

October convention slated by Penn's Agri-Women

HERSHEY - Penn's Agri-Women has announced plans for their annual Fall convention, scheduled for Tuesday, October 17 at the Hershey Convention Center.

Keynote speaker for the day-long session will be Gary Swan, information program coordinator for the

New York Farm Bureau. Swan is a widely-traveled public speaker, with over 800 addresses in forty states to his credit. His address, "Producer-Consumer Relationships," will be followed by a question-answer session.

A special vital issues presentation is scheduled for

the afternoon portion of the meeting. Featured will be B. Wayne Kelly, Penn State Extension farm management specialist, who will talk on "Property Rights and Inheritance Taxes - as they apply to the farm wife."

State coordinator Ethel Gross, Manchester R2, will head up the afternoon business session, with election of officers the main voting issue.

Cost for the day is \$9.00, with reservations deadline set for October 9. The convention fee covers both a buffet luncheon and registration fees. Reservations should be sent to Mrs. Harold Gross, R2, Box 439, Manchester, Pa. 17345.

Penn's Agri-Women was organized as an affiliate with American Agri-Women and a coalition of state women's agriculture organizations and individuals.

Tractor pull results

THE BUCK - Following are the results of last week's tractor pulling contest, held here at the Buck Tractor Pulling Stadium, located 10 miles south of Lancaster, along route 272.

12,000 pound super stock
1. Tom Middleton, Ridgely, Md., IH 1066, 268-3;
2. Bert Stauffer, Ephrata, Deutz 8006, 211-3.

5000 pound modified
1. Gary Mills, Fallston, Md., 427 Chevy, 280-6; 2. Curt Stoltz, Myerstown, 454 Chevy, 270-5; 3. Gene Spickler, Elizabethtown, two 327 Chevys, 263-4.

9000 pound open
1. Galen Spickler, Elizabethtown, Allison, 251-2; 2. Willard Will, Central City, Allison, 243-3; 3. Tom Middleton, 235-6.

5000 pound super stock
1. Dale Smoker, Cochranville, A-C 180, 255-6;
2. Jim Brubaker, Quarryville, A-C 180, 212-6;
3. Carl Bomgardner, Annville, Farmall 460, 280-9.

9000 pound super stock
1. Tom Middleton, 274-11;
2. Marlin Brubaker, Quarryville, A-C D-21, 251-0;
3. Tony Stauffer, New Holland, Deutz 9006, 249-9.

7000 pound modified
1. Greg Manners, Ringoes, N.J. two 440 Dodges, full pull, 286-7; 2. Les Houck, Kinzers, two 427 Chevys, full pull, 282-10; 3. Don Landis, Berlin, two 440 Dodges, full pull, 273-11.

7000 pound super stock
1. Tony Stauffer, 281-8; 2. Marlin Brubaker, 275-10; 3. Amos Stauffer, Ephrata, Deutz 8006, 238-5.

Pesticides

(Continued from Page 91) jumped. Feed grain production, for example, was up 41 percent; fruits and nuts rose 44 percent; and cotton was up 43 percent, reports the ESCS.

For all crops, productivity increased an average 41 percent during the decade, while the number of acres treated with herbicides climbed 107 percent.

Still, because pesticides are energy intensive, and because farmers have grown dependent on them, a slight reduction in the energy supply could cause major problems for U.S. agriculture. Because of that, and the possibility that too many chemicals could eventually harm the environment, researchers are

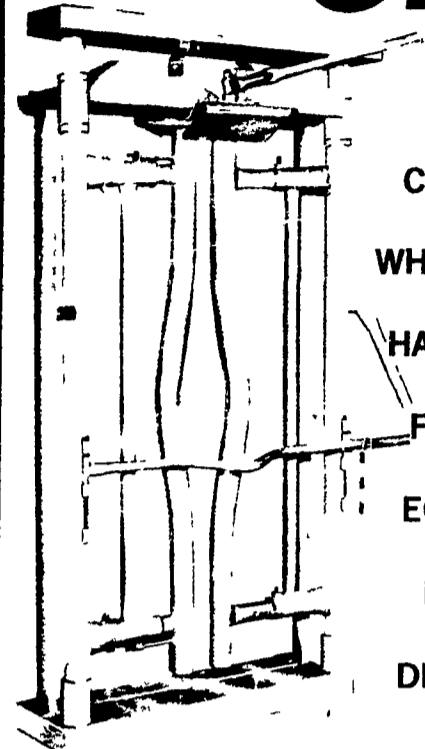
on the lookout for ways to reduce pesticide use.

