

Vo-ag teachers

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management, trees and small fruit management.

Among major topics at the conference will be New Initiatives in Vo-Ag and Issues in Ag Education.

On Tuesday night and Wednesday morning top ag educators and teachers will be recognized for outstanding achievements at an awards banquet and breakfast.

The Pennsylvania Vocational Agricultural Teachers Association will elect and install new officers.

Featured speaker at a 1 p.m. Monday session in Keller Building will be Walt Buescher, farm equipment industry veteran from Pigeon Forge in the Smokey Mountains of Tennessee. He will deliver both a humorous and inspirational talk, which is sponsored by Sperry New Holland.



Walt Buescher

Tobacco pesticide regulations

WASHINGTON, D.C. — Beginning immediately, the U.S. Department of Agriculture will require tobacco producers to certify that pesticides used on price support

loan tobacco have been approved by the Environmental Protection Agency and that these products have been used in accordance with label directions.

Everett Rank, ad-

ministrator of USDA's Agricultural Stabilization and Conservation Service, said producers who fail to certify will be ineligible for government price support on their tobacco.

Current USDA regulations require tobacco producers, as a condition of price support eligibility, to certify as to the use, of DDT, TDE, toxaphene or endrin.

Rank said the interim rule issued today

extends the certification requirement to the use of "any substance or mixture of substances intended for preventing, destroying, repelling or mitigating any pest and any substance or mixtures of substances intended for use as a plant regulator, defoliant or desiccant."

Rank said buyers of tobacco analyze samples to determine whether the quality of the tobacco has been adversely affected by the use of pesticides.

Research funds increase

and the indemnity fund, \$225,000.

Institutions to receive agriculture funding are Penn State University and the University of Pennsylvania. Penn State will receive \$375,000 for avian influenza research. This is to include the establishment of isolation containment laboratories for research on highly contagious animal diseases, such as avian flu.

The University of Pennsylvania will receive \$2 million for the New Bolton Animal Health Center. The University will also receive the funding for Johne's Disease, mentioned earlier. The disease, which has no known cure, infects between 10 to 15 percent of the state's cattle.

Other State Budget appropriations include: \$1 million matching funds for Chesapeake Bay pollution reduction through soil conservation practices and research; \$1.9 million to set up computers in County Extension offices; and \$2.65 million for the Milk Security Fund to repay farmers for last year's dealer bankruptcies.



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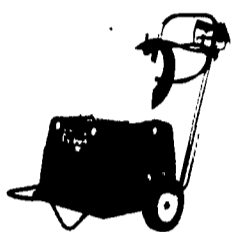
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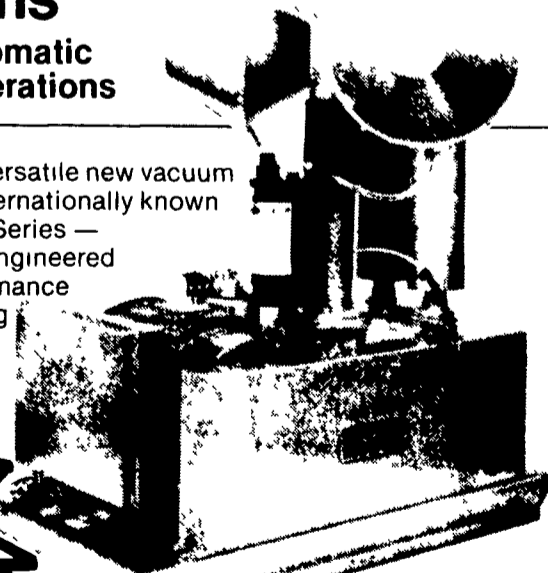
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