



# Business News

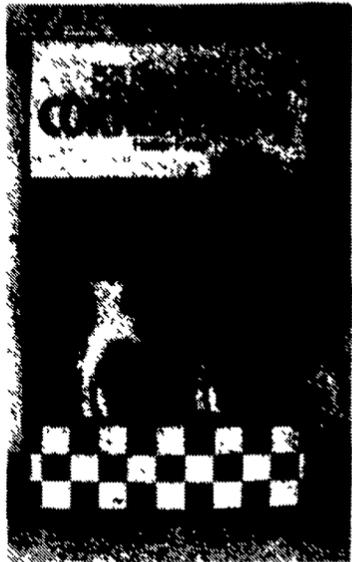
## Purina Mills Introduces Dairy Feeds

ST. LOUIS, Mo. — Purina Mills, Inc. has introduced three new feeds for dairy cattle, covering the entire range of herd needs. All three products are available from Purina dealers throughout the U.S.

Purina Cornerstone™ heifer feed is nutritionally balanced to help heifers achieve the desired height, weight, and body condition for calving. Cornerstone is available as a complete 13-percent, 18-percent, or 22-percent protein ration in checker form, and as an 18-percent or 36-percent protein concentrate ration designed to be fed with grain. Cornerstone complete rations are also available in three TDN levels to match the needs of forage programs.

"Cornerstone is designed to balance a variety of forage types and qualities, while optimizing heifer growth in preparation for breeding and calving," said Purina Mills nutritionist Dr. Barbara Barton. "A properly sized heifer at calving — that means the right height, weight and body condition—can produce up to 1,000 pounds more milk during its first lactation."

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tion and additive options specifically for heifers.

Purina Prepare™ dry cow feed also comes in complete and concentrate forms. Prepare offers optional formulations for different TDN, protein, calcium, and pho-

sphorous levels. Prepare feeding programs are designed to balance the increased nutritional demands of late pregnancy and to help the transition to a lactating ration following calving.

"Most problems in early lactation have their origins in the cow's dry period," said Barton. "A dry cow properly fed and cared for prior to calving can produce an extra 1,000-2,000 of milk pounds during her next lactation. And a cow that begins lactation in ideal condition is far less likely to have metabolic disorders or other problems."

Purina SUPER-EXT™ complete high-performance, high-energy milking ration with optional formulations for TDN, protein, calcium, and phosphorous fortifications designed to balance any forage program.

The highly palatable blend of nuggets and pellets is designed to help maintain a cow's weight and body condition after calving and enhance milk production. In field trials, cows fed SUPER-EXT produced an average of 6.7 pounds more milk per day, while maintaining or improving milk composition.

## Disc Mowers Minimize Crop Damage

COLUMBUS, Ind. — The new, heavy-duty Claas® Corto 240 D and 280 D disc mowers cut along the full width of the mower and harvest quickly, cleanly.

An adjustable hitch ensures that the entire working width can be used even when the tractor is equipped with wide tires. Corto 240 D has a 7 foot 10 inch working width. The 280 D has a 9 foot 2 inch working width.

Designed to protect crop quality, the mowers gently, but thoroughly, harvest crop, minimizing damage and produce wide, fluffy swaths to optimize drying. They feature disc gears that are mounted on large dimensional ball bearings, sealed gearbox housing,



**Claas® new, heavy-duty Corto 240 D and 280D disc mowers cut along the full width of the mower and harvest quickly, cleanly.** and ground pressure relief springs. The mowers fold back if an obstacle is hit and fold hydraulically from the tractor seat for transport.

The disc mowers fit Category II 3-point hitches and have two knives per disc.

## York Farm Credit Welcomes Field Rep

YORK (York Co.) — Lydia Cunningham has joined the staff of York Farm Credit, ACA as a field representative. She will be working with farm customers in the Chambersburg area.

Cunningham earned her bachelor's in agronomy from California State University and her masters in ag economics from the Pennsylvania State University.

She has worked in various agricultural positions, including as a crop consultant in western New York and as a member of the Peace Corps in Tanzania, where she worked on an agricultural research program.

Cunningham grew up on a part-time beef farm in Vermont. She resides in Chambersburg.



