

Farm Business News

Chemical association speaks out on export process

WASHINGTON, D.C. — Leaders of the agricultural chemicals industry told Congress recently that export notification requirements for unregistered pesticides could be best carried out by transmitting notices directly to regulatory officials of importing countries.

Jack D. Early, president of the National Agricultural Chemicals Association, and Nicholas L. Reding, of Monsanto Company and chairman of NACA's Board of Directors, also recommended that notification requirements be confined only to pesticides which contain an unregistered active ingredient or for which there is no registered formulation.

"The current system is burdensome and time-consuming," Early told members of the House Agriculture Subcommittee on Department Operations, Research and Foreign Agriculture during oversight hearings on the Federal Insecticide, Fungicide and Rodenticide Act.

He and Reding said the NACA proposal would ensure notifications are put in the hands of

appropriate officials in foreign countries who would know how to deal with the information. In addition, they said the recommendation would eliminate the "serious negative effects" for U.S. exporters of requiring that they secure a written statement from their overseas customers while non-U.S. suppliers make no similar requests.

Under the present law, exporters are required to submit a signed acknowledgement letter from the foreign consumer to the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency for transmittal to the importing country. The law also requires that EPA notify foreign governments through the U.S. Department of State of the cancellation or suspension of a pesticide registration.

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.

Semen book available

WATERTOWN, WI. — The Semen Mart of Watertown, WI. has introduced a new inventory record book for frozen bull semen. The 3 3/4" by 5 1/4" loose-leaf binder fits well in a shirt pocket or desk drawer and eliminates the charts that usually hang in a dark and dirty part of the barn.

Each page of the miniature book provides records for one cane or

rack of up to ten units of semen, its location in the storage tank, and the date of breeding and identification of the cow on which each unit is used.

The vinyl covered book retails for \$7.95 and additional loose-leaf sheets are available. For additional information, contact The Semen Mart, Box 354, Watertown, WI. 53094.

Suggested Readings

Small meat and poultry processors

NEW YORK, N.Y. — Small meat and poultry processing plants who want to participate in the U.S. Department of Agriculture's quality control inspection system can receive guidance from a new USDA publication.

"Quality Control in Small Plants — A Guide For Meat and Poultry Processors" provides information on the concept of quality control and how it relates to the USDA inspection program.

The publication discusses quality control in the entire plant operation including receiving, manufacturing, packaging and labeling, shipping, general sanitation and employee training.

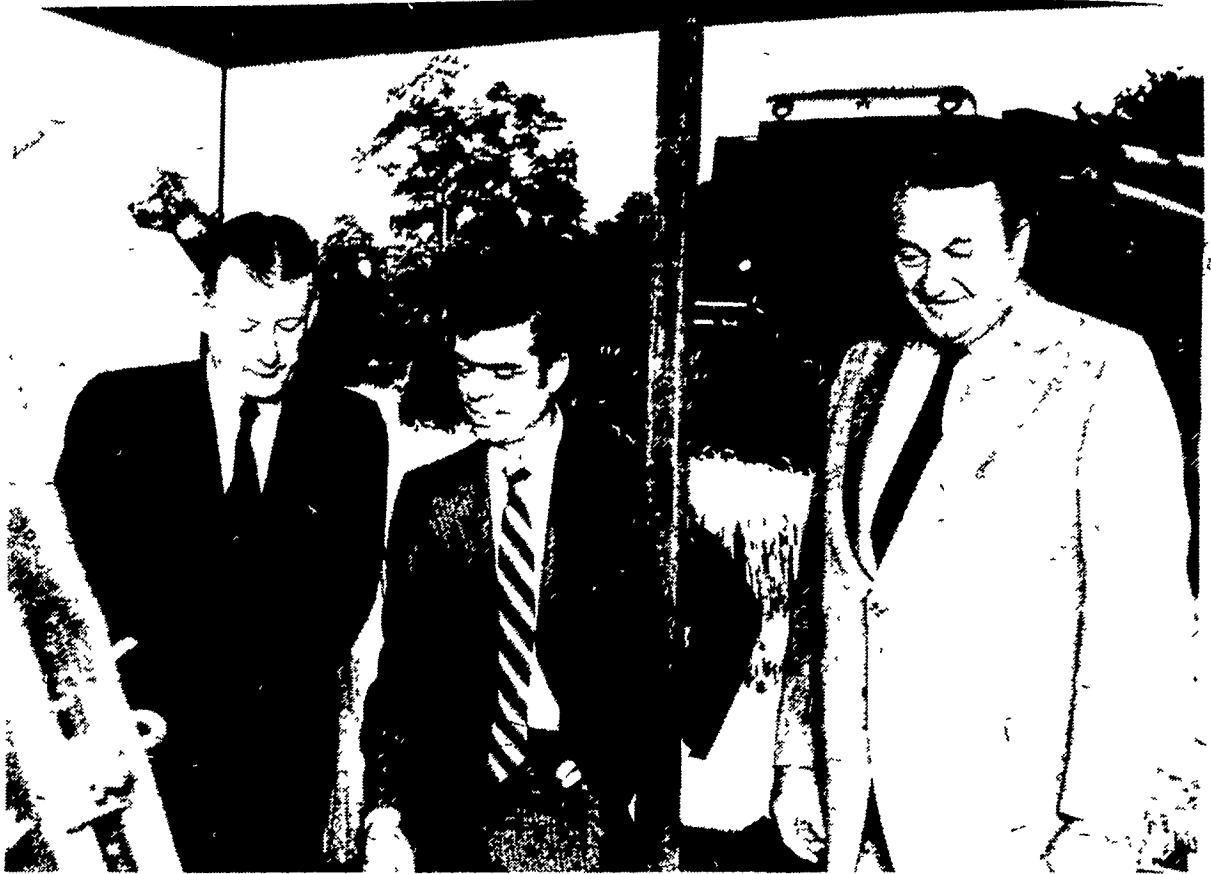
Procedures for specific operations are also discussed including boning, cutting and trimming; poultry cutting; pumping and smoking or cooking; canning; and formulation.

