

Publication on wheat research available

BELTSVILLE, Md. — Last October, 200 top scientists, wheat growers, and agribusiness leaders gathered at the U.S. Department of Agriculture research center here to review national goals for wheat research in the 1980's.

The first National Wheat Research Conference Proceedings are now available. Published by the nonprofit National Association of Wheat Growers (NAWG) Foundation in cooperation with the USDA Agricultural Research Service (ARS) and the National Wheat Improvement Committee, the Proceedings are a highly comprehensive summary of current and future wheat research programs.

The 200-page publication includes presentations by such leading scientists as Byrd C. Curtis, director of Wheat Improvement, International Maize and Wheat Improvement Center El Batan, Mexico; Terry B. Kinney Jr., Administrator, ARS, USDA; and Richard Baldwin, Executive Director for Research, Cargill,

Inc., Minneapolis, Minnesota. Papers by many other distinguished public and private sector scientists are included.

The Proceedings will be of interest to researchers and others involved in current and future wheat research programs. Subject areas include

- Budget development for future wheat research;
- Soil, tillage, conservation and cultural practices;
- Wheat germplasm and its importance for the future;

— Chemical and biological control of weeds, diseases, and insects in wheat;

- Hybrid wheat and progress in use of growth regulators;
- Breeding tolerance to drought, heat, and cold; and
- Breeding for wheat quality and end product use.

The Proceedings are available for \$17.50 from the NAWG Foundation, Suite 300, 415 Second Street, N.E., Washington, D.C. 20002. Checks should be made payable to the "NAWG Foundation."

Wenger introduces Octorara scenic bill

HARRISBURG — Sen. Noah W. Wenger, R-36, has introduced legislation that would bring 26.5 miles of the Octorara Creek and its tributaries under the Pennsylvania Scenic Rivers System.

"The Octorara, which flows through Lancaster and Chester counties before reaching the Maryland state line, is one of the

most scenic streams in our state," Wenger said. "It is also important from historic and geologic standpoints."

"Designation as a scenic river will help us protect this great natural resource and preserve its beauty for the benefit of future Pennsylvanians."

Wenger said that the Depart-

ment of Environmental Resources (DER) recently completed an extensive study of the Octorara and its significance.

The study cited the fact that the watershed embraced some of the state's most valuable and productive farmland. Four covered bridges, all of which are on the National Register of Historic Places, span its waters. And nearby is the former Woods Chromite Mine, which was once the source of almost all of the world's chrome ore.

"For these and many other reasons, the Octorara has been given top priority as a candidate for the scenic rivers system," Wenger said. "The idea also received a big boost from the Lancaster County Planning Commission, agricultural and environmental organizations, and other individuals and groups," he noted.

NEWARK, Del. — A 34-year-old Georgetown farmer has become the newest member of the Delaware Soybean Board.

Mary Workman collected the most votes in Sussex County winning a 3-year term on the board.

In New Castle County, William Cross was re-elected, and in Kent County Olin Gooden was returned for another term.

