600 Ford; 3rd Gerald Hoffer, 4430 John Deere

9000 Turbo - Fred Wolfe, Lebanon, Pa. 88 Oliver

Next Pull is Friday, July 2.

### Mid-Atlantic Class I

## July milk price set

ALEXANDRIA, Va. - A Class I price of \$11.08 per hundredweight for July 1976 was announced today by Order No. 4 Market Administrator Joseph D. Shine. This price is down 14 cents from June, but is \$1.28 above July one year ago. Middle Atlantic order prices are announced for milk testing 3.5 percent butterfat, f.o.b. plants located within 55 miles of Philadelphia, Pa. and also within 75 miles from the nearer of Washington, D.C. or Baltimore, Md. There is also a 6-cent direct delivery differential applicable to producer milk received at plants located within 55 miles of Philadelphia, Pa.

A Class II price for May of \$8.20 per hundredweight was also announced by Mr. Shine. He said this price is 17 cents below the April Class II price, but \$1.28 higher than last year.

The Order No. 4 July Class I price and the May Class II price are based on the May Minnesota - Wisconsin manufacturing milk price of \$8.30 per hundredweight for milk testing 3.5 percent.

The USDA reports that the wholesale Grade A butter price at Chicago was 89.88 cents in May, and the nonfat dry milk price for the month was 62.71 cents, f.o.b. plants in Chicago.

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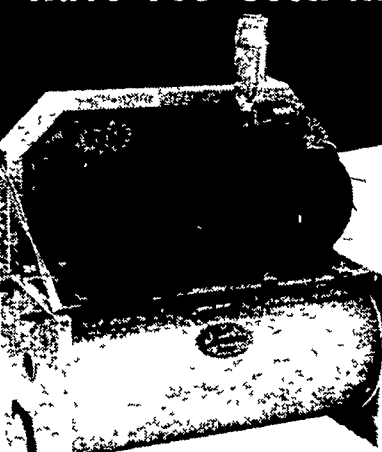
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