

Crop Association

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LeRaysville, cites a savings of \$8,000 to \$10,000 in fertilizer

—Gary Green, of Neath, says his savings in a matter of months will pay his association acreage fees for the next five years.

The Sulbra Crop Management Association (Sullivan-Bradford) has added its second technician joining Gary Polly, of Troy, is Dale Dewing, of Warren Center. Both are Penn State agronomy graduates.

Following Centre County's lead in forming the first crop association in 1979 have been Bedford, Franklin, Huntingdon-Blair, Columbia, Sulbra and the latest Lehigh Valley, including

Lehigh and Northampton counties. Associations are under active consideration in the Lykens Valley area of Northern Dauphin, Southern Northumberland and West Schuylkill counties, Lycoming, Crawford and Juniata counties.

The statewide crop management association network is patterned after the DHIA. But instead of taking milk samples, county technicians regularly check fields, do soil tests and make prompt management recommendations that permit participating farmers to make fast decisions on cutting production costs and maximizing profits.

To date, the majority of enrolled

farmers in the associations are dairy operators who have been seeking the most efficient crop management techniques during the recent difficult and uncertain times.

But the crop association holds the same promise of advantages for cash grain farmers or livestock operators who grow and merchandise their crops through their

herds or flocks.

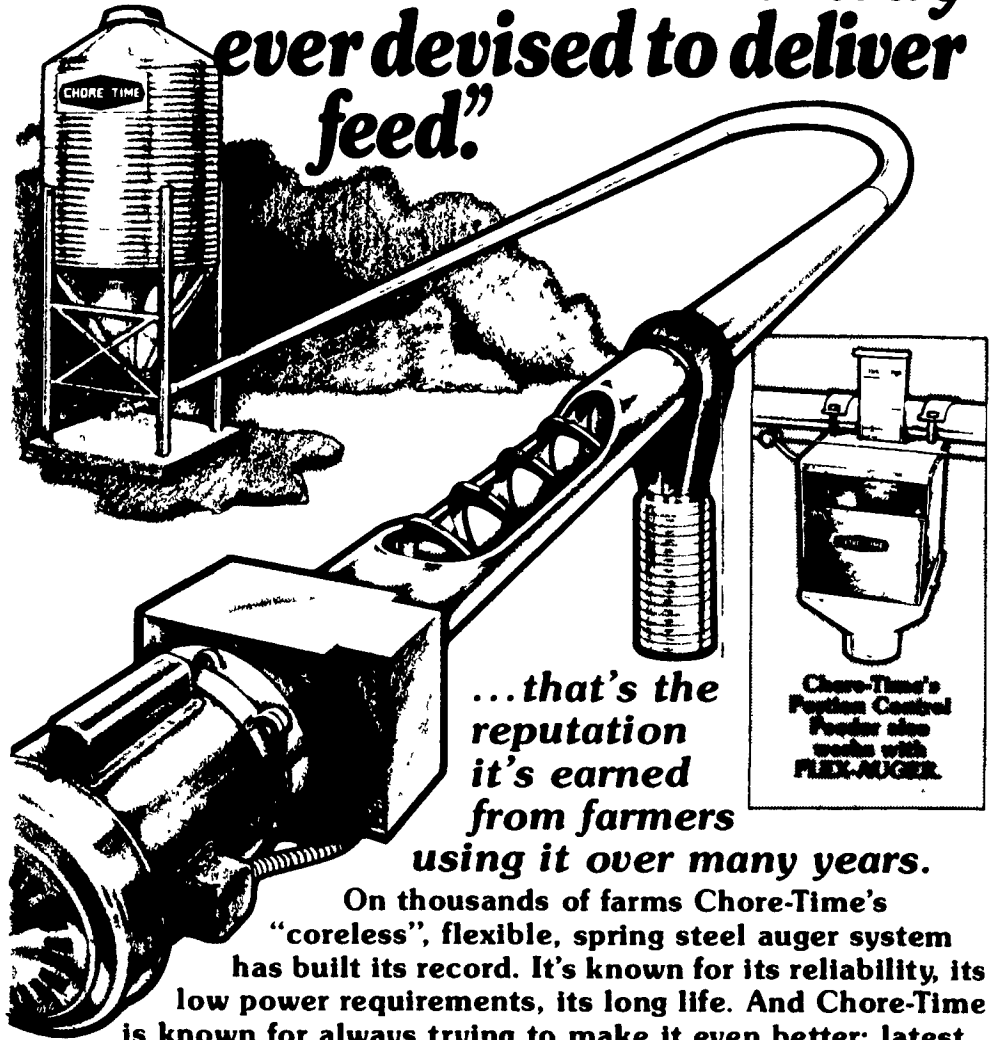
As he starts his new statewide duties, Brown leaves his Extension

post in Centre County, where he has served for the past two decades.

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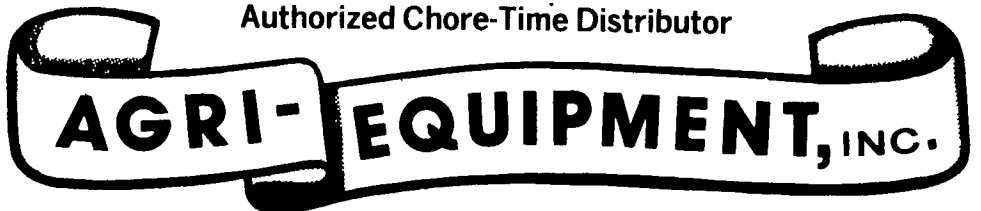
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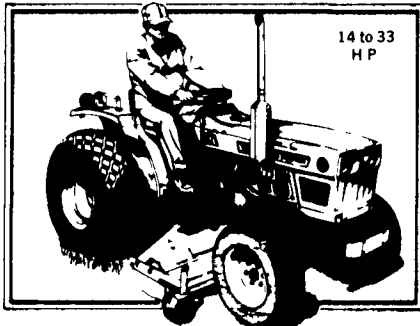
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