

Ag Issues Forum

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be properly armed with the resources to best serve our industry. This year, all the necessary factors came together, and we will do our best to manage those resources well."

To keep agriculture strong in Pennsylvania, Hayes said we need to preserve our natural resource base of farmland and water. Currently, Pennsylvania as a matter of public policy, is preserving more farmland than any other state. State farmland preservation recently reached a milestone of 100,000 acres in the preservation programs.

Hayes said the recent research symposium was conducted to see what can be done for current problems facing agriculture. He said that research programs need to be relative to the issues being faced by the men and women in agriculture. And there needs to be a degree of transferability from the research site to the user site. There must be a chance for profit from the research, and it must have a cost effective

quality.

Agricultural odors may be the most pressing of research topics. "I am quite sure a good bit of our problem could be avoided if there were a way to suppress agricultural odors," Hayes said. "This is probably the first thing that brings people together against our agriculture operations. After they get together, they talk about a lot of other things, but odors drive them together."

"We need to find ways to bring harmony with ourselves and those who live around us. It's a very ambitious undertaking, but if we want to maintain agriculture in a very robust way and be sure agriculture stays here in Pennsylvania, we need to address these societal problems."

The next Ag Issues Forum is scheduled back in Lancaster County on July 9, 1998. The subject is Tax Reform. For more information you may call Brubaker at (717) 859-3276.

Ayrshire Breeders To Hold Convention

BRATTLEBORO, Vt. — Several hundred breeders of registered Ayrshire dairy cattle will be on hand in Cedar Rapids, Iowa, June 24-27, bringing bovines to the Five Seasons Center downtown as they conduct business and enjoy events surrounding the Ayrshire Breeders' Association annual convention.

Those attending will be involved in a variety of events, including a cruise on the Mississippi Belle, tours of the Amana Colonies and visits to eastern Iowa dairy farms.

"We're promising these people they'll enjoy Iowa and have fun with lots of different activities," said Shirley Newell, one of the co-chairs of the meeting. The Iowa Ayrshire Breeders' Association is host for the convention, which is held in a different part of the country each year.

Carla Zumbach of Coggon. The group will also tour FarmTek of Dyersville.

Youth members of the association also have activities planned, including a knowledge bowl and an awards breakfast honoring accomplishments of those involved with cattle at the junior level.

Business during the convention will include seating national directors and charting the organization's course for the coming year.

Two seminars, "Genetic Vision" and "Internet and the Dairy Operation" will take place on Friday afternoon, led by Iowa State University experts.

For more information about the national convention, contact Howard and Sharon Keehner at (319) 252-1018 or Gene and Shirley Newell at (319) 285-4144.

The Ayrshire Breeders' Association is the national organization for the registration and promotion of Ayrshire cattle and is headquartered in Brattleboro, Vermont.



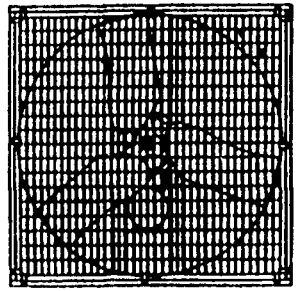
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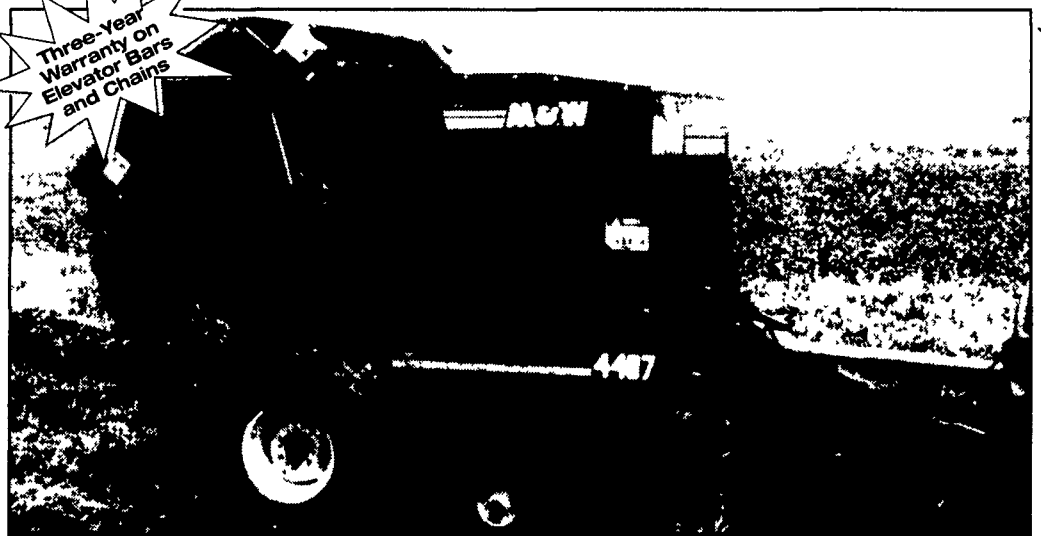
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