

Pennfield hosts Chinese

LANCASTER - Pennfield Corporation hosted a Labor Day Weekend tour by fifteen members of the Chinese Agricultural Mechanization Study Group on an inspection visit of agricultural installations in and around Lancaster County. The Chinese will spend a month in the United States under

the auspices of the National Academy of Science's Committee on Scholarly Communication with the People's Republic of China. Pennfield's president, Robert B. Graybill, offered a luncheon at the Three Crowns Restaurant in Lancaster for the Chinese engineers, teachers and

agronomists and was presented with a gift of a silk scroll and ceremonial tea by the group's chairman, Hsiang Nan. The Study Group - including two women

engineers - is accompanied by two members of the U.S. State Department, Hon. Dally and Jim Pretsch and by Halsey I. Beemer, Jr., of the National Academy of Sciences. Beemer served as an interpreter along with two members of the Study Group fluent in English, Chang Ping-yao and Wang Hsien-tsung.

Hendrik Wentink, assistant to the president of Pennfield Corporation, guided the chartered bus tour to the company's new feed mill, nearing construction completion in

Hempfield Industrial Park, to its egg production and packaging facility in Ephrata, to the broiler processing plant in Frederickburg, and to the Willis Bowman broiler farm in Myerstown.

Market expanded

HUDSON, Ia - The American Soybean Association (ASA) will soon begin an expanded soybean market development program in the Mideast, Spain, and nearby countries.

Ed Quinones, an international agricultural consultant who formerly worked for the USDA Foreign Agricultural Service (FAS), has been hired as regional director for the program.

Quinones will be based in Spain and will cover Portugal and northern Africa in addition to the Mideast and Spain.

According to ASA President Gerald Michaelson, ASA studies have indicated the Mideast holds excellent potential as a large and long-term market for U.S. soybeans.

"Governments of all the Mideast nations are using petrodollars to upgrade the diets of their people," Michaelson said. "Poultry production is booming, fats and oils consumption is expanding and people are demanding more protein in their diets. All these factors point to greater opportunities for soybean products."

Michaelson also pointed out that Spain, with its rapidly expanding pork and poultry production, is now the second most important soybean crushing country in Europe.

Initial ASA activities in the Mideast, he said, were planned to increase use of soybean meal. A series of poultry feeding seminars was conducted there during June to kick off the Mideast program.

York Fair activities detailed

YORK - To promote both safety and skill for today's young farmers, the York Fair annually sponsors a tractor driving contest for 4-H and FFA members. This year the contest will be held on Thursday of the coming week.

All contestants must be 16 years of age by the opening of the Fair and have a valid safe tractor operator certificate. The contest is divided into three parts: A written examination of 50 questions; a troubleshooting examination on a tractor; and tractor driving and equipment handling course.

4-H and FFA members will be judged together but prizes will be awarded separately. Prizes for both groups will be \$25 for first place, \$15 for second, \$10 for third and fourth, and \$5 for fifth through last place.

Also, probable exhibitors and judges for the livestock division of the 1976 York Fair have just been announced by M. Ebert Rutter, Fair manager.

In the dairy animal category, 408 entries will be judged by Creedin G. Gorn-

man and Norman D. Hill. Five-hundred-and-eighteen swine entries will be judged by Keith McConnell. William Hodge and Erskin Cash will judge 128 beef cattle. Six hundred sheep entries will be judged by H. James Shearer and Sam Hunter. In the final category, 84 goats will be judged by Ann J. Miller.

With over 1700 current entries, the livestock exhibition at the 1976 York Fair will be one of the largest ever held in south central Pennsylvania.

Hendrik Wentink, a Pennsylvania egg farmer and a member of the National Egg Board, says: "When you spend a good part of your life with chickens as I have - raising them, worrying about them when they're not producing or sick, and watching the poor devils die - you get to know them. I think they're important economically but I also see them as my friends."

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