

## Del. Governor signs farm safety proclamation

DOVER, Del. — To focus attention on the enormous human and economic toll of agriculture-related accidents, Gov. Pierre S. duPont has proclaimed July 25-31 Farm Safety Week in Delaware.

Last year in the U.S. 1900 farm workers were killed and 175,000 suffered disabling injuries. In Delaware this translates to about four deaths and 600 injuries.

Farm Safety Week 1980 will emphasize personal protective equipment such as safety shoes, goggles and respirators.

Ron Jester, farm safety specialist for the Delaware

Extension Service, says PPE can prevent or reduce the severity of many injuries, particularly those involving the head, eyes, skin, hands and feet.

National Safety Council statistics indicate that 40 percent of reported farm accidents involve the head, eyes, hands or feet. In Delaware, however, the figure is 55 percent, according to a recent accident study.

Several types of safety glasses, goggles and face shields are available to protect the eyes from chemicals, dust and flying particles. In particular, those working with

anhydrous ammonia should use protective eyewear because the chemical quickly destroys eye tissue, says Jester.

Safety shoes should be mandatory on every farm, says the specialist. Protective footwear is available in many styles including boots, dress and sport shoes, with a variety of sole materials and treads for good footing. Some have flexible steel insoles for puncture resistance. Instep and shin protectors are also available.

Many agriculture-related illnesses result from breathing irritants or toxic substances. Filter masks and respirators protect lungs from dust, molds and spray particles.

Chemical cartridge respirators and gas masks are recommended when applying pesticides. Silage, manure and grain storage facilities require air packs or supplied-air respirators.

Other important PPE includes hard hats, gloves, and acoustic ear muffs or ear plugs.



Gov. Pierre S. duPont signs official proclamation designating July 25-31 as Farm Safety Week in Delaware. With him are Ronald C. Jester, left, extension farm safety specialist, University of Delaware; and Claude Hoffman, master of the Delaware State Grange. Emphasis this year is on personal protective equipment to prevent or reduce severity of agriculture-related accidents.

## Angus field day held at Back Acres

MOUNT AIRY, Md. — One hundred seventy Angus enthusiasts gathered at Back Acres Angus farm in Mount Airy, Maryland, last Saturday for the Annual Maryland Angus Field Day.

The weather and setting proved perfect and the Full family, Emmett and Audrey and Doug Full, and Gail and William Dorsey and children, provided an enjoyable day and delicious lunch.

Morning registration was followed by a judging of a group of heifers and participants were asked which to "keep or cull". Winner was young Angus breeder, Lisa Neal of Woodbine. Her dad, Roy, came in second.

A practical lesson on "Merchandising Beef Through Local Processors" was presented by Billy Wagner of Mt. Airy Locker Plant. A slide presentation by Ray Striklin, of the University of Maryland Animal Science staff, on "Animal Behavior and

Management Systems" was also well received by the audience.

After lunch, guests were introduced and representatives of the Angus Associations including Dean Considine, President of the Maryland Angus Association; Chet Hughes, Regional Fieldman from the

American Angus Association; Susan Holston, President of the Maryland Junior Angus Association; and Dessie Moxley, President of the Maryland Angus Women's Club, who announced the 1980 winners of the Seidenspinner Memorial Scholarship Grant.

These winners are Susan Lynn Janney of Westminster in Carroll county and Roger Sears of Keymar in Frederick county.

Several commercial exhibits were available for visitors and the day was topped off by a tour of the Back Acres good Angus herd.

## Introduces new seed treatment

LANCASTER — A new hopper-box seed treatment for use on wheat, oats and barley has recently been granted an EPA registration and will soon be available to farmers, according to Chevron Chemical Company.

Named Orthocide Vitavax 20-20, the seed protectant combines two fungicides, Chevron's Orthocide and Unroyal's Vitavax, into a product that is designed to control covered smut and

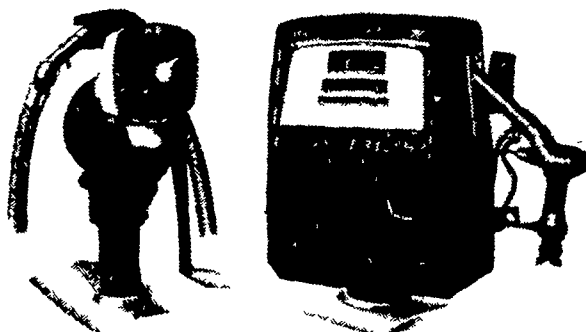
loose smut on wheat, oats and barley. It also tends to reduce seed rot and seedling blight caused by soil fungi.

"Orthocide Vitavax 20-20 is the first combination systemic and protective hopper-box fungicide for wheat, oats and barley which controls seedling diseases as well as smut," said Ray Knake, a seed protectant researcher with Chevron. "It now gives the

farmer a chance to treat his own seed," especially in areas where commercial elevators have stopped treating."

The product is applied as a drill-box treatment at the rate of four ounces per 100 pounds of seed and should be mixed thoroughly with the seed before planting. More information is available by contacting your local distributor or Ortho representative.

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