

# Dealers Attend Ford New Holland Meeting



Larry Groff, top, sales manager of Lancaster Ford Tractor in Lancaster and Chuck Crivella, above, parts manager for Lancaster Ford Tractor, attended the Ford New Holland Dealer Meeting and Parts Fair in Reno, NV. While there they checked out the new compact diesel tractors offered by Ford New Holland. The new line has seven models ranging from 12.5 to 34.5 horsepower providing new levels of quiet operation, fuel economy, and operator comfort and convenience.

# Pioneer Distributes Information Package To PA Vo-Ag Teachers

MOUNT JOY — A specially-designed education package for Pennsylvania vocational agriculture instructors was recently distributed by the Pennsylvania Young Farmers Association in cooperation with Pioneer Hi-Bred International, Inc.

The Conservation Tillage Information Kit describes conservation systems that can be applied by Pennsylvania corn farmers, says Bill Fleet, eastern area sales agronomy manager for Pioneer.

"Farmers, especially young farmers, are looking for ways to reduce costs, while maintaining yields. At the same time they are very conscious of the environment and don't want to disturb it any more than is necessary."

No-till and minimum tillage systems are the two most popular methods used in the region and are fully described in the packet. Ridge-till, a system that has gained popularity in many midwestern states, is also described, but is not widely used in this area.

"There are benefits and drawbacks to each method. Conservation tillage isn't for everyone, but the savings in moisture and labor make it very attractive to some farmers," Fleet said.

Results from the Pennsylvania Young Farmers Association Conservation Tillage Corn Yield Contest were used to compare costs and yields between conservation tillage systems and conventional tillage systems.

Although in some years the cost difference was not large, savings in labor and soil savings favored conservation methods.

"We're on the verge of having

farming practices regulated because of environmental concerns. Farmers can take control of the effect on their environment by using conservation practices," Fleet said.

"It's our responsibility and that of farmers to learn more about how these practices work. Otherwise, we may not have a choice," he said.

Included in the information kit are management tips, scouting suggestions and an overview of the

conservation tillage concept. This information is described through means of a slide set and information sheets that instructors can use in vo-ag classes or adult farmer education seminars.

Limited copies are available to other interested groups. Contact Bill Fleet at: Pioneer Hi-Bred International, Inc., Eastern Area Sales Office, P.O. Box 280, Mount Joy, Pa. 17552, 717-653-5605 or Nora McKilligan, 1-800-351-7566.

# Maryland Dedicates Facilities

BELTSVILLE — University of Maryland administrators and invited state and federal officials will dedicate new buildings and support facilities for the Maryland Agricultural Experiment Station (MAES) at the Beltsville Agricultural Research Center (BARC) at 2:00, March 31. The site, which comprises the Central Maryland Research and Education Center (CMREC) - Beltsville Facility, is located on approximately 360 acres of federal land used by MAES through a cooperative agreement with the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA).

"The land and facilities at BARC are a valuable resource for Agriculture and Life Sciences faculty and students from College Park," noted Dr. Gerald L. Jubb, acting associate director of MAES. "Furthermore, we expect additional productive linkages will occur between University personnel and the scientists at BARC as a result of our presence there."

The Beltsville Facility includes research and storage buildings

with a total area of nearly 17,000 square feet, as well as a grain handling facility, a grain drier, and six grain bins with a storage capacity of 63,000 bushels. A modular office serves as temporary headquarters for Dr. Walter Williams, acting head of CMREC.

The site supports Experiment Station research in a variety of disciplines, including agronomy, entomology, zoology, geology, and physical sciences. "We do a little bit of everything," said Farm Manager Tim Badger, who will conduct a tour of the Beltsville Facility following the dedication ceremony.

Also on the agenda are remarks by Dr. Craig S. Oliver, acting director of MAES; Dr. Raymond J. Miller, vice president for agricultural affairs at The University of Maryland and dean of the Colleges of Agriculture and Life Sciences; University of Maryland President John Toll; Maryland Comptroller Louis L. Goldstein; and Dr. Waldemar Klassen, director of BARC.

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