

Conservation

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fields without the strips"

The Conservation Farmer who is an associate director in the county district has planted corn after corn for several years and sees no ill effects.

He plants eye grass in the corn fields, but has very little success getting a stand. He feels it is because the thick plant population shade the ground so heavily the grass can not establish itself. However, he does plant grass strips between corn strips wherever possible.

More grass on the farm has been planted on the low meadows. Here Reed's Canary grass was established last year and harvested for hay. Zeiset does very little pasturing of cattle buying 60 to 100 head of cattle at a time and feeding them for a relatively short period. He generally buys 800 to 900 pound cattle and tops out the pen when he thinks they will hit a good market.

Plans for the near future include a farrowing house for about 14 sows at one time. Zeiset plans three farrowings per year and has 12 gilts near-

ing breeding age to increase his present sow herd to about 24 head. He produces crossbred pigs which he fattens for market.

In the cropping program in addition to the 25 acres of corn, of which seven acres are on land rented away from home Zeiset raises 11 acres of tobacco as well as wheat and hay. He farms the home farm of 18 acres plus 10 acres away from home.

"I have never been sorry I put in the strips," he says. "I am only sorry they were not put in many years before."

Brucellosis

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In speaking of other cattle diseases Dr. Guss said most of them come from the number of cows dairymen are trying to handle with the facilities they have. He said one of the newer diseases which could become serious among dairy cattle is Johnes Disease. It is a calfhood disease directly tied up with sanitation characterized by scours. The disease is contacted by the animal before four months of age and is most often fatal when the

heifer freshens. Whole herds can be wiped out by the disease.

Ivan Parkin told the 250 dairymen present (in spite of the snow and high winds) "I believe 75 per cent of the herd problems with mastitis comes from bad milking practices."

A new type of Bronchial Pneumonia has been becoming more prevalent and Dr. Guss says he is expecting it to become a more severe problem especially here in the Southeastern part of the state if the summer is hot and dry. The disease Infectious Bovine Rhinotracheitis is a serious problem in Maryland, he said.

Dr. Guss said "Most diseases are not cattle diseases, they are diseases of mis-management."

Parkin, Extension dairy specialist from PSU, cautioned dairymen to disregard the gauge in the vacuum line since many of them are not accurate but pay close attention to the regulator in the system.

John Pepper, extension entomologist, cautioned farmers not to use either Dieldrin or Heptachlor this spring for the control of spittle bug or al-

lalia weevil. He said, "We thought a long time to get them approved for fall application now let's not mess it up."

The only thing approved for spring application is methoxychlor or Malathion, he said. "It is a poor substitute so don't shoot till you see the whites of their eyes."

Pepper said a new residual spray for house fly control has given excellent control up to eight weeks in tests. The spray Dimethoate has recently been approved for use in dairy barns and in milk houses, but should not be sprayed on milk utensils.

We have no answer to the face fly, he said. A 0.5 per cent DDVP bait or Pyrethrum plus repellent will help a little, but it has to be a daily application, he said.

Joe Taylor, Extension Dairy Specialist said milk cow numbers are down nationally but not in Pennsylvania. However, production per cow is way up both nationally and in the state.

In the first year of storage testing by the University dairymen making use of the service realized at \$29 per

cow increase in profits.

Taylor believes Pennsylvania with a 7,700 pound average per cow has cows capable of producing 3,000 pounds per year more but traditional feeding methods makes it impossible for the cows to produce up to their inherited ability. He also said the average size herd in Pennsylvania is 23 with 51 per cent of the herds having under 20 cows.

Taylor said "As long as a pound of feed will add a pound of milk it is profitable at today's prices."

The Dairy Day was sponsored by the County Extension Service. Robert Grott, president of the association was master of ceremonies. County Agent M. M. Smith was Dairy Day Chairman.

Peaches are the only fruit that can be eaten raw, sliced with cream for dessert, dried, cooked, spiced, pickled, canned, made into wine, preserves or jam or frozen into ice cream or other foods.

The temperature in Arabia often soars to 165 to 170 degrees in the daytime and to below freezing at night.

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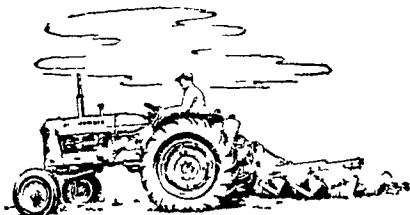
L. H. BRUBAKER'S OPEN HOUSE

Information, Displays, Pictures, Demonstrations, Eats, Gifts

Lititz Store: All day and evening, March 15 (Location - 1/2 mile Southwest of Lititz on Rt. 772)

Lancaster Store: Afternoon and evening, March 16, Morning to 3:30 P.M., March 17 (Location - On Strasburg Pike, Rt. 896, between Lincoln Highway and Strasburg)

We expect to have moving pictures of the new A-C square baler, the new small Gleaner self-propelled combine, forage machines, tillage tools and planting equipment.



At least for the daytime program, Mr. Martin, our Allis-Chalmers blockman, will have slides to illustrate a talk on plow adjustments. This will be educational for owners of any kind of plow.

- ★ Mr. Caleb Wenger, distributor for specialized feeding equipment, will show pictures and discuss automatic feeding and shelter designs at Lititz on Thursday afternoon. A Van Dale silo unloader will be on display.
- ★ Other representatives and distributors of merchandise will be on hand including the Chore-master garden tillers, McDade crop drying fan, etc.
- ★ Mr. Vadney, Starline representative, will show pictures of the Starline liquid spreader and there will be a spreader here to show and demonstrate.
- ★ We have already spread dry, frozen and soft manure mixed with lumber, concrete, block and ice, water and tobacco stems.

At Lititz on Thurs., March 15,

we invite you to come at 10 A. M. and stay as long as convenient. Free lunch will be served at noon and there will be pictures, short talks and demonstrations most of the day with another program in the evening at 7:30 for those who find it inconvenient to come during the day.

At the Lancaster store, March 16 and 17

there will be pictures and talks by company representatives and by our new Lancaster assistant county agent, Arnold Lueck. This will be an opportunity to get to know Mr. Lueck. On Friday evening will be the usual picture open house program. On Saturday there will be intermittent pictures, demonstrations and open house until 3:30 P. M. Come and go at your convenience. Refreshments served.

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