

# Farm Safety, Occupational Health Board Appointed

**HARRISBURG** (Dauphin Co.)—In an effort to reduce farm-related injuries and fatalities, Agriculture Secretary Charles Brosius recently chaired the first meeting of the Pennsylvania Farm Safety & Occupational Health Advisory Board.

The Farm Safety and Occupational Health (FSOH) Act of 1994 empowered the state Agriculture Secretary to appoint a 13-member board to monitor farm safety in Pennsylvania and make recommendations to incorporate its vol-

untary educational strategies.

"Agriculture is the number one industry of Pennsylvania, with \$3.67 billion in cash receipts and nearly \$40 billion in related economic activity," Brosius said. "However, agriculture is also ranked the most hazardous industry in the nation."

Brosius signed a memorandum of understanding with Lamartine Hood, dean of Penn State's Col-

lege of Agricultural Sciences, to lead the way in developing and implementing a comprehensive farm health and safety program to benefit Pennsylvania farmers, their families and their employees.

"We intend to maximize our resources and work together with the farm community, insurance and university specialists to improve the safety efforts of our rural citizens," Brosius said.

Brosius selected the following individuals to serve on the advisory board:

- Dr. Timothy Dutt, a chemical industry representative from Fogelsville;
- Rick Flinn, Pennsylvania Emergency Health Services Council;
- Arthur Glatfelter, Glatfelter Insurance Group;
- Joel Hersh, state Health Department;
- Josef Jordan, Pennsylvania Emergency Management Agency (PEMA);
- Robert Junk, a livestock and crop farmer from Uniontown;
- Dr. Ron McAllister, New Holland North American, Inc.;

• Dennis Murphy, Penn State University;

- Doyle Paul, Berlin Brothers-valley High School;
- Nick Place, Susquehanna County Extension Office;
- Anna Swailes, a dairy farmer from Willow Hill; and
- Leroy Welk, a dairy farmer from Quarryville.

The meeting also was attended by Rep. William Lloyd (D-Somerset) and Rep. Ed Krebs (R-Lebanon), prime sponsors of the farm safety legislation.

The next meeting of the Farm Safety Advisory Board will be held in Harrisburg on Monday, June 12.

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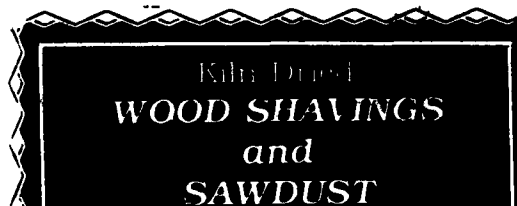
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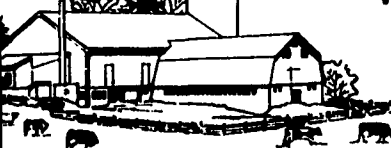
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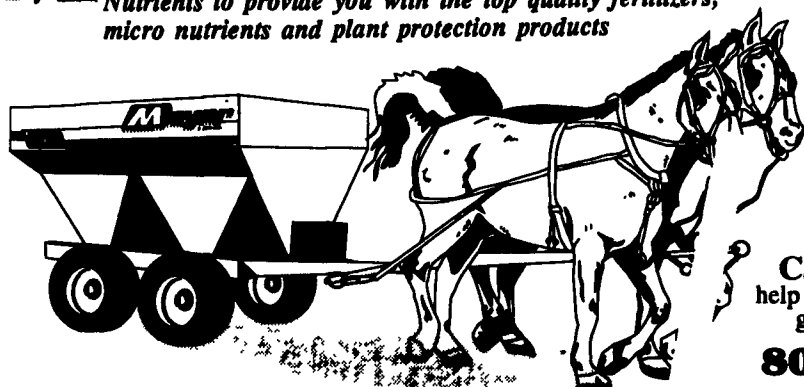
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