

Heavy yields of cherries this year several varieties — are bringing thousands to the Shank orchards along the New Danville Pike just southwest of Lancaster. Here a man is treeu, working away, picking the delectable fruit. (Lancaster Farming Staff Photo).

Cherry Picking Headlines Work On Shank Farms

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"But best of all is the shotgun," this fruit grower continued, "and you know the crow will waste as many cherries, knocking them off the trees, as he eats?

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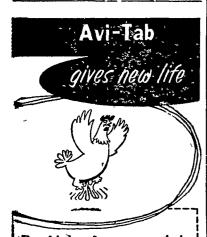
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and mulberries come on, problems with the birds will be lessened.

Fog Cuts Frost Loss

Land on which the Shank cherries are grown is hilly Fog covered the low spots and saved a good share of the crop from frost damage which struck late in the season. But on the higher points of his cherry orchards, yields may be somewhat lower Then there was hail two weeks ago which bruised some of the fruit, but forfunately there was no wind.

Birds, insects, weather there's many another worry for he asserted the cherry grower. Luckily, nany are being met. "Through breeding, the problem cherry leaf virus has been almost licked," Mr. Shank advises.

plant, and replant his stock. There are cherries from Ontario that will be ready July 4. One of the more lucious is the Emeror Francis from Austria, nother that originated in Rus-31a - the Black Russian, which urvived the frost wonderfully. Still another variety originated n England.

There's a more universal ouch to the program here, for ince has been given Lan easter County cherry producion from Purdue University at Lafayette, Ind., from New York State experimental stations at Geneva, from Chico and Davis, Calif, and from New Brunswick, N J. New varieties have been developed by these stations to centralize on compactnsss of trees, higher quality truit, heavier, larger size of fruit.

Terrific Expense Involved

Results are more than evident today, when one drives through the orchards with Mr. Shank and compares the oldtype trees, rank in growth, heavy in leaf, lighter in production, and the newer varieties that are closer to the ground, whose branches are peppered with fruit.

While the thousands will be picking — on 1,000 stepladders and fruit picking ladders Mr. Shank keeps on hand — there may be echoes of noisemakers shotguns reverberating through the wooded hills occasionally, to keep the birds

There's terrific expense involved in an orchard operation, sell broiler rations carrying Nito keep trees sprayed against carbazin. Copies may also be obthe many plagues they face, to tained by writing to Merck & Co. keep the soil in topnotch pro- Inc., Chemical Division, Rahway, duction.

Peaches and apples round out production from Shank Orchards, and the Lancaster County outlook is good in view of the fact that apples were badly frozen in northwestern United States. The Appalachian area expects an 85 per cent crop, and the entire eastern production may be down considerably from last year. Peaches will be ahead of last year, Mr. Shank believes, but he remains convinced that to sell, you must advertise.

"Any product that isn't advertised today just isn't sold,"

Despite increased advertising, prices have remained stable on the pick-them-yourself program, from 20 to 23 cents per pound for the white and dark, sweets, 15 cents for He has searched afar to the red pre cherries These prices have been in effect for years and years

Crow Glides Overhead

Mr Shank, who has been very ınfluential in Pennsylvania agricultural politics, and who has contributed much to state agricultural legislation and building, still remains modest, hard-working.

While the Shanks concentrate on production of fruit, Lancaster farming goes about them Across the road tobacco rows were straight and true. Pea hullers shelled out his year's crop.

While overhead, a wary crow glides about, convinced this pick-them-yourself program no 'onger included him.

Merck Issues New Booklet on Use of

RAHWAY, N J. - A new leaflet of interest to broiler growers who face the danger of coccidiosis has been issued by Merck & Co , Inc., manufacturers of the coccidiostat, Nicarazin.

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The new Merck coccidiostat leaflet for broiler growers is available in feed stores which

Benson Booed in Iowa Appearance

Irate farmers Friday booed Secretary of Agriculture Ezra Taft Benson when he spoke before the Farm Family Field Day at Eldora, Iowa last week.

Mr. Benson told the 1956 Soil Bank program is "the best we can do for the farmers on short notice at a late hour. . . . The real test for this program will come in 1957, 1958 and 1959 when we can put it fully into opera-

Farm prices, the Secretary told, have as an average increased about nine per cent since Jan 1, adding, "This increase in farm prices has occured under flexible price supports, even though there has been only a modest application of the flexible principle."

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