

Manager named in York

YORK — The Boards of Directors of the Farm Credit Associations of York have announced the appointment of Robert E. Vinson as General Manager.

Prior to joining the York Associations, Vinson had served as Associate Manager, Credit and Operations, for the Farmville (Virginia) Farm Credit Associations.

Born in Portsmouth, Va., and raised in Arkansas, he received his Bachelor's Degree in Business Administration from the University of Arkansas. Following graduation, Vinson was employed by Perdue, Inc., then joined the Waverly/Southside (Virginia) Farm Credit Associations as Assistant Manager in 1976. He joined the Farmville Associations in 1979.



Robert E. Vinson

Vinson is married to the former Cindy Bryant of Murfreesboro, N.C., and they have two children, Betsy and Bryan. They will live in York.

Law changes could aid pesticide development

WASHINGTON, D.C. — A top spokesman for the agricultural chemicals industry recently called for changes in the data protection laws to help meet increasing demands for the development of safer and more effective pesticides.

"If continued research and development of pesticide products is to be assured, a registrant's proprietary right in the data he has submitted must be protected by a system which prohibits the use of data by competitors for a reasonable period of time following submission of the data to EPA," said Jack D. Early, President of the National Agricultural Chemicals Association, during oversight hearings before the House Agriculture Subcommittee on Department Operations, Research and Foreign Agriculture.

Specifically, Early proposed the Federal Insecticide, Fungicide and Rodenticide Act be amended to allow pesticide producers an "exclusive use period of 15 years" for data they have submitted to EPA after September 30, 1978 to either support an application for a new active ingredient or to amend a previously registered pesticide for a new use.

In addition, the NACA executive proposed amendments to the Act that would require registrants to "jointly develop and pay an appropriate share" of the cost for producing defensive data for EPA, and would confine disclosure of research and test data to a "public reading room" at EPA's headquarters.

Early noted the existing system

provides for 10 years of exclusive data use, plus five additional years of data compensation during which time a registrant can be forced to sell access to his data. Data compensation under NACA's proposal, he said, would be gradually phased out for data submitted to EPA to support registrations before September 30, 1978, and all defensive data would receive 15 years of "shared" exclusive use from date of submission to EPA.

Early pointed out new pesticides are delayed from entering the market for about 8 years under the current law and cost producers an average of \$20 to \$25 million to bring a product through the registration process. Under such circumstances, he added, the lack of adequate proprietary right assurances "destroys or seriously impairs" a producer's ability to

recover research and development costs and to make a profit.

Early said the proposed 15-year data exclusivity amendment would serve as a sufficient period "to encourage producers to continue investing high-risk capital and expensive research and development resources needed to discover, produce and market more useful chemicals."

In addition, he said the NACA proposal would have no impact on health and safety issues, but would help improve EPA's ability to keep track of registration data and solve its administrative problems in this area.

NACA is a non-profit, Washington-based trade association whose 115 members make or formulate virtually all the crop protection chemicals used in the United States and a large percentage used abroad.

ABS acquires Md. bull

DeForest, Wis. — A young Holstein bull, Kinglea Seward, bred by John L. King, Jr., Church Hill, Md., has been selected by American Breeders Service to enter their Progeny Testing Program.


He has been moved to that company's facilities at DeForest, Wisc., where he will join approximately 135 other bulls being tested this year. During testing, Kinglea Seward will be mated to 700 cows in herds associated with ABS in their testing program, from

all across the United States.

After a four-year wait, during which his progeny will be evaluated, a decision will be made as to whether or not he enters into regular semen production.

Kinglea Seward is the result of a mating between Glendell Arlinda Chief, +\$230, +1,993M and +59BF and Killdee Elevation Sue.

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