

PFA applauds re-introduction of national ag bargaining law

CAMP HILL - Pennsylvania Farmers' Association President Eugene Thompson on Monday applauded the efforts of two Pennsylvania congressmen in re-introducing the National Agricultural Bargaining Act (H.R. 13869).

Rep. John Murtha (D. - 12th District) traveled from Washington, D.C. to the Clearfield Hospital bedside of Rep. Joseph Ammerman (D. - 23rd Dist.) last week to obtain his signature so that bill can be re-introduced with several co-sponsors, including Rep. Murtha.

Rep. Ammerman, the bill's chief sponsor, is recuperating from an auto accident which occurred August 20, just five days after he originally introduced the legislation.

PFA President Thompson noted the bill has the support of PFA's national affiliate,



U.S. Congressman John P. Murtha (D., District 12) had U.S. Congressman Joe Ammerman sign the proposed marketing and bargaining act for farmers for re-introduction by Congressman Murtha. Ammerman, chief sponsor of the bill, has been recuperating from an auto accident for more than a month. Left to right they are: Ammerman, Murtha, Charles R. Ord, administrative secretary, Pennsylvania Farmers' Association; and Richard Newpher, governmental relations director, also of Farmers' Association.

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The American Farm Bureau Federation, also the Grange, Farmers Union, and the National Council of Farmer Cooperatives.

Thompson said, "This legislation will help make farmers participants in negotiating terms of sale for their products in the market system rather than leaving

them to rely on government supports or resorting to "farm strikes" to improve their financial condition."

The legislation gives the Secretary of Agriculture authority to accredit

bargaining farm producer associations. Once accredited, a farm group and its handlers are required to bargain in good faith for terms of sale, price and other provisions.

A.I. unit to be honored

FLEMINGTON, N.J. - Cooperative Artificial Breeding Association, Unit 1, will celebrate its 40th year of service as a farmers' cooperative on Thursday evening, October 26, at the Flemington Elks Hall. A social period has been set for 6:30 p.m., dinner at 7:15, reports Edgar Woolf, Asbury N.J., Chairman of the Unit 1 Advisory Committee.

Unit 1 has been providing continuous service to its members in the Hunterdon, Somerset and Warren County area since its inception back on May 16, 1938, says Woolf. "It's fitting that we commemorate the program's beginning, point to the many advances that

have taken place in the four decades, and to take stock of the tremendous service the A.I. organization provides its members today," he said.

Unit 1 is a member of the Northeastern Breeders Association, headquartered in Tunkhannock, Pa., and in turn a part of Sire Power, Inc., a federation of A.I. cooperatives.

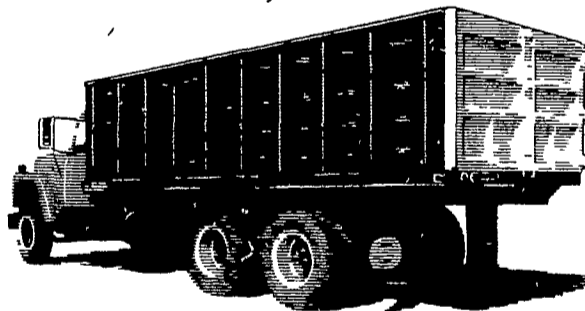
Speaker for the occasion will be The Honorable Phillip Alampi, New Jersey Secretary of Agriculture. A slide presentation depicting Unit 1 through the years will be featured along with an exhibit displaying equipment used down through the years in laboratory and field A.I. work

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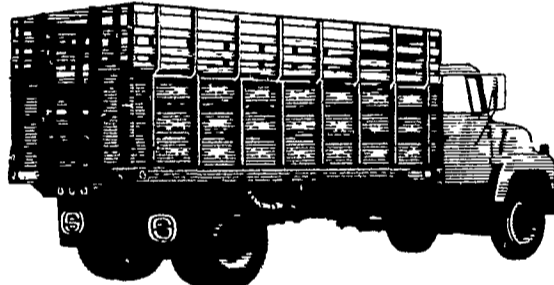
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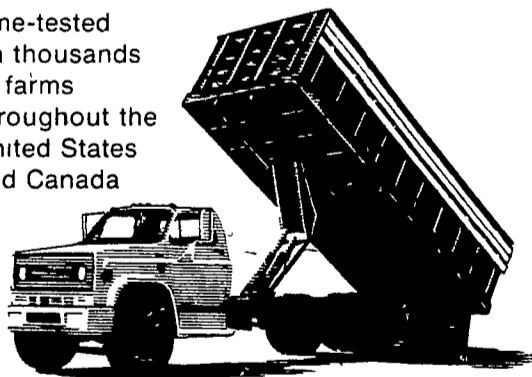
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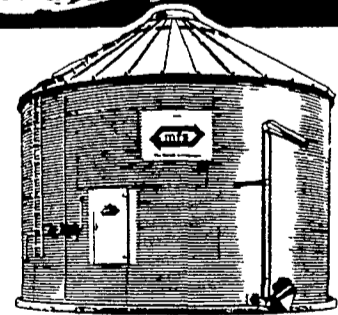
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