Farmers May Face Stricter Safety Regulations

UNIVERSITY PARK (Centre Co) — If farmers don't take it upon themselves to further reduce work hazards, they may risk more stringent regulations, said a farm safety expert in Penn State's College of Agricultural Sciences.

"Recent high-profile farm tragedies involving children have elicited calls for stricter farm safety rules," said Dr. Dennis Murphy, professor of agricultural engineering "The public is starting to feel that farmers don't do enough to promote safety among themselves.

"Farmers should ask themselves whether they want to make farming safer or face new regulations," Murphy said. "Do we change our safety habits voluntarily or because we are required to do 50?

Compared to other industries, farming has relatively few safety and health regulations. "Family

and small farm operations are excluded from most regulations," said Murphy. "A lack of enforcement for those who are covered makes many regulations seem more voluntary than required."

Little evidence exists to suggest that more regulations would make farms safer, Murphy said. "Many farmers and farm employers see regulations as government meddling in business affairs," he said.

"This ultimately discourages compliance with both the spirit and the letter of regulations. Rules that are seen as intrusive or violating common sense often are ignored or deliberately subverted."

Because of this, farmers may risk initiating a cycle of progressively tighter regulations. "Rules tend to simplify the cause of injury or illness to a single factor," he said. "If a safety problem is caused by a particular behavior, a regulation is passed to stop the behavior.

"If accidents aren't reduced, the problem will be re-examined, additional causes found, and more regulations proposed," Murphy said. "This can continue indefinitely, with the rules getting more and more burdensome and impractical.'

Regulations also can sufle development of creative solutions to risks. "Regulations usually provide just one way to deal with an

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issue," he said. "But farms are so diverse that a single solution rarely makes practical or economic sense for each farm. Still, regulations apply to all, whether practical or not.'

Murphpy's new book, "Safety and Health for Production Agriculture," is published by the American Society of Agricultural Engineers. The book details specific farm hazards and explores broader issues underlying farm ext. 41.

safety policies. Chapters discuss general safety principles and specific strategies used to prevent and reduce injuries.

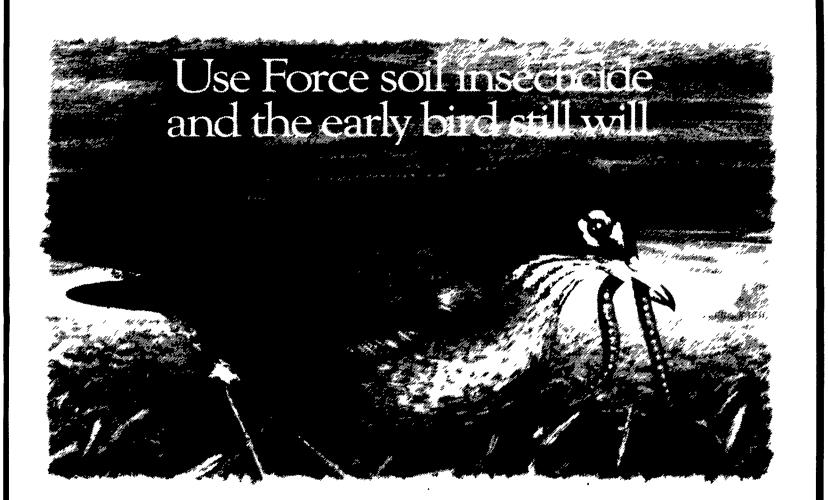
'Safety and Health for Production Agriculture" is available from the American Society of Agricultural Engineers, Department 1620, 2950 Niles Road, St. Joseph, MI 49805-9659. More information is available from the ASAE ordering department at (616) 429-0300,

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In his new position, Williams is responsible for managing ISK Biotech's technical data bases, including systems for acquisition, transferral, storage, and retrieval of information. He reports to Robert E. Moser, manager of corporate technology.

Williams holds a bachelor's degree in biology from Bowling Green State University in Bowling Green, Ohio



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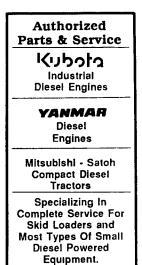
Fire Relief Fund Begins

REYNOLDSBURG, Ohio - A fire relief fund has been started for the Wilmer Guyton Family of Middletown, Md., after a fire destroyed their barn, milking facilities, hay, straw and feed on Sunday, Jan. 24.

The Middletown Valley 4-H Dairy Club has set up this relief fund at the Middletown Valley Bank, Middletown, Md. For more information, contact Scott and Judy Hood, 6303 Paul Rudy Rd., Middletown, Md. 21769. Phone 301/473-5052.

The Guyton Family owns registered Guernsey cattle and has been active in the Maryland Guernsey Breeders' Association and American Guernsey Association. The Guyton herd is currently being housed at a neighboring dairy until their facilities are in operation again.

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