NY Cowbelles join Ag Day observance

LINDLEY, N.Y. - New York State CowBelles are joining in the nationwide observance of Agriculture Day March 20 in a variety of ways, according to Ellen Cisco of Lindley, Agriculture Day chairman.

A major emphasis will be participation in the American National CowBelles Association "Beef Feeds the program Hungry".

CowBelles are being asked to make individual contributions to this program which provides the

Salvation Army with certificates for the purchase of beef which are given to needy families. The CowBelles are also seeking contributions to the "Beef Feeds the Hungry" program from local service clubs, farm organizations and church groups.

"This 'Beef Feeds the Hungry program reaches the grass roots of one of our country's human resource problems and shows that CowBelles are not only women involved in agriculture but are also women who care about helping

others," Mrs. Cisco said.

Agriculture Day, the first day of spring, has been observed since 1973 and has been authorized as an official national observance since 1981. Agriculture Day is set aside to focus attention on the 23 million men and women in agriculture from suppliers of goods and services through the food and fiber chain to the retail workers. The 1984 theme is "The Food Chain/A Human Chain.'

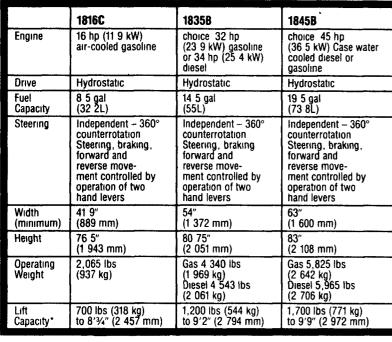
The CowBelles both on the state and national level have participated in Agriculture Day observances for several years, Mrs. Cisco explained.

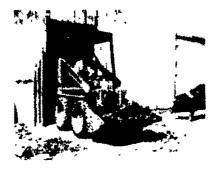
She said special Agriculture Day place mats, fact sheets, and other materials have been made available for special events during Agriculture Week March 16-23 such as service club farmer recognition programs. Agriculture Day book marks have been distirbuted to area schools. Special Agriculture Day tapes have been made available to local radio stations and in some regions of the state special newspaper features recognizing local agriculture have been prepared with the assistance of CowBelles.

The Agriculture Day observance is jsut one of the year-long activities of the state women's group. CowBelle president Debbie Mather of Marcellus has named the following committee chairmen for other 1984 activities: Beverly Marland of Cazenovia, "Beef For Father's Day"; Fay Briggs of Deposit, beef cookbook; Margaret Gray of Springwater, Beef Recipe Contest; Judy Swan of Whitney Point, education; Jean Shwartz of Earlville, legislation; Jean Frost of Holcomb, Empire Farm Days; and Eldora Benson of Potsdam, State Fair.

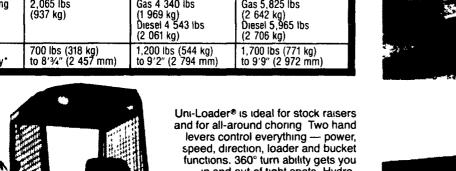
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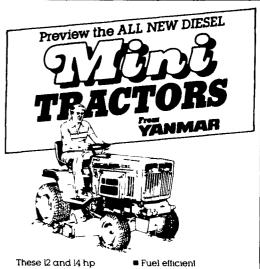
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