

Hidden Danger Areas In Home For Children

A house is full of danger areas, including more than a hundred poisonous items harmful to the child under four, reminds Helen Bell, extension home management specialist of the Penn State University.

It's a child's natural curiosity that turns innocent cosmetics, drugs, and cleaners into poison. Colorful, attractive packages seem to hold special interest for a child one to four years old, the specialist says.

Even soap flakes become a hazard for the child who is exploring everything within his reach. If he plays with the dry powder, he is apt to choke and suffocate. With liquid soaps and detergents, he is in trouble if he starts to drink them.

Other kitchen items that can cause trouble include

oven and drain cleaners and most items stored under the sink.

The bathroom is another danger area, warns Miss Bell. You wouldn't expect hand lotion, nail polish, cosmetics, shaving lotion, liquid soap, and shoe polish to be danger items. But, when swallowed any of these items could mean trouble.

When a child does drink or eat a poisonous substance, take the package to the phone with you and report the contents to your physician. He may be able to give you immediate help if you report accurately.

TAKE SOIL SAMPLES

Fall is an ideal time to take soil samples to determine next year's needs for lime, phosphorus and potash, suggests James H. Eakin, extension agronomist at Penn State. If samples are now taken there will be plenty of time to order correct fertilizers and take advantage of early-order discounts.

Ag Center

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tural agencies and farm-serving organizations, Esben-shade said.

With \$100,000 of the estimated cost assured, the board will seek the remaining \$300,000 in a county-wide campaign. The first phase of soliciting is scheduled to begin during the latter part of November and continue into the early part of December.

In addition to office space for agricultural agencies, the building will contain a conference room and a large multi-purpose room fitted with banquet tables for about 500 persons.

The architectural firm of Haak and Kauffman, Myerstown has been retained by the Center board of directors.

Corn Plots

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will have to do an absolute minimum amount of tillage, if you plan to grow corn after corn for many years, and you will have to keep putting organic matter back on the soil, Eakin said.

Corn stover will put as much organic matter back in the soil as most any other crop you can grow, but it will not maintain a satisfactory organic matter level if the soil is stirred enough to burn out the organic matter as fast as it is put down.

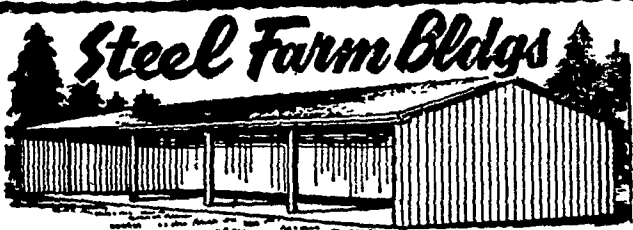
Farmers who have tried minimum tillage are pretty well sold on it, but we are not saying it will work for everyone, Eakin said. He said, some of these things have to be "played by ear" until you find out what

works best for you and we are not recommending minimum tillage for everyone. There have been some good results with minimum tillage and wheeltrack planting throughout the state, he said.

Dale Baker, also an agronomist from PSU said, "Any farmer who does not use fertilizer in the row is making a mistake."

Baker said any corn fertilization program starts with a soil analysis, but fertilizer recommended by the University on the basis of a soil test is not intended to bring the soil fertility to a level where banding fertilizer will not help.

Baker pointed out that very small corn plants need up to 10 times the concentration of Phosphorus that an older plant needs. Since Phos (Turn to page 7)



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DeKalb Layers TOP Wisconsin and New York Random Sample Tests



(WISCONSIN) COMPARISONS OF DEKALB LAYERS

	DeKalb Layers	Test Avg. (all 26 entries)
Eggs (per pullet housed)	273.9	238.1
Mortality	25%	12.4%
% Large and extra large eggs (in final month)	98.44%	94.35%
All blood spots	1.57%	1.72%
July eggs per entry (19 days)	671	536.6
Income over feed and chick cost	\$3.243	\$2.48
% Production—July	72%	56.7%
Feed efficiency	4.02%	4.35%

BREAKS TEST RECORD

DeKalb Layers were at the top in the 11th Wisconsin Random Sample Test. Their record of 273.9 eggs per pullet housed, was the highest ever made in this test. This production figured an approximate 83% average on a hen day basis for the laying period of the 500 day test.

The income over feed and chick costs for the DeKalb entry at \$3.243 per bird far outranked the test average of all 26 entries at \$2.48 and was ahead of every other competing strain. Mortality of the DeKalb 131s at 2% was tied for the lowest in the test. Average of all entries on mortality was 12.4%. Comparisons of the DeKalb Layers and the test average are shown on left.

New York Results Also Place DeKalb at Top

Official Final Results of the 11th Central New York Random Sample Test which included 22 entries, are shown below.

	DEKALB	TEST AVERAGE
Best Income Over Feed & Chick Cost	\$2.952	\$2.317
Greatest Hen Day Production	249.8	222.8
Most Eggs Per Pullet Housed	242.6	213.3
Less Pounds Feed Per Dozen 24 oz. Eggs	4.04	4.56
No Broodiness	0.0	4.8
Lowest Percentage of Blood Spots	1.97	5.05

Results of 2nd North Carolina Random Sample Test (2 year averages) show DeKalb produced the greatest number of eggs per pullet housed. Only one other entry showed better livability (650 days). And, only one other entry had better feed efficiency.

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