

Livestock market report available

ANNAPOLIS, Md. — The Maryland Department of Agriculture has now assumed major responsibility for publishing the weekly "Maryland Livestock News" market report.

USDA has been furnishing

the report which, up until now, has confined itself to detailed reporting of livestock sales at the West Friendship, Howard County auction.

However, now that MDA has become involved in the

cooperative news reporting effort, the report is being expanded to cover the regular feeder pigs sales conducted by the Maryland Pork Producers Association.

Tom Armstrong, nationally-known market news reporter and meat grading expert, will continue to compile the report at his West Friendship office.

The report, mailed weekly, is available free to farmers who wish to receive it. To get one's name on the mailing list, he should write: "Livestock Report" c/o Marketing Division, Maryland Department of Agriculture, Parole Plaza Office Building, Annapolis, Md. 21401.

Goat club starting

LANSDALE — The newly formed Montgomery County 4-H Goat Club invites any boy or girl ages 8-19 years to join and learn more about the world of the dairy goat. The next meeting will be held on March 14, 7:30 p.m. at the 4-H Center on Snyder Road near Lansdale in Montgomery County.

The get together will feature a demonstration on proper trimming of hooves. If more details or directions are needed, contact the 4-H office at 215-277-0574. The 4-H Center is located on Snyder Road, off Rt. 363 between Sumneytown Pike and Allentown Road.

Training completed

NEW HOLLAND — Richard Witmer, service manager at Messick Farm Equipment Inc. in Elizabethtown has returned from a service shop management training course held by Sperry New Holland in Binghamton, New York. While in training, Witmer attended sessions designed to sharpen farm equipment dealer personnel expertise in managing dealership service shop operations, a key factor in keeping farm and ranch equipment on-the-go during the critically important harvesting season.

One of the world's largest farm equipment producers, Sperry New Holland serves markets in the U.S. and Canada, Latin America, Europe, Australia and New Zealand, and parts of Africa and Asia. The company ranks among the world's top five free-market combine producers, and has been a pioneer in the development of hay and forage harvesting equipment since the 1940's.

Training its independently franchised dealers to be able to provide high-quality and

timely service to keep harvesting equipment in optimum operating condition is one of Sperry New Holland's top priorities, according to N. Gene Briscoe, the company's North American Division Dealer Service Shop Training Manager.



Dr. William H. Mitchell
U. of Del.
agronomist
honored

DOVER, Del. — University of Delaware agronomist Dr. William H. Mitchell has been named a Man-of-the-Year In Service To Agriculture by the editors of Progressive Farmer Magazine. The award, which recognizes Mitchell's many contributions, both as a researcher and Extension specialist, was presented to him during a special ceremony at the annual meeting of the Delaware Crop Improvement Association on March 7, in Felton, Del.

The only other time a Delawarean has been chosen for this honor was back in the early 1970's when Frank Gordy, then director of the University's Georgetown Substation, was recognized for his many achievements. The award is given to a person who has contributed significantly to the state's agriculture

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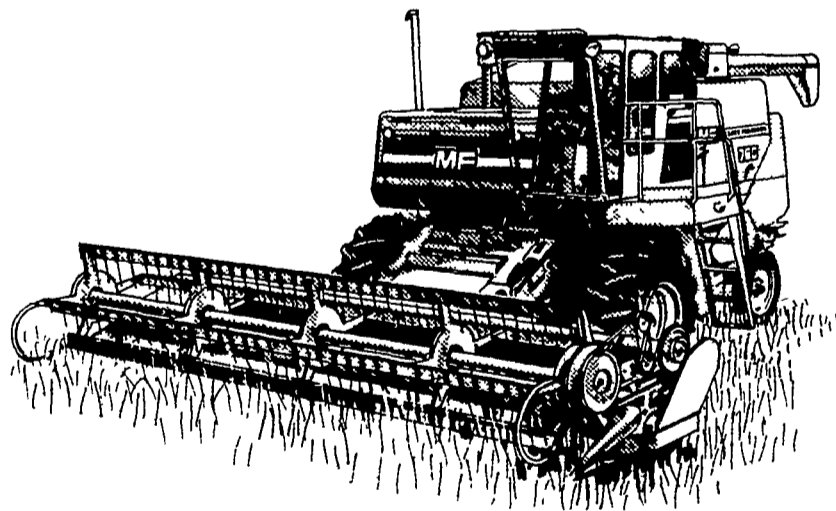
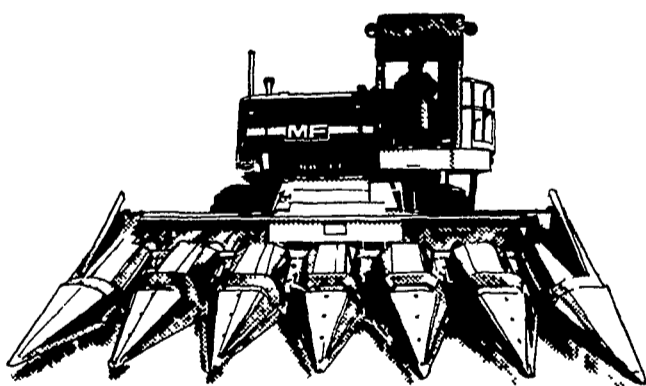
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