

# Farm Safety Warning Signs Available

UNIVERSITY PARK (Centre Co.) — New warning signs designed to promote safety on farms and other agricultural operations are now available.

The five signs alert farm workers to potential hazards of manure storages, fires in oxygen-limiting silos, pesticide storage areas and pesticide-treated fields or facilities, says Dr. Dennis Murphy, professor of agricultural engineering.

One new sign is designed to be placed at each entrance to below-ground or covered manure storages. "This sign has a simple graphic depicting a person being overcome by deadly manure gases," Murphy said. "You get the point even before you read the words, which warn you to enter the pit only with a self-contained air supply, ventilation, rescue harness and someone standing by with a mechanical lifting device."

Another sign points out the drowning hazards of uncovered manure storages and ponds. The graphic shows a figure falling through the crusted surface of a manure pond.

Farmers with sealed or oxygen-limiting silos can buy signs indicating the explosion hazards using water to fight fires in these structures. One sign is meant to be placed at ground level near the silo blower pipe ladder, while a second should be placed next to the silo unloader.

"The two remaining signs address pesticide safety concerns," said Murphy. "One is designed to be posted at each entrance to a facility or field where pesticides with re-entry restrictions have recently been applied. Because this sign will be used at fields and facilities such as

mushroom houses, which employ many Hispanic workers, its warnings are in both English and Spanish."

The final sign, to be placed at each entrance to pesticide storage

facilities, warns people that they are entering a pesticide storage area and that fire in such a facility will produce toxic fumes.

Each 10-by-14-inch warning sign is made of .040 gauge alumi-

num with a reflective surface designed to resist fading for up to seven years. Each costs \$5, or \$4.75 in quantities of 100 or more, plus shipping charges.

To order signs, or to get more

information, contact D.W. Miller Industries, Inc., R.D. 1, Box 7B, Huntingdon, PA 16652. Pennsylvania residents can call (800) 222-1980; others can call (800) 331-3812.



Reserve champion hog. From left, Brian Campbell, agricultural teacher, New Oxford; Dough Whitworth, buyer; and Mandy Hilbert, winner.

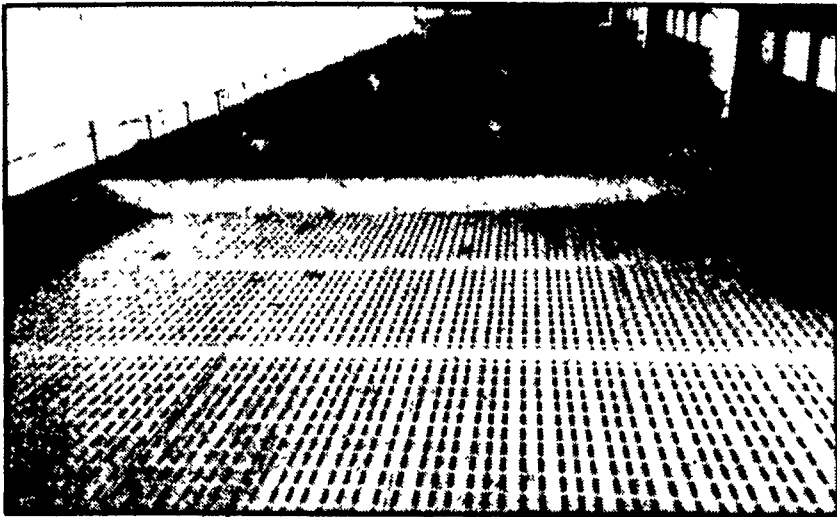
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Champion market lamb. From left, Larry Feeser, Jr., presenting trophy; Ron Funt, buyer; and Chad Funt, winner. Chad Funt also had the reserve grand champion.

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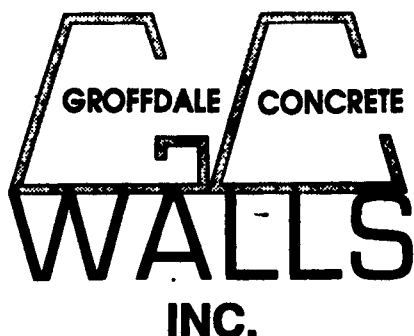
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