

First On The Scene

ITHACA, N.Y. — The problem of how to respond quickly and effectively to farm accidents is the topic of a publication in NRAES's farm safety series. "First on the Scene," NRAES-12, is intended to enable rural residents and farm workers to make the right decisions in the crucial time between discovery of the accident and the arrival of the emergency medical team.

The bulletin progresses from a description of primary considerations in all accident situations to detailed discussion of specific farm accident scenarios, including those involving machinery, storage facilities, chemicals, and electrocution. A special feature of the 46-page bulletin is the series of "Decision-and-Action Tree" diagrams which lead the reader through the steps which constitute the best response to various accident situations.

Since farm accidents often occur in isolated areas where professional help is not readily available, it is important that people who arrive first on an accident scene understand the hazards present in the farm environment. "First on the Scene," NRAES-12, calls attention to

these hazards and discusses how rural residents can help the victim survive without becoming victims themselves.

One important step, the bulletin shows, is to become familiar with all machinery, storage facilities, and chemicals used on the farm. The bulletin also addresses problems commonly encountered in accident situations, such as how to determine whether it is safe to approach the victim, when to go for help, and when to remain with the victim.

Appendices contain a lesson on shutting off diesel tractors and suggestions for first aid kit contents. Included in the back of the bulletin is a form for posting accident reporting information. The bulletin also advises how to communicate effectively with emergency medical personnel.

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Pasture And Watershed Research Receives Money

WASHINGTON, D.C. — Senator Rick Santorum (R-PA) announced recently that he secured \$500,000 to conduct research on pasture management, grassland ecology, water quality, and nutrient management research.

The funding was approved by a House-Senate Conference Committee as part of the FY 2001 Agriculture Appropriations Bill. The Agriculture Appropriations Bill, which was passed by the House of Representatives, must still be approved by the full Senate before being sent to the President.

With this funding, the Pasture Systems and Watershed Management Research Laboratory at University Park will evaluate and develop improved management systems for perennial grass and legumes in sustainable bioenergy/bioproduction crop production systems. In short, this research will benefit farms by improving the quality of live-

stock feed. "This funding is critical to the health of the environment in Pennsylvania, and it will help to improve the water, land, and air quality of Pennsylvania and its surrounding states," said Santorum. "I am pleased that the conference committee recognized the importance of this funding."

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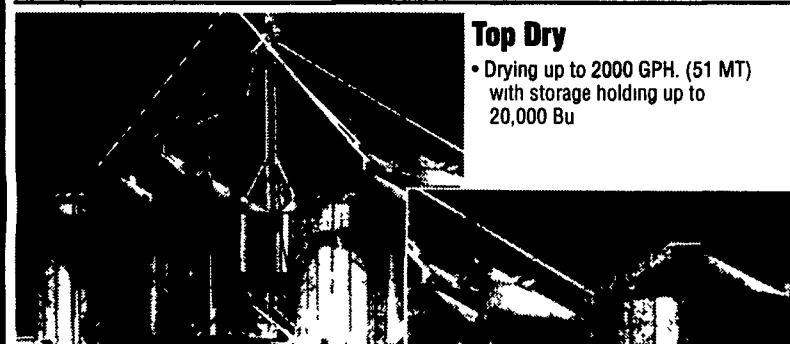
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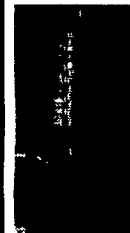
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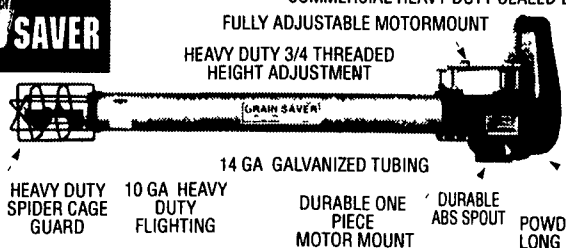


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