

Massey-Ferguson To Continue Combine Line

DES MOINES, IA — Massey-Ferguson Inc., the western world's largest tractor manufacturer, has purchased the conventional combine technology, tooling and related parts of the bankrupt Massey Combines Corporation.

The purchase will enable Massey-Ferguson dealers to offer a continuing supply of spare parts and service to owners of Massey combines.

"Although Massey-Ferguson will not manufacture, we will source a new combine line for our dealers to sell in 1989," said J. David Pitt, president of Massey-Ferguson's operations in North America. "This will keep our dealers in a competitive position, not

only in tractors, implements, and haying equipment, but combines as well."

Vicon Inc. has acquired Massey Combines' rotary combine technology, tooling, parts, and work-

in-process, and has agreed to produce the rotary combine under the M-F label for exclusive distribution through the Massey-Ferguson dealer network.

Vicon Inc. is the Canadian oper-

ating subsidiary of Greenland N.V., a Netherlands-based worldwide farm equipment manufacturer. They also have acquired the Massey Combines' rectangular baler technology, and will also supply them exclusively through

Massey-Ferguson dealers.

Massey-Ferguson is a wholly owned business of Toronto-based Varsity Corporation supplying farm tractors and implements to a global market.

Schuylkill Conducts Conservation Sign-Up

POTTSVILLE (Schuylkill) — The Schuylkill Conservation District will be conducting a sign-up period for The Chesapeake Bay Agricultural Program underway in the Swatara Creek Watershed. The Swatara Creek Watershed is located in the southwest corner of Schuylkill County, west of Route 183 and south of Tremont.

Agricultural landowners can apply for an 80 percent cost-share rate for the installation of conservation practices such as terraces, diversions, waterways, contour strips, cover crops, and animal waste facilities. Sign-ups will be held on September 5th-16th (Mon.-Fri.), from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. in the Conservation District located in the Fairlane Village

Mall.

Farmers signing up will be prioritized as to the extent of their conservation needs, with contracts and construction beginning in spring of 1989. The Conservation District has requested funding from The Department of Environmental Resources of more than \$400,000 over the next four years.

Since this is not a long term project, farmers are encouraged to participate while the 80 percent cost share is available.

Contracted farmers will also be aided in a nutrient management and conservation plan for the entire farm. For more details contact Dave Siminitus at the Schuylkill Conservation District at 717/429-1744.

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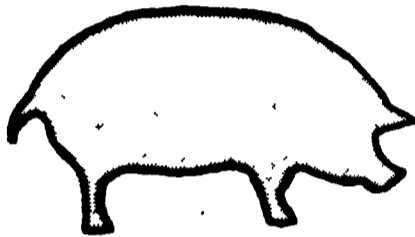
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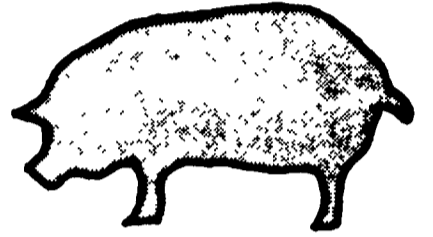
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