

## Nutrient Management Advisory Board

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He also said that there were some start up costs anticipated, but those won't be made public until after the governor makes his budget request known to the legislature.

In other business, John Longenecker reported on an outline for proposed requirements for final certification of a nutrient management technician, which would target five different areas — education or experience; pre-examination training; an examination; completion of a number of plans that have been approved; and continuing education.

Since there are to be three types of nutrient management technicians — commercial, public (conservation district personnel), and private (a farm owner-operator) — there are to be three different levels of competency expected. The specific details are yet to be proposed.

While in theory the nutrient

management program is expected to be comparable to the permitting program for pesticides application, Longenecker said there can be expected to be some significant differences.

The board also discussed some of the aspects of "animal equivalent units," or AEU's, as detailed in the Nutrient Management Act, and how to determine whether or not a specific farming operation has enough land to handle the nutrients created by the operation.

Discussed was how to determine whether or not an operator had control of land, if it is leased or owned; what types of evidence an operator would have to show that he has control of that land; what types of land would be suitable for the application of manure; whether or not some historically existing pasture (used as pasture because too low-lying and subject to flooding to support tillage) should be considered applicable for the application of manure; types of

crope; alternative uses of manure; whether historic uses of land should be considered and whether a grandfather cutoff date should be used.

According to David Gromelski, assistant counsel with DER's Bureau of Regulatory Counsel, the issue of being able to determine AEU's and AEU's per acre, and land suitable for receiving nutrients, will probably be the most important and key area of concern with the entire Act.

It was generally agreed that animal equivalent units are not the best method for determining whether or not an operation is in danger of overapplying or overproducing nutrients for application to the land available. However, AEU's are part of the law and must be dealt with.

In related business, the board also heard a report from Dr. Charles Ramberg on the variations of animal nutrition and nitrogen in manure. According to Ramberg,

who talked mostly about bovine nutrition and digestion, the range of nitrogen in manure can vary greatly, depending on the ration being fed and the health of the

animal.

The next meeting is scheduled to start 9:30 a.m., Jan. 12, in Heritage Room B, at 333 Market Street, in Harrisburg.

## PFGC Elects 1994 Officers

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### Education

Donald Overdorff, Honesdale (Wayne County). Don has been with the Pennsylvania State University, Ag Extension Service, for 12 years. Don currently serves in Wayne County with his main focus in agronomy. Don will be serving his first year as a director.

Dr. Douglas Beegle, Pennsylvania State University, continues in his second term as director.

Paul Craig, Dauphin (Dauphin County). Paul is with the Dauphin County Extension Service and will be serving his second year as director.

### Industry

Michael Galbraith, Roaring Spring (Blair County). Mike works for Young's - Livestock Nutritional Services and is starting his second term as director.

John Itle, Lancaster (Lancaster

County). John is employed by Hoffman Seeds, Inc., Landisville, PA. John's term as director ends in 1994. This is John's second term as director.

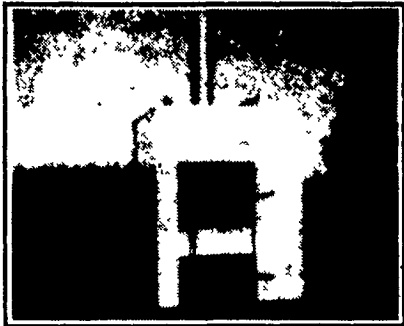
Kenneth Rice, Bellefonte (Centre County). Ken is employed by Pioneer Hybrid Seeds and is starting his second year as a director.

### Advisory Consultant

Dr. John E. Baylor, professor emeritus, Pennsylvania State University continues as the PFGC Advisory Consultant.

### AFGC Representative

John Rodgers is the PFGC representative to the Penn State Ag Advisory Council and to the American Forage and Grassland Council. John is also president of the American Forage and Grassland Council for 1993-1994 and is the first farmer to serve as president of the AFGC.



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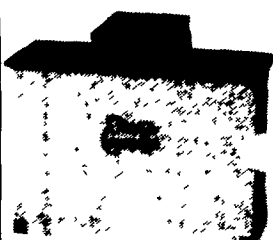
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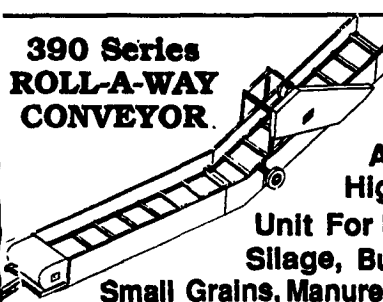
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