



Pancake/Sausage Day, Open House Slated

ELIZABETHTOWN (Lancaster Co.) — On Wednesday, April 7, White Oak Mills Inc. has scheduled an old-fashioned pancake/sausage day and open house here at its headquarters.

Having held an annual dairy customer appreciation seminar for the past 12 years, White Oak Mills is extending an invitation to all Pennsylvania and Maryland dairy, swine, poultry, and other livestock producers, customers, and industry associates to attend this year's one-day pancake/sausage event.

Activities will include mill

tours and "people stress management" talks by Dr. Jim VanHorn of Pennsylvania State University, given throughout the day. Attendees may also share fellowship with industry representatives and company personnel, visit informational booths, and register for door prizes. Pancakes and sausage will be served all day.

The April 7 event will be held rain or shine from 7 a.m. to 3 p.m.

To attend this free pancake/sausage day and open house, call White Oak Mills' customer service department toll-free, (800) 468-5524.

Kuhn Introduces Mixer Wagon

VERNON, N.Y. — A new mixer wagon, the Euromix II 1460, has been added to the machinery line available from Kuhn Farm Machinery, Inc., Vernon, N.Y. and Kuhn S.A., Saverne, France.

Based on years of successful sales and experience with the Euromix III Series, the Euromix II features the ability to incorporate entire large square and round bales of hay or haylage into the ration using twin horizontal rotors. Other standard features of the Euromix II 1460 include a capacity of 500 cubic feet, unloading on either the left or right, a fully independent chassis for additional strength, heavy duty construction, double planetary reduction gearbox, and an optional programmable ration scale.

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unrolling and feed processing implements designed for today's progressive farmer.

Hamilton Becomes Pro Series Distributor

EPHRATA (Lancaster Co.) — Hamilton Equipment, based here and with a branch in Raphine, Va., has been appointed exclusive wholesale distributor for Pro Series products for Pennsylvania, New Jersey, Delaware, Maryland, Virginia, and West Virginia.

Pro Series Products is a division of King Machine Company, Inc. of Scottsburg, Ind. Pro Series Products include the popular Pro Chopper bale chopper/blower and Pro Crimper mulch-crimping disc.

Hamilton Equipment will sell and service Pro Series products through its dealer network of farm equipment and commercial equipment dealers. Landscape contractors will benefit by having regional warehouses to inventory Pro Series products.



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Brubaker Hires Specialists

EPHRATA (Lancaster Co.) — Brubaker Agronomic Consulting Service, Inc. (BACS), based here, has announced that two new specialists have joined the company.

Charles "Chuck" Ward serves as an agronomic territory consultant and certified nutrient management planner. George Hazard works as a certified nutrient management planner and environmental specialist.

Chuck Ward has an extensive history working with agriculture and conservation issues in Maryland and Virginia. He was raised on a small farm in Stockton, Md. After receiving his bachelor's degree in agriculture from the University of Maryland Eastern Shore in 1992, he worked in the ag field for government and private firms.

Ward is nutrient-management certified and is knowledgeable of federal and state agricultural and environmental programs. He serves clients on the lower Delmarva Peninsula, writing nutrient management plans and consulting on more than 40 crops.

George Hazard has been hired as a certified nutrient management



Charles "Chuck" Ward

planner and environmental specialist. Hazard has extensive history in nutrient management, previously working for a conservation district. He is very familiar with concentrated animal feeding operation (CAFO) regulations.

Hazard has served on the Mid-



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State Resource Conservation and Development Council board of directors, Juniata River Clean Water Steering Committee, and is a Juniata County Farm Safety Coalition member. Hazard received his bachelor's degree in biology from Penn State.

Deere Announces No-Till Drills

MOLINE, Ill. — The next generation of John Deere no-till drills, the 1560 No-Till Drill and 1860 No-Till Air Drill, have replaced the 750 and 1850 drills, respectively.

The new models feature enhanced depth gauging, no-tools opener adjustment, and all-till capability. A new seedbox on the plain-grain version of the 1560 Drill provides increased capacity, and fills and empties more completely.

One of the most noteworthy features on the new 1560 No-Till Drill and the 1860 No-Till Air Drill is the new opener. It is designed and manufactured by John Deere and has more-precise depth gauging, with 13 depth settings in quarter-inch increments, compared to seven 7/16-inch increments on the previous opener.

The new design also provides two inches of vertical float before "active" hydraulic down-pressure and opener spring force are applied. This enables the opener to follow rolling terrain and run in mellow soil conditions without applying excessive down force.



The John Deere 1860 no-till air drill is available in 30-, 36-, and 42½-foot models. The drill's new no-till opener features no-tool adjustments, less maintenance, and greater operating flexibility.

Opener down-pressure can be adjusted from a minimum of 165 pounds up to 450 pounds (depending on the model). The result is accurate depth control in any seedbed conditions.

A choice of either steel or smooth-sided gauge wheels is available to match soil conditions. The smooth wheels minimize soil throw, making them particularly well suited for a wide range of conditions, including conventionally tilled fields.

Corn Club Honors Yield Winners

HENDERSON, Nev. — The Pennsylvania Corn Club recently announced the winners of its annual yield contests.

Joseph F. Matejik of Mechanicsville, Pa., was the 1998 winner in the shelled-grain class with yield of 202.6 bushels per acre.

Matejik also won a second, even more prestigious award with the announcement that he had taken first place in the Three-Year Average Awards, shelled-grain class (regular harvest size). This award recognizes good management and production practices that bring consistency to a farming enterprise.

Matejik farms about 700 tillable acres with 450 acres of corn, 200 acres of soybeans and 50 acres of wheat in Bucks County.

In 1996, the first year of Matejik's three-year campaign, he planted Hytest® 4682 hybrid which yielded 187.7 bushels per

acre (b/a). In 1997, Matejik switched to the Hytest HT4612 hybrid which yielded 211.9 b/a. This past year, he continued with Hytest HT4612 and was able to yield 202.6 b/a for a 3-year average of 200.7 b/a.

Hytest BH4612 is a relative newcomer for Pennsylvania growers. Development trials indicate this is an aggressive hybrid that emerges fast with excellent early-season vigor.

"BH4612 displays good cold tolerance and its early-season vigor is ideal for no-till production," Matejik said. "It also has high tolerance to many foliar diseases."

The hybrid is planted throughout Midwest and Northern states. It has a relative maturity of 109 to 111 days and requires 2,495 growing degree units.

"We've planted Hytest hybrids for years with excellent results," Matejik said. "They start off fast, resist diseases,

and finish strong with excellent test weights and total yield.

Matejik put together his winning program using a no-till production system. Last spring was cold and wet so his corn didn't get planted until May 15. He planted 30-inch rows into rotated soybean ground.

"In the yield contest I use my better fields, but I don't do anything special beyond that," Matejik said. "I try to end the season with 30,000 plants per acre," he said. Last year he planted a population of 33,606, a little higher than normal but it worked out okay, he said.

"To achieve maximum yields, you need a complete package. Start with a dependable hybrid and develop inputs that optimize that hybrid's potential. Yield contests are the fun side of production. Optimizing yields for maximum profit potential is what keeps us in business," he said.