

ADA/DC appoints Michele Martens

SYRACUSE — Michele Martens has been appointed to the position of County Promotion Director for the American Dairy Association and Dairy Council, Inc., according to Ralph L. Lindsey, Executive Vice President. The Syracuse-based office conducts advertising and promotion for milk and milk products on behalf of dairy producers in New York, New Jersey and Pennsylvania.

Ms. Martens will be working with ADA/DC's county promotion groups, helping to develop and coordinate local milk promotion events. She will also coordinate special events throughout the ADA/DC area.

Michele has a strong background in promotion. She formerly worked as Special Events and Promotion Coordinator for the Easter Seals Society. Prior to that position, she worked as Promotion Assistant at WSTM-TV in Syracuse.

She has an Associate Degree from Cayuga County Community College and a Bachelor Degree in English and Journalism from SUNY at Cortland. She is a resident of Marietta, New York.



Michele Martens

Sheetz gets ag posts

HARRISBURG — Rep. Terry Sheetz of Lancaster County, has been named to two special statewide committees that will study ag issues.

The 99th District lawmaker has recently asked to serve on separate panels to study the avian flu epidemic and preservation of the Chesapeake Bay.

Sheetz was appointed by House Speaker K. Leroy Ivis to a 17-member bipartisan select committee to investigate the effects of avian influenza and make recommendations to revitalize the affected poultry industry.

"The select committee is ex-

pected to look into the immediate and long-range effects of the disease on the poultry industry and associated businesses," explained Sheetz. "The panel has also been directed to formulate a plan to aid the recovery of the industry and businesses and individuals that have been adversely affected by the epidemic."

Sheetz said the select committee was created by a House resolution (HR 169) which called for the panel to report its findings to the full House within three months.

Meanwhile, Sheetz was asked by the state Agriculture Depart-

ment to serve in a working group designed to prevent nutrient runoff into the Chesapeake Bay's watershed. Specifically, the panel will develop financial assistance recommendations to help farmers to reduce such runoff.

"It takes time and money for farmers to reduce nutrient runoff into streams and rivers," said Sheetz. "This committee will have to find ways to make such resources available."

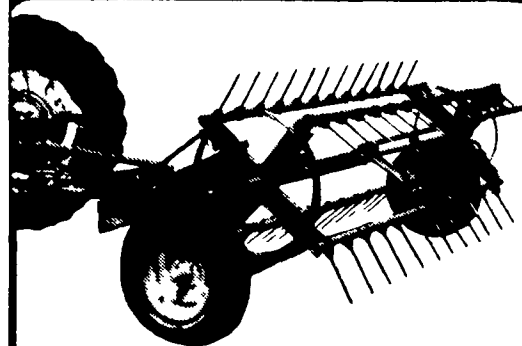


Bermudian YF to meet

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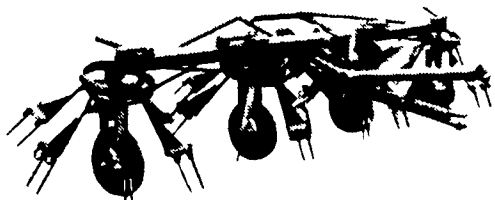
Speaker will be Larry Pluta, of RCM, Lancaster, designers and consultants on methane digester systems. He will update digester systems, their profitability and leasing arrangements. The session is open to the public.

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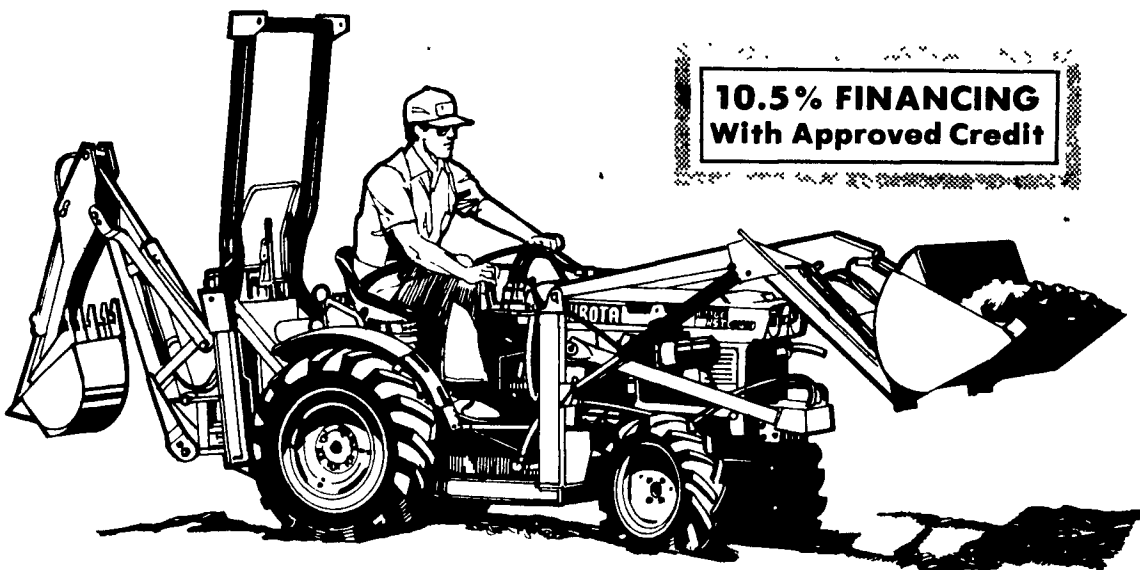
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