

Farmers asked to nominate peach award candidates

MARTINSBURG, WV — A sculptured glass peach, hand made and as delicate looking as the natural fruit, has become one of the best known awards in the fruit industry.

National Peach Council used other means of recognition of its award recipients for five years, 1968-1972. Since the first crystal peach was presented in 1972 it has become known and recognized by thousands of persons connected with the fruit industry.

Nominations are again being sought for this award,

though a person nominated during the next two or three months will probably be considered for the award to be presented in 1982, not the award which will be presented at the 1981 NPC convention in Phoenix, AZ.

Even though not all past recipients of the Achievement Award received the glass peach, each of them was recognized by NPC for special contributions to the peach industry or the council.

National Peach Council presented its first Achievement Award

in 1968 to Frank Street was a research leader as well as a past president of National Peach Council and one of its strongest supporters.

Though there is no monetary award connected with recognition, the presentation of the glass peach during the National Peach Council Convention has become one of the highlights of that meeting.

Nominations for the Achievement Award can be sent to National Peach Council at any time. Most of the nominations are made without

the nominees being aware the nominations have been submitted. Members of the NPC Awards Committee have become almost secretive about their annual selection, and it is often a complete surprise to the recipient.

"We know that not all persons who are deserving of the Achievement Award can ever be recognized, but we do wish that more of them were nominated," lamented Dan McGuire, chairman of committee which has the task of selecting a recipient for the 1981 award.

"Our committee cannot possibly learn about all those who may be deserving of the award without the help of persons who work with the possible nominees or otherwise know of their accomplishments."

Nominees should be persons who have done things which have helped the entire peach industry or who have been particularly helpful in carrying out the aims and objectives of National Peach Council. They may be peach producers, packers, ship-

pers, research workers at the state or Federal level, or persons in allied industries.

Nominations should be

sent, with supporting information to: Awards Committee, National Peach Council, P.O. Box 1085, Martinsburg, WV 25401.

Sulphur Creek Farms takes lifetime breed membership

ZION GROVE — Sulphur Creek Farms, owned by Eugene A. Gubala, Zion Grove, has recently become a lifetime member of the American Simmental Association.

ASA is unique among beef breed associations in that it offers only a one-time one-payment life membership. Once a person joins the Association, there are no future dues or membership payments.

We want to extend a sincere welcome said ASA Executive Secretary, Earl B. Peterson from the Association's headquarters in Bozeman, Montana.

Founded in 1968, the American Simmental Association now numbers more than 13,200 life

members and the ASA herd book has exceeded the 600,000 figure in number of animals processed for registration.

Simmental cattle originated in the Simme valley of Switzerland and have been in North America only since 1967. In that time, the Simmental breed has grown enormously in numbers and in popularity. The breed currently ranks fourth among U.S. beef breed organizations in the number of animals registered annually.

"The Simmental Producer benefits greatly from his relationship with the ASA," Peterson said. "Recognition of genetic trait leaders, the publishing of the National Simmental Sire Summary

coupled with corresponding data on growth and maternal traits provided valuable management tools to the cattleman."

An awards program to honor outstanding females in the breed is also maintained.

This program helps the producer identify the superior cows in his herd," Peterson added. "We feel that the cow makes the difference."

Gubala, says he is enthusiastic in his discussion of Simmental cattle. He lists great or size, gentler dispositions, outstanding milk production, and ease of calving among the superior characteristics of the breed.

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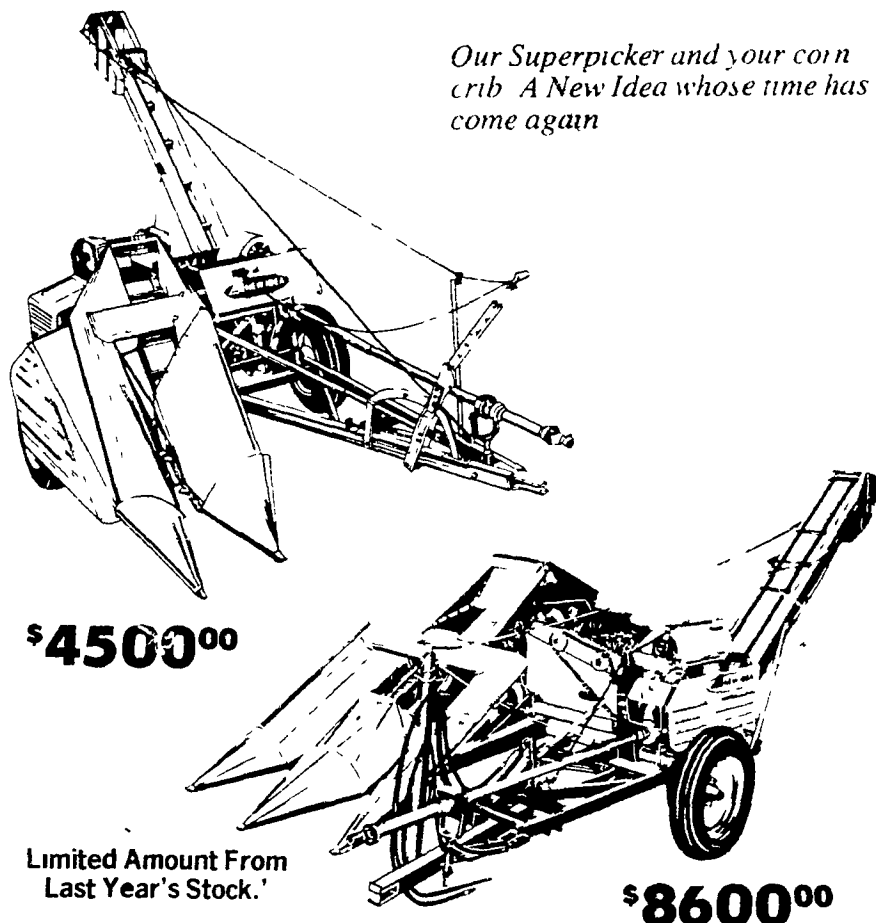
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