

## Snider's Elevator Features Summer Events



Franklin County Dairy Princess Mary Varner hosted Ice Cream Days at Snider's Elevator Inc. Pictured with Mary, left to right, Phyllis Snider, and William Snider. An annual event at Snider's, Ice Cream Days take place during the summer. The Williamson Ruritan makes the ice cream.



Winner of Snider's Elevator Inc. "Dog Days of Summer" promotion, Dana Taylor, right, receives her prize from William Snider, president. Taylor, of Mercersburg and her dog "Magnum," won the drawing for a free year's supply of "Nutro" brand dog food. More than 200 people entered the drawing this summer.

## Digger Makes Smooth, Deep Holes

LITCHFIELD, Ill. — Worksaver, Inc. introduces the Model 300 PHD as part of its complete line of PTO-drive post-hole diggers. The Model 300 is compatible with most 14- to 24-horsepower tractors equipped with a category 3 three-point hitch and 540 rpm PTO.

The Model 300 is designed to make smooth, deep holes quickly and efficiently. It handles standard-duty 30-inch augers with

6-inch, 9-inch or 12-inch diameters, and features an unique lever which allows the operator to adjust the auger's starting angle.

Other features include a versatile three position boom which allows the unit to fit a variety of tractor models, and a gearbox with a 3:1 gear ratio protected by the shear-pin PTO drive. The gearbox also features tapered roller bearings and spring loaded seals, and carries a 5-year limited warranty.

## DuPont To Acquire Protein Technologies International From Ralston Purina

WILMINGTON, Del. — DuPont and Ralston Purina Company announced they have signed a letter of intent for DuPont to purchase Protein Technologies International (PTI) and its related affiliates from Ralston for \$1.5 billion, comprised of DuPont stock less certain liabilities.

The two companies are in exclusive negotiations and expect to sign a definitive agreement this fall, subject to due diligence and appropriate corporate and governmental approvals.

PTI is a leading global supplier of soy proteins to the food and paper processing industries, with annual sales of \$450 million. Headquartered in St. Louis, PTI has sales in 75 countries with 1,200 employees and numerous technology centers worldwide.

"This represents an important step in our strategy to create shareholder value by growing in the global food, feed and industrial

markets with higher value products derived through biotechnology," said John A. Krol, president and CEO of DuPont. "The combination of DuPont, PTI, and the recently announced joint venture with Pioneer bring together the technology and know-how to deliver higher value food and materials to a growing and more demanding world population."

In early August DuPont and Pioneer Hi-Bred International announced the formation of a research alliance and a separate joint venture, Optimum Quality Grains, to speed the development and delivery of new crops that benefit farmers, livestock producers, and consumers worldwide. In support of this alliance, Dupont agreed to purchase 20 percent equity in Pioneer.

According to William F. Kirk, vice president and general manager of DuPont Agricultural Products, "The acquisition of PTI is

part of our strategy in the feed and food ingredient industries. DuPont and Optimum Quality Grains will develop and bring the higher value soybeans to market, thereby benefiting growers. DuPont and PTI will convert that better soybean into a broad range of higher value protein applications benefiting food companies and consumers. And, that's only the beginning. We see tremendous potential through the entire agricultural system, from farmers and livestock producers, to applications in the bio-industrial, pharmaceutical and the emerging functions food, or what many are calling nutraceutical industries," said Kirk.

PTI products are used in processed meats, infant formula, soy milk, diet and sports drinks, and many other foods. DuPont has developed its biotechnology capabilities during the past decade and is one of the world leaders in putting value added traits into key crops such as corn and soybeans.

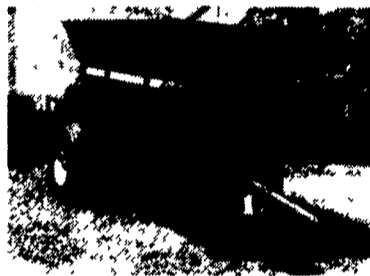
## Millcreek Introduces High-Capacity Spreader

BIRD-IN-HAND (Lancaster Co.) — Millcreek Manufacturing introduces the Model 4800, a high-capacity topdresser/spreader for applying sand/peat and compost topdressing, as well as other organic materials on sports fields and large turf areas.

