

FFA Boys Accept Responsibilities

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Part of the theme of National FFA week has to do with honoring Rural Responsibilities. Since many FFA members will become farmers in the future they face a very great responsibility. This responsibility is helping to feed the 2.8 billion people of the world.

The story of American Agriculture is America's number one success story. In 1900 about 50 per cent of the American population was needed to produce enough food to satisfy the people of the United States. At the present time, with eight per cent of the population farming 37 million farms we can produce all the food we need and still have a vast surplus. All this has come about through the extensive research of agricultural scientists and the higher goals set by the American farmer.

Through research better farming methods, improved animals and seeds have been

introduced. Also American farmers use more machinery than any other farmers in the world. This machinery has enabled one farmer to farm twice as much land, and has therefore increased the average size of farms by 40 percent from 215 acres to 305 acres in the past 10 years.

Unfortunately the agriculture of many other countries has not progressed fast enough to keep up with the demand. In many of these countries the farmers use the same farming methods that their ancestors used generations ago. Because of this it takes many more farmers to produce enough food for the people. For example, in Red China 85 per cent of the people are farmers, but many Chinese do not have adequate diets.

The people of the world who are ill-housed, poorly fed and clothed are demanding some of the necessities of life that we enjoy. One of the responsibilities the youth of today will have to face tomorrow is the sharing of our abundance around the world.

Secretary Says Pa. Dog Law Is Successful

HARRISBURG — State Secretary of Agriculture William L. Henning today credited a stepped-up campaign against unlicensed dogs for a 7 per cent decrease in 1961 claims for damage by dogs.

"We again have lower claims — down to \$36,624 compared to \$39,290 the previous year," Henning said, "and the licenses increased from 868,504 individual and 5,938 kennels to 870,139 individuals and 6,103 kennels."

Henning also pointed out that there were 14 positive rabies cases, two of which were dogs, compared with 18 cases in 1960 and 43 cases in 1959.

The Department is readying its annual checkup to find unlicensed dogs across the state. Licenses, required for all canines over six months of age, can be purchased for \$1.10 (unspayed females, \$2.10) from county treasurers, justices of the

peace, aldermen, magistrates, notaries public, or the State Department of Revenue.

The total revenue to the Commonwealth last year for dog licenses and fines amounted to \$1,195,691. There were 4,621 prosecutions compared to 3,175 in 1960.

The Department of Agriculture administers the Dog Law because major purposes are to minimize damage to sheep and other livestock and to reduce the spread of rabies among dogs and other animals.

animals, any interested farmers and all Young and Adult Farmer Class members should plan to attend this series of meetings," says Gene Dougherty, teacher of Vocational Agriculture at the school.

Potato Growers

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Association, will be held the next day with Leland W. Nixon, State College, president of the organization in the chair.

The 1961 production of all potatoes in the United States was 291 million hundredweight. This was 34 million hundredweight above anticipated consumption, Nixon said. Pennsylvania growers produced a less than average crop, but the national abundance of late potatoes has brought discouragingly low prices to farmers, he explained.

A National Potato Advisory Committee is recommending an industry-controlled program of acreage allotments and marketing quotas without government supports, subject to a referendum vote. This proposal will be explained at the coming Institute from both the Pennsylvania and national viewpoints.

Other topics listed for the grower's conclave will be presented by state and national leaders. Subjects include latest developments and practices in the use of fertilizer, internal sprouting in potatoes, trends in packaging and shipping, and the story of an Iowa grower of 3000 acres of potatoes who operates his own processing plant.

Quality Forage New Holland YFA Class Subject

All interested farmers are invited to attend the Garden Spot Young and Adult Farmer Class Meeting held at the Garden Spot High School Agriculture Classroom on Tuesday, February 20, at 7 p.m.

A series of four class meetings will be used to discuss the production of high quality forage. The New Holland Machine Company who is the leader in this field, has chosen certain of its personnel to assist in the instruction of these subjects for discussion.

Feb. 20—General Economics of Good Forage Fertilization and Seeding for Maximum Quality.

Feb. 27—Making Quality Silages (Include Machine Adjustment).

March 6—Making Hay-in-a-Day (Include Machine Adjustments).

March 13—Making Hay-in-a-Day, Heat Drying, Mechanical Feeding.

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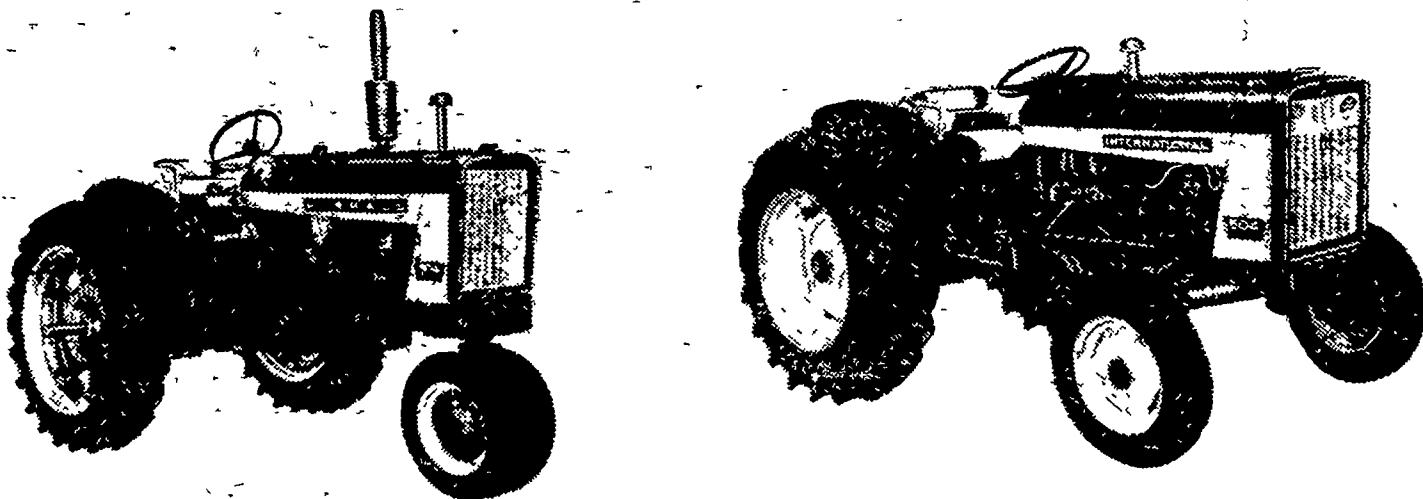


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