



Business News

Agri-King Names Area Manager

ELIZABETHTOWN (Lancaster Co.) — Agri-King recently named Brian Walker area manager of central Lancaster County.

Walker was raised on a dairy farm and has earned a bachelor's in dairy and animal science from Penn State.

Agri-King tests feedstuffs and formulates rations for livestock producers in 27 states. The 25-year-old livestock nutrition company services customers from Nebraska to New York with Agri-King's home office located in Fulton, Illinois.



Brian Walker

Pivot-Tongue Hitch Handles Two Rakes

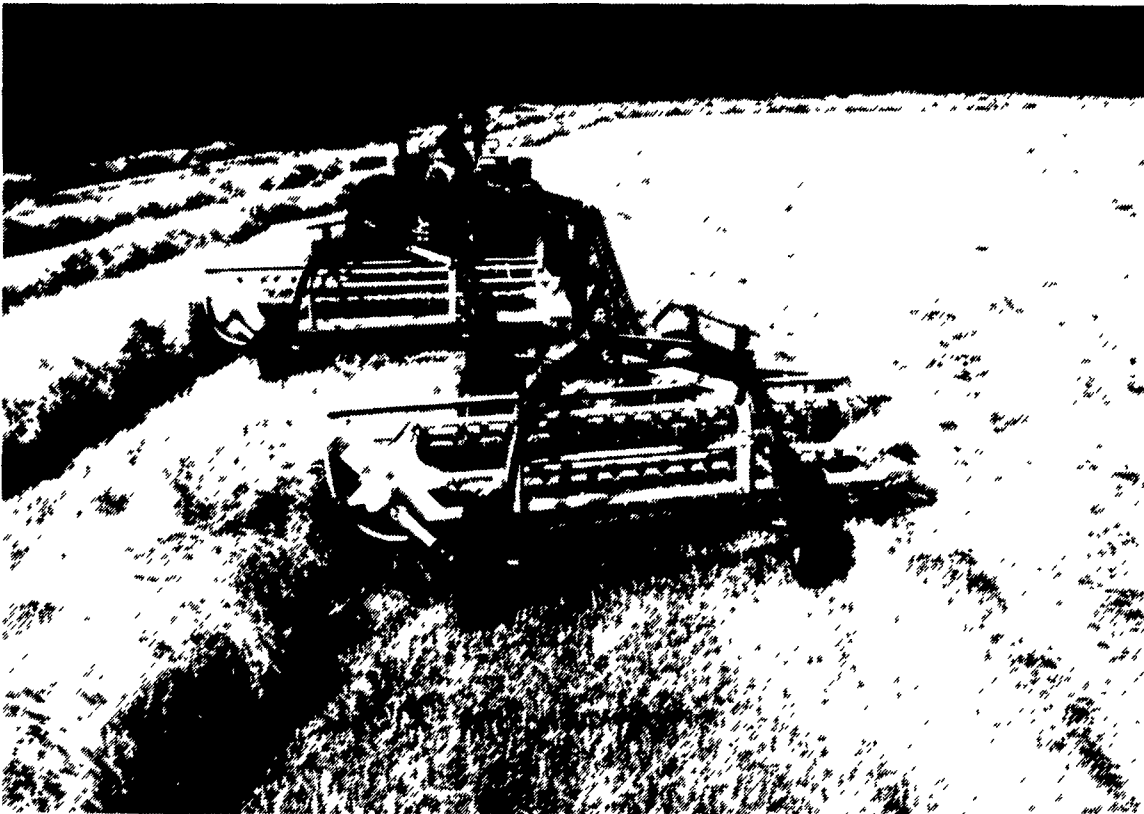
NEW HOLLAND (Lancaster Co.) — The new Model 252 pivot-tongue rake hitch from Ford New Holland lets operators transport and operate a pair of rakes without leaving the tractor seat.

The Model 252 uses on-the-go control that allows the operator to

switch from raking two separate windrows to making one double windrow. And, when switching from field position to transport, both rakes can be centered behind the tractor for narrow passage through gates or over bridges.

The new pivot tongue rake

hitch can be used with 8½ - or 9½ -foot rakes, right or left delivery or in combination, according to Product Manager Joe Weicksel. And there's no need for dolly wheels, since the rakes hook directly to the rake hitch.