Meat and poultry processing plants may voluntarily apply to USDA for approval of their plant quality control system. Approval is

based on assurance the system will produce products in compliance with wholesomeness and labeling requirements of the federal inspection laws.

Quality control inspection is available to processing plants which produce, cut or package such items as cooked, cured and smoked meats, roast beef, hamburger, frozen dinners, and soups containing meat and poultry. It does not apply to inspection of animals in slaughtering operations.

Copies of the guidebook (Agriculture Handbook NO. 586) are available from the Information Division, U.S. Department of Agriculture, 26 Federal Plaza, Room 1653, New York, N.Y. 10278



Viewing special ag exhibit in Washington, D.C. are, from the left, Brooks McCormick, retired IH chairman and chief executive officer; John Block, Secretary of Agriculture;

and Ben Warren, president of the company's Agricultural Equipment Group. The photo of the combine at work in the background was taken in Lancaster County.

IH displays ag history at Smithsonian

WASHINGTON, D.C. — Lancaster County is well represented in a special agricultural exhibit at the Smithsonian's National Museum of American History in the nation's capital.

The exhibit, sponsored by International Harvester, features a comparison of historical farm machines that permanently altered the course of agriculture

and their present-day modern counterparts.

The exhibit uses large photographic dioramas of modern-day technology in each of the four seasons. These photo murals form a backdrop for the early machines.

The exhibit is open until November 1.

Among Lancaster County's

contribution:

The large photo, which provides the backdrop for the first reaper, shows an IH Axial-Flow combine harvesting Lancaster County wheat. The modern machine is owned by Ken Zurin, custom combiner, of R3, Mt. Joy. The large red and black combine is shown at work on the Hiram Strickler farm at R3, Mt. Joy, which is worked by Floyd Kreider.

The photo, taken last harvest season, was arranged through local IH dealer, C.B. Hooper Son, Inc., of Intercourse.

Other Lancaster County contributions to the exhibit include a Huber steam traction engine, which was donated to the Smithsonian in 1973 by the A.F. Brandt family, of Bainbridge.

And another is an engineering drawing of a Landis Eclipse thresher, which was designed by a pair of Lancaster County brothers.

The exhibit also commemorates IH's 150th anniversary and the dramatic progress of American agriculture since the first mechanical reaper took to a grain field in 1831.

Prominent is the world's first successful mechanical reaper, invented by Cyrus H. McCormick in 1831. His invention brought mechanization to farming and marked the beginning of International Harvester, today a worldwide producer of agricultural equipment, trucks and construction machinery.

Before McCormick's invention farmers harvested grain by hand using a cradle to cut about two acres per day. U.S. farmers were only able to produce enough food to feed four people.

The McCormick reaper increased the harvest to eight acres a day. Today's modern cousin illustrated in the exhibit, the IH Axial-Flow rotary combine, harvests 100 acres of wheat, or 50 acres of corn, per day. This enables the American farmer to produce enough food for 68 people, including 20 overseas citizens.

Other displays in the exhibit show improvements in plowing and planting efficiency, the changing farm tractor that replaced the horse in the early 1900's, and old and new cotton pickers. A final section contrasts the dog-powered churn of an 1881 dairy operation with equipment in a modern day factory.

Herr honored

HOLTWOOD — Paul Herr, of Holtwood, an ABS representative for the past 23 years, has received from the National Association of Artificial Breeders (NAAB) an award of great merit.

He was recently honored with a certificate for 35,000 recorded first services. To date, Herr has over 44,000 recorded first services, which means he would have bred over 5 cows every day since 1958.

Livestock merchandising

KANSAS CITY, Mo. — A session-by-session summary of Livestock Marketing Congress '81 is now available free of charge from Livestock Merchandising Institute.

Single copies of the 13-page, magazine style "Special Report" can be obtained by writing the Institute, 4900 Oak Street, Kansas City, Mo., 64112.

This year's Congress, held in Minneapolis, had as its theme "Competing For The Protein Dollar." Nearly 30 speakers and panelists explored the growing challenge to the livestock and red meat industry from competing protein sources.

Congress program sessions looked at "Our Customer," "Our Competitors," and "Our

Challenge." The Report also includes a summary of the script of the opening audiovisual presentation, which subsequently has been shown before a number of industry groups.

Participants in the Congress included Walter Heller, former economic advisor to three presidents; W. Wayne Talarzyk, professor of marketing and consumer lifestyle specialist from Ohio State University; consumer advocate Ralph Nader, and leading spokesman from virtually every sector of the livestock and meat industries.

Conducted since 1970 by the Institute, the annual Congress has emerged as the industry's leading conference on livestock economics.

Machinery Maintenance

MOLINE, Ill. — Deere and Company has just published a special kind of book for people who need a good, basic introduction to machinery and its care, according to L.R. Hathaway, managing editor at Deere and Company.

Many young people who are exposed to farm machinery for the first time need to start with the basics, and this 140-page text will

read. There are over 270 illustrations and the language is plain and brief. People can learn the basics and develop a good, conscientious attitude about maintenance and safety at the same time.

The book is priced at \$5. Order number FMW-10101B, Machinery Maintenance, at Deere and Company, John Deere Road, Moline, Ill., 61265.

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