

Executive Board Holds Annual Election

AI Studs Form Joint Marketing Plan

LANCASTER (Lancaster Co.) partner in Federated Genetics, — Federated Genetics, 21st Century Genetics, and Noba plan to represent each other in their respective marketing areas starting with the January, 1995 sire summaries, according to a joint announcement by the three AI organizations. This means that as a

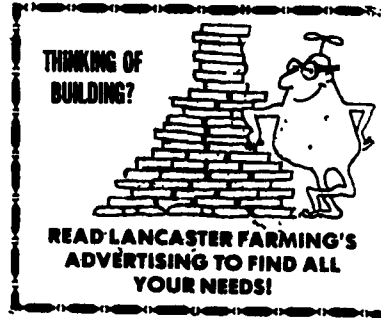
SOMERSET (Somerset Co.) — The Somerset County Extension Executive Board, the group of 18 county citizens responsible for the program planning and funding of the local cooperative extension office, has reorganized for the 1995 business year.

Newly elected and appointed members for a three-year term include Bill Blough, Susie Clites, Bob Lohr, Charles Randall, Dave Stahl, and Greta Stahl.

Officers elected for 1995 are

Dave Stahl, president; Annette Knotts, vice president; Susie Clites, secretary; Nancy Lynch, treasurer. Other members of the Executive Board are John Harry Hartman, Joseph Johns, Verdean Keyser, Jeff Leydig, Dennis Reiman, Barbara Shaffer, Betty Lou Svonavec, Jim Wysocki, Wendell Yoder and Dennis Zimmerman. Delegates to the regional Pennsylvania Council of Cooperative Extension Association are Joseph Johns and Barbara Shaffer.

Regular meetings for the executive board are set for Feb. 14, April 18, Sept. 19, and Dec. 12.



The AI cooperatives say this joint marketing plan will help each organization involved meet their members' needs while improving competitive positions. They point out that these benefits are achieved without additional investment in facilities or more sires.

One exception in the new marketing agreement concerns dairymen in northeastern Ohio, where Atlantic continues to carry only the Federated Holstein sires while Noba offers only their own and 21st's.

Further details will be provided as the new sire lineup is presented in January.

The marketing agreement follows an earlier announcement that Noba joins 21st and Wisconsin DHIA in being subsidiaries of Cooperative Resources International. As a result, current 21st sires will assume the stud prefix code number 1. Sires owned by Federated Genetics partners Atlantic, Eastern, and Louisiana are identified with stud code number 8.

Legislative Leaders Praised For New Ag Law

HARRISBURG (Dauphin Co.) — Agriculture Secretary Boyd E. Wolff today commended the Chairmen of the State House and Senate Agriculture Committees for leading a successful bipartisan effort that addressed several important food safety issues.

Wolff said Representative Bill Lloyd (D-Somerset) and Senator Roger Madigan (R-Bradford) led the fight for passage of Senate Bill 729, that codified many agricultural-related issues and updated numerous food safety and product standard provisions.

"This important bipartisan accomplishment recognizes that food safety has been a top priority at the Department of Agriculture, and it sets the stage for new efficiency in government by consolidating most food safety responsibilities within a single Commonwealth agency," Wolff said.

Under the new consolidated statute, inspections of restaurants will become the responsibility of the Department of Agriculture, which already inspects markets and processing facilities.

"Consolidating functions so that the Department can follow food products every step of the way from the farm to the table makes good sense for consumers, restaurants, food producers and taxpayers."

"The new law will also establish a program under which supervisor employees in restaurants and food processing facilities will be certified after demonstrating their knowledge of food safety."

"That new program was requested by the food industry, which has worked with the Department to improve food safety for consumers."

That certification program will begin as a voluntary program that will become mandatory by the year 2001.

In addition, SB-729 updates the Bee Law through a registration program for apiaries; it changes the commercial feed law to bring Pennsylvania's requirements into conformity with those of most other states; it establishes a grading and licensing program for maple syrup products; and creates an organic food program within the Pennsylvania Department of Agriculture. The Pennsylvania organic food program will be modeled after federal organic food standards set by the 1990 Farm Bill.

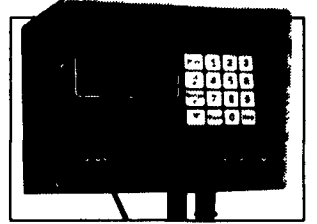
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