

**Keep pesticide training current!**

**Cornell begins bull testing**

ITHACA, NY — Cornell University has begun a five-month performance test for a group of 89 young bulls now enrolled in the annual test program.

The "Class of '86" consists of 21 Angus, 3 Red Angus, 31 Polled Herefords, 9 Charolais, 22 Simmentals, 2 Shorthorns, and 1 Salers, according to William M. Greene, director of the New York Bull Test Station located at the New York State College of Agriculture and Life Sciences at Cornell.

Seventy-one bulls are from breeders in New York State, and 18 are from New Jersey, Connecticut, Pennsylvania, Maryland, Vermont, and New Hampshire.

A Cornell Cooperative Extension associate and beef specialist, Greene says that the testing program offers beef cattle breeders the opportunity to acquire bulls with superior genetic and economically important traits. The Cornell test is designed to determine such traits under unbiased, uniform conditions.

Under way since November 26, the 1985-1986 performance test will

run through April 15, 1986, when the bulls will be weighed for the last time. Climaxing the program will be a public auction of some of the bulls on May 2, 1986 at Cornell.

As the official bull test station for New York State, Cornell annually tests bull calves for their performance in terms of weight per day-of-age, average daily weight gain, structural soundness, and frame score, among other factors. The test is conducted at Cornell's Animal Science Teaching and Research Center in Harford.

Initiated in 1979, the bull testing program is sponsored jointly by Cornell Cooperative Extension, the Department of Animal Science in the New York State College of Agriculture and Life Sciences, the New York Cattlemen's Association, and the New York State Department of Agriculture and Markets.

HARRISBURG — State Agriculture Secretary Richard E. Grubb today reminded pesticide applicators to be sure their training is up to date.

"Under provisions of the Pennsylvania Pesticide Control Act, all private applicators must have a valid permit to purchase or use restricted-use pesticides," said Grubb. "To obtain a permit, applicants must successfully complete an examination which adequately demonstrates their knowledge of proper use of restricted pesticides. Applicators must also receive update training at three-year intervals and provide evidence of this training to the Department's Pesticide Division before they can renew their permits," he added.

Private applicators whose permits expire September 30, 1986, and who have not received update training since 1983 are urged to contact their County Extension Office or the pesticide inspectors

at the appropriate PDA regional offices in Meadville, Williamsport, Tunkhannock, Gibsonia, Altoona, Summerdale or Creamery to obtain more specific information concerning re-certification.

The Secretary said that effective September 1, 1985, the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) began requiring manufacturers to place restricted-use labels on certain granular formulations of eight pesticides entering the channels of trade.

Chemical and trade names of the affected products include:

aldicarb (Temik 15G and 10G); carbofuran (Furadan 15G and 10G); disulfoton (Disyton 15G); fonofos (dyfonate 20G); phorate (thimet 15G and 20G); ethoprop (Mocap 15G); fensulfothion (Dasanit 15G); and terbufos (Counter 15G).

In addition, any of these products in the channels of trade after September 1, 1986 must be relabeled with a restricted-use label. Individuals purchasing or applying these products must, under state law, be licensed as a private applicator, he noted.

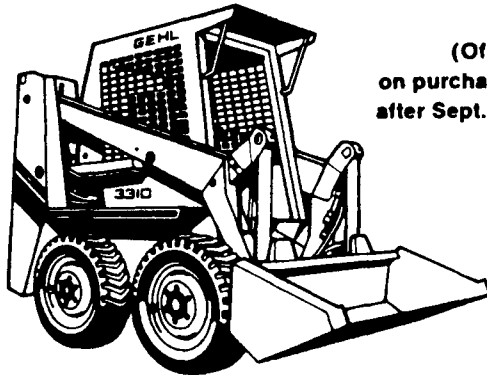
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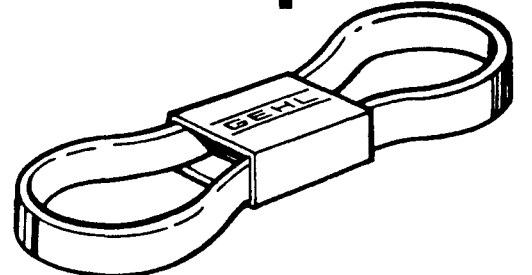
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