

# Farm Families With FHA Loans Plan Their 1959 Operations

Lancaster county farmers who borrow from the Farmers Home Administration have completed making their farming plans for this year. Many are already putting new ideas into operation which should boost their 1959 farm income," Richard W. Hoover, the agency's local county supervisor, said this week.

Better farming practices for farmers are recommended by the Pennsylvania College of Agriculture and the Agricultural Extension Service.

Some of the better farming practices which FHA borrowers are using include Weighing of milk as the basis for sound feeding, culling and raising replacements,

Managed milking procedure and feeding of balanced ration for higher milk production;

Artificial breeding for herd improvement;

Complete soil tests for maximum efficiency in applying lime and fertilizer,

High quality hay and silage for higher milk production;

Improved pasture program and annual crops for forage to supplement hard worked permanent pastures;

Use of facilities offered by the County Agent's Office, such as soil testing, DHIA and owner sampler programs, and keeping up to date on new practices by periodic visits to the office and being on the extension mailing list;

Participation in ASC and SCS programs and receiving the benefits of cost sharing and technical assistance in applying needed soil conservation practices and approved soil building measures to the land;

Sound planning and complete farm and home records essentials to the successful operation of a farm and home business.

During the past three months all FHA borrowers have analyzed their 1958 farm and home records. These records showed what had been planned and what had been accomplished. On the basis of the records the families were able to determine the strong and weak points in their operations and recognize further improvements that could be made in their operations.

The objective of the Farmers Home Administration program is accomplished through the extension of credit and farm management guidance assisting farm families and farm planning pays successfully in sound well balanced systems of farming. As proof that sound prac-

to over \$15,000.00 for FHA borrowers and nearly 13 per cent of the FHA borrowers in the Lancaster Office have repaid their FHA loans in full during 1958 and are now able to get all their necessary financing from local banks or cooperative leaders Samuel Heisey, Sheridan RD 1, will represent Lancas-

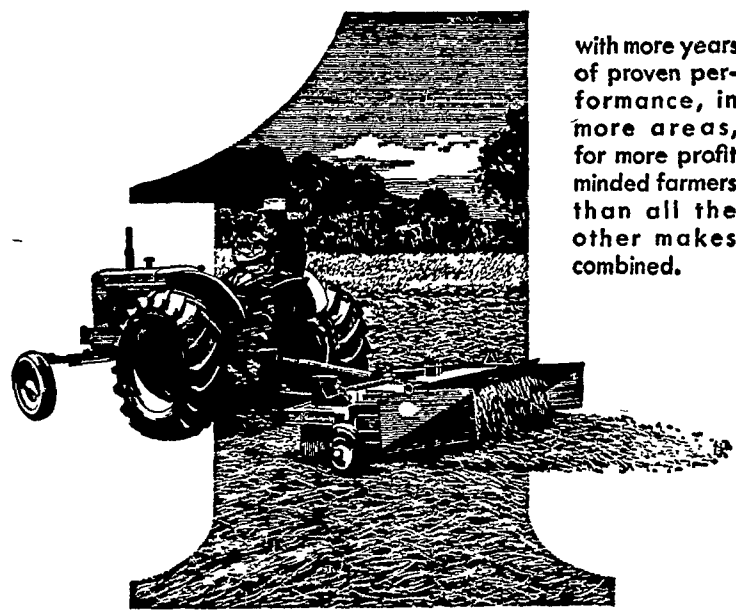
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1959 series with a service at 7 30 p.m. Robert Wagner is chairman.  
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ter county farmer-stockholders at the annual meeting of the Pennsylvania Farm Bureau Cooperative, April 27 - 28 in Harrisburg.  
Heisey, a board member of the Lancaster County FBC, will help outline plans for the state organization. He will represent more than 5,300 county residents who obtain supplies and services through the local organization.

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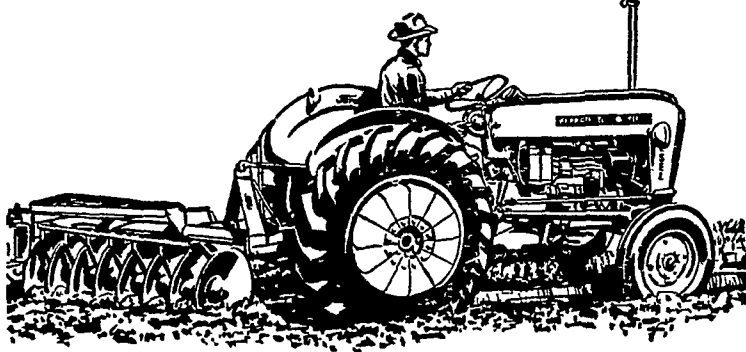
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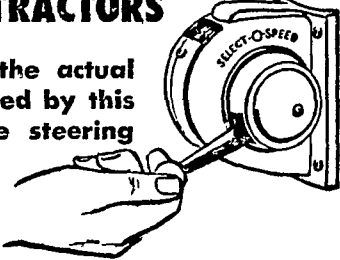
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