

Hallowell urges farmers to use sewer assessment relief act

HARRISBURG — State Agriculture Secretary Penrose Hallowell, citing a "disappointingly small number of farmers who have taken advantage of the act," is urging Pennsylvania farmers to consider the provisions for front footage assessment relief which are available under Act 71 of 1977.

Hallowell said that to date only 29 farms in five counties

(Allegheny, Berks, Cumberland, Montgomery and Westmoreland) have been certified for the tax deferment. He noted that the 29 farms had received a total of \$394,655 in tax payments deferred, ranging from a high of \$43,284 to a low of \$2,136. Acreages for the farms ranged from eight acres to 235 acres.

Under the Sewer and Water Assessment Relief Act, farmers who are

assessed for front footage on their land may have their tax payments deferred for as long as they do not connect their farms to the line and as long as the land remains in farming.

"In consideration of the large number of sewer systems currently under construction across the state, I am surprised at the disappointingly small number of farmers who have taken advantage of the act,"

he said. "I would urge farmers to make use of the deferred payment provisions of Act 71 when sewer and water lines are installed on their land."

Hallowell said, in addition, that he would ask State Department of Environmental Resources Secretary Clifford Jones to include notice of Act 71 benefits with their grant approval letters when sewer construction projects have

been passed. He also will ask that DER make an announcement of the information concerning tax deferment for farmers during all public hearings on the installment of sewer and water lines in rural areas.

Home Landscaping course offered

UNIVERSITY PARK — According to The Pennsylvania State University's correspondence course on home landscape planning, plants should serve some useful purpose — as well as being attractive. For example, they enclose your backyard and give privacy. Or, well chosen plants

enhance house architecture. A background or "frame" is formed as you look at your house from the front. Plants also provide shade, serve as windbreaks, and possible other functions.

Not only placing of plants, but also their shape, size, and texture are to be considered. And few plants grow equally well in sun or shade.

Plant a shade-loving rhododendron in full sun and it will do poorly.

To learn landscape planning for small properties, Penn State offers a correspondence course for \$4.25 plus 25 cents postage. Write to Landscape Planning, Box 5000, University Park, Pa. 16802.

Keystone
Farmers

visit

Lions Club

WASHINGTON BORO — The Washington Boro Lions Club held their annual banquet recently, hosting the Manor Chapter FFA Keystone Farmers.

Each Keystone Farmer gave a three minute talk on what the judges looked for when placing farm products in local fair competition.

COMMENTS FROM READERS

Fewer knives need clarification

Editor:

A fellow employee has shared his copy of the March 10 issue of Lancaster Farming, which includes your coverage of the February meeting of New Holland Young Farmers.

Your coverage was very precise and well done, with only one area needing some clarification. The statement "fewer knives give a more uniform cut" needs qualifications which I

thought I presented, but may not have been understood. The "fewer knives" theory is only effective when available horsepower and/or fast feed roll speeds prevent the accumulation of a mat of material between the feed rolls. The "mat" is necessary so the feed rolls hold the material while it is being cut. Actually, if one could assume an adequate material mat was always present, "fewer knives" will

give a less uniform product.

It is on this latter assumption that Sperry New Holland has successfully introduced and marketed the 12-knife cutterhead concept.

I don't know your policy on such matters, but if possible I would appreciate some kind of clarification on this subject.

Thank you,
Fred Brownlee
Service Engineer
New Holland

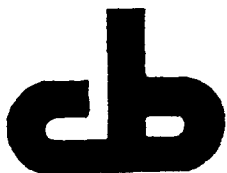
**SAVE MONEY
BUY FROM THE
MANUFACTURER**

**MILKOMATIC
MILK REPLACER FOR
HEIFER REPLACEMENTS
& VEALERS**

- ★ HIGH QUALITY FORMULATIONS
- ★ MEDICATED
- ★ MIXED UP DAILY FOR FRESHNESS

50 Lb. Bag Picked Up In Manheim \$16.50

Call Collect



C. B. DUMONT CO.

RD #3, Box 314
Manheim, PA 17545
(717) 665-7356

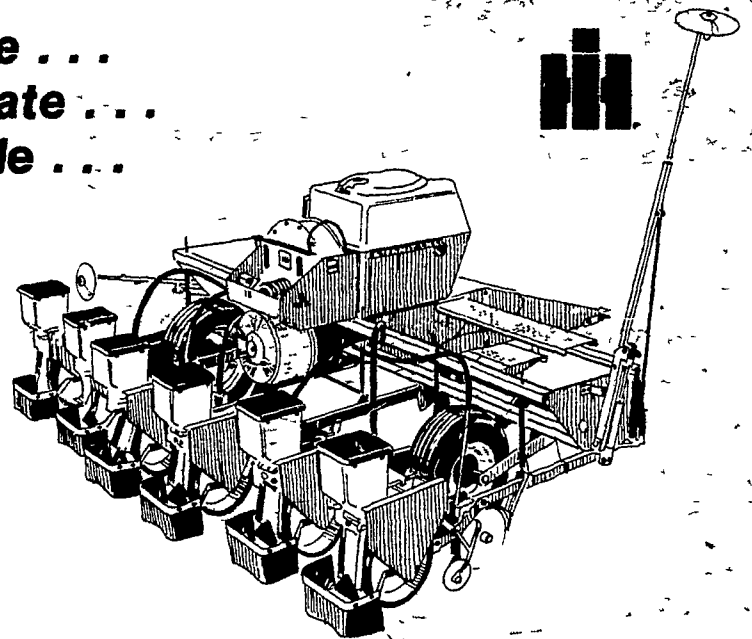
Vent-O-Matic

FANS AND INLETTING SYSTEMS

FACTORY DIRECT WHOLESALE PRICES

Call for More Info.
426-2139

Simple . . .
accurate . . .
reliable . . .



International 400 Cyclo Planter

This season, enjoy all of the benefits of International Cyclo planting, the world's first system to use air power for putting seeds in the ground. No other system equals it for reliability, convenience, simplicity. Only 3 moving parts assures long, trouble-free service. A variety of seeds, sized or unsized, are all planted through the same metering system. And owners report getting accurate populations at speeds up to 7 mph.

- Trailing models in 4, 6, 8 rows, wide and narrow.
- Quick-change seed drums can be changed over in minutes.
- Big centralized 11-bu. hopper goes half a day without refilling.
- Electronic monitors take the guesswork out of planting.
- Many attachments available: fertilizer and chemical applicators; Cou-Till units; combined tillage hitch and more.

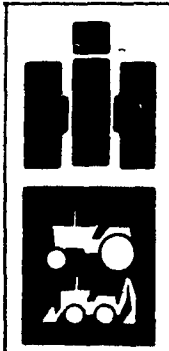
See us for details. Easy finance plans available.

**SUPER
SPECIAL!**

400 CYCLO PLANTER - Runner Openers,
Dry Fertilizer. Set Up Ready For The Field...

\$3,500

Previously Owned - But Never Used In The Field



LEHIGH INTERNATIONAL INC.

12 Oakwood Lane, Schnecksville, PA. 18078
Phone: 215-767-1188 or 215-434-4678
Open Mon. to Thurs. 8 A.M. to 5 P.M.
Fri. 8 A.M. to 9 P.M. - Sat. 8 A.M. to 1 P.M.