

Forage, corn, seed meeting scheduled for Penn State

UNIVERSITY PARK — Solar grain and hay drying, the use of Gasohol in farm production and ways to produce 100-bushel per acre wheat will be topics discussed at the Forage, Corn and Seed Conference

scheduled for November 19-20 at Penn State University's main campus.

According to Donald R. Daum, Penn State extension agricultural engineer and conference chairman, registration will be held at 11

a.m. on November 19 in the J.O. Keller Building.

The November 19 afternoon session will center on the theme, "Managing Your Forage Resources in the 80's."

Topics and speakers include "Forage Recommendations" by Dr. John Baylor, Extension agronomist; "Integrated Pest Management for Alfalfa" by Stanley Gesell, Extension entomologist; "Fertility Levels for Pasture Forage Production" by Lee Miller, Beaver County Extension agent; and "Gasohol for All?" by James Garthe, extension agricultural engineer.

The morning session on November 20 will be devoted to topics related to corn production.

Nathan Hartwig, Penn State research agronomist, will give an update on weed control and incorporation equipment; Joseph McCurdy, extension

agricultural engineer; Wayne Hinsh, extension agronomist; and Mike Wilcox, farmer and dealer from Carlton, will discuss energy conservation and crop production.

G. C. Shove, agricultural engineer at the University of Illinois, will present "Solar Grain and Hay Drying—Does It Work?"

Cereal grains and soybean production will be discussed during the afternoon session on November 20.

Presentations will center on "Basics of Growing Soybeans" by John Yocum, Penn State agronomist; "Economics of Soybeans Versus Corn" by Samuel Dum, extension farm management specialist,

"Twenty Steps to 100-Bushel Wheat" by Elwood Hatley, extension agronomist; and an overview on the Center for Cereal Research at Penn State by Harold Marshall, research agronomist.

During the conference, the Pennsylvania Alfalfa Growers Contest winners will be announced.

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The firm purchases livestock for slaughter in Pennsylvania.

The company consented to the order and waived oral hearing, without admitting or denying the charges filed in an administrative complaint.

USDA Administrative Law Judge William J. Weber ordered the company to cease and desist from:

-Purchasing livestock

while current liabilities exceed current assets, unless the firm pays the full price in cash, by certified check, or by wire transfer of funds to the seller;

-Issuing checks without insuring that funds are available to pay the checks when presented; and

-Failing to pay, when due, the full price of livestock meat, and meat food or livestock products purchased.

The firm was also ordered to hold funds in trust for all unpaid cash sellers of livestock until the sellers receive full payment due them under the trust.

The cease and desist order was issued to insure the firm's future compliance with the P&S Act.

Meat packers are required under the P&S act to maintain a solvent financial position and to pay promptly for livestock purchased. These are measures of financial protection for livestock sellers.

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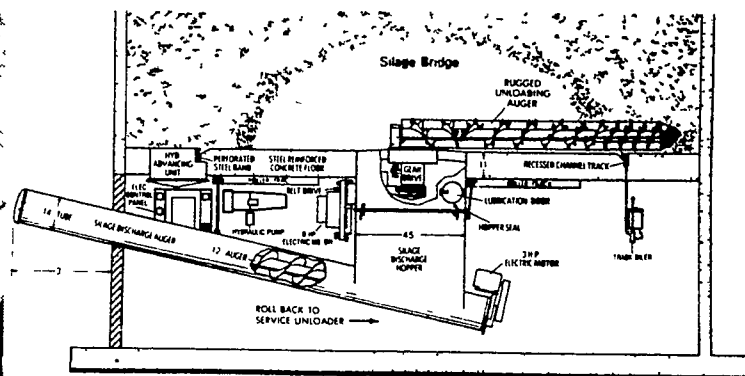
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