

Van Dale Introduces Top Silo Unloaders

LONG LAKE, MN — Van Dale introduced a surface-drive and center-drive unloader that feature impellers made with a low-friction, wear-resistant material that reduces gum buildup. The impeller housing has a ¼-inch wrapper insert made with this material as well as inserts in the iron modified V-paddles.

The material doesn't rust or corrode, is impact resistant, and maintains toughness in extreme temperature ranges.

The unloaders also feature a self-adjusting discharge assembly, which maintains a smoother radius for maximum velocity through all torque arm heights. The chute fol-

lower is spring loaded to maintain the proper position with the discharge chute. The unloaders have a three-degree discharge angle, which automatically sets the most efficient cone, or downward slope angle from the center of the site to the site wall, eliminating the guesswork of the past.

The unloaders also come with self-cleaning impeller V-belts, spring-loaded idler pulley assembly, and a combination vented fill plug and dipstick that prevents pressure buildup and allows easy lubrication checks.

For further information on the unloaders, contact Van Dale Inc., PO Box 337, Long Lake, MN 55356; 612/473-7395.

Townships To Receive Revised Sample Manure Ordinance

BY PAT PURCELL

LANCASTER — The Lancaster County Conservation District released a revised copy of the sample manure ordinance to all county townships this week.

This latest revision reflects improvements suggested by a committee from the Lancaster County Farmers Association, the Pennsylvania Farmers Association Legislative Council, the Director of Legislation of the Pennsylvania Association of Township Supervisors and LCCD members.

The original version of this sample sent to county townships earlier this year was designed by a committee of the LCCD to provide townships with a tool to address manure management problems. This initial version met with some criticism from the Lancaster County Farmer's Association.

Hoover said during a telephone interview on Thursday that LCFA is satisfied with the wording of this version, but PFA members do not endorse the ordinance.

"PFA does not promote the ordinance. In every township we think most farmers are doing a good job of managing manure, but there may be 1 or 2 percent of the farmers with an excess problem and we feel they should be dealt with on a case by case basis," said Gordon Hoover, president of the Lancaster County Farmers Association.

Hoover added that if townships feel they need to consider the ordinance it will be suitable to address an excess manure problem, but pollution problems will be handled by DER on a case by case basis.

"This (ordinance) is not a solution. It is only part of the solution. The problem of nitrates in the ground water is a much bigger

problem than manure," said Hoover. "We strongly urge all farmers to get involved on the township level when this comes up."

This version of the sample manure ordinance will be discussed at the Annual Lancaster County Township Supervisors meeting to be held on Monday, November 14.

FFA Dropping "Farmers" From Its Name

KANSAS CITY, MO (AP) — The Future Farmers of America took "farmers" out of its name Thursday in a change designed to show there are other agricultural

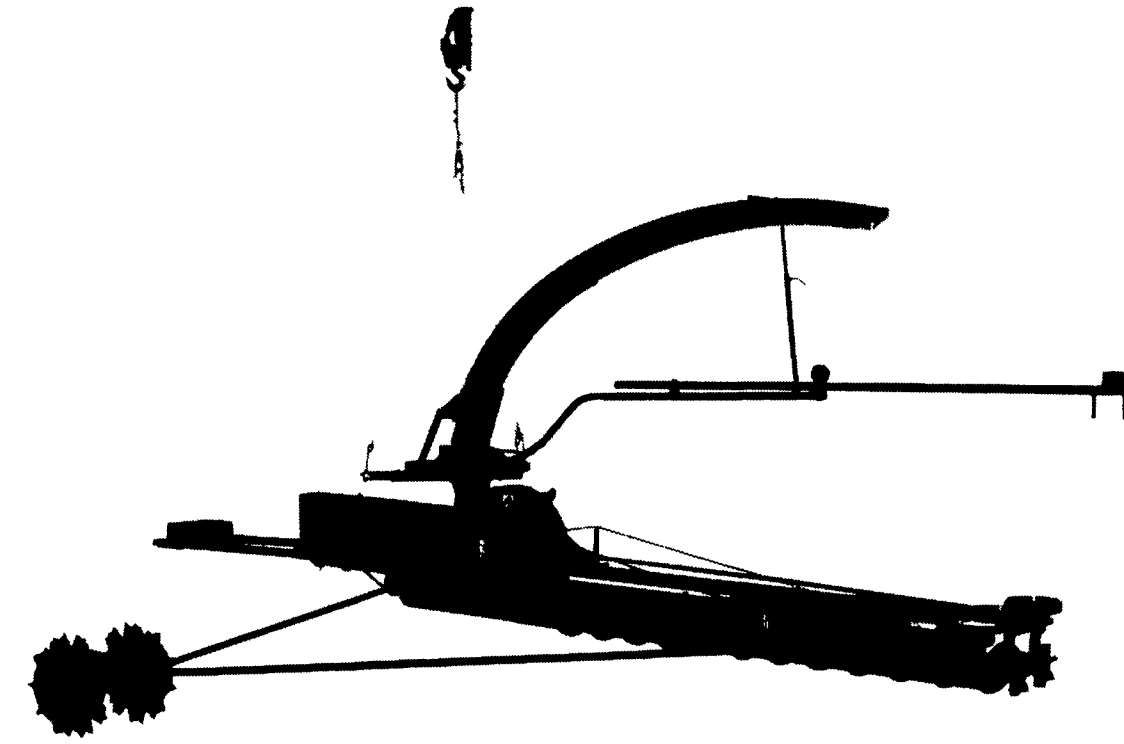
Tillage Conference Set

YORK — Conservation-minded farmers are invited to attend the Mid-Atlantic Conservation Tillage Conference, which is being held December 14 at the York County Fairgrounds.

Sponsored by the Delaware, Maryland, New Jersey, Pennsylvania, Virginia, and West Virginia cooperative extension services, the conference features a keynote address from Dr. John F. Marten, the staff economist for Farm Journal. Marten will be speaking on farm production, prices, and politics in 1989.

Other topics to be discussed at the conference include how water quality issues affect the future; conservation tillage and ground-water quality; improving nutrient efficiency with no tillage; tillage alternatives; and Roundup tolerance on crops.

For tickets, contact James Welshans, Dauphin extension agent, 717/921-8803.



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careers besides working down on the farm.

Delegates to the national convention voted to change the name to National FFA Organization, the culmination of a five-year movement to broaden the organization's appeal. About 23,000 delegates are attending the convention.

"The students who are already in have no concerns about the name," said Bill Stagg, director of information for the 416,000-member organization.

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"But the new students: those people have an awfully tough time getting beyond our name. They are not interested in farming, and it was difficult for them to take on a jacket and associate themselves with the word farmer," he continued.

The change was made in hopes of counteracting a 23 percent loss of membership that has occurred since the mid 1970s.

"The problem we were experiencing was in the suburban and urban areas where those kids are not preparing to be farmers," said Stagg, adding that the FFA's largest chapter was in Philadelphia and its third largest was in Chicago.

Interests of FFA members include horticulture, forestry, agricultural mechanics, agricultural journalism, research, and marketing.



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