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Brief History of Sussex County, Delaware

Sussex County is full of history and tradition. Among its distinctions, Sussex County is the birthplace of the broiler chicken industry, and is Delaware's largest county in terms of geography, spanning 938 square miles.

Delaware history begins with Sussex County, as the town of Lewes was founded as a Dutch whaling colony in 1631. That first European settlement gives Lewes its claim to fame of being the 'First Town in the First State' and makes Sussex County the birthplace of what would become present-day Delaware.

Sussex County is named for the County of Sussex in England, which was the home of Colonial proprietor William Penn.

Today, Sussex County, DE, is diverse in both its riches and its lifestyles. It is home to numerous seaside resorts, small towns, industry, and agriculture. Along the coast, tourism is strong in the quaint and fashionable resort beach towns. Western Sussex County, meantime, is the backbone of Delaware's agriculture industry with more acres of tillable land under cultivation than anywhere else in the state.

Summer Hours

**SMW Sales
Summer Schedule
Effective March 1st
through November**

1st.

**Monday - Friday
8:00am - 5:00pm**

**Saturday
8:00am - 12:00pm**

**Sunday
CLOSED**



Employee Happenings

SMW Sales welcomes Sierra Carmine. Sierra recently graduated from Salisbury University with Environmental Studies & Earth Science degrees and is quickly getting up to speed in the Sales Dept.

Congratulations to Mason & Kacie Craven for having their 2nd child on October 23, 2020. A 5lb. 8oz. 18" long baby boy, Kason Morris. Mason performs pivot repairs, welding, & fabrication services. Mason has been employed at SMW for 8 years.

Congratulations to Brad Dorey and Kelli Trice for having their 2nd child on August 11, 2020. An 8lb. 7oz. baby girl, Maeve Ryan. Brad is SMW's pivot erection foreman. Brad and his crew repair pivots and install pumps for SMW. Brad has been employed at SMW for 2 years.

Customer Corner

Special thanks to SMW Sales customer Mr. Charles Wright of Mardela, MD for purchasing the 200th Pierce Pivot and also thanks to Mr. John Nettleman of Squirt Irrigation located in Sturgis, MI for purchasing the 225th Pierce Pivot from SMW Sales. This is the 17th Pierce Pivot purchased by Squirt Irrigation.

SMW would like to give special thanks to all of our customers who have supported us making everything we do possible.

Pierce
Over 225 Pierce Pivots Sold!

Irrigation System Grant Program

Background:

Grants are available to Delaware Electric Cooperative members for conversion of irrigation pumps from diesel to electric & for new installations of electric pumps. The grant provides up to \$5,000 for the total non-utility cost of the conversion. Up to \$2,500 is available to new installations. Costs covered include parts & labor associated with electric motor & starter installation, removal of existing gear head & components, and electrician costs. This Cooperative program is funded through the State of Delaware's Department of Agriculture.

Eligibility & Qualifications:

Systems which have a minimum of 20kW load are eligible for program funding. As a condition for non-utility grant qualification, recipients must first be approved by DEC and meet the requirements of the DEC Irrigation System Grant Program.

For more information on this program contact Sierra Carmine @ SMW Sales (302) 875-7958 or via email at scarmine@smwsales.net.

New Equipment Announcement



Due to the ongoing rainy weather and miserable field conditions SMW has just purchased a new JCB Compact Track Loader. This loader will enable SMW to install & make necessary preseason pivot repairs for its customers without increasing the delays we have been experiencing since the beginning of 2021. SMW Sales will always do whatever possible to better serve our valued customers.

You Might Be A Farmer...

- If you've ever had to wash off your boots in the back yard with a garden hose, or strip down to your skivvies on the carport before your wife would let you in the house because of mud, manure or both
- If you've ever had to pull off the highway because stuff started flying off your dusty, cluttered dashboard because the windows were still rolled down
- If you can remember the fertilizer rate, seed population, herbicide rate, and yields from farms you have rented the past three years, but cannot recall your wedding anniversary
- If you refer to land using the names of the farmers who owned them a generation ago