

Nation's Farmers Reap Cash Crop In All Seasons From Vacationers

The nation's farmers participating in a program first launched seven years ago by Farm Vacations and Holidays, Inc., 500 Fifth Avenue, New York, N. Y. to enable city dwellers to vacation on farms during the summer are discovering the program is an additional cold-cash bonanza during the other seasons.

Hunters, bird-watchers, camera fans, skiers, skaters, church groups, as well as ordinary holidayers, are among those contributing to this bonanza, according to farmers whose guest accommodations are listed in Farm Vacations and Holiday's annual booklet. These other-than-summer guests are paying an average of \$40 per week or \$16 weekend for board and the farmers' spare bedrooms.

Summertime incomes of farmers who provided room and board to guests through Farm Vacations and Holidays this past summer for the first time, range generally between \$700 and \$1000.

All this is added farm income which has nothing to do with the price of corn, beef, milk, or eggs. It results directly from the fact millions of Americans and Canadians want to vacation on a real farm but until recently have had no convenient means of finding a farm to visit.

Farmers in the U. S. and Canada interested in harvesting their "Hidden Crop" — their spare rooms, still have time to sign up to participate during 1957 in the farm-guest program, according to Robert P. Wolfe, director of Farm Vacations and Holidays, Inc., whose headquarters is at 500 Fifth Avenue, New York 36, New York.

Mr. Wolfe strongly advises farmers to address their inquiries to him as early as possible so there will be time to get full in-

formation on the program into farmers' hands before the 1957 booklet, which will have a 100,000 copy distribution, goes to the printers.

Each farm in the program receives a descriptive paragraph detailing the particular farm's location, its accommodations for guests, the room and board rates, and such other information as whether children are welcomed, the type of food served, the kind of activities available to guests and which seasons the farm is open to guests.

The farm may be a working-farm or ranch or a gentleman farmer's estate, but all farms wishing to come into the program are inspected, generally by a representative in the agricultural field. In addition, farms in the Farm Vacations and Holidays program are supported locally by newspaper advertising.

Woodlot Management Course to Be Offered

Management of the farm woodlot can be studied through a correspondence course offered by the Agricultural Extension Service of the College of Agriculture of Pennsylvania State University.

Species of trees found in woodlots of Pennsylvania and their uses are discussed; also the marketing of lumber, timber, estimating, and tree diseases. Reproduction and planting of seedlings is explained in detail.

Since the farm woodlot can be a source of recreation as well as income, the aesthetic aspect of forestry is considered. The county agent can supply a bulletin describing the course, or write to Farm Study Courses, University Park, Pa.



TWO OF THE 44 lambs born on the Herbert Eckman farm, R3 Quarryville, are interested onlookers as Eckman and his son Frank, 10, display triplets born to the 10

year old ewe. Eckman breeds 62 ewes. This is the second set of triplets born this year, but the two of the other set died. (Woolley Photo)

Keystone Hatchery Now Operating At New Location

The Keystone Leghorn Hatchery has moved from 43 Old Mill Road, Ephrata, to their new location R5 Lancaster, just south of Leacock on Heller's Church Rd.

The move was necessitated by a 50 per cent increase in hatching capacity and operation. The first hatch in the new building was on Feb 2.

The hatchery will still main-

tain their breeding farm at R1 Ephrata where trap nesting and pedigree work is carried on.

The hatchery is owned by Nathan W. Martin, Ephrata, and Reed W. Kinzer, Lancaster. The partnership was formed three years ago.

They have crossed two of the oldest strains of Leghorns in the country to produce the most desirable characteristics in the offspring. Breeding work follows the principle of reciprocal recurrent selection which is breeding from families in each pure strain.

Gable Herd Completes Fourth Year of Testing

The National Ayrshire Breeders' Assn., Brandon Vt., reports that the purebred herd of C Harold Gable, Elverson, has completed its fourth year of Ayrshire Herd Testing with an average of 9,615 pounds of milk and 419 pounds of butterfat.

Gable's 26 cow herd made the record on twice a day milking.

The highest butterfat producer in the herd was Brown Portia Queen with 13,003 pounds of milk and 596 pounds of butterfat.

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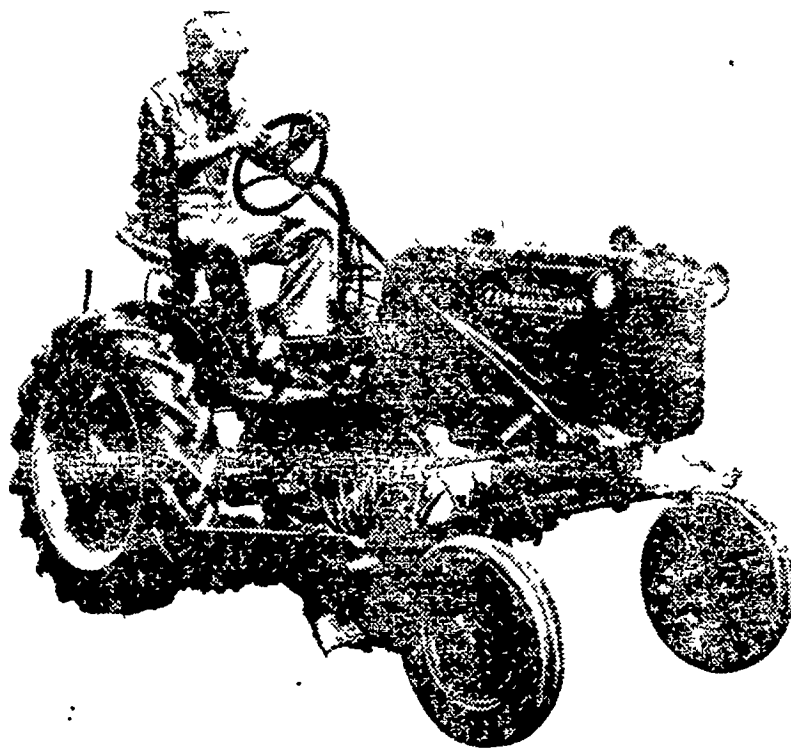
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