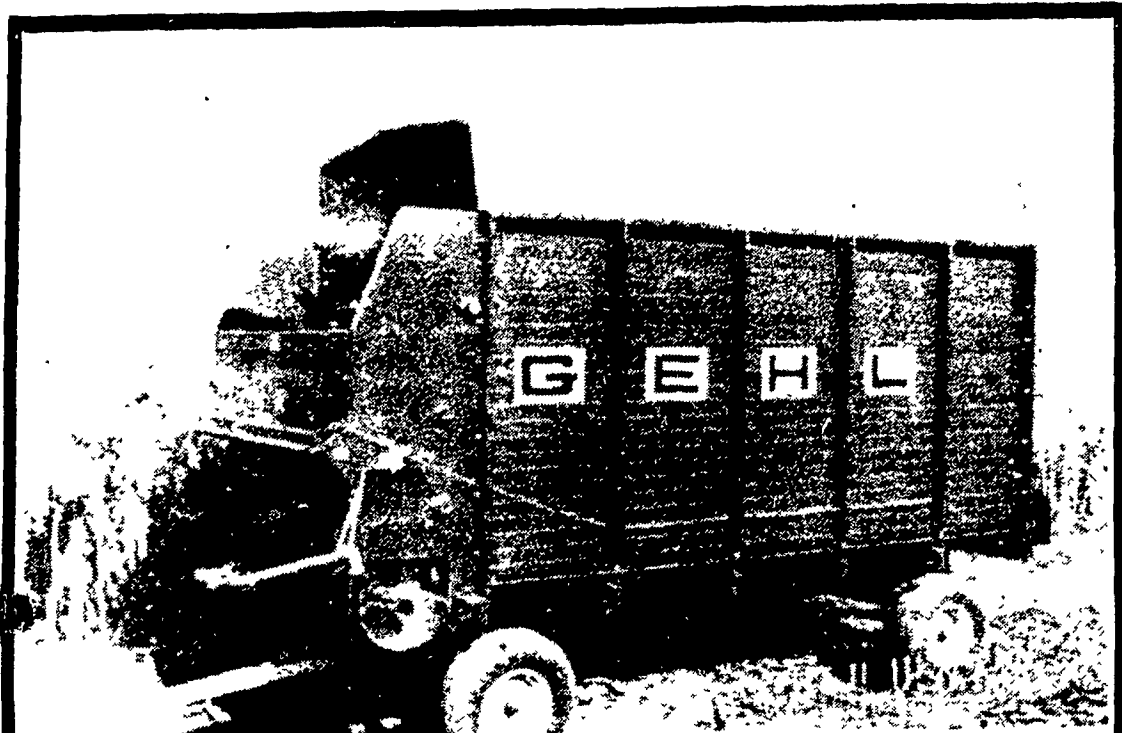
About 10 percent of the states 3700 soybean producers returned

their ballots during the recent election, according to Soybean Board Chairman John Hastings. This year, the Delaware Soybean Board is providing funds for eleven market development and research projects that directly benefit Delaware producers. The funds are collected through a check-off system, that enables farmers to finance their own self help programs. A total of \$59,500. was granted for projects in 1983.

To earn a place in the state's scenic river system, a stream must have unusual qualities in at least one of five basic classifications, Wenger said. The Octorara rated "outstanding" in both the scenic and pastoral categories.

The lawmaker said the bill authorizing the Octorara's designation will assure the free-flowing character of the stream. "No dams will be permitted, and all state agencies will be required to do whatever they can to conserve and protect its pastoral and scenic qualities and its historic character," he said.

He emphasized that the scenic river designation will not affect existing property rights. Landowners will be free to use their land as they wish, although they will be encouraged to follow practices in keeping with the scenic river guidelines.



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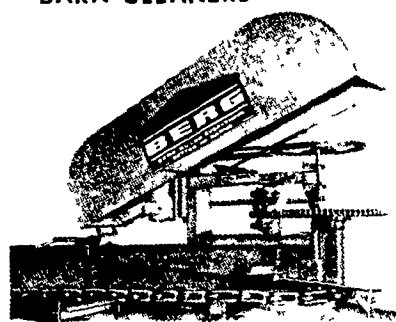
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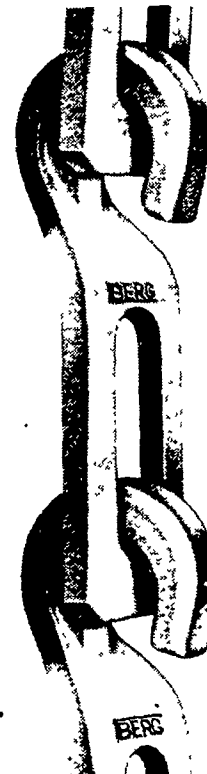


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