One way is proper pest management. In cases where pest management has been poor, pesticide use could be cut by half.

Another way to dent pesticide use is through improved application methods. Estimates indicate that with present systems, less than 5 percent of insecticide and fungicide sprays hit their intended targets.

Research is also being aimed at changing the ingredients in pesticides. While most of them are petroleum based, scientists think they may be able to use water to carry the active ingredients, but more experiments are needed.

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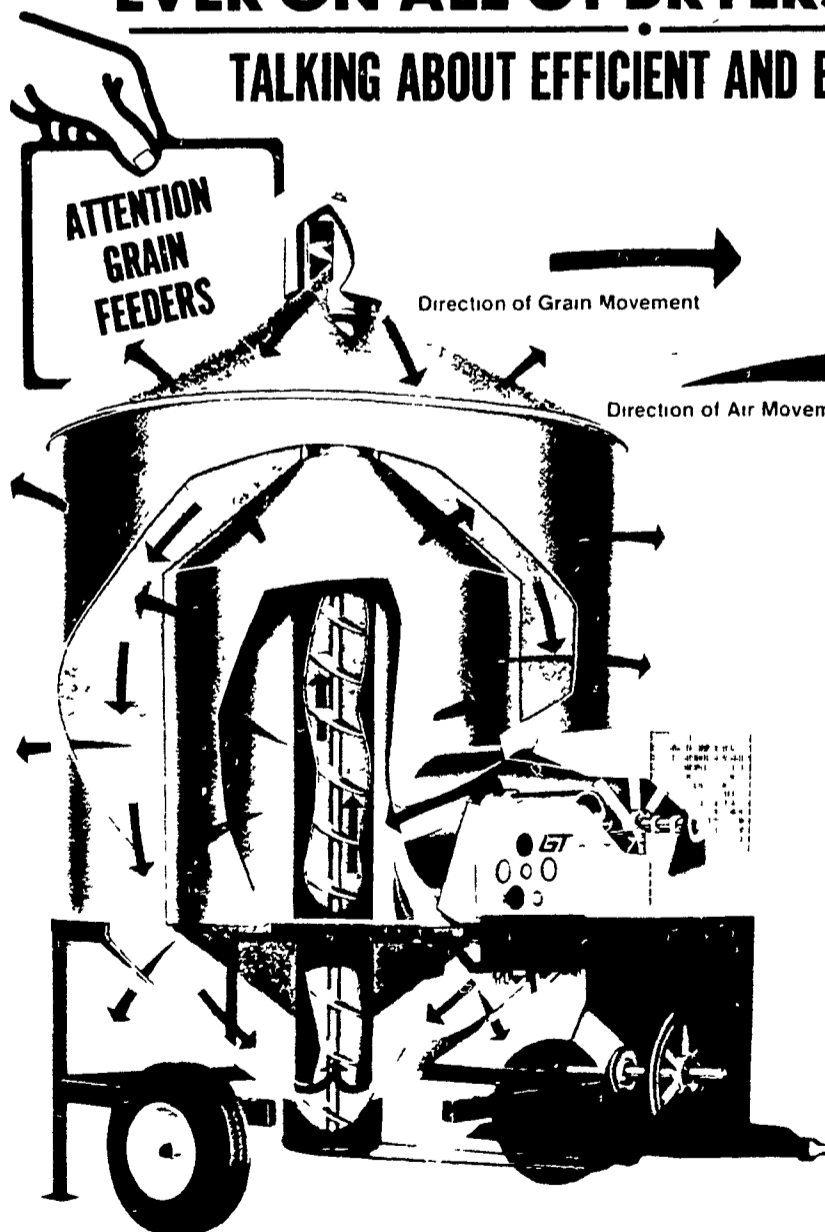
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