

Ephrata Young Farmers

EPHRATA (Lancaster Co.) — The county-wide property reassessment that is now in progress has raised many questions and concerns among county residents. In response, the Ephrata Area Young Farmers cordially invite the general public to attend their November meeting, which will feature County Commissioner Terry Kauffman as the speaker. Commissioner Kauffman will discuss the county re-assessment process and answer any questions that

may arise. The November meeting of the Ephrata Area Young Farmers will be held on Tuesday, November 16, 1993. The location of the meeting is the Ephrata High School and the meeting will convene at 7:30 p.m. Once again, the general public is invited and encouraged to attend this important meeting. Please contact Karen Becker, at (717) 859-3276 if you have any questions.

Wetlands, Logging Workshop

UNIVERSITY PARK (Centre Co.) — Timber harvesters and others involved in woodlot or forest management are encouraged to attend a wetlands and logging workshop to be held in mid-November.

The workshop will be held on Thursday, November 18, at Oil Creek State Park in Venango County, and again on Friday, November 19, at the Bureau of Forestry District Office in Emporium, Cameron County.

Instructors will be Dr. Robert Brooks, associate professor of wildlife, and Yuriy Bihun, project forester, both in Penn State's College of Agricultural Sciences.

Topics covered will be wetland identification rules, regulations affecting timber harvesting in and around wetlands, and best management practices (BMPs) for timber harvesting operations in wetlands.

The workshop is part of the comprehensive logger certification program sponsored by the Timber Harvesting Council of Pennsylvania. Those completing the workshop will receive 1.6 logger training units (LTUs) that count toward logger certification. "Our objective is to increase the

logging community's knowledge and understanding of environmental issues that affect forestry operations," said Bihun. "We want to improve the lines of communication with natural resource professionals and bolster the professional image of timber harvesting."

The School of Forest Resources in Penn State's College of Agricultural Sciences designed the workshop, in cooperation with wildlife biologists, the Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Resources, foresters, and professional timber harvesters.

The workshops are sponsored by the Pennsylvania Timber Harvesting Council in cooperation with the School of Forest Resources, The Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Resources Bureau of Forestry, the U.S. Department of Agriculture Extension Service, the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers and the Pennsylvania Association of Conservation Districts.

Registration costs \$10 per person for each workshop. For more information or to register, contact the Timber Harvesting Council, c/o Richard Wallace, 11577 Pentz Drive, North East, PA 16428, (814) 725-8897.

Engineering In Ag Equipment Shown

SPARKS, Md—At a press conference field day Wednesday the FMC Furadan 4FC Custom Delivery System for soil insecticides was demonstrated at Cold Bottom Farms. The new application system to control major insect pests in corn and sorghum has been recognized as one of the top 50 engineering developments for 1993.

The new application equipment is mounted on the planter. Since granular Furadan has been replaced by the liquid form, the new equipment features a closed system that uses 15-gallon reusable containers with clean-lock connections. A computer control is mounted in the tractor cab. Data such as size of planter, rate of desired application, and ground speed are punched into the computer to control the flow into the furrow on top of the seed of each row.

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The application control is extremely accurate with the new system. In addition, the farmer has no storage or disposal problems with the containers.

The unit holds enough material on-board to treat 120 acres. And only one-tenth the number of containers or bags are needed to be handled. In a physical demonstration, the old methods to load and calibrate were shown to be considerably longer than with the new liquid loading requirements.

The pump and motor system mixes the material with water in equal parts, and the same unit can be used on any size planter.

Others participating in the field day included Binkley and Hurst, Kinze Manufacturing, Scienco, and the Baltimore extension service.



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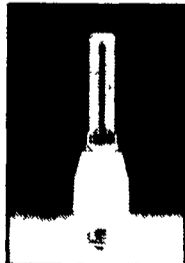


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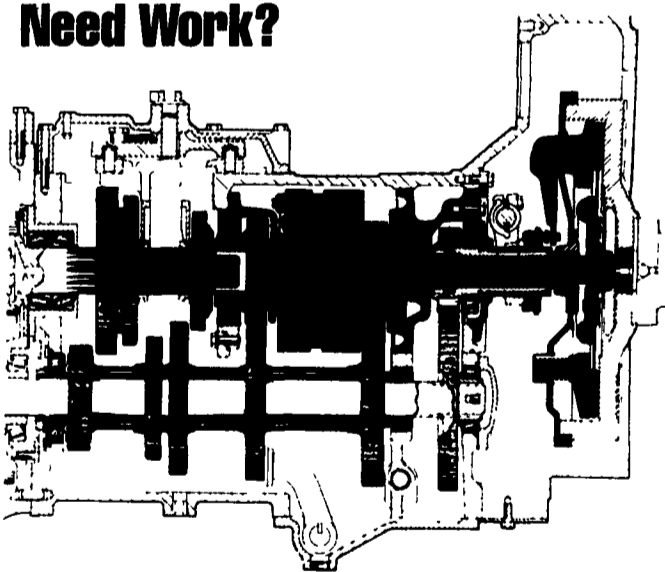
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