

# Hoffman Seeds Expands Pak Program

LANDISVILLE (Lancaster Co.) — Hoffman Seeds has expanded its Pak program, offering to include a new custom pak, as well as performance, trial, and

dairy paks. Performance Pak®, which contains 48 hybrid units, includes two (24 units of each) field-proven Funk's G® brand hybrids. Hybrid

pairings are preselected by Hoffman, with 11 pairings available. Farmers can save \$330 when they purchase a Performance Pak.

A Trial Pak® is available for farmers who have never tried Funk's G hybrids, or to existing Hoffman customers increasing their order from 1993. Each Trial Pak contains 12 units of two top performing hybrids (six units each). Trial Paks can save farmers up to \$50.

With Dairy Pak™ farmers get 24 units of corn and 300 pounds of alfalfa, at a savings of \$200. Each Dairy Pak comes with a free forage analysis. Hybrids have been selected for their silage production, with many offering competitive advantages of 3,000 pounds of milk/acre. Promise and Attainer alfalfas also provide forage-producing advantages. Attainer, for example, produced 16,200 pounds of milk/acre in 1992 field trials.

The new Custom Pak allows farmers to select their own hybrid combinations. Custom Paks can be purchased for any of the Pak programs mentioned above. New hybrids, however, cannot compromise more than 50 percent of the pallet.

For more information about the complete offering of Pak programs, call Hoffman Seeds at (800) 776-7929.

## Philson Joins Test Program

DeFOREST, Wis. — J.D. Philson of Mercer, Pa., has elected to participate in the American Breeders Service (ABS) progeny test (PT) program.

In this program, the O-Be-Joyful Farm will be working closely with their ABS Representative Paul Baxter, and using semen from young dairy bulls that are genetically tested by ABS. The ABS PT program is unique because it allows test herds to select which young bulls they would like to sample while also allowing them the option to have ABS send them semen from a non-specific young sire.

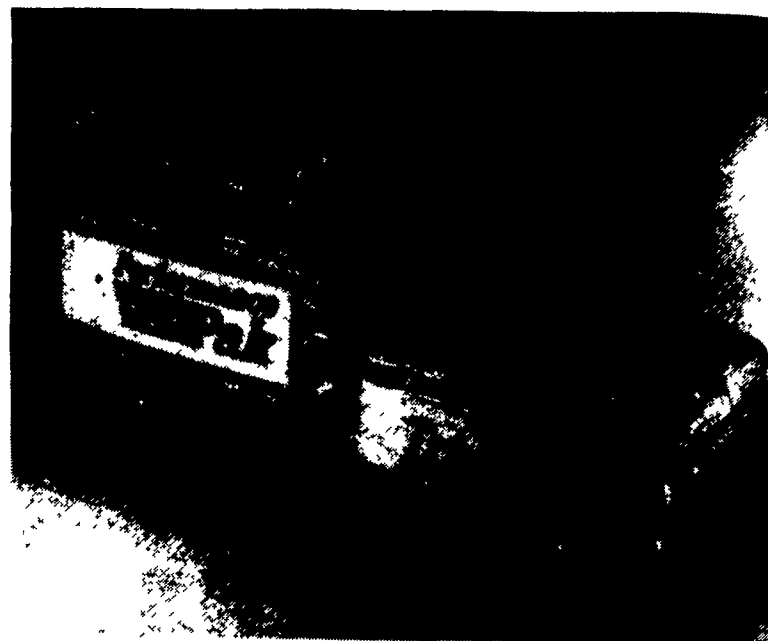
The goal in either case is to have each progeny tested young sire receive a highly reliable sire summary at the conclusion of the testing period. Information gathered from the O-Be-Joyful Farm herd will be used to develop

global genetic improvement.

ABS selects PT herds based on superior management practices, accurate record-keeping programs, animal identification program, and a strong desire to use the best genetics available to improve their herd. The management of the PT herd affects the quality of the data ABS receives. ABS relies on PT herds for accurate animal identification and official DHIA records.

After receiving this accurate data, the O-Be-Joyful Farm will receive benefit payments from ABS for each PT calf born, and again for each PT-sired daughter included on the sire's second USDA summary.

Producers interested in more information on the ABS PT program should contact their local ABS representative or call (800) ABS-STUD.



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## Review Board Approves York Farms

YORK (York Co.) — On November 18, four more York County farms, totaling 1,211 acres, were approved by the Pennsylvania Ag Land Review Board.

The York County Ag Preserve Board, which administers the ag conservation easement program, announced that upon settlement of these four farms, in early 1994, the York County Conservation Easement Program will have preserved 20 farms, totaling 5,731 acres.

On Wednesday, December 1, at 7 p.m. in the York County Vocational Technical School Auditorium, the York County Agricultural Land Preserve Board will hold its annual informational public meeting to explain the application requirements of the Conservation Easement Program. Applications will be accepted until January 31, 1994 and are available at the public meeting.

For more information, call the program office at (717) 771-9400.

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