

Lancaster Chamber Adopts Nutrient Management Policy

LANCASTER (Lancaster Co.) — The directors of The Lancaster Chamber of Commerce recently adopted a policy position toward nutrient management legislation, which is currently under consideration in the state House Agricultural and Rural Affairs Committee.

According to Jay Howes, manager of agricultural services for the Chamber, the board adopted the policy during a recent board meeting.

The policy position is: As Pennsylvania's premier agricultural county, Lancaster produces in excess of \$672.7 million in farm value of dairy, livestock and poultry products annually, representing approximately 30 percent of Pennsylvania's total production of these commodities.

While recognizing the tremendous economic benefit of this intensive animal agriculture to the economy of the county, The Lancaster Chamber of Commerce and Industry also recognizes that all industries must operate in the most environmentally sound manner possible.

The Chamber, therefore, has taken great interest in the report of the Governor's Select Committee on Nonpoint Source Nutrient Management and, in general, endorses its recommendations.

Recognizing the tremendous impact nutrient management regulations will have on both our agricultural sector and the general economy, the Chamber strongly believes that any specific legislation enacted should:

- Strike an appropriate balance between environmental concerns and economic realities.

- Specify the representation of all key sectors on the proposed Nutrient Management Advisory Board to the State Conservation Commission, including representatives of government agencies, Pennsylvania State University, production agriculture and commercial agri-business.

- Designate to the Pennsylvania Department of Agriculture an integral role in developing specific guidelines for on-farm nutrient management planning.

- Not require multiple layers of certification or approval. Any plan prepared by a certified individual should not be subjected to approval by any agency at the county or state level.

- Insure that any nutrient management technician certification program instituted encompasses

all individuals who prepare or review plans, allows for both private individual and commercial private sector certification categories, and is uniformly administered and enforced statewide.

- Supercede all municipal level nutrient management ordinances.

In summary, the Lancaster Chamber of Commerce and Indus-

try fully supports nutrient management legislation that effectively balances environmental and economic considerations, provides for significant input from all relevant sectors in writing the specific regulations and adequately protects individual and private sector interests from excessive regulation and bureaucracy.

Penn State Names Two

UNIVERSITY PARK (Centre Co.) — Two men have recently been named distinguished alumni of the Penn State University College of Agriculture.

David Slusser, a Crawford County dairy farmer, has been named the 1991 Dairy Distinguished Alumnus by the department of dairy and animal science in Penn State's College of Agriculture. He received the award at the evening banquet held during the

66th Dairy Expo at Penn State's Agricultural Arena.

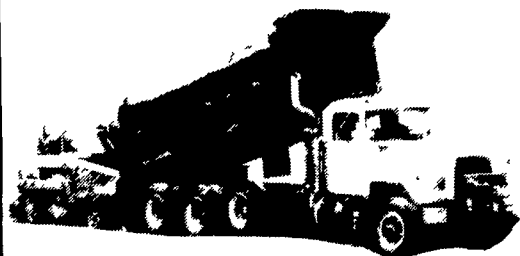
Also, William A. Hiller, president and chief executive officer of Agway Inc., has been named a distinguished alumnus of Penn State's College of Agriculture.

Alumni whose professional achievements and community service embody the objectives of the university are selected annually for this honor by Penn State's Board of Trustees.

Hiller holds a master's degree in agricultural economics from the university.

Slusser graduated in 1965 with a B.S. in dairy science. While at Penn State, he was treasurer of the Dairy Science Club and a member of the Gamma Sigma Delta honor society and the Delta Theta Sigma fraternity. He worked at the university's dairy research farm and was a manager of the Nittany

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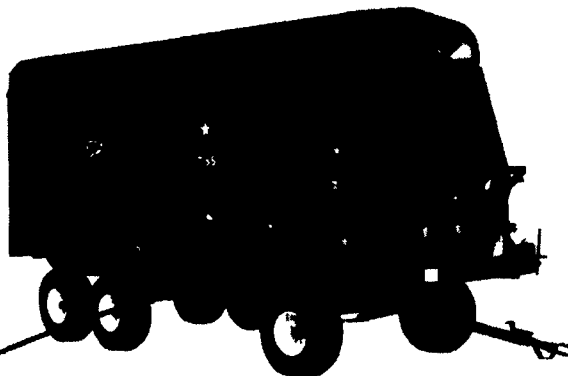
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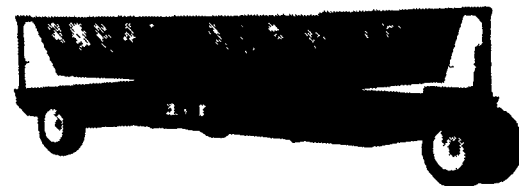
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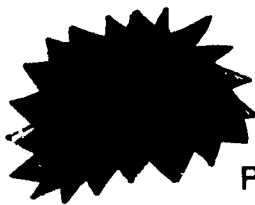
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