

Candidate Election Aug. 16

UNIVERSITY PARK (Centre Co.) — The election of pork producers delegate candidates for the 2001 National Pork Producers (Pork Act) Delegate Body will take place 4 p.m., Wednesday, Aug. 16 in conjunction with a board of directors meeting of Pennsylvania Pork Producers Council here at the Meats Lab of the Pennsylvania

State University.

All Pennsylvania pork producers are invited to attend.

Any producer who is a resident of the state and has paid all assessments due may be considered as a delegate candidate and participate in the election.

For more information, contact the Pa. Pork Producers Council, 1631 Grim Road, Kutztown, PA 19530, 610-285-6519.

New Drench To Livestock Product Line

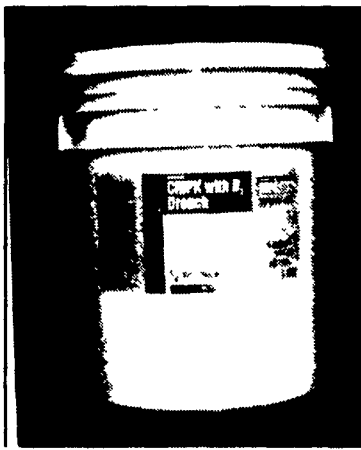
KNAPP, Wis. — Vets Plus, Inc. announces the addition of Agri Plus CMPK with D₃ Drench™ to its livestock product line.

Agri Plus CMPK with D₃ Drench™ is a ready-to-use oral calcium supplement that also contains magnesium, phosphorus, potassium, and Vitamin D₃ to help with calcium absorption.

This drench is designed for use in dairy cattle that may be more susceptible to milk fever, displaced abomasum, ketosis, metritis, and/or retained placenta.

Agri Plus CMPK with D₃ Drench™ is available in one-gallon jugs, five-gallon pails, and 15-gallon drums.

Vets Plus also introduces new five-gallon pail packaging sizes of our Agri Plus Keto-Nia Drench™, Agri Plus Calcium Drench™, and Power Punch™ drenches. The Keto-Nia Drench and Calcium drench are currently available in one-gallon jugs and 15-gallon drums. Power Punch™ is currently available in quarts, gallon jugs,



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and 15-gallon drums. The introduction of the five-gallon pail size offers more diversity to farmers who need more than a gallon jug offers, but 15-gallons is more than they need.

Deere Group Wins For Tractor

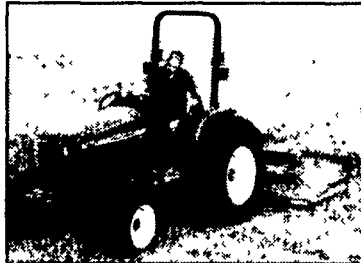
MILWAUKEE, Wis. — On July 12, the John Deere 4700 Compact Utility Tractor was honored with an AE50 Award by Resource: Engineering and Technology for a Sustainable World.

The award was presented to the John Deere Commercial Products Group at the 13th Annual ASAE Annual International Meeting in Milwaukee, Wis.

AE50 awards are given each year to honor companies that release the best new products engineered for agriculture, food, biological and related systems.

"We are proud that the AE50 program has recognized the 4700 for its innovation," said Terry Brown, product manager, compact tractors, John Deere Commercial Products. "The 4700 is the highest horsepower tractor with hydrostatic transmission in its class. We think this is one element that made it stand out above other entries."

The hydrostatic transmission



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is easy to operate with its Twin Touch™ dual-foot-pedal design and provides the operator with infinite speed selection.

Terry Skelton, product engineer, said, "The 4700 was a culmination of John Deere teamwork. Our design team is appreciative of ASAE's recognition of this effort."

FMC To Launch New Soybean Herbicide For 2001

PHILADELPHIA — FMC Corporation will launch a new preemergence soybean herbicide under the trade name Gauntlet™.

On June 16, Gauntlet was registered by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency.

The new herbicide combines sulfentrazone, the active ingredi-

ent in Authority™ herbicide, and cloransulam-methyl, the active ingredient in FirstRate* herbicide manufactured by Dow Agrosciences.

"These products compliment each other very well," said Mike Steffek, Gauntlet product manager. "Sulfentrazone provides excellent control of weeds like

Washington County Ag Expo Aug. 5-11

SHARPSBURG, Md. — Washington County Ag Expo will be Aug. 5-11 at the Washington County Agricultural Education Center, located on the Sharpsburg Pike, Rt. 65, south of Hagerstown.

Ag Expo is an extravaganza of the agricultural products of Washington County. This is an affair for the whole family to see and learn what it takes to produce these products.

Exhibits and activities feature the 4-H/FFA youth of Washington County, including entries in home arts, horticulture, and livestock. 4-H and FFA events include the 4-H Cake Auction at 5 p.m. Aug. 5 and the 4-H Fashion Revue Sunday, Aug. 6 at 5 p.m.

The fair opens on Saturday, Aug. 5, with the Ag Expo Queen Contest at 6 p.m. Following this will be a new show, a Youth Talent Contest, sponsored by

Stacy Drake of WYII and Ag Expo.

Professional bullfighting will be featured at Dave Martin's Championship Rodeo on Sunday at 7 p.m., with preliminary eliminations beginning at 5 p.m. Other new acts include a Wild Cow Milking Contest and Hollywood Harris and Company.

An Antique Tractor Pull will be conducted by the Washington County Antique Tractor Club Tuesday, Aug. 8, at 7:30 p.m. This event is open to anyone to participate; however, all drivers must be at least 16 years of age.

