

Agricultural Accidents And Rescue Programs

UNIVERSITY PARK (Centre) — Last year, more than 8,000 Pennsylvanians were involved in serious injuries on farms, say the results of a survey done by Dr. Dennis Murphy, assistant professor on agricultural engineering. Yearly estimates of these accidents are that a few hundred result in seriously disabling injuries. And about 40 people die.

To help rescue services cope effectively with agricultural accidents, the Penn State College of Agriculture and the Department of Agricultural Engineering are sponsoring an Agricultural Accidents and Rescue program to be held at the University Park campus during the weekends of May 20-21 and June 3-4. "Agricultural rescue is a very specialized area of rescue because of the machinery and the structures on the farm," says Murphy. The Penn State program is one of the few programs that cover this specialized area. Murphy points out that this is the only program that offers certification by the Pennsylvania Department of Health.

All participants are expected to have previous rescue and emergency care training and experience. Murphy encourages attendance by "anyone who services a rural area, including ambulance services and fire fighters who provide rescue service. Even dispatch personnel would learn about preplanning and what questions to ask."

Jerry Jesperson, certified agricultural accident and rescue instructor, will be the chief instructor. Other rescue instructors who have been involved in the development of the program also will participate. The program will cover instruction in 12 topic areas, including operating tractors and tractor overturns; manure storage, grain bins, and silos; and combines, silage wagons and hay baling.

Participants will receive both classroom instruction, with video

tapes, and field experience, including operating farm machinery, and they will be given printed resource materials for future reference.

Those participants who successfully pass all examinations will be awarded a certificate of completion and will receive a baseball cap with an agricultural

rescue patch. They also will be certified as agricultural rescue technicians by the Pennsylvania Department of Health as part of the department's comprehensive rescue certification program. From the Pennsylvania Health Department they will receive a rescue patch and an agricultural rescue rocker, another type of

patch.

Registration must be completed before May 8 and enrollment is limited to the first 50 applicants. A registration fee of \$85 includes the cost of instruction, course materials and coffee breaks for both weekends. Lodging and meal costs are not included.

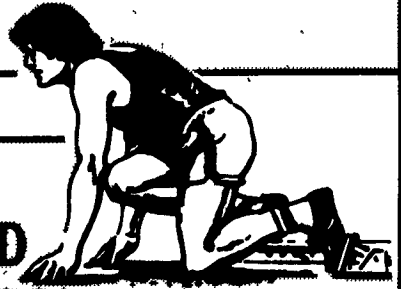
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about the program, including a list of required protective gear, or to request a registration blank, call 814-865-8301. Or write to Agricultural Accidents and Rescue Program, 306 Ag. Administration Bldg., University Park, PA 16802. Or the Cambria County Extension Office, Box 390, Ebensburg, PA 15931, 814-472-7986.

