

Safety Expert To Edit Journal

UNIVERSITY PARK (Centre Co.) — Dr. Dennis Murphy, professor of agricultural engineering in Penn State's College of Agricultural Sciences, has been named the editor of a new quarterly publication, the Journal of Agricultural Safety and Health.

Published by the American Society of Agricultural Engineers, the first issue will be available February 1995, with subsequent editions appearing in May, August, and November. It is being launched in response to a growing awareness of the unique safety and health concerns in agriculture and rural areas.

"The National Safety Council reports that agriculture is the nation's most hazardous industry, with a work-related death rate 22 percent higher than the second most hazardous industry, mining and quarrying," Murphy said.

"Farming is not keeping pace with other hazardous occupations in improving its safety record. This new journal will help scientists, engineers and others concerned about farm and rural safety keep in touch with new research, opinions and theories."

The Journal of Agricultural Safety and Health will address farm and rural safety and health issues confronting all parts of the

world. The journal's interdisciplinary focus will include engineering, occupational safety, social psychology, public policy, education, industrial hygiene and public health.

"The journal will contain scholarly, peer-reviewed articles as well as abstracts of articles from other journals," Murphy said. "It also will feature listings of ASAE and National Institute for Farm Safety technical papers and a section detailing upcoming conferences, meetings, government agency activities and other announcements."

The journal welcomes articles on original research projects, evaluations of current intervention and demonstration projects, literature reviews, new or modified theories and models concerning agricultural safety and health problems, commentaries and editorials.

Before joining Penn State in 1976, Murphy was employed as a safety engineer by the Argonne National Laboratory and the Crum and Forester Insurance Company. He was the first recipient of the Packer Engineering Safety Award presented by ASAE and has served as president of the National Institute for Farm Safety. Murphy is the author of "Safety and Health

for Production Agriculture," a textbook published by ASAE.

The Journal of Agricultural Safety and Health will be the first new scientific journal published by ASAE since 1958. Yearly subscriptions are \$34 for ASAE

members and \$65 for nonmembers.

ASAE, headquartered in St. Joseph, Michigan, is a professional organization with worldwide membership. Founded in 1907, the society advances the science

and application of engineering to agricultural, food and other biological systems and enhances the development of members. For more information about the journal, contact ASAE at (616) 429-3852.

Ag Tech Field Day Sept. 15

GREENSBURG (Westmoreland Co.) — Livestock and dairy farmers should plan to attend the fall Ag-Tech day on Sept. 15 from 1 p.m.-4 p.m. at Westmoreland Fairgrounds.

Theme for the day is "Forage Management From Field To Bunk."

The day will include a demonstration of harvesting equipment and a discussion of winter forage options led by county agent and agronomist Ryan Hockensmith of Penn State Extension, Lawrence County. Ryan will discuss seed options, planting options, harvesting options, and anything else you want to talk about related to winter forage cover crops.

You will also be able to take an end of the season look at the weed control plots on corn. See what worked, what didn't, why, and what the costs were so you can do a better job of weed control next

year.

Now is the time to notice and write down what your weed problems are this year so you can adjust your rotation and control programs to get those problem weeds under control next year.

Directions to Westmoreland Fairgrounds: From Greensburg take Rt. 30 East to Mt. Pleasant

Exit (signs for Westmoreland Fairgrounds and Pitt-Greensburg). Take Mt. Pleasant Rd. south to "Y" at Pitt campus. Bear left (sign for fairgrounds) at "Y." Continue south about four miles to fairgrounds. Go past main fairgrounds entrance on your left (at top of hill) and continue to next left to south entrance. Field day at barn on right next to fairgrounds.

Farm Credit Declares Patronage Refund

LEWISBURG (Union Co.) — Northeastern Farm Credit, ACA distributed \$2.42 million in patronage to its members on August 31, 1994.

A total of 3,392 borrowers of the cooperative received checks totaling \$483,000 in cash dividends and the balance of the patronage in allocated equity. Patronage paid to borrowers was based on their 1993 lending activity. This is the third year North-

eastern Farm Credit has paid patronage.

Directed by action of the Board of Directors, this patronage refund reflects the strong capital position and financial strength of the Association. To Farm Credit, it equates to a return of most of the ACA's earnings to its members. To the cooperative's member/customers, it represents a return of approximately 15 percent of the interest they paid.

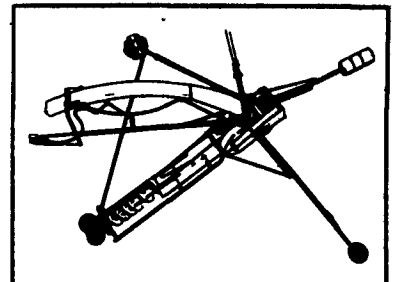
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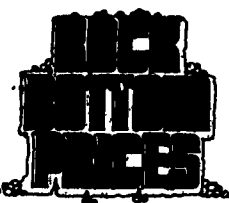


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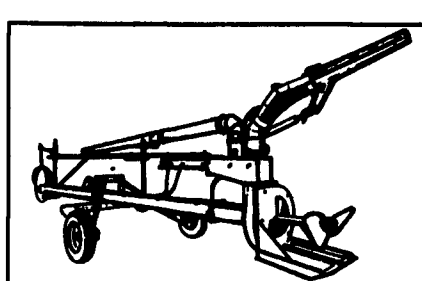
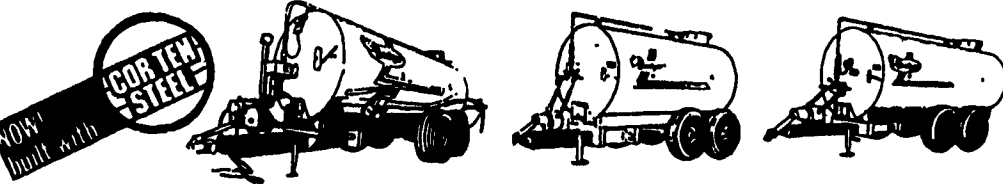
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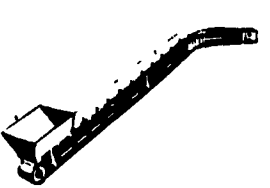
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