

Stock Survey Is Begun

A semi-annual survey was underway today to determine livestock and poultry numbers on Pennsylvania farms.

Rural and star route mail carriers are distributing 26,000 cards at random to farmers throughout the state. The farmers are asked to report the number of cattle, milk cows, hogs, sheep and chickens, and to return the cards promptly to the carrier.

The survey is conducted twice a year by the US and Pennsylvania Departments of Agriculture in cooperation with the US Post Office Department. Information gathered in

this manner provides the basis for official estimates of livestock and poultry in the state and nation. Detailed results will be available in February.

Pennsylvania farmers in the past have led the nation in the number of cards returned and in percentage of participation.

Dig Gladiolus Corms

Leave gladiolus bulbs in ground until just before hard freezing weather, advises A O Rasmussen, Penn State extension ornamental horticulturist. Burn tops if they are diseased or infected with insects. Leave corms outdoors in small trays today before curing. After a few weeks store in a cool, dry cellar.

Corn Crop Estimates Down

Latest estimates on the commonwealth's 1963 corn crop, hit by summer drought and untimely spring and autumn frosts, have revised the yield downward to 43.7 million bushels, the Pennsylvania Crop Reporting Service said today.

The total is 3.7 million bushels less than the October 1 forecast, and 1 per cent below last year's poor crop of 44.1 million bushels.

Extremely dry weather in October hindered growth of grasses and fall sown grains. In some areas, wheat sown in September did not sprout un-

til aided by late October rains. Estimates of the potato and tobacco yields on November 1 were unchanged from a month earlier. The PCRS noted, however, that late tobacco is not curing so fast as usual in sheds because of unfavorable drying weather.

Experience is what keeps a man who makes the same mistake twice from admitting it the third time around — Terry McCormick

Order Fruit Trees Now

Place your order for fruit trees now if you plan to set them out next spring. Order from a reliable nursery, advises Carl Bittner, Penn State extension pomologist.

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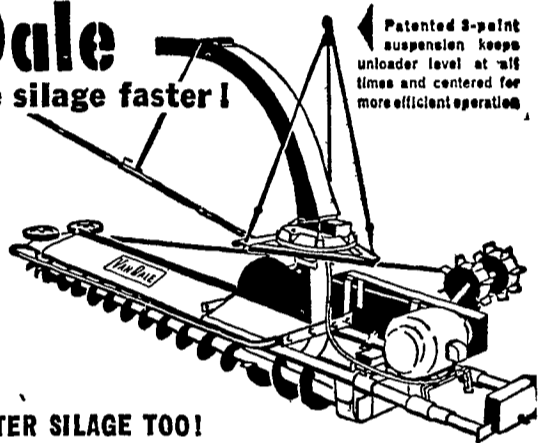
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