

Bradford Agronomy Day draws record crowd

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ULSTER — The annual Agronomy Day in Bradford County, held on March 26 in the Ulster Fire Hall, drew more than 100 farmers, the best attendance ever, according to County Cooperative Extension Agent Alton Homan.

It was also the first year that commercial farm seed and fertilizer companies and other ag-related industries had been invited to set up booths. The 11 who at-

tended said they are enthusiastic about returning next year, Homan said.

The speakers for the all-day session were from the Penn State Agronomy Extension Service and included Sid Bosworth, forage specialist; Tom Lanini, weed control specialist; and Doug Beegle, soil fertility specialist.

Bosworth's topics included the use of organic acid preservatives and desiccants as well as "all you want to know about Brassicas—turnips, kale, rapes, and swedes—

for forages". Perennial ryegrass was discussed.

Tom Lanini amused the crowd with a quiz about common weeds that everyone should be able to recognize and name. He recommended some wise weed control procedures to make hay stands last longer.

Doug Beegle addressed the changes on the "New" soil test report and questionnaire. Fertilizing newly established stands and maintaining the old were also discussed at length.

The Five Acre Corn Club awards were presented at this meeting. The average yield in Bradford County in 1984 was 136.3 bushels per acre. The Romaine Sechrist yield is based on shelled corn, the rest are based on ear corn.

Blue Ribbon winners are: Dale Mattocks, Columbia Cross Roads, 174.3 bushels per acre; French Farm, Waverly, N.Y., 173.9; Sid Lewis, Wysox, 168.0; Glenora River Acres, Wyalusing, 158.2; Robert Whipple, Towanda, 157.0; Gene Sharer, Wyalusing, 152.3;

Nelson Welles, Ulster, 151.3.

Red Ribbon winners were: Scott Shedden, Canton, 145.7; Tom McCarty, Wyalusing, 144.3; LeRoydale Farms, Canton, 128.3; Romaine Sechrist, Canton, 128.3; Kendale Farms, Wyalusing, 126.8.

White Ribbon winners were: James Gore, Ulster, 121.4; Landis Bros, Alba, 109.3; and Rex Russell, Orwell, 107.0.

The Corn Silage Club winners were also given recognition but were not awarded ribbons. According to Homan, silage is even more important in Bradford County because forage needs are met first before any grain is harvested. The report is in tons per acre of TDN is 4.72.

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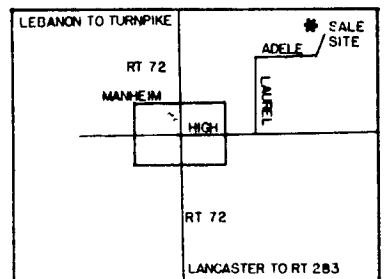
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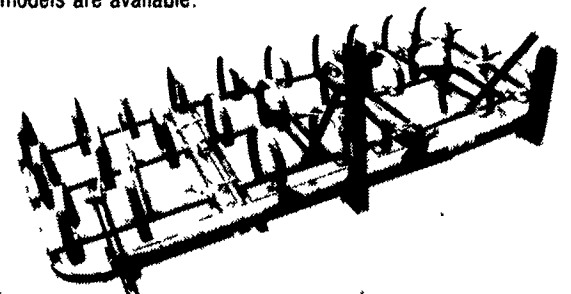
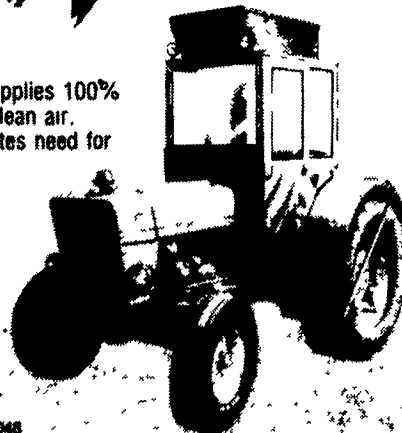
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