

# Ag Economy Conference At PSU

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 — The Penn State University of Agricultural Economics and Rural Sociology has announced the first of planned annual conferences on Pennsylvania's agricultural economy.

The conference - focusing on trends, issues and prospects of agriculture - is scheduled for March 20 and March 21 at the university's Keller Conference Center at University Park. It is intended to provide a forum to discuss the

future of one of the state's largest industries.

"We will be looking at what makes Pennsylvania agriculture competitive and at the forces that are shaping the character and the direction of the industry," said Dr.

Milton Hallberg, PSU professor of agricultural economics and chairman of the conference committee.

The conference is set to start at 1 p.m. March 20 and end noon the following day. First day sessions are to look at: global and national economic forces affecting the state's agriculture; consumers, consumerism and food; and trends and issues in the food-processing industry.

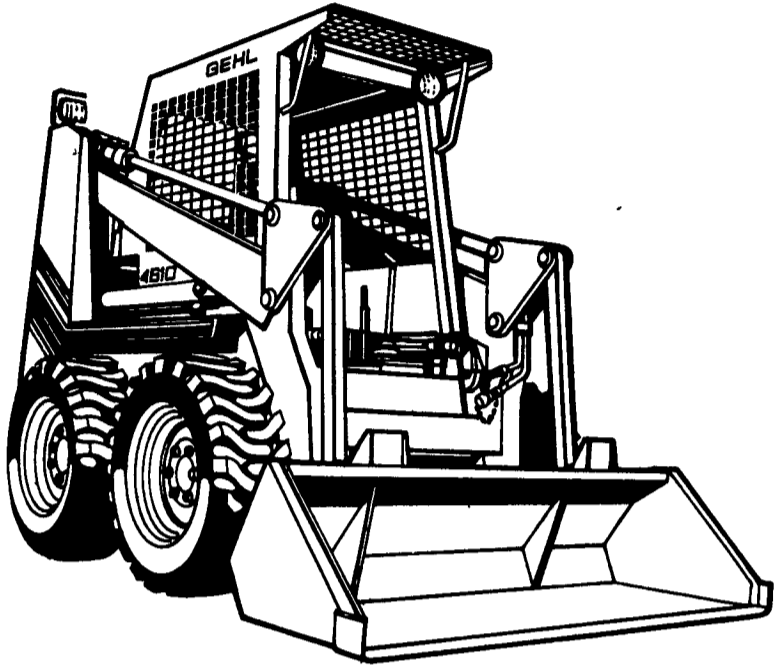
During the evening banquet, the featured speaker is to be Dr. Dean McKee, an independent economic consultant and former chief economist for John Deere and Co., Moline, Ill. He is to talk about the

U.S. farm-machinery industry.

On Wednesday, sessions are to highlight the state's dairy industry, poultry industry and crops and livestock industries. The conference is end after sessions on: soil nutrient management; formula-fed veal; and low-input sustainable agriculture.

Registration fee is \$65 and includes the banquet. For more information, call Short Courses in Agriculture Office, (814) 865-8301. Or write to: Short Courses in Ag, 306 Ag Administration Building, University Park, 16802.

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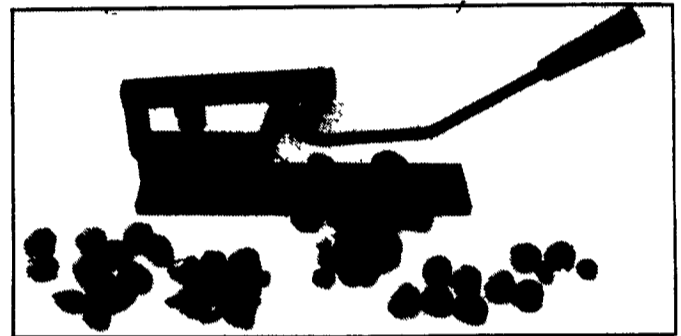


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