

Md.-ABC appoints Ridgely to sales post

TUNKHANNOCK — Ted Ridgely, New Windsor, Md. is the Maryland Artificial Breeding Cooperative's (Md-ABC) Sales and Service Director, according to DuWayne A. Kutz, Sire Power General Manager.

Ridgely will direct the technician field activities of the Maryland Artificial Breeding Cooperative. Ridgely will also serve as administrative head of the Frederick, Md. office and coordinate activities with the local breeding circuit Board of Directors.

Ridgely, a native of the Central Maryland area, received his Bachelor of Science Degree from the University of Maryland in 1960. Previously, he was employed by North American Breeders, Inc. of Berryville, Va. Ridgely grew up on a 160-acre farm in West Friendship, Md. He has been working professionally with cattle since 1948.

From 1962-1965, Ridgely managed the University of Maryland Agronomy-Dairy Forage Research Farm in Ellicott City, Md. He was responsible for



Ted Ridgely

the crops and 250 registered Holstein cows and managed the milk processing plant that supplied processed milk to other Maryland State Institutions.

He was also the manager of the Kingwood Cattle Company, Kingwood, W. Va., comprising a 200 milking cow operation and 1,500 acres.

Brock grain bin booklet available

MILFORD, Ind. — With so many different hopper bottom bins available on the market today, choosing the right bin is not an easy task. Whether the bin is needed for storage and handling of feed or wet grain, or for industrial use, Brock Manufacturing, Milford, Ind., has put together an informative, full-color booklet to help simplify the decision-making process.

Brock's new 16-page booklet outlines features, capacities, and accessories of the company's entire hopper bottom bin line. Brock offers 49 hopper bin models,

with diameters from 6 to 21 feet, and capacities that range from 2.9 to 164.5 tons.

Individual copies of the new Brock booklet are available free by writing or call Rene Cripe, Market Development Manager for Feed Bins, Brock Manufacturing Inc., Milford, Indiana, 46542; phone (219) 658-4191.

In addition to its complete line of hopper bottom bins, Brock also manufactures and markets a broad line of grain storage bins and bin accessories for farm, commercial, and industrial use.

Birdsfoot trefoil variety listed

MISSION, Kan. — RP Seeds has obtained production, marketing, and distribution rights to Fergus—a new birdsfoot trefoil variety from the University of Kentucky.

Fergus is a high-yielding, widely-adapted variety which works well in combination with orchardgrass, Kentucky bluegrass, smooth bluegrass, and tall fescue. This non-bloating legume variety, like other legumes, boosts, profitable crop management by fixing nitrogen from the atmosphere.

To check Fergus' adaptability, it has been placed in extensive university testing programs throughout the nation.

A three-year study at Ames, Iowa, where the crops were not allowed to reseed naturally,

showed Fergus retained a stand of 66 percent at the end of the study. In the same study, Empire variety trefoil had 33 percent and Carroll variety had 25 percent of the stand remaining.

In Kentucky, excellent stands of Fergus have persisted for 18 years when allowed to naturally reseed.

High yields have marked Fergus' trial performances in several states. In an Illinois trial, it produced an average of 5.10 tons of dry matter per acre while Carroll produced 4.52 tons. The trial covered a two-station test of seedings two years old or less. At the University of Kentucky, Fergus was more productive and persistent than Carroll in a five-year study.



PDA offers directories

HARRISBURG — Whether you want to know where the closest farmers market is, when harness racing will be held at your country fair, or where to spend a relaxing week on a farm vacation, three free brochures now available through the Pennsylvania Department of Agriculture can help you find your answer.

According to State Agriculture Secretary Penrose Hallowell, "A Guide to Direct Marketing" lists 886 Pennsylvania farmers' markets and other speciality agricultural markets, including wineries and Christmas tree plantations.

"This farmer-to-consumer listing is published as a service to farmers as well as consumers who have found purchasing their food products directly from the source provides them with fresher, nutritious and flavorful foods at reasonable prices."

"The Pennsylvania Farm Vacation Directory 1981" lists 28 farms throughout the commonwealth where vacationers are welcome. Several of these farms are new to the Pennsylvania Farm Vacation Association, Hallowell noted.

He said, "Farm vacations can give you a look at the day-to-day operations of a farm. They also provide a glimpse of the important role our family farms play in the production of food and fiber for consumers in Pennsylvania and other states."

"The 1981 Pennsylvania Fair's Guide" is a complete listing of dates, locations and activities of 107 Pennsylvania county fairs. It also provides facts on harness racing events at each of the fairs.

"County fairs play an important role in rural life," Hallowell said. "They provide gathering places where millions of Pennsylvanians renew friendships, exchange ideas and participate in good natured competition. The fair guide will help you enjoy an important part of rural Pennsylvania heritage."

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