Lydia Cunningham

## Corn Days Provide Winners

YORK (York Co.) — York Farm Credit, ACA and M.J. Sheffer, Inc. announce the winners of Adams and York counties extension Corn Day drawings.

Louis Baral and John Keiser both of Gettysburg were the big winners at the Adams County Corn Day held at the York Springs Firehall.



Richard Anderson, left, won the use of a tractor from Greg Cornwell, York Farm Credit.

Baral and Keiser won one week's free use of a new Case Tractor sponsored by York Farm Credit and M.J. Sheffer, Inc. of Hanover. Harold Smith of M.J. Sheffer will coordinate a week this spring with the winners to deliver the tractors for use on their farms.

Richard E. Anderson, III of Dallastown was the tractor winner at the York County 4-H Center. Anderson won one week's free use of a new Case Tractor also sponsored by York Farm Credit and M.J. Sheffer, Inc. of Hanover.

LaVere Miller of Glen Rock won the \$75 gift certificate for Tractor Supply Company sponsored by York Farm Credit, ACA.

"We like working with local machinery dealers to sponsor prizes that really help farmers," said Mike Hosterman of York Farm Credit, ACA. "The response to these drawings has been great and shows that York Farm Credit and M.J. Sheffer, Inc. are dedicated to serving the needs of farmers."



John Keiser, left, won use of a Case tractor at the Adams County Corn Day. At right is Mike Hosterman, York Farm Credit.



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## Herbicide Registration Includes Environmental Provisions

WILMINGTON, Del. — The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) gave farmers and agribusiness a possible glimpse into the future last week when it approved registration of acetochlor herbicide for use on corn.

The registration included a set of environmental agreements and conditions unique in the agricultural chemical industry.

The agreements are designed to protect groundwater and surface water. They include required reductions in overall use of other corn herbicides, monthly sampling of wells and surface water supplies in seven states, early detection measures to prevent groundwater contamination, and potential remedial actions ranging from label revisions to cancellation of the registration.

Zeneca Ag Products, which will market acetochlor as the active ingredient in Surpass EC herbicide, said it supported EPA's position on the registration.

"EPA, Zeneca, and our customers have a common interest: clean wells, lakes and rivers," said Cindy Faulkner, regulatory product manager for Zeneca.

"This product had to meet a much higher standard of environmental protection than older herbicides in the same class," she said. "The water monitoring programs and additional scientific studies require a substantial investment of time, personnel, and resources on our part. But we understand EPA's desire to handle the environmental issues in this manner."

Faulkner said that based on its technical profile and on extensive testing done to date, acetochlor does not present a high risk to water supplies — or it would not have been registered.

"It's certainly no higher risk than is posed by competing products that aren't subject to many

of these restrictions," she said. "It's clear that EPA decided it was time to raise the standard. The important thing is that in working with EPA, we were able to develop conditions and procedures that are workable and allow corn growers to use this product effectively."

## Harness Plus Herbicide Approved For Corn Market

ST. LOUIS, Mo. — Harness Plus herbicide for control of grasses and certain broadleaf weeds in corn has been approved for use by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Monsanto Co., manufacturer of the new herbicide, has announced.

"Harness Plus will offer U.S. corn farmers agronomic benefits not available in currently used corn herbicides," said Arnold Donald, group vice President and general manager of the Americas Division of Monsanto's Agricultural Group.

Compared with the leading currently used products, Harness Plus

provides superior weed control at lower use rates, offers more flexibility in application timing, provides better control of broadleaf weeds, and offers better performance in drier conditions, Donald said.

Farmers who used Harness Plus in comparison trials in 1993 confirmed its superior performance on tough grass species such as woolly cupgrass and on small-seeded broadleaf weeds such as pigweed and lambsquarters. Ninety-one percent of growers rated Harness Plus equal or superior to their current overall grass control program.

## Loucks Receives Equipment Information

YORK (York Co.) — Lester Loucks of Loucks Grain Equipment, Inc., in York, recently attended the mfs/YORK/Stormor 1994 National Sales Conference in Palm Beach Gardens, Fla.

Loucks received updated information on mfs and Stormor grain

storage equipment and York grain handling equipment.

New Products were introduced and product changes were announced Loucks participated in group discussions on the various product lines to further enhance customer knowledge for use and application.