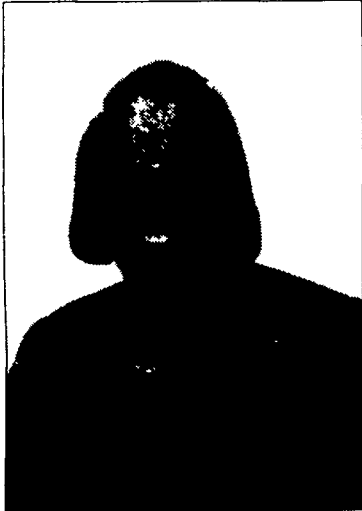


## Anderson Joins Country Mortgages Team

WESTMINSTER, Md. — Pamela Hopkins Anderson was recently promoted to the position of loan originator for Country Mortgages, a subsidiary of MidAtlantic Farm Credit. Anderson, a Salisbury resident, works in the organization's Salisbury, Md. office. She has been employed by MidAtlantic Farm Credit for almost 11 years, most recently as branch operations manager.

Country Mortgages finances conventional rural homes, rural property, construction projects and part-time farms. As part of her new duties, Anderson will handle all mortgage applications from potential customers in the company's DelMarVa region, which includes Delaware, the Maryland Eastern Shore, and Accomack and Northampton counties in Virginia. She will also order appraisals, prepare loan documents and arrange for loan settlements.

"We're very lucky to have Pam join the Country Mortgages team," said Cherie Hall, retail loan manager. "Our mission is to provide country residents with mortgage services, and superior customer service Pam knows the DelMarVa region, and — having worked with us for 11 years — is well ac-



Pamela Anderson

quainted with the benefits of Country Mortgages. I think she'll be an excellent addition for us, and for our clients."

Anderson is a graduate of Salisbury State University and will receive her master in business administration from Wilmington College this fall. She is a member of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc. Involved in her church, Pam serves on the trustee board, and is a member of the finance committee as well as the usher board and missionary board. Anderson is married and has a 10-year-old son.

## Renaissance And Furst-McNess Announce Purchase

ROARING SPRING (Blair Co.) — Renaissance Nutrition, Inc., of Roaring Spring, and Furst-McNess, Inc., of Freeport, Illinois, are pleased to announce the purchase, by Renaissance, of the vitamin and premix business of McNess within the Eastern United States (New York, Pennsylvania, Maryland, Virginia, the Carolinas and Georgia). This transaction was completed on Apr. 1.

Within the transaction, the McNess Livestock Feed Consultants (LFC's), of the Premix Division, have joined the growing Renaissance family of consultants located throughout the northeastern and southeastern states. McNess, headquartered in Illinois, will continue to focus their premix business within all other states, as well as the commodity business in the United States and Canada. Renaissance, located strategically for markets into the northeast and southeast will continue to develop within this entire area.

Renaissance Nutrition and McNess are both purveyors of quality products and services to livestock producers. Customers formerly with McNess will continue to receive the same quality

of service to which they have become accustomed. The purchase has been designed to provide increased opportunity for livestock producers throughout the service area, which will comprise the states of New York, Pennsylvania, Maryland, Virginia, the Carolinas and Georgia.

Renaissance Nutrition, Inc., known for its professional nutritional services, provides nutritional and farm-management consultation and quality products to the agricultural industry, with a team of highly qualified specialists. Up-to-date research, advanced technical methods, and related nutritional services and products are available. For additional information on Renaissance Nutrition, Inc., visit the Website at [www.ren-nut.com](http://www.ren-nut.com).

Furst-McNess Company is a leading North American agribusiness nutrition company. The line of products and services include vitamin and mineral premixes; liquid, wet, and dry commodities; technical services and services to the food and beverage industries. For additional information on the Furst-McNess Company, visit the Website at [www.mcness.com](http://www.mcness.com).

## Bobcat Introduces New Compact Skid-Steer Loader

WEST FARGO, N.D. — Bobcat Company, a business unit of Ingersoll-Rand Company and leading designer and manufacturer of compact equipment, announces the new Bobcat® 463 ultra-compact skid-steer loader. Nicknamed the Mini-Bob™, the smallest model in the Bobcat loader line offers a 700-pound rated operating capacity (ROC) and the comfort and safety features of an operator cab.

Measuring just three-feet wide and six-feet tall, the 15.7-horsepower Bobcat 463 can power numerous attachments with its 10 gallon-per-minute (gpm) hydraulic flow and 2,450 (psi) hydraulic system pressure.

