

## National Alfalfa Conference To Be Held In Hershey

HERSHEY (Dauphin) — Alfalfa growers in Maryland and the Mid-Atlantic area have a rare opportunity next week to gain useful information about their business. The National Alfalfa Symposium will be held Tuesday, March 14, in the Hershey Convention Center at Hershey, PA. About 300 persons are expected to attend.

The nineteenth annual event is being sponsored this year by the Certified Alfalfa Seed Council of Davis, Calif., with cooperation from Penn State University, Cornell, Delaware State College and the University of Maryland.

This educational meeting is being held in the Northeast for the first time in a dozen years, reports Dr. Lester R. Vough, forage crops specialist for the Cooperative Extension Service at the University

of Maryland. Dr. Vough currently is president of the Grazing Lands Forum, a consortium of independent national organizations interested in the impacts of grazing management and activities that affect grazing lands.

Growers from 40 states attended last year's National Alfalfa Symposium at St. Joseph, Mo. Next year's meeting will be held at Lincoln, Neb.

Theme for this year's symposium is "Managing Alfalfa for Profit." Speakers will address topics ranging from production practices to harvesting, feeding and marketing alfalfa.

One of the afternoon speakers on the latter topic will be Patrick McMillan, a marketing specialist for the Maryland Department of Agriculture. McMillan will team with Lisa Meriney, a graduate

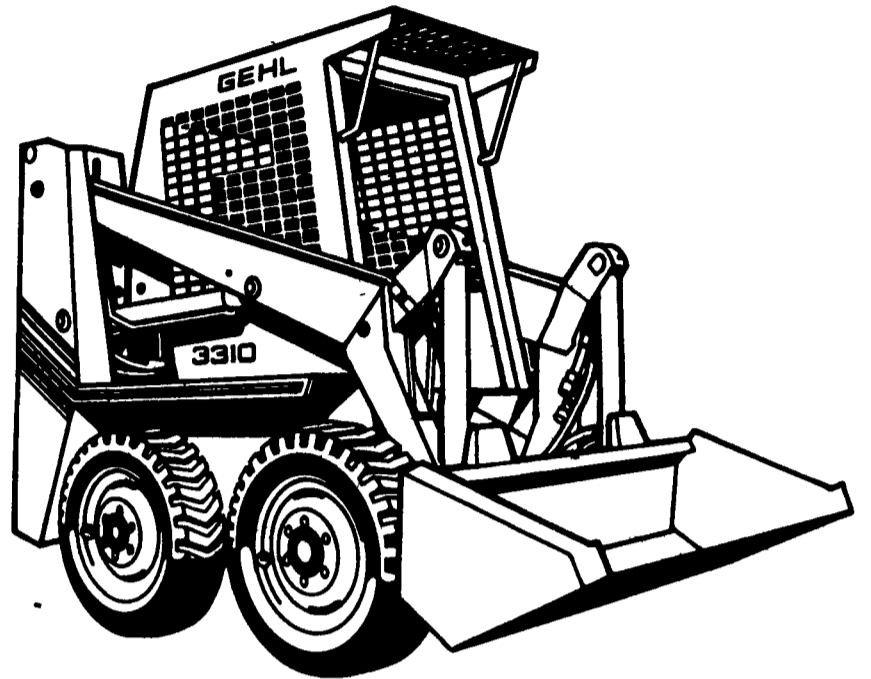
research assistant from Penn State, in a presentation on "Meeting the Horse Hay Market Needs."

Registration will begin at 8 a.m. on the day of the symposium in the Hershey Convention Center.

No advance registration is necessary. The \$15 registration fee will include lunch, refreshment breaks, a copy of the conference proceedings and a large packet of informational materials.

A trade show will be in progress throughout the day, with a large group of exhibitors expected to display a wide range of products and services affecting alfalfa.

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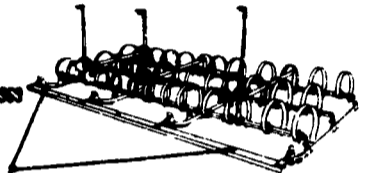
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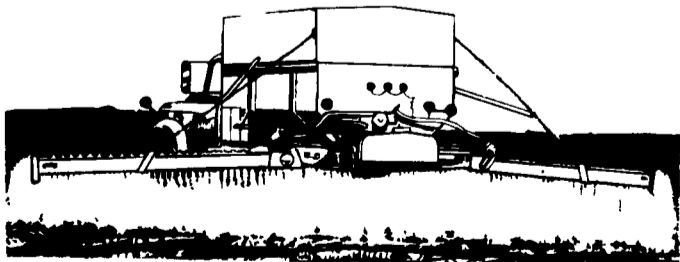
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