

NAMA promoting Ag Day March 20

LINCOLN, NE — The National Agri-Marketing Association (NAMA) and its 29 chapters nationwide are promoting National Agriculture Day which is scheduled for March 20, the first day of spring.

NAMA is supporting the 14th observance of the day that is set aside to honor the 24 million men and women in agriculture and related industries - that's three jobs on the farm and 19 jobs supported by agriculture out of every 100 people in the work force.

The Agriculture Council of America has worked with the U.S. Congress in securing passage of a joint resolution asking that the President declare National Agriculture Day as an official national observance. The President signed the resolution on December 23.

The joint resolution recognizes agriculture as "the business of food and fiber," which links farmers and ranchers with those who buy, sell, process, transport, market and use agricultural products. The NAMA theme for Ag Day proclaims, "Agriculture - Building Jobs for America" to exemplify the impact of agriculture on America, commented Mick Sibbel, NAMA Agriculture Day chairman.

Local NAMA chapters, Sibbel said, are coordinating individual activities in their areas to increase public understanding of the complexities of agriculture as a business.

The National Agri-Marketing Association is a professional organization of more than 2,500 members nationwide.

CREAMERY — The Penn State Cooperative Extension Service and the Soil Conservation Service are sponsoring a series of regional conferences on current manure management practices the first week in February.

Scheduled to be held in four counties, these conferences will cover manure handling and utilization methods that can be used by most Pennsylvania animal and crop farmers.

Specialists will discuss methods of handling semisolid or solid manure and manure as a liquid, as well as how to size storage systems. They will also discuss the cost and nutrient savings for various systems.

The afternoon session will be devoted to using manure for crop production. Agronomists will present ways of using soil and manure testing to reduce fertilizer bills and to protect the environment.

Extension agricultural engineers Robert Graves and Dan Meyers, extension agronomists Doug Beagle and Ray Shipp, as well as William Bowers, engineer from the Soil Conservation Service, will present the latest on manure management practices for Pennsylvania farmers. Manure storage and handling equipment suppliers also will be available for consultation.

Conferences will be held from 9:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. in Chambersburg, Tuesday, Feb. 4, in East Brandywine on Wednesday, Feb.

Manure meetings scheduled

5; in Bethlehem on Thursday, Feb. 6, and in Lewisburg on Friday, Feb. 7. Contact your Penn State County Cooperative Extension Office for registration information.

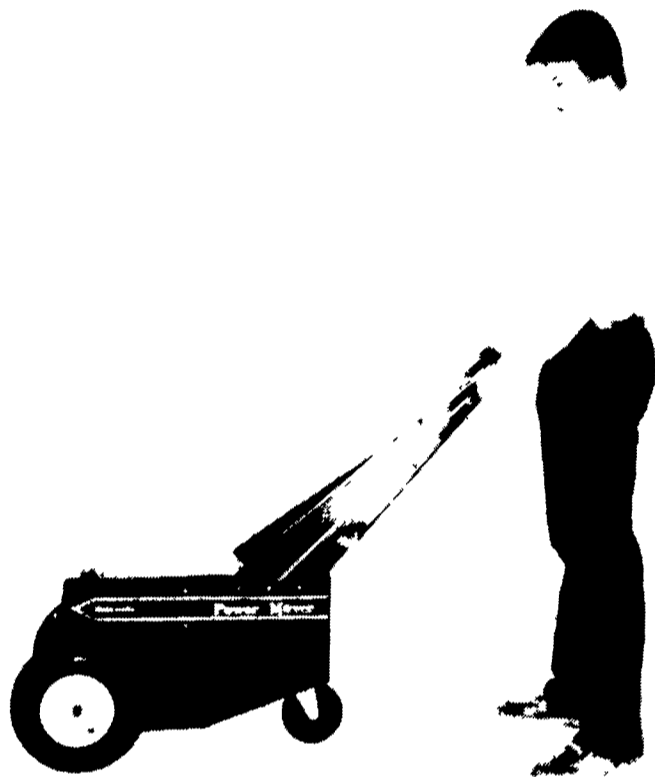
Extension agents who are regional contacts for the con-

ferences are: Phillip Wagner, Franklin County, (717)263-9226; Cheryl Fairbairn and Dave Swartz, Chester County, (215)820-3550, Dave Dunbar, Lehigh County, (215)820-3085, and Norman Conrad, Union County, (717)524-4461.



Atlantic employees honored

Seven employees at the headquarters of Atlantic Breeders Cooperative received recognition for their record of service to the farmer-members of the Cooperative. Shown with their plaques are, from left: Kevin J. Oniffrey, Manheim, 10 years; Willis C. Ritchey, East Petersburg, 35 years; Loreley Noguees Bitner, Lancaster, five years; Betty J. Stoltzfus, Leola, 10 years; David E. Mellinger, Lancaster, five years; Roger B. Gundlach, East Petersburg, 25 years; and Douglas R. Roehm, Leola, five years. Ritchey was given a Pennsylvania Dutch Fraktur, and Gundlach received a Quarter Century plaque from the National Association of Animal Breeders.



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ABS plans sale

DeFOREST, WI. — American Breeders Service has scheduled its fourth Americana sale and selection of consignments has begun, according to a recent announcement from the company's headquarters in DeForest, Wisconsin.

The sale is to be held in the Dane County Coliseum starting at 3:30

p.m., Thursday, Oct. 2, during the World Dairy Expo.

The Americana will assemble a selected group of ABS sired Holstein heifers and cows making them easily available to dairymen across the U.S. and throughout the world, for their evaluation and purchase.

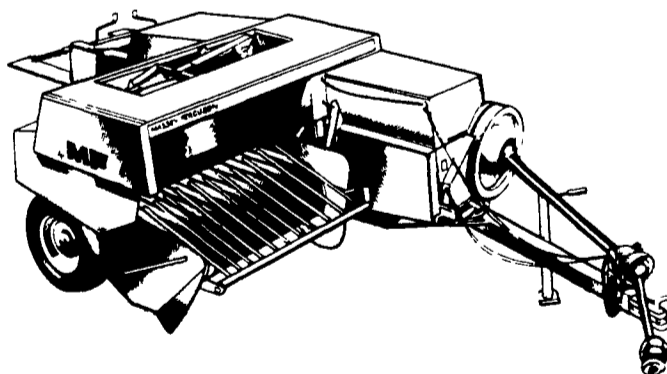
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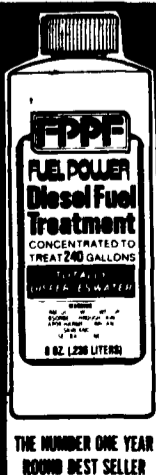
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