

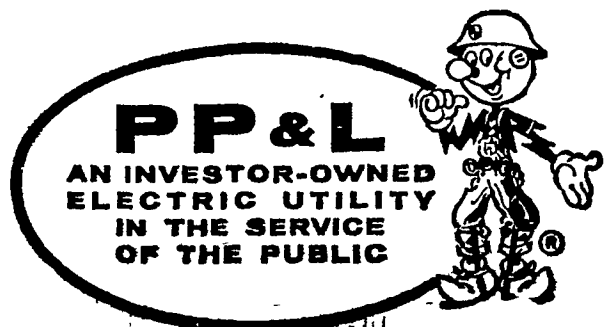


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## Farm Production Continues Up On Less Acres

Despite a decline of 40 per cent in land in farms since 1880, farm production in Pennsylvania has moved upward. This is reported in "Farm Production Trends in Pennsylvania to 1960," a bulletin published recently by the Agricultural Experiment Station at the Pennsylvania State University. The analysis covers 100 years.

The study by Jerome K. Pasto and Pritam S. Dhillon, agricultural economists, shows marked increases in production per farm and per acre of cropland since 1934 in all four regions of the State.

Virtually the entire production now is farm output and available for human use in the form of crops, livestock, and their products since so few horses and mules must be fed, Pasto and Dhillon state in the report, Bulletin 693.

When the number of horses and mules was at its peak in 1906, about 27 per cent of the cropland, not including pasture, was required to provide grain and hay for these animals, they add. At present, less than 2 per cent is required for such purposes.

Production of livestock and livestock products have increased faster than crop production, the report shows. In 1959, livestock and their products made up about 43 per cent of gross farm production.

Poultry production has risen rapidly, especially during the last 20 years. Dairying has increased steadily, but sheep and wool production have declined.

Oats and wheat have declined in volume, largely due to over-all decrease in land in farms and number of farms. While fruit production tended downward until about 1950, it is now on the increase. Specialization has taken place and the outlook is for even greater changes, the authors point out. Bulletin 693 is available free from the Agricultural Vending Room at the Pennsylvania State University or from county agricultural agents.

## Boots & Saddles 4-H Horse Club Holds Ride

Two new members were inducted at the monthly meeting of the Boots and Saddles 4-H Club recently at the home of J. Robert Gibble, Manheim R2.

The group discussed the trail ride in which 39 persons participated, riding from a wooded section in Mt Joy R2 to Governor Dick, Mount Gettysburg and return on June 10th. All riders commented favorably and it was decided to hold a 2-day Trail Ride during the month of July.

Following the business meeting, a demonstration of the "Showmanship of a Horse" was conducted by Charles and Lois Risse, of Ephrata R2, who brought one of their Appaloosas to the meeting for this purpose.

"The Anatomy of a Horse and the Functions of the Organs" was the topic of the demonstration presented to the group by Carol Sites, Manheim R2 and Ronald Roether, Manheim R3. These two 4-H members illustrated their talk using an uncompleted plastic model of a horse.

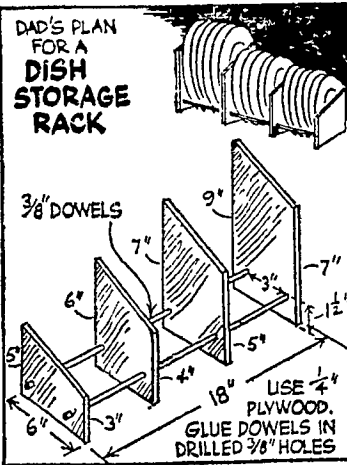
They explained the organs and their particular functions and then placed the organs in their respective places in the uncompleted model. At the conclusion of their talk, a model of a completed horse was shown to the group, whereby, those present could see where each organ in the horse was located.

The next meeting will be held July 13th at the Sweigart Pony Farm, Denver.

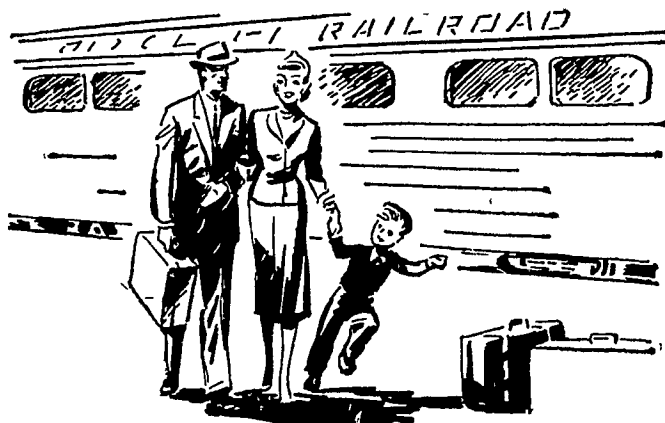
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