

Agribusiness Day proclaimed

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able to produce enough food to feed today's population.

With the Governor at the time of the signing were representatives from PennAg Industries Association. PennAg is a trade organization representing some 400 agribusiness firms in Pennsylvania. It is the oldest such organization in the country, and will be holding its 100th annual convention in Harrisburg, September 19-21.

The upcoming PennAg convention will feature numerous nationally and internationally known speakers, and informative, interesting and educational programs.

During the signing of the Agribusiness Day proclamation, Governor Shapp, who will participate in the PennAg Convention next week, noted that the PennAg Industries Association is the oldest state agribusiness association in the United States. When the Association kicks off its centennial meeting on Wednesday, Governor Shapp will deliver the welcoming address at 9 a.m. Activities such as registration and a display of products will actually have

started the day before, prior to the organization's formal opening ceremonies.

Included in the PennAg Centennial convention will be a golf tournament on Sept. 19, at 11 a.m. at the West Shore Country Club, a fraktur demonstration by Julia Kohler at 2 p.m. and displays of products at 8 p.m.

The Wednesday program will feature Governor Shapp and several noted specialists who will look at the nation's economy, energy and environment.

Special activities on Wednesday morning include stone dressing, millwrighting, and quilting. At 2 p.m. there will be a tour to the William Penn Museum. The Buckwheat Institute of America meets at the same time.

Thursday morning, at 9 o'clock, will feature a panel of presidents who will give their own interpretations as to what agribusiness can expect in coming years. A special program on spinning and weaving will be given by Judith Eby of Dover. Stone dressing and millwrighting will be featured again.

Also included in the program on Thursday will be Pennsylvania Agriculture

Secretary Kent Shelhamer, and Penn State University College of Agriculture Dean James Beattie. For more details, please refer to a separate article on page 124.

Agribusiness is a natural and necessary outgrowth of a food production system that has become increasingly specialized.

As agriculture grew, so did agribusiness. The evolution of one, in fact, would not have been possible without the other.

Agriculture's support industry in Pennsylvania is

as impressive as agriculture itself. Grain and livestock marketers, according to the 1972 Census of Agriculture, accounted for \$424.7 million in sales. Farm supply sales amounted to \$463.1 million, farm and garden machinery and equipment accounted for \$350.6 million and other agribusinesses sold \$84.7 million worth of goods and services to the state's farmers.

The total agribusiness sales for 1972, the latest year for which these census figures are available, were \$1.3 billion in Pennsylvania.

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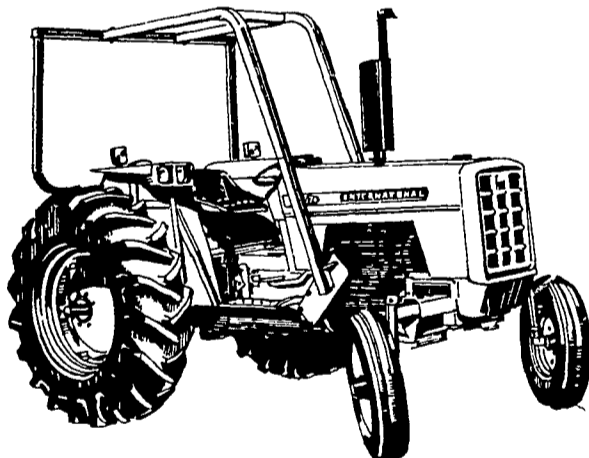
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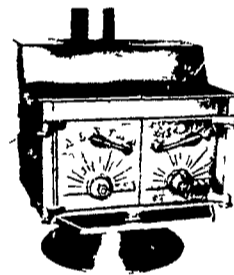
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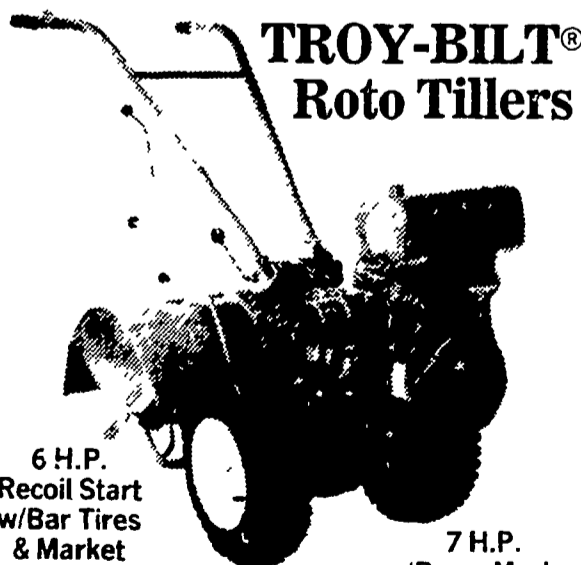
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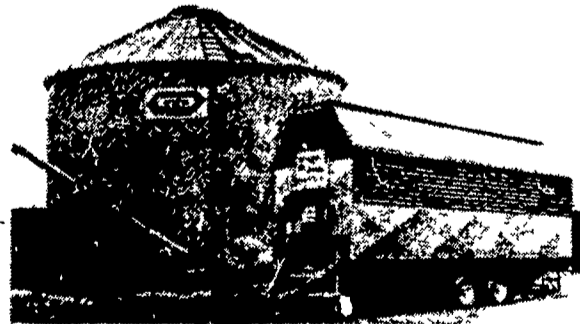
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