

BUSINESS NEWS...

Weis hosts farmer dinner

SUNBURY — Over 150 Pennsylvania fruit and vegetable growers were guests of Weis Markets at an annual dinner meeting held recently at the Country Cupboard Restaurant in Union County.

The growers who are all participants in a Grower-Distributor group, Pennsylvania farmers who grow and sell all or part of their crops to Weis Markets, were commended for helping make 1984 a year of progress in Pennsylvania.

George Michalak, Vice President for Weis Markets, was joined at the meeting by Pennsylvania officials and legislators in reviewing the efforts in agriculture during the past year.

Deputy Secretary of Agriculture, E. Chester Heim, told growers that agriculture continues to be Pennsylvania's number one industry, employing a million Pennsylvanians with farm receipts totalling more than \$3 billion annually. Also, he added, Pennsylvania's fine family of farmers, who represent our proud heritage,

are today's most valuable resource.

Other featured speakers included U.S. Congressman, George Gekas and House Representative Merle Phillips.

Throughout the year, Weis Markets with the help of the growers and the Department of Agriculture participated in the promotion of Pennsylvania products. This effort, according to Deputy Secretary Heim, made a meaningful contribution to increasing customer awareness of the goods produced in the Commonwealth.

Last year, Weis Markets purchased a total value of \$60,426,157 of Pennsylvania Farm Fresh Products, an increase in value of more than \$5,000,000 over the previous year.

Michalak concluded the meeting by discussing the diversity of agriculture within the Commonwealth as well as the plans made to help keep the family farm in Pennsylvania economically secure and protect an agricultural way of life that has had a profound impact on our state and nation.

Pennfield dairy awards



Don Snyder, Pennfield sales representative, stands with the group of dairy award winners from his region. Seated, from left, are Shep Wolff, Tim Starner and Buck Starner, and standing, Paul Hornbaker, Grace Hornbaker and Snyder.



Pennfield sales representative Cecil Hawn, center, with the two dairy award winners in his region, David Yoder, left, and Allen Peachey.

Open house for new computer set-up



Tom Bowman, left, manager of the West Willow Farmers Association, works with Paul Sauder to demonstrate the capabilities of the new Farmtronix computer installed recently at Sauder's Silver Springs Road dairy operation in Lancaster County. Nearly 100 people attended an open house at the farm, sponsored by West Willow and Farmtronix, a wholly owned subsidiary of Ralston Purina Co.

Bush Hog offers tow-behind and mounted ATV sprayers

SELMA, AL. — Bush Hog has expanded its line of ATV products to include tow-behind and mounted sprayers, according to Bob Weaver of Carlisle, Bush Hog sales representative for Pennsylvania and New Jersey.

"These sprayers are ideal for applying herbicides or insecticides in a variety of situations," Weaver said. "Both models are equipped with booms for spraying open areas such as small pastures, lawns and gardens and spray guns for spot application around trees and shrubs."

The 50 gallon capacity tow-behind sprayer has a removable tongue and wheels that allow it to be mounted on the bed of a pick-up. Its operator has a choice of spraying with either a 13-foot, four-row boom or with the spray gun. The gun comes with 25 feet of hose and can spray 20 or 30 feet, depending on the spray pattern.

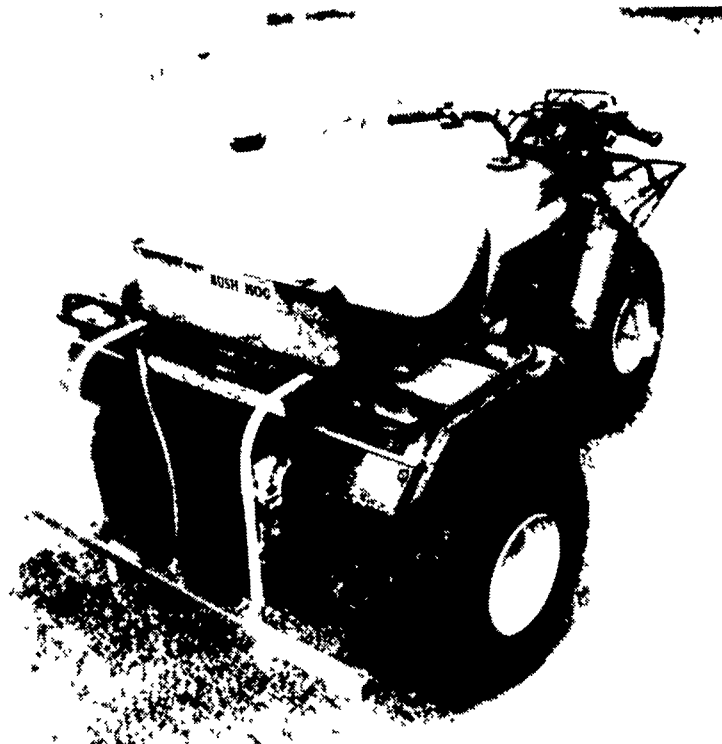
The 10 gallon capacity mounted sprayer is fitted with a universal mount for ATV racks. Its 50-inch boom has a 60-inch spray pattern and its spray gun has 15 feet of hose.

Both sprayers are equipped with heavy duty polyurethane tanks that resist even the harshest chemicals. Three way valves are used to divert the spray to the guns or booms and the sprayers are

powered by 50 PSI Flo-Jet pumps that operate off the ATV electrical system. The tow-behind sprayer can be made self-contained with

the addition of a 12-volt battery.

For further information, contact Bush Hog, Department NR-SP, P.O. Box 1039, Selma, AL 36701.



ATV's can be equipped with Bush Hogs 10-gallon mounted sprayer, or a 50-gallon pull-behind model.

New pressure washer from Euroclean

ELKHART, Ind. — Euroclean has introduced a new high-volume pressure washer, which is capable of producing 6.5 gpm at 1,800 psi. The E-6 model is especially suited for agricultural uses, particularly the cleaning of hog pens.

With its direct-drive six-piston pump, the E-6 can be used with two spray wands simultaneously, each producing full pressure (1,800 psi) at 3.25 gpm.

The E-6 comes with a detachable Transpo-Cart, permitting either portable operation or permanent installation. Other features include pressure control that is fully adjustable from zero to 1,800 psi, and a durable polyethylene cover, which is guaranteed under a five-year poly components warranty.

The E-6 is available in 220v/1 ph, 220v/3 ph, and 440v/3 ph models and is in the latest addition to Euroclean's full line of pressure washers.



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