

The new Pennfield feedmill under construction at Mount Joy to be finished this fall is a \$6.5 million project. The new facility will update and consolidate Pennfield's dairy and hog feed processing.

Pennfield Makes "Obvious Commitment" With 6½ Million Dollar Building

MOUNT JOY—In reference to a new feed mill under construction at Mount Joy in Lancaster County, Kenneth Greenwood, director of milling operations Pennfield Corporation said, "You can say we have made an obvious commitment to local agriculture. Our present plants for dairy and hog feed are old and inefficient. That comes with wear and tear of production over the years. With this new facility we are upgrading our technology with a network of

programmable logic controllers that will be efficient and give us control over every phase of the milling operation."

The new 150' high structure with 28,000 square feet of floor space will have a capacity to produce 75 tons of feed per hour. The cost of the project is set at \$6.5 million. Pennfield's dairy and hog feeds will be produced at the new location when the project is complete in October.

"For us," Greenwood said, "the new plant is symbolic of Penn-

field's commitment to the local livestock business. We have faith in the long-term view, and we have faith in the short-term outlook," he said. "Our major customers are committed to the farming business. They are good managers, and we want to support them in their business."

"Agriculture is here to stay," the Manager said. "It has its ups and downs. But over the years it has done well. And it will continue to do well," he said.

Measure Fields To Be Eligible for Wheat, Feed Grain Program Benefits

LEESPORT — Before planting spring crops that may be covered by the 1986 farm programs, Donald E. Lutz, Chairman of the Berks County ASC Committee suggests that farmers obtain pre-measurement of their acreages.

To be eligible for price support loans, target prices and other farm program benefits, he said producers must report actual planted acreages. It would be unfortunate for a farmer to lose program benefits because of failure to comply with acreage reduction requirements for wheat and feed grains.

Before crop planting time, ASCS will stake and measure any type of acreage, or portions thereof, that a farmer requests. To be assured that program requirements are met, producers must plant within the stakes that are placed when the land is pre-measured. After planting, program participants are required to report their crop acres to ASCS.

Lutz said pre-measurement is important in helping farmers plan which land to devote to the acreage conservation reserve and which fields to plant. The acreage conservation reserve is cropland

removed from production and put into conserving uses under the 1986 farm programs.

According to Lutz, pre-measurement costs \$25 to start the service and includes measuring, referencing and marking out fields with stakes prior to planting. Acres pre-measured by ASCS are guaranteed for the program year.

Other producer services include measuring total cropland, field or subdivisions to be planted and land areas for other purposes. Fees vary, depending on the type of service rendered.



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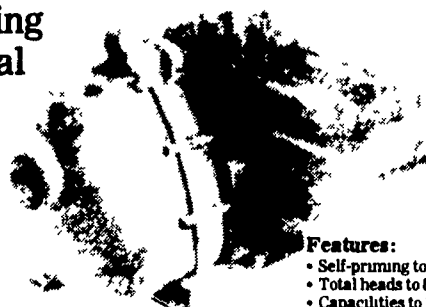
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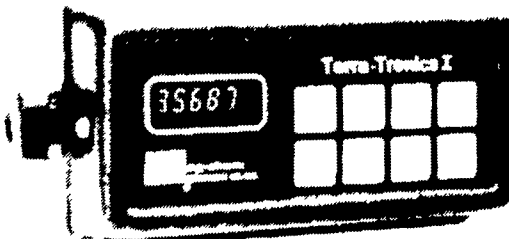


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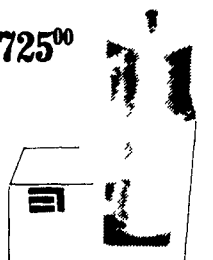


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