

Ethanol Growth Assured In New Senate Bill

WASHINGTON, D.C. — The National Corn Growers Association (NCGA) pledged its support of "The Renewable Fuels For Energy Security Act," introduced last week by Sens. Chuck Hagel (R-NE) and Tim Johnson (D-SD). Their bill would establish a national renewable fuel standard for gasoline and diesel production.

This bill creates a primary role for ethanol in the emerging national energy policy by promoting the growth and use of a domestically produced, renewable fuel. The Renewable Fuels for Energy Security Act sets a goal where ethanol replaced three percent of the energy used in highway transportation by 2011; by 2016, that figure will rise to five percent.

For ethanol producers, the practical impact of this bill has tremendous potential. By meeting the goals set by Sens. Hagel and Johnson, industry capacity would jump to nine billion gallons by 2011 and 16 billion gallons by 2016. That level of production would displace oil imports by 300,000 barrels daily by 2011 and 610,000 barrels a day five years later. The bill is visionary in that it sets production goals that will advance the goal of energy security and self-sufficiency that President Bush cited when he introduced his energy plan last month.

Lee Klein, NCGA president and a Battle Creek, Neb. farmer said, "The Renewable Fuels for Energy Security Act translates the hopes and aspirations of NCGA's Ethanol Task Force into a vehicle that can make our dream become reality by: Growing the ethanol industry so that corn producers can help the nation meet its energy needs, raising the price of corn so that farmers can help themselves and their families, and building more ethanol plants so that we can develop employment and economic opportunities in rural communities. We look forward to working with Senators Hagel and Johnson to place a renewable fuels provision into the energy bill during the 107th Congress."

SUN Prepares For Dairy Extravaganza

SELINGROVE (Snyder Co.) — The crowning of the SUN Area dairy princess and the construction of a 7-foot-high ice cream sundae will highlight the SUN Area Dairy Princess Committee's annual dairy festivities, to be held in conjunction with Ag/Dairy Days at the Susquehanna Valley Mall in Selingsrove, Thursday through Saturday, June 21-23.

Selena Hollenbach of Snyder County and Alicia Wolfe of Montour County are vying for the title of SUN Area (Snyder, Union, Northumberland, and Montour Counties) Dairy Princess. The winner will be announced Saturday, June 23.

In addition to the crowning of a new dairy princess, a variety of other family events are planned in connection with Ag/Dairy Days.

On Thursday, June 21, from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m., the public will be able to purchase milkshakes prepared by the Eager Beaver 4-H Dairy Club.

Recognition of area 4-H Leaders, musical entertainment by KJ Reimensnyder, and the judging of milk carton sculptures also

will take place at the mall on Thursday evening. Samples of a variety of cheeses, courtesy of local banking institutions, will be available all three days.

Beginning at 6 p.m. on Friday, June 22, Turkey Hill Dairies will provide the ice cream and toppings to construct a 7-foot tall sundae. The sundae will be made with 135 gallons of ice cream, 10 gallons of chocolate fudge, 25 pounds of pecans, and 5 gallons of cherries.

Dairy princess royalty, which includes the reigning dairy princess, alternates, contestants for the 2001-2002 title and dairy maids and dairy misses will serve samples of the sundae to the public. Assisting them will be members from the local Future Farmers of America (FFA) Chapters.

Saturday, June 23, will feature a pedal tractor pull for children beginning at 11 a.m. Also, Swineford National Bank will hold its annual Scooper Bowl, with proceeds to be donated to the local 4-H Foundation. There also will be samples of milk punch, along with a variety of dairy and agriculture related displays.

Beginning at 7 p.m. in Boscov's North Court, Dawn Marie, of Big Country Radio, and Jane Hawn, of Boscov's public relations department, will kick off the 28th annual SUN Area Dairy Princess Pageant. During the pageant a fashion show will be held, with dairy princess royalty modeling fashions from Boscov's.

Selena Hollenbach, the dairy princess contestant representing Snyder County, is currently a SUN Area alternate dairy princess. She is the daughter of Scott and Sandy Hollenbach and works on the family farm, Lochiel Dairy. The Hollenbachs own 110 dairy animals and raise alfalfa, corn and soybeans.

Alicia Wolfe, who is representing Montour County in the dairy princess pageant, is the daughter of Arthur Wolfe and Tammy Stine and will be a senior at Danville High School this fall. She is actively involved in FFA and 4-H. Her interests include showing dairy cattle and playing softball and soccer. Alicia's family farm, Plumside Dairy, is home to 250 dairy animals, of which 200 are milked. She is employed part-time at Dunkin Donuts.



Selena Hollenbach



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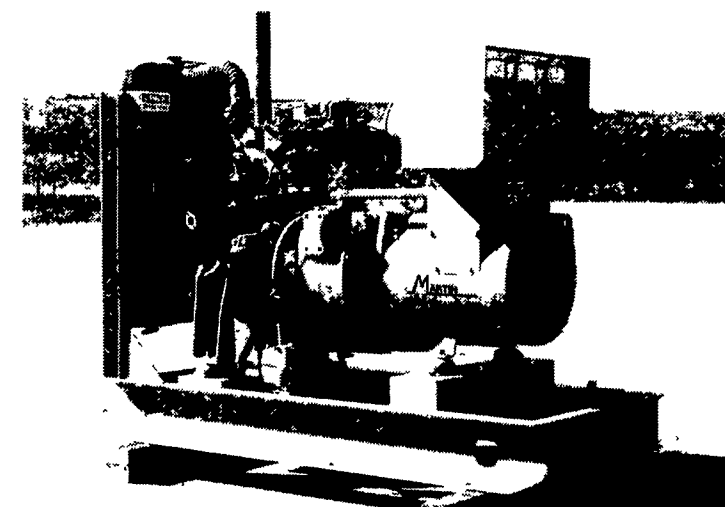
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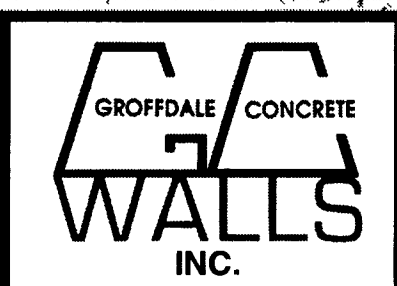


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