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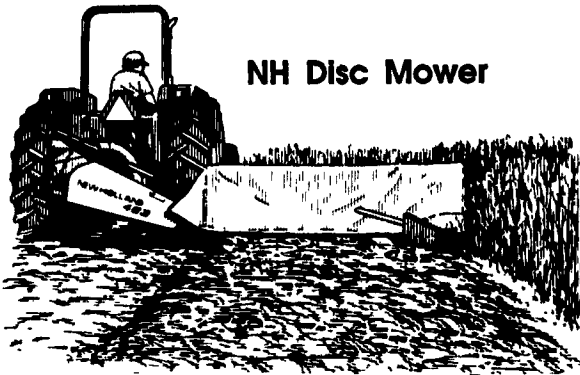
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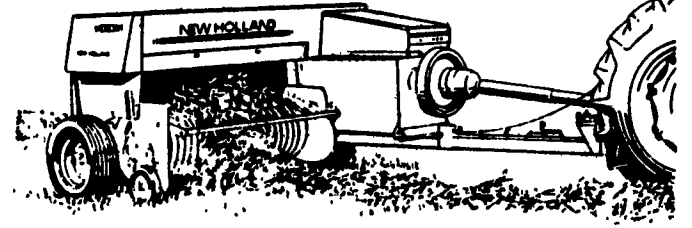
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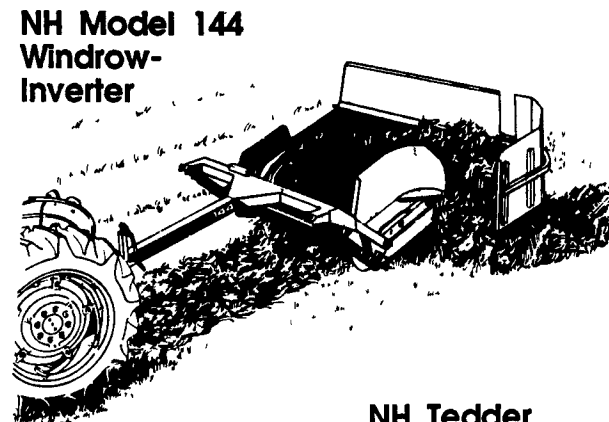
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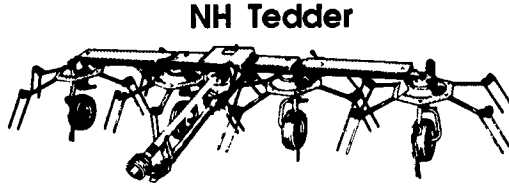
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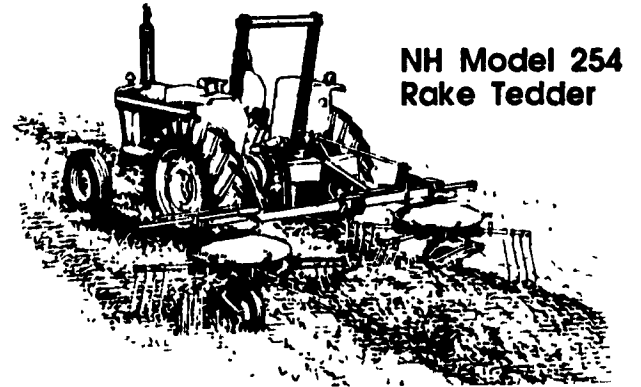
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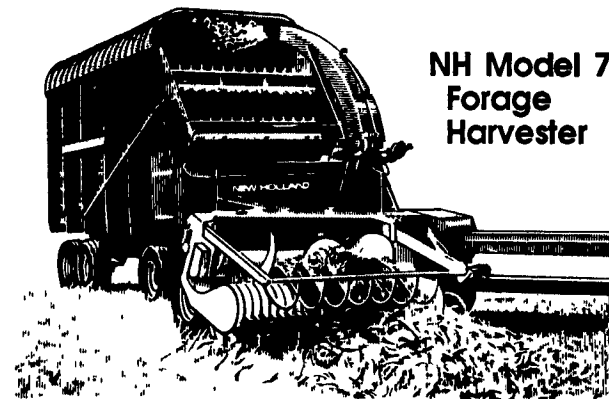
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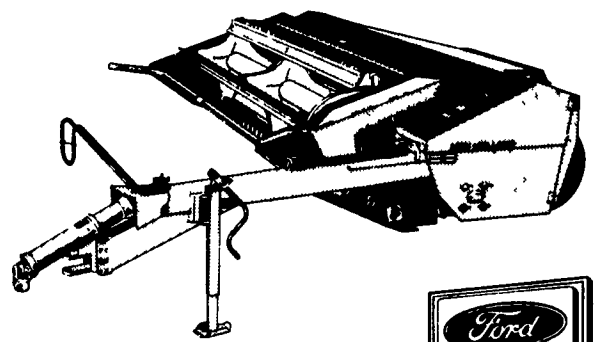
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