

Harvest Data Aids Seed Selection

MOUNT JOY — November 3, 1986 — After harvest is a good time to evaluate hybrids and varieties to determine the top potential numbers for next season, according to a leading seed company agronomist.

"Check yields, standability, ear size, population, and maturity when evaluating performance," suggests Bill Fleet, agronomist for Pioneer Hi-Bred International, Inc.

Other considerations include differences in growing conditions, management systems, and harvest moisture.

"Some hybrids and varieties perform better under conservation tillage practices than others; some perform better in different soil conditions or climate regions," says Fleet.

"Growers may also want to look at performance levels of neighbors' fields under different tillage

practices. This provides data on fields under similar weather conditions, but different management and soil conditions. Make notes and preliminary hybrid selections while crop performance is still clear in your mind," he suggests.

By determining the best performing hybrids and varieties in the fall, the grower can make any changes or revisions to a seed order that was made earlier to ensure adequate supply and best selection for the 1987 crop year, he notes.

Fleet concludes, "On-farm field performance evaluations, along with actual research results, provide very beneficial information to growers when comparing hybrids and then selecting the best performers for the upcoming year."

ASPC Sets Wool Incentive Rate

DENVER, Colo — Sheep industry needs and funding requirements were key issues addressed at the American Sheep Producers Council 33rd Annual Meeting Oct. 21-23 in Denver

Election of Officers

ASPC President Tim Indart (Clovis, Calif.), Vice-President Edgar Olson (Fosston, Minn.) and Secretary/Treasurer Bill Schneemann (Big Lake, Texas) were unanimously re-elected to second terms.

"It's been a tough year for agriculture and the sheep industry," said Indart "But we have seen some gratifying accomplishments. The referendum passed and we are meeting here today in a unified effort to enhance the services we provide to the sheep industry. We will continue to work closely together within the sheep industry to strengthen unity, expand communications and improve the quality and usage of our products"

Incentive Deductions

The ASPC Executive Committee's recommendation for incentive deductions of five cents a pound for shorn wool and 25 cents a hundred weight for unshorn lamb were unanimously approved by the ASPC Board. These rates, to be deducted next spring from wool incentive payments, fund ASPC lamb and wool product promotion programs mandated by the National Wool Act. Up to six cents and 30 cents were authorized by the referendum.

Industry Consensus

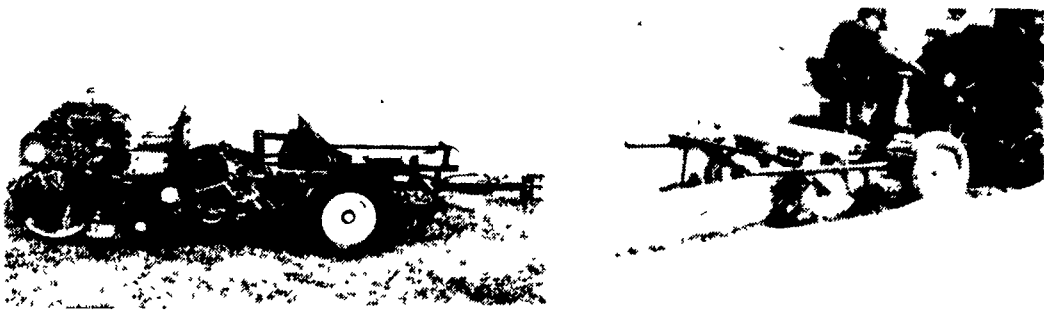
Boards of directors from the National Wool Growers Association, National Lamb Feeders Association, National Wool Growers Auxiliary, ASPC and the Sheep Industry Development Program met jointly to assess industry needs. It was the consensus of those attending that

each organization work together to examine responsibilities, enhance communications and explore cooperative programs to achieve industry objectives

Advisory Committee Chairmen

Steve Raftopoulos (Craig, Colorado) was selected by ASPC's Executive Committee as Wool Advisory Committee chairman Maurice Guerry, Jr. (Buhl, Idaho) will continue as Lamb Advisory Committee chairman.

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