

Alfred College Hosts International Vet Conference



The recent International Veterinary Nutrition Conference at Alfred State College in Alfred, N.Y., drew participants from three states and Canada including Dr. Arden Nelson (center) of Cortland and Dr. Howard Redlus (right) of Burlington, NJ, keynote speakers at the four-day program.

Here, they watch a demonstration by conference coordinator Thomas J. Cannon of the Alfred faculty, working with a cow in the college's dairy herd. The seminar was sponsored by Alfred's Plant and Animal Science Department and by Dairy Production Consultants, a group organized to promote better utilization of dairy records. The group is comprised of Dr. Nelson, Dr. Redlus, and Professor Cannon.

\$400 Million Available For Crop Losses Due To Disaster

HARRISBURG — Farmers in the southcentral part of the state who suffered crop losses due to the past summer's drought will be able to recoup some of those losses through a federal disaster program that authorizes payment of up to \$400 million in disaster relief to producers who suffered losses in excess of 50 percent.

Disasters covered by the nationwide program include drought, flooding, hail and excessive heat or moisture, according to ASCS program specialist Alarie Fleming. The program is divided into program crops (corn, barley, oats, sorghum and wheat) and nonprogram crops.

For program crops, only 1986 Grain Program participants are eligible. The payments level is the difference between the actual harvest and 50 percent of the program yield.

Non-program crops, which include all commercial crops, are also covered under the Act. Payments are issued if the grower suffers at least a 50 percent loss of

income for all program and non-program crops. Producers that believe they have suffered a 50 percent loss or greater should submit necessary evidence to their county ASCS office by Dec. 15, 1986. For soybeans and non-program crops, crop records must be filed on a field-by-field basis in the county ASCS office. These reports are for at least 1986 and 1985. Disaster payment acreage is the acreage planted for 1986 harvest not to exceed 1985 acreage.

Payment yields for non-program crops is the highest yield for 1983-1985 production evidence as supplied by the producer. All payments will be issued on Commodity Certificates and are limited to \$100,000. 1985 yields will be used if it is the only year provided.

Producers who believe they are eligible and have unharvested crops should contact the office for an appraisal before the crop is destroyed. Producers who have crop insurance should notify their insurance companies before destroying the crop.

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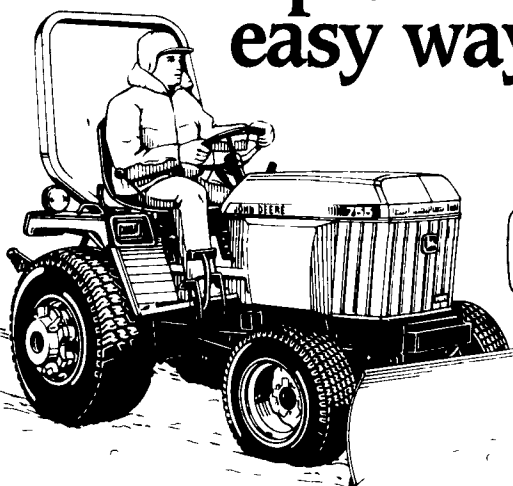
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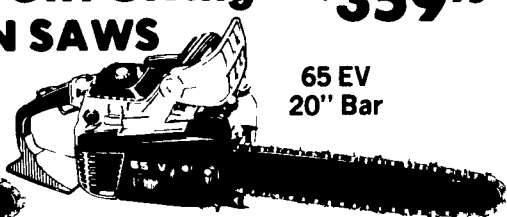


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