The ultra-compact 463 is a multiple-attachment carrier for tough jobs in tight spaces. It easily maneuvers through narrow doorways, aisles, alleys and gates, and it is ideal for a number of applications, including hobby farm, landscape, demolition and construction. With travel speed of 6.2 mph, the loader covers job-site ground quickly, and at just 2,708 pounds, it is also easy to transport. It weighs 200 pounds more than its predecessor, the Bobcat 453.

Attachments versatility. Advanced hydraulics enable the loader to operate the following attachments: angle brooms, augers, backhoes, breakers, industrial and utility buckets, dumping hoppers, landplanes, mini scrapers, pallet forks, snow blades, snow blowers, sweepers, tillers, utility blades and forks, and trenchers. For fast and secure attachment changes, the new two-lever Bob-Tach mount-



New Bobcat Ultra-Compact Steer Loader.

ing system is standard equipment on the 463.

Building on the Bobcat 453 success, Bobcat Company engineers based the 463 on the successful Bobcat 453 model. For additional attachment versatility, the 463 has 47 percent more hydraulic flow and two and a half times as much hydraulic horsepower. The machine also provides enhanced lifting power, using a larger lift cylinder rod and 40 percent more breakout force.

Easily serviced and maintained. The 463 has a tilt-up operator cab for quick and easy access to hydraulic and hydros-

tatic components. Lifting the cab takes less than five minutes. The loader's swing-out tailgate gives users immediate access to the engine oil dipstick, drain and fill; fuel filter; air cleaner; battery; starter; alternator; and coolant fill.

Bobcat Company manufactures skid-steer loaders, compact track loaders, compact hydraulic excavators, telescopic tool carriers and more than 50 types of job-matched attachments at plants in Gwinner and Bismarck, N.D., Grove City and Erskine, Minn., and Pontchartrou, France. Bobcat Company is a unit of Ingersoll-Rand Company, Woodcliff Lake, N.J.

## Case Products Earn Seven Engineering Awards

RACINE, Wis. — Case IH products were recognized more than any other ag equipment manufacturer for outstanding innovation in agricultural, food and biological product and systems technology in Resource magazine's AE50 honors.

In all, seven Case IH products were recognized by the magazine, which is published by the American Society of Agricultural Engineers.

Case IH innovations making the elite list were:

- MX Series Magnum™ tractors, which combine high performance features with operator comfort.

- Cyclo Air® meter attachment, a highly economical all-crop seeding system.

- SDX30 single disk no-till air drill, a low disturbance, single-disk planting tool that can penetrate high-residue conditions.

- 8880 self-propelled (SP) windrower with 725 rotary disc hay header, an efficient and high-productivity system for hay cutting and conditioning.

- RS "One" Series variable chamber round balers, which use a wide pickup for better packing on the bale sides and cleaner capture of the windrow.

- 2000 Advanced Farming Systems (AFS) yield monitor system, which helps farmers keep close tabs on harvest operations for improved management.

- AFS Instant Application Map™ 2000 software, which allows farmers to create customized input rate prescriptions for variable-rate seed and fertilizer placement.

The year's 50 best products win the prestigious AE50 awards. Companies from around the world submit entries to the annual competition, and a panel of international engineering experts chooses the best products. Recipients were featured in Resource, the publication of the American Society of Agricultural Engineers (ASAE). "All Case IH products begin with customer input to find what is really needed out in the field," said Russ Green, senior director of marketing for the

North American Case IH agricultural business. "Then our engineers build tractors, implements and software that help farmers increase their productivity and success."

Resource magazine sponsors the AE50 award program to emphasize the crucial role of new products and systems in bringing advanced technology to the marketplace. All entries must exhibit a new technology or advancement of a previous technology, and have a broad impact on the industry.

## NC+ Tests All Corn Hybrids For StarLink

LINCOLN, Neb. — NC+ has tested all of its corn hybrids for the presence of the Cry9C protein, otherwise known as StarLink.

"NC+ followed testing procedures and guidelines recommended by the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA)," said NC+ President Larry Schuett. "A few of our seed lots tested positive for StarLink contamination and those lots will not be sold to customers."

In addition to testing NC+ hybrid seed, Schuett said the company has also tested its

parent seed stock for StarLink. This is the seed that will be used to produce hybrid seed corn in 2001.

"We want to assure our customers that the NC+ corn hybrids they plant this spring have tested negative for the Cry9C protein, in accordance with or exceeding the quality standards set forth in the USDA's seed testing and sampling recommendations," Schuett said. "The seed industry has an important role to play in resolving the StarLink situation and NC+ will continue to be a leader in that process."

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