

Leaders Praise Proposal

HARRISBURG — Dairy leaders testified in favor of the proposed regulatory changes concerning the labeling of artificial dairy products, tightening of milk standards and easing introduction of new dairy products. The proposed rules will also establish identity standards for cheese and related cheese products.

At Wednesday's hearing, Carl Brown, of PFA, expressed support for the Bureau of Foods and Chemistry's proposed changes and noted this change will bring Pennsylvania standards in line with other states.

However, he added, "We have two concerns relating to the proposed rules." Brown suggested the article 57.1a be amended to read, "Milk (shall) in final package form for beverage use may contain not less than 3.4 percent milkfat but not more than 6.0 percent milkfat and not less than 8.6 percent milk solids not fat."

Recommending that the total solid level then be set at 12 percent, Brown added that this level could be regulated by altering the milkfat content if necessary. A 12 percent total solids level, he noted, is a "reasonable and achievable" level.

New York's levels are currently at 3.4 percent milkfat and 11.7 total solids, Brown noted.

Sidney Barnard, Penn State Food Science, stated that he is strongly in favor of the proposed

rules "mandated by changes in federal standards."

Listing artificial dairy products on menus and labels, Barnard said, will allow "consumers to know what they are eating...at home and away from home."

"We believe the proposed rules...will help insure the continued health of the state's dairy industry, in addition to furthering the interests of commonwealth consumers and citizens generally," stated James Fraher of Inter-State Milk Producers Cooperative.

Specifically we support artificial identifying as a way to promote honest and fair dealings, he continued.

These changes are necessary to bring Pennsylvania producers in line with other producers nationwide, Fraher noted.

"Our main concern is that consumers are not misled when purchasing these (imitation) products," said Brenda Shambaugh of the Pennsylvania State Grange.

The proposed rules listed in the Pennsylvania Bulletin, Volume 16, Number 17, of April 26, 1986, clearly define milk and dairy products and their standards. The rules also clearly define cheese standards and allow a temporary marketing permit to be issued for new dairy products.

Anticipated implementation of these rules is expected in five to six weeks.

WASHINGTON, D.C. — The second weekly report on the buyout was released by the USDA on Wednesday.

USDA figures show an estimated 36,900 head of cattle in the program were slaughtered during the week ending May 10. This figure includes all cows, heifers and calves in the DTP, according to the USDA spokesman.

An estimated cumulative total of

332,900 head have been slaughtered since the beginning of the DTP on April 1.

Meat purchases by the government reached 10.3 million pounds for the week ending May 24. This meat was purchased in the form of 5.6 million pounds of canned beef, 4,581,500 pounds of bulk-frozen ground beef, 36,000 pounds of frozen smoked hams, and 38,000

pounds of frozen choice beef for a domestic purchase cumulative total of 79.2 million pounds.

Dairy cows that were reported for export totaled 3,348 head. This total is expected to increase as foreign countries are preparing to take advantage of the Export Enhancement program.

The spokesman noted that these figures indicate the program is on track for May.

Two Tours To Highlight Penn State Crops Day

UNIVERSITY PARK — The Pennsylvania State University's annual Crops Day will be held June 26 at the agronomy research farm at Rock Springs Agricultural Research Center. The program features two agronomy tours as well as exhibits and publications describing related research.

Researchers conducting the small grains tour will describe new developments in small grain varieties, variety evaluations for

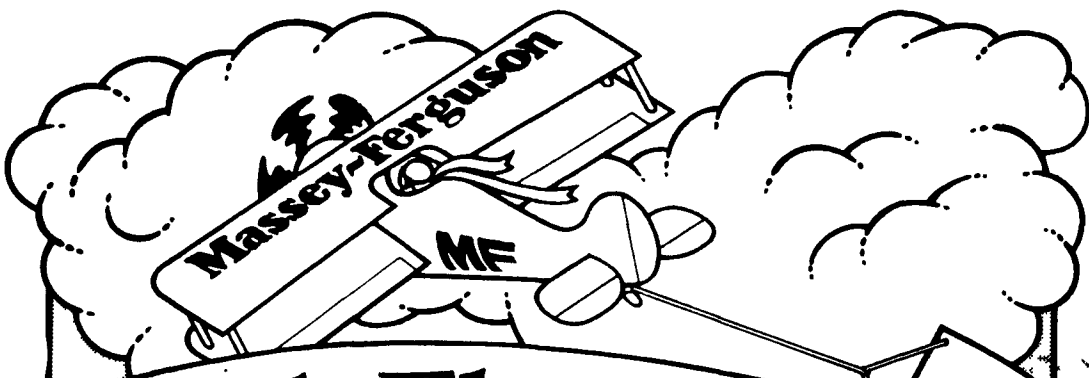
spring and winter grains, weed control, disease control, and management practices for grain production. Visitors can find out about the most recent developments in seeding rate, row spacing, nitrogen management and lodging control.

The second tour will focus on forages, including the status of red clover varieties, antiquality aspects of brassicas, quality evaluation of warm season

grasses, and management of small grains for silage production.

The program will run from 9:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the research farm, 9 miles southwest of State College on Route 45. Participants may purchase lunch at the Crops Day headquarters on the farm.

For more information, contact your county extension office or Dr. Elwood Hatley, professor of agronomy, at 106 Ag Administration Building, University Park, (814)865-2543.



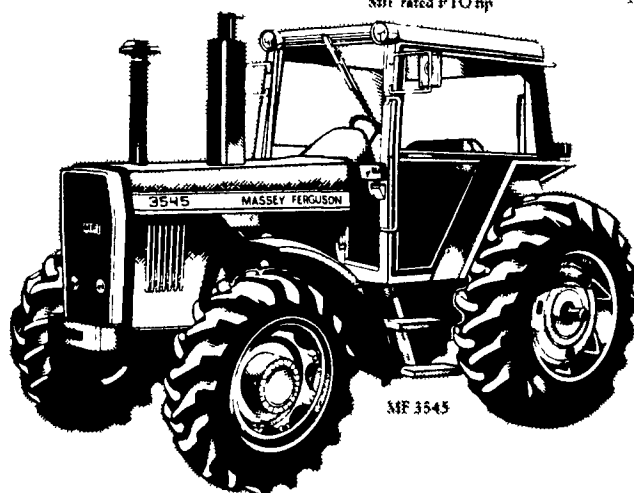
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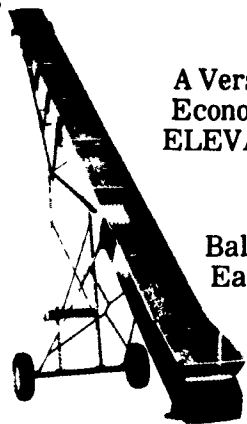
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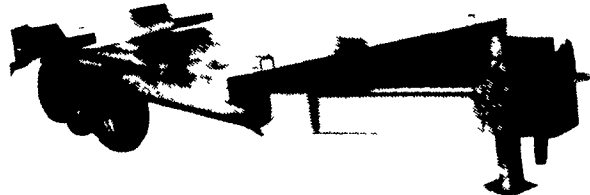
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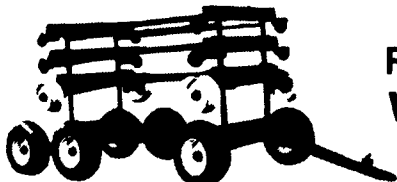


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