National forage conference upcoming

UNIVERSITY PARK - The 1985 annual Forage and Grassland Conference, sponsored by the American Forage and Grassland Council in cooperation with the Pennsylvania Forage and Grassland Council and The Pennsylvania State University, will be held March 4-6 at the Hershey Motor Lodge and Convention Center, according to John P. Baylor, conference organizer.

The conference officially opens on Mon., March 4 with a special luncheon. More than 50 scientists, farmers and industry representatives will give presentations on the latest developments in forage and grassland management during the three days. The afternoon general session features selected

topics important to the forage industry. Monday evening there will be a celebration and banquet to recognize the 25th anniversary of the Pennsylvania Forage Council, the first of its kind in the United States.

Tuesday's program includes: 1. Improving Forage Crops and Through Plant Grasslands Breeding and Genetics, 2. Forage Preservation, Quality, and Ruminant Nutrition, 3. Humid Grazing Lands - Management and Utilization, 4. Range and Native Grasslands Management and Utilization, and 5. New Developments in the Forage Industry. American Forage and Grassland Council's annual awards banquet will take place Tuesday evening.

On Wednesday, two nationally recognized speakers will zero in on issues of concern to the foragelivestock industry. Peter C. Myers, chief, Soil Conservation Service. will discuss "Conservation Issues of the Day" and Burdette Breidentern, director of research, National Livestock and Meat Board, will consider "The Role of Red Meat and Other Animal Products in the United States Diet.'

The conference will end with a luncheon on Wednesday. "The total conference is geared to tor forage-livestock producers as well as those serving the producer including ag-industry and scientists," Baylor emphasizes. There are currently 20 state councils affiliated with American Forage Grassland Council in the United States. Representatives from al. affiliated councils are expected to be present.

An excellent program has also been organized for the many spouses expected to attend.

Details on the conference, in cluding the program and preregistration instructions can be obtained from either of the following:

С. Hann Richard PFGC Secretary/Treasurer Milton Hershey School Farms, PC Box 830, Hershey, PA 170-033-0830. J. Kenneth Evans, Exec Director AFGC, 2021 Rebel Road

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Comments sought

on F. O.2 amendment

WASHINGTON, D.C. - Comments will be accepted until Feb. 16 on a U.S. Department of Agriculture recommended decision to amend the Middle Atlantic federal milk marketing order.

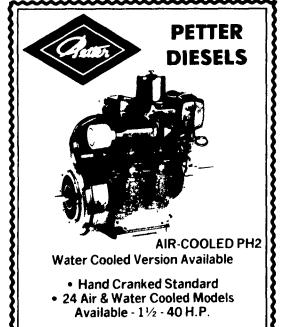
The recommended decision is based on the record of a public hearing held last September in Alexandria, Va.

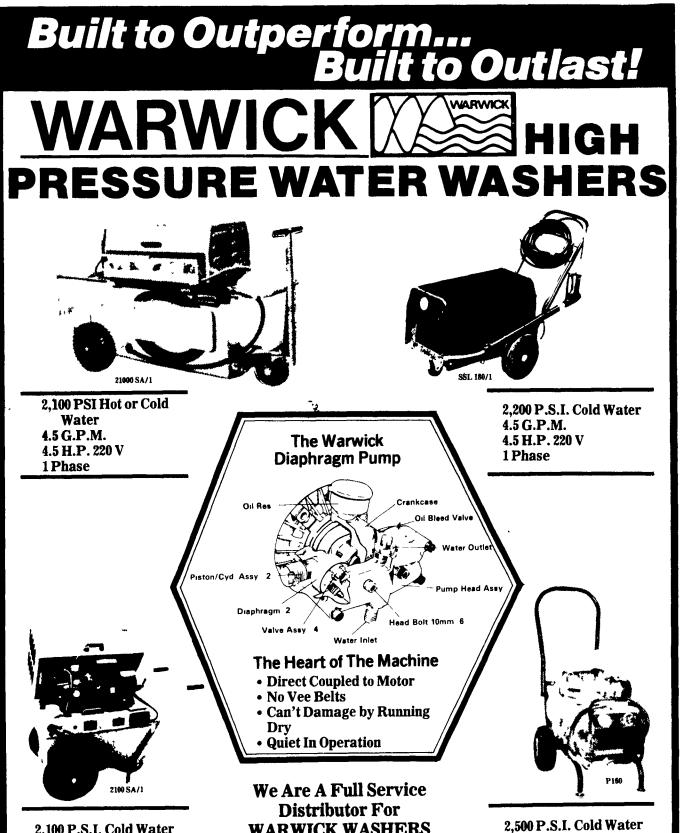
Edward T. Coughlin, dairy official with USDA's Agricultural Marketing Service in Washington, D.C., said the amendments would provide that a reserve processing facility that is connected by pipeline to another person's facility located on the same premises be considered a separate plant if the pipeline is used only to move by-products between the two facilities.

The amendments were proposed by Atlantic Processing, Inc., a federation of four cooperatives. The amendments are necessary to reflect current marketing conditions, Coughlin said.

The recommended decision was published in the Feb. 1 Federal Register. Copies also may be obtained from Joseph D. Shine, market administrator, P.O. Box 710, Alexandria, Va. 22313 - phone (703) 549-7000; or Dairy Division, AMS, USDA, Washington, D.C. 20250.

Comments should be sent to the Hearing Clerk, room 1077-S, USDA, Washington, D.C. 20250, where anyone may see them.





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