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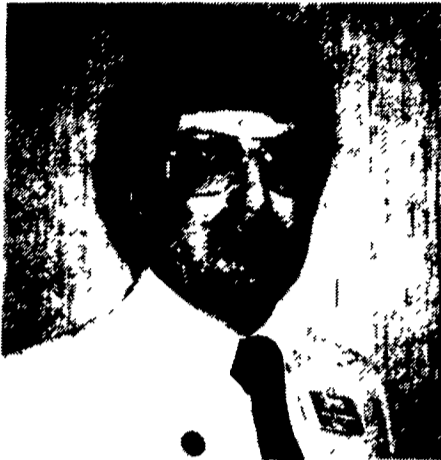
**Agri-King Names  
JOHN KENAMOND  
Area Manager**

MIFFLINBURG - Agri-King recently named John Kenamond Area Manager of Snyder and eastern Union counties.

Kenamond has several years of experience in dairy farming having owned and operated his own farm for 24 years.

Agri-King tests feedstuffs and formulates rations for livestock producers in 27 states. The 22-year-old company is based at Fulton, IL.

Kenamond, his wife, Nancy, daughter, Leslie and son Daniel reside at rural Mifflinburg.



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## Cultivator Allows Easy Weed Control

RACINE, Wis. — Cultivating close to the crop can be tricky in heavy residue conditions. But now, aggressive weed control in minimum- or ridge-till programs is easier with the new Case International 184 minimum-till cultivator.

"Rigid shank mounting provides the cultivating action that breaks up tough soils between rows," said Dennis Whitehead, Case International product director, planting and seeding equipment. "Each heavy-duty 1 1/4 x 26-inch shank is mounted securely to the carrier bar with a rectangular bracket. Also available is an optional 26-inch, spring-cushion shank. Four bolts keep the shank in precise alignment. Shanks on narrow models use 16-inch sweeps, while wide-row models use 22-inch sweeps."

This results in exceptional clearance for working in heavy residue, he said. "The growing number of farmers adopting reduced tillage practices will appreciate this advantage."

The 184 cultivator's 7x7-inch tubular main frame withstands the high draft loads common in reduced tillage operations, Whitehead said. Wide, heavy-duty parallel linkages maintain pinpoint accuracy. The upper linkage features regreaseable pivots, while the lower links have four sealed bearings for long life at wear points.

"Gang frame strength extends row unit accuracy all the way back to the sweeps," Whitehead said.

Depth settings are easily adjusted for any field condition. Every row unit has an 18-inch, straight-blade couler. Each couler can be adjusted from 0 to 3 inches deep in 1-inch increments. The gauge wheel and couler on each gang work independently for proper depth control and easy penetration.

Clincher-type gauge wheels are made of 4x16-inch rubber. Gauge wheels can be adjusted in half-inch increments.

Each 184 model, from 4- to 12-row widths, comes with a Category II/III 3-point hitch. A quick-couple hitch bar mates with tapered receiver fittings on the lower hitch arms for easy hookup.

Optional equipment includes:

- Spring-cushion shanks which can ride up and over obstacles.
- Disk hillers can be adjusted to move soil to the crop to cover weeds in-row or away from the crop when seedlings are small, plus help form ridges in ridge-till operations.
- Crop shields to protect small crops from soil and crop residue, and allow faster cultivating speeds.
- Ridging wings which can be adjusted to form any size of ridge desired (14 inches, narrow row; 18 inches, wide row).
- Lift assist wheels for 6-row wide and larger.
- Weight brackets to provide additional down pressure for tough cultivating conditions.
- Tank hitch.

## Farmers Want Export Credit

ST. LOUIS, Mo. — The American Soybean Association (ASA) today is calling for grassroots action to urge President Bush to approve Export Credits to increase U.S. soybean exports to the Soviet Union.

"The United States is the only major industrialized nation that has not already granted export credit to the Soviet Union," said ASA President M.N. "Buck" McCann. "We are losing sales of soybeans and other commodities to our competitors. As a result, prices of this year's bountiful U.S. harvest are in a tailspin."

According to McCann, the American Soybean Association is urging its members to contact the President and call, write or make

personal visits to their Representatives and Senators to urge increased political pressure on the Bush Administration to make the Soviets eligible for credits.

"We've been active on this issue for some time," said McCann. "We've made a number of personal contacts with officials in the Bush administration. Also, we've had ongoing meetings with Soviet trade officials and sent a letter to President Bush urging that the Soviets be granted Most Favored Nation status which would allow U.S. financial credit and guarantees."

In addition McCann notes, ASA joined other commodity groups in sending letters in October to both the President and Vice

President urging the extension of export credits under the USDA's GSM program to the Soviet Union. The letters pointed out that U.S. farmers have already been asked to bear a heavy burden in U.S. budget cuts: "The further burden of the loss of the Soviet market, seems to us excessive and unfair, particularly when the obvious remedy — extension of GSM credits — is at hand."

According to McCann, Soviet officials have told American Soybean leaders they need the equivalent of one billion bushels of soybeans to provide adequate food protein for their livestock and poultry industries. In addition the Soviets have unmet needs for vegetable oils.

"It is a huge potential market," said McCann, "But without export credit the Soviets cannot finance the imports they need to continue to open their economy. More damaging still, other nations will step into a market that could belong to U.S. farmers."

*Merry Christmas*

## Hay Rake Joins Product Line



GIBSON CITY, Ill. — M & W Gear Company announces the addition of the SR320P pull-type rotary hay rake to the M & W line of hay handling products. The SR320P working width of 10 feet, 6 inches is quickly narrowed to a 6-foot, 6-inch transport width by storing the pick-up tines. Twenty-four tempered tines gently move material into windrows. A cam track lifts tines over material just gathered. The single rotor, pull-type rake uses an enclosed gearbox and simple, strong construction for extended service life. Height is easily adjusted from the driver's seat. A tractor power output of only 22 horsepower is required for operation. For more information, contact M & W Gear Company, Route 47 South, Gibson City, IL 60936.

## Broiler Placements Down 6 Percent For Week

HARRISBURG (Dauphin Co.) — Broiler placements in the state during the week ending Nov. 10 totaled 1,929,000, down 6 percent from the previous week and 9 percent less than the corresponding week of 1989, according to the Pennsylvania Agricultural Statistics Service (PASS).

Average placements during the past nine weeks, at 19,121,000, were 10 percent less than a year ago, PASS reported.

Settings for broiler chicks last week were 3,298,000, up 5 percent from the previous week and 2 percent more than the same week a year ago. The three-week total of egg set, 9,333,000, was slightly below the comparable period last year.

In the 15 selected states, placements for the week totaled 93,456,000, down 8 percent from the week before and slightly

below the same week of 1989. Placements during the past nine weeks, at 914,114,000, were 3 percent above one year ago.

Settings in the 15 states for the week totaled 135,570,000, up 4 percent from the previous week and 3 percent more than last year. The three-week total of eggs set, 386,057,000, up 2 percent from 1989.

For Pennsylvania, expected marketings for the week ending Jan. 5, based on placements seven to nine weeks earlier less mortality allowance, are 2,033,000, down 8 percent from a year earlier. The 15 states' expected marketings, 124,825,000, are 2 percent higher.

Broilers-fryers slaughtered in Pennsylvania under federal inspection during the week ending Nov. 3 totaled 1,894,000 head with an average liveweight of 4.63 pounds.

