

Deal forthrightly with ag chemical issues

WHITE SULPHUR SPRINGS, W. VA. — Jack D. Early, President of the National Agricultural Chemicals Association (NACA), has called on the industry "to deal forthrightly with the most difficult issues facing our industry."

"Let's not wait for government to do it for us," he told NACA's 51st annual meeting. "The result may be far worse and keep us on the defensive where we have been too often these recent years."

Early proposed, for example,

that the agrichemicals industry make a commitment to resolve the data gap issue "before we are forced into it." In exchange for our commitment, "we need to secure an agreement giving us a reasonable amount of time to eliminate key data gaps for existing products."

Early said it is "becoming increasingly clear that EPA (Environmental Protection Agency) is moving toward a position of permitting no further registrations

with incomplete data."

Early described himself as "encouraged" by his industry's willingness to engage in dialogue with its adversaries. "This trend toward moderation and conciliation rather than confrontation," he said, should help resolve some of the differences "which have tended to keep us in a state of perpetual confrontation with the public, press and environmentalists."

Early said the industry's legislative and regulatory actions must aim to attain "the confidence of the public, the press and lawmakers at every level of government. In spite of our best efforts, we are still perceived—unfairly, to be sure—as secretive. We have not yet fully convinced the public that we are not hiding health and safety data and putting unsafe products on the market to which people are being involuntarily exposed."

Sire directories available

PLAIN CITY, OHIO — Select Sires' 1985 Holstein Sire Directories are now available. On the inside are 67 of the breed's sires and 183 of their daughters.

The July, 1984 sire summaries introduced eight new graduates into Select Sires' lineup, in addition to the re-entry of 7H2717 Starwars, all of which are featured in the sire directory. Other highlights of this year's directory include: 7H877 Enchantment and 7H1118 Rotate—the #1 and #2 PD\$ sires in the breed; 55 sires plus on PDT; 30 sires plus for butterfat test; and 28

triple plus sires (milk-test-type). 7H543 Bell is the centerfold of the '85 directory with sixteen of his daughters featured. New items in this Holstein book include the addition of linear trait appraisal figures for disposition and milking speed, as well as a list of "Superior Settlers" with the best conception potential.

Also available at this time are the new 1985 Sire Directories for the Guernsey, Jersey, and Brown Swiss breeds. Each features some of the breed's top sires and their daughters in addition to the "elite" young sires available at "Select".

Woodlot programs planned in N.J.

FLEMINGTON, N.J. — Much of Hunterdon County's land is in woods. Many woodlot owners qualify for farmland assessment if they are actively managing it. The Hunterdon and Sussex County Cooperative Extension Service is sponsoring a program called "Outdoor Workshop in Forestry" for county woodlot owners.

Saturday, Oct. 20, will feature talks on tree identification, applied timber stand improvement, environmental thinning, and an actual look at clear cutting. Lecturers include Mark Vodak, Rutgers Extension Specialist in Forestry; Bruce Barbour, Sussex County Agricultural Agent; Kris Hasbrouck, and John Sherman, Consulting Foresters. The location is at the Hercules Powder, Inc. in Roxbury Township. Participants should meet in the parking lot of

the Ledgewood Circle Shopping Center (behind the Sunoco station at the intersection of Howard Boulevard and Route 46).

The topics on Saturday, Oct. 27 include tree identification, applied timber stand improvement and the value of using a professional forester. Elaine Barbour, Hunterdon County Agricultural Agent, will be included on this program. The site is Sycamore Lane Farm owned by Herman and Patricia Panacek, Rt. 579, Quakertown.

Both sessions are from 9 to 12 noon and will be held rain or shine. There is no registration fee, but pre-registration is required. To register for either session, call or write the Cooperative Extension Service. In Hunterdon: 4 Gauntt Place, Flemington, New Jersey 08822 (201) 788-1338. In Sussex: RD 7 Box 13, Newton, New Jersey 07860 (201) 383-3800.

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