Aug. 9-10 will find the Washington County tractor pullers at the Grandstand area for a tractor/semi-truck pull Wednesday and a tractor/truck pull Thursday. Both events will begin at 7 p.m.

Other activities planned during the week include the

baby contest, pedal tractor pull, Barnyard Olympics, turtle races, and the Little Farmer-Farmerette Contest. New this year will be a 4-H Pretty Animal Parade.

A popular exhibit is the petting farm. There you will find an assortment of baby animals waiting for you. Perhaps you will see a chick hatch or maybe even a baby calf born.

The fair week will conclude with the 4-H/FFA market sale Friday, Aug. 11, at 6 p.m. The sale will include swine, lambs, beef and dairy steers, market goats, and rabbits. New to the sale this year are capons and longhorn steers. All animals have been carefully raised and given the utmost care by the 4-H and FFA members as part of their project education work.

For more information, call (301) 791-1404 or (301) 432-6854.

Agco Breaks Ground At HFI

ATLANTA, Ga. — Agco Corporation (NYSE: AG), a major worldwide designer, manufacturer, and distributor of agricultural equipment, broke ground in May at the Hay and Forage Industries manufacturing facility in Hesston, Kan., now owned by Agco.

The 120,000 square-foot facility will be used to accommodate Gleaner and Massey Ferguson combine production being moved from an Independence, Mo. facility to its new home in Kansas.

Before Agco purchased the balance of Hay and Forage Industries in May, Agco and Case Corp. (now CNH) have owned HFI 50/50 since 1991. Agco originally purchased a half interest from the previous Case-Fiat joint venture. HFI has been the manufacturing operation for both the Hesston brand of hay tools marketed by Agco and the Case Corp. brand being marketed by CNH.

The expansion takes place on property already owned by HFI and used for product storage. "HFI has been a strong manufacturing, engineering and product development arm for hay equipment," said Chuck Miller, general manager for Hay and

Forage Industries. "Now we will showcase our abilities with combines, planting, and other equipment."

He said that the purchase by Agco should benefit both producers and Agco brand dealers with continuing innovation and increased productivity.

In addition to the Hesston hay tool line and combine production, HFI will also produce New Idea hay and spreader tools, White planters, and other components.

Hesston equipment will be a major component of the plant's production mix, said Ron Hess, Agco director of marketing-harvesting. "The Hesston technology is truly unique," he said. "It has led the industry in many areas — the first self-propelled windrower, first hydro-swing mower, first large square baler, and first open-throat design in round balers.

"Many of these innovations have become industry standards to help producers improve productivity and make better quality hay. Now, we can focus all our efforts on continuing this tradition."

The addition of Gleaner combines locates production just miles from where three Kansas brothers originally began the

business. "Gleaner's commitment to quality will be further strengthened by its move to HFI," said Tom Draper, general marketing manager for Gleaner. "We will continue our full line of rotary and conventional combines that have proven successful for producers over the years."

The move is likewise for Massey Ferguson combines. According to Verlin Tinder, general marketing manager for MF combines, the switch to HFI is positive. "The innovative MF combines will be manufactured in a world-class facility, one that has achieved ISO 9001 standards," said Tinder (ISO 9001 is an independent assessment of a company's quality assurance program that measures management systems to deliver specific quality criteria.)

HFI will also be home for new production for both the White planter line and New Idea hay and spreader tools. Joe Bozung, general marketing manager for White planters said, "The HFI facility is an excellent location to manufacture our new series of White planters. With new row units and other improvements, White planters will be positioned well at HFI to serve our dealers and customers."

Farmers Union Says Boehner, Lugar Bill Misses Out On True Ag Reform

WASHINGTON, D.C. — The National Farmers Union (NFU) recently reacted to legislation introduced by Rep. John Boehner, R-Ohio, and Sen. Richard Lugar, R-Ind., that seeks to address shortcomings in federal farm policy.

"We appreciate Rep. Boehner and Sen. Lugar's recognition that Freedom to Farm is not working," said NFU President Leland Swenson. "We are disappointed this legislation does not address the biggest problem facing our nation's farmers and ranchers: low prices. It does not promote rural development. It does not promote fair competition. It leaves intact a Freedom

to Farm law that is the true obstacle to providing prosperity to family farmers and ranchers."

The bill, called the Rural America Prosperity Act (RAPA), proposes to "fulfill the promises of Freedom to Farm" through a program of tax breaks, income investment risk management tools, regulatory exemptions, and trade edicts. It maintains the basic policy of the 1996 farm legislation that has led to the current price crises, escalating agriculture industry concentration, and the economic depletion of America's rural areas.

"We agree with the bill's sponsors that rural America has

missed out on the prosperity enjoyed by other sectors of the economy," said Swenson. "We think that some provisions of this bill could provide needed assistance. However, without significant changes that influence price, competitive markets and a safety net, these proposals are false solutions to the real problems facing the family-sized operation."

Farmers Union advocates policy change that repeals Freedom to Farm, ensures open and competitive markets, strengthens and enforces antitrust laws, and establishes fair trade.

plied to all soybeans regardless of soil type, soil pH or corn rotation," Steffek noted.

Sulfentrazone is a protoporphyrinogen oxidase (PPO) inhibitor and cloransulam-methyl is an acetolactate synthase (ALS) inhibitor. The two active ingredients work together to control weeds as they emerge by blocking the enzymes needed for the production of chlorophyll and inhibiting the synthesis of amino acids.