The new machine has a four-cubic-yard capacity and a 10,000-pound payload. The spreading pattern can be easily adjusted from 3 feet to 10 feet wide.

Thickness of the topdressing layer can also be adjusted. Operating at peak capacity, the 4800 can apply four cubic yards of material in less than 10 minutes.

The Millcreek 4800 features a PowerBrush™ spreading mechanism,



which propels material outward. The 22-inch diameter PowerBrush breaks up any clumps in material, such as compost and composted sludge, for more even material distribution.

"The 4800 is an answer to requests we've had for a larger version of our original topdresser/spreader, which has about half the capacity," said Joe Glick, Millcreek president. "The larger size helps solve two primary problems. First, it makes spreading high bulk compost more efficient because the large capacity cuts reloading time in half. Second, for topdressing with sand/peat mixes, the machine costs under \$8,000, about half the cost of other high-capacity topdressers, putting a basic turf maintenance tool within the reach of more school, municipal, and golf course budgets."

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## Tractor Built To Handle Wide Variety Of Applications

ATLANTA, Ga. — "There's a demand today among maintenance contractors, institutions, rental yards, homeowners with large acreages, and farmers for a compact, maneuverable tractor with the power, performance and versatility to handle a wide range of jobs," said Richard Petree, Massey Ferguson® product marketing manager. "The new 32-horsepower MF 1235 four-wheel-drive

compact tractor from Massey Ferguson meets these requirements."

The MF 1235 compact tractor retains all the proven operational and easy-maintenance features of the Massey Ferguson 1200 series compact tractor line. A 3-range hydrostatic transmission delivers infinite speed control without gears, clutching, or shifting to finish jobs faster.

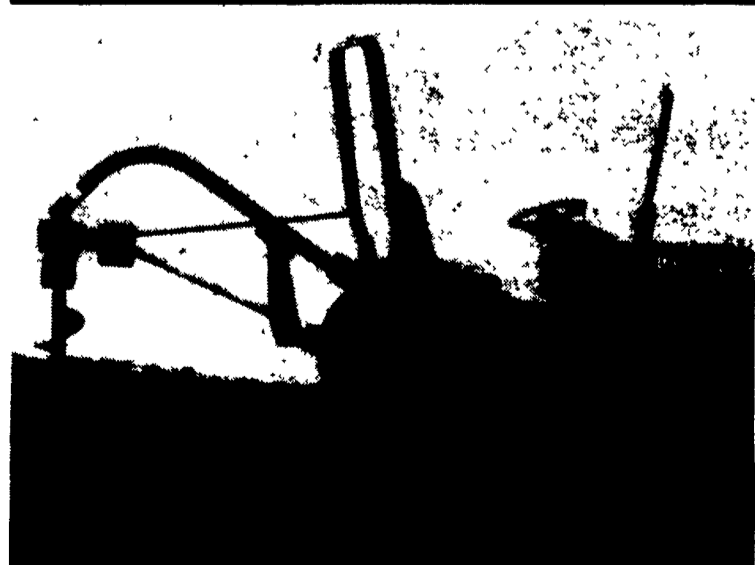
The MF 1235 works with quality mid-mount MF mowers up to

72 inches wide to keep estates, parks, and home acreages looking neat and do it fast. For large area mowing, a cruise control lever can be used to maintain a constant forward travel speed without using the foot pedal.

For really tough mowing jobs in heavy weeds or wooded areas, the MF 1235 can be equipped with a MF rear-mounted rotary cutter with "stump-jumper" hubs for fast, effective results.

Landscapers can grade, backfill, and level with an MF 1235 and a wide assortment of MF dozer blades, box scrapers and landscape rakes. For material handling applications, MF Quick-Attach loaders with lift capacities up to 785 pounds are performance-matched to the MF 1235. The hydrostatic transmission offers maximum productivity in landscaping and loader applications with foot pedal control for fast, smooth direction changes between forward and reverse without clutching.

For specialty farmers and serious gardeners, there's a wide range of MF moldboard plows, rotary tillers, disc harrows, field cultivators, and two-crop cultivators available for soil preparation and crop control.



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