Ford New Holland's new Model 252 pivot-tongue rake hitch features tractor remote hydraulics. This allows the operator to take a pair of single windrows, make one double windrow, or switch from field operation to transport position without leaving the tractor seat.

Mather Named Award Recipient

COLLEGE PARK, Md. — The 1993 American Cyanamid Award was presented to Ian H. Mather, professor in the Department of Animal Sciences at University of Maryland, on June 15 during the awards ceremony of the 88th Annual Meeting of the American Dairy Science Association, held on the University of Maryland College Park campus.

Mather received his prestigious award for his valuable contributions in lactational physiology and molecular biology. Mather's

major contribution to mammary gland biology during the past five years was the molecular characterization of butyrophilin, the major protein of the milk lipid globule membrane.

He and a colleague, Dr. Lucinda Jack, succeeded in cloning and analyzing a cDNA encoding butyrophilin from cow mammary gland. This accomplishment marks the first reported success with cloning and analysis of a cDNA encoding a milk lipid globule membrane protein from a

production animal. These studies form the basis of current models for the mechanism of milk fat secretion.

Mather was born in Cheadle, Cheshire, UK. He earned a bachelor's and a doctorate at the University of Wales. He held postdoctorates in chemistry at the University of Kent from 1970-1972 and in animal science at Purdue University from 1973-1975. In 1975, he joined the faculty at the University of Maryland as assistant professor.

PennWest Re-Elects Chair

GREENSBURG (Westmoreland Co.) — Robert Hamilton, Claysville, was re-elected chairman at a recent meeting of the board of directors of Penn West Farm Credit, ACA (Agricultural Credit Association). At the same meeting, Tom Kelly was elected vice chairman.

Hamilton and Kelly are dairy farmers and active in many agricultural organizations. Hamilton farms in Washington County and Kelly farms in Huntingdon County.

The board of directors sets policy and oversees operations of Penn West Farm Credit.



Robert Hamilton, Jr.



Thomas W. Kelly

Managers Begin Certification Training

LEOLA (Lancaster Co.) — The territorial sales managers from Gro-Mor Plant Food Company, met recently to begin training for the certified crop advisors examination, which will be held later this summer.

The training session focused on the science of soil fertility and liming, which is only a small part of the subject material that will be covered on the exam.

The Certified Crop Advisor status will be awarded to those indi-

viduals who have demonstrated their knowledge of the entire scope of professional crop production and have a formal education combined with years of field experience.

Gro-Mor is participating in this certification process to continue its tradition of employing fully qualified and highly trained sales and support staff to best serve farmers.

Following the classroom training session, the sales managers visited a Leola-based vegetable

farm to observe intensive sweet corn production and tour their foliar fertilizer test plots.

Gro-Mor's liquid fertilizer has been used on this farm with good success for many years. The company offers a selection of unique starter and foliar fertilizers designed to maximize plant yields in harmony with the environment. These products complement the soil's existing fertility level through a regular soil testing program conducted by the sales representatives.

Bixler To Head Distribution Sales

BIGLERVILLE (Adams Co.) — GMV Inc., manufacturer of the HydraSpray and other self-propelled spraying equipment, has named Gail Bixler national sales manager.

In this newly created position, Bixler will work closely with national distributors and serve as a company representative at industry trade shows.

During her nine years in marketing and management positions at GVM, Bixler gained a thorough knowledge of the company's products, customers, and the distributor network she hopes to expand.

"One of my top priorities will be getting new distributors on board to help us better meet growing customer needs," said Bixler.

For more information on distributorships or GVM equipment, contact GVM Incorporated, 374 Heidlersburg Road, Biglerville, PA 17307.



Gail Bixler

Buffington Elected ASAE Fellow

SPOKANE, Wash. — Dennis E. Buffington, professor and head, agricultural and biological engineering department, Penn State University, has been elected a fellow of the American Society of Agricultural Engineers (ASAE). He was honored at the Society's international summer meeting recently at the Spokane Center.

Election to fellow is one of the highest distinctions an ASAE member can achieve. Elected annually by ASAE's board of directors, fellows are chosen for their unusual professional distinction and extraordinary qualifications.

A minimum of 20 years of active practice of engineering or teaching of engineering with demonstrated distinction in performance for at least five of those years is required for nomination.



Dennis Buffington