

Deer Herds Cost Farmers Huge Sums

Farmers receive trifling returns from a real annual investment in the Pennsylvania deer herd. Hays Gamble, graduate student forester at the Pennsylvania State University believes in Sullivan county, where he studied conditions last year, damages by deer averaged about \$200 per year per farm.

This is a serious loss, Gamble points out, in areas where farm incomes already are low. Farmers enjoying seeing deer from time to time and many

like to hunt them. If this were not true, he says, they would be much less patient about how the animals feed on their crops.

Hunters from various parts of Pennsylvania and adjoining states spend nearly half a million dollars in Sullivan County every fall, Gamble estimates. Of this money, he emphasizes, farmers receive very little. Most of the money spent by hunters goes to motels, restaurants, and other places of business, he has found, and no good way has yet been devised for farmers to obtain a larger share of it. Hunting fees ranging from \$1 per day to \$3 per season would yield only token returns, Gamble reports. Farmers who

have provided room and board for deer hunters may have recovered enough above expenses to pay for crop losses, he says, but very little more.

Under Sullivan county conditions, where tree growth is relatively rapid, owners of farm woodlots are not consciously following management practices more favorable to deer than to timber, he thinks. As a matter of fact, he says few practices of this kind are known and much useful research could be conducted along this line. In Sullivan county and similar areas, the edges provided by fields supply food and cover for deer. As a result the Sullivan county herd is nearly double what it would be if the whole county was a forest, he estimates.

Farm Machines Need Safety Checks Often

Today's farmer may use as many as 35 different types of machinery during the year.

"The increasing variety and complexity of machinery helps get the job done faster and easier than ever before, but not necessarily more safely," said Marvin J. Nicol, the National Safety Council's director of farm safety.

Nicol's comment came on the eve of the 19th annual National Farm Safety Week, to be observed July 22-28.

Use Common Sense

According to a study in Indiana, one out of six non-fatal farm accidents involves machinery other than tractors. Tractors account for about

45,000 non-fatal injuries each year, and fatalities are on the increase.

"Despite variance in machines, common sense and basic rules for safe handling apply to all," added Nicol. "If followed consistently, the needless waste of human resources can be drastically reduced."

The Council lists these reminders:

- Wear simple, close-fitting work clothes
- Always turn off machinery before adjusting, unclogging or servicing
- Always keep shields and guards in place when operating
- Refuel machinery only when the motor is off and has cooled
- Take a short break every few hours to forestall fatigue

Kirkwood 4-H Holds Party

Members of the Kirkwood 4-H Community club enjoyed a picnic and swimming party at their last meeting.

Baseball and other games planned by game leader, Kenneth Rutt, were included in the program at the home of Lois Johnson.

After the picnic and games, president Martin Greenleaf called the meeting to order and had members repeat the club pledge. Project reports and discussion by members was followed by a discussion of selling flower bulbs to raise money for club activities.

Refreshments were served at the close of the meeting.

Becky Ann Ferguson is club reporter.



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