

# Ag Showcase Puts Competing Equipment In Same Field

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Editor

FAIR HILL, Md. - The 20th annual opportunity to see competing models and makes of farm tractors and equipment in competition side by side came again Tuesday. Ag Showcase Day at Cecil County Fair in Maryland, was held at Fair Hill Farms with the show put on by Coopers from Cecilton, Hoobers from Middletown, and Ag Industrial from Rising Sun.

In addition, educational information was given such as how to weight tractors for best performance and the opportunities for ethanol fuel. A representative of each dealership gave the tractor weight information. Robert Dinneen, vice president, Renewable Fuels Association, gave the ethanol presentation. Dinneen is a lobbyist in Washington DC for the fuels association.

Because of the MTBE additive in fossil fuel that is showing

up in the nation's waterways, Dinneen said the future of ethanol is bright. Manufacturing capacity has increased mostly from farmer owned cooperatives. Since the nation's dependence on foreign oil has not diminished but increased in the last 10 years, we are still quite dependent on foreign imports. Dinneen said the Northeast may also experience more shortages and price increases because we have only a two-day reserve.

"It makes sense to use a domestic renewable fuel such as ethanol," Dinneen said. "And this is good for farm prices. The future for ethanol is bright."

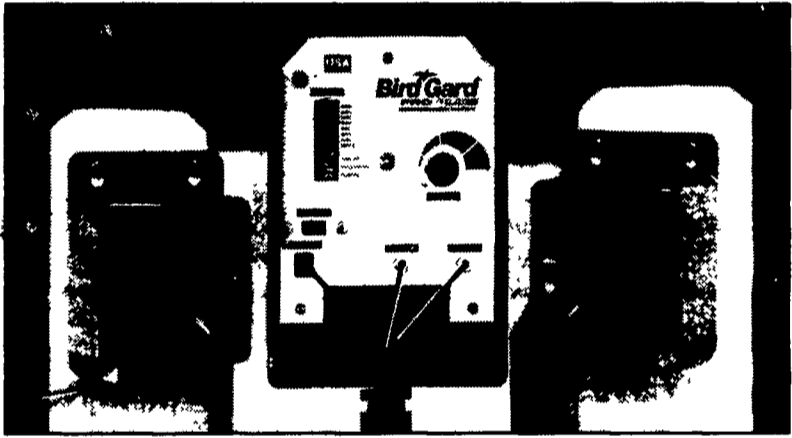
Other sponsors listed on the program included Farm Credit, Sam Orr, Mike Scheeler, and Southern States. Equipment shown included round balers and grabbers, planters, tillers, hay making equipment, and tractors. David Wilson, Cecil County cooperative extension, was master of ceremonies.



Part of the crowd of farmers and agribusiness people attending Ag Showcase Day at the Cecil County Fair.

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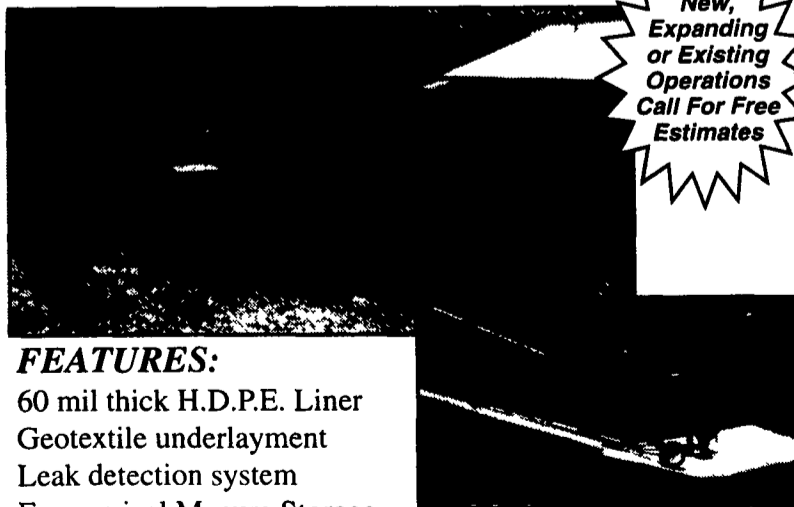
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