

Leaflet explains protection of fruit, veg. growers

WASHINGTON, D.C. - How the Perishable Agricultural Commodities Act (PACA) protects members of the fruit and vegetable produce industry is explained in a revised leaflet issued last week by the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA).

Prepared by the Fruit and Vegetable Division of USDA's Agricultural Marketing Service (AMS), the leaflet explains how the PACA establishes a code of fair trading practices for the fast-moving, financially hazardous produce business. The revised leaflet

outlines unfair business practices prohibited by the law. It explains how a complaint may be filed and how it is handled. Most complaints filed under PACA, the leaflet notes, are settled informally, without court proceedings, saving

time and money for all concerned.

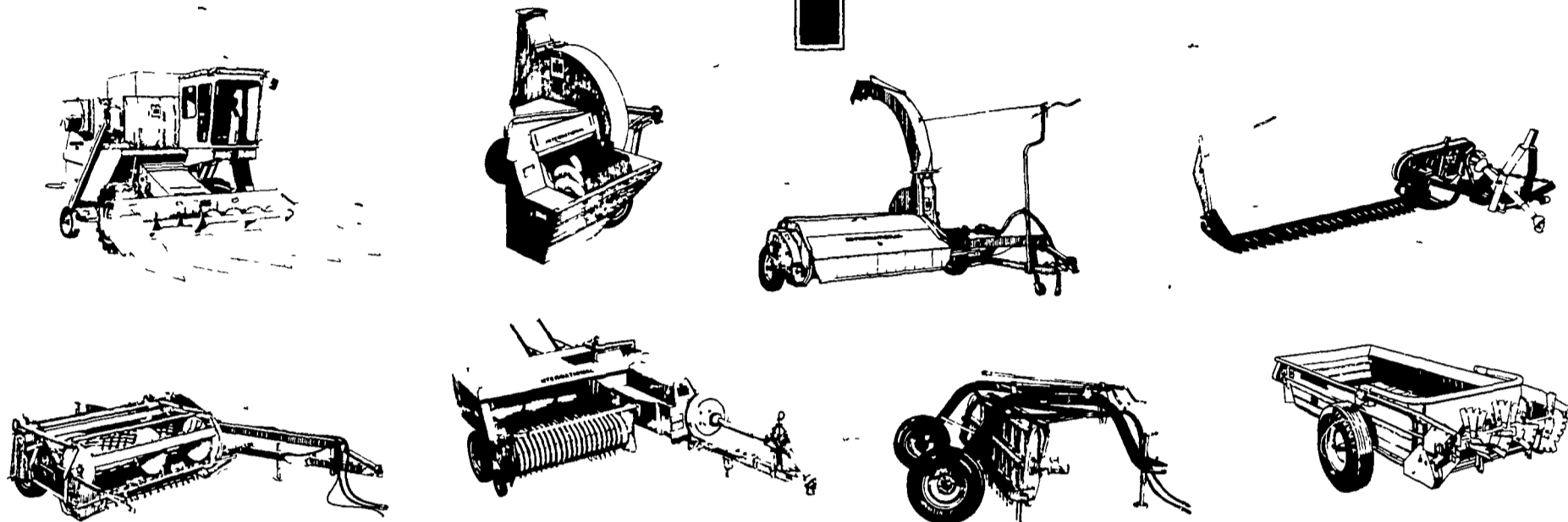
The publication includes guidelines in avoiding disputes and a listing of PACA offices across the country where members of the produce industry can obtain advice on their business problems. It also tells what a PACA license is, who must have one, and how a license may be obtained.

Single free copies of PA-804, "The Perishable Agricultural Commodities Act - Fair Trading in the Fruit and Vegetable Industry," are available to members of the produce industry, teachers, consumer organizations, the media, and others interested, on postcard request to: Information Division, AMA, USDA, 26 Federal Plaza, New York, N.Y. 10007.

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The plump young lady told all her friends that she was on a crash diet, and often complained of the hardships she was undergoing in fighting the temptation to gorge herself. One day a group of her friends discovered her in a restaurant eating a huge meal. "I thought you were dieting," "I am, this will give me the strength to continue."

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