

● **Water Use**

(Continued from Page 1) followed, Robert D. Varrin, hydrologist and assistant research professor of geology at the University of Delaware, told the bankers that while the total supply of water is adequate at present, the distribution of water is often poor. This has been the case during the growing seasons in the past three years, when precipitation was unusually

low in the summer.

A meteorologist said that when forecasts are 100 percent accurate and when improved methods can be used to get forecasts to the public more quickly, the farmer will be better able to adjust his schedule to the weather. These improvements in forecasting will enable the farmer to adapt his management methods to the weather and eliminate the desirability of trying to change the weather, he said.

At present, irrigation is the chief method of adjusting the amount of moisture on certain farm crops, but irrigation can be an expensive proposition and will not prove economical nor practical in many situations. Costs of irrigating can range from about \$80 to more than \$250 an acre, according to E. N. Scarborough, agricultural engineer. There-

fore, the farmer must very carefully determine whether this expense would be a practical solution in his own situation.

A farmer who is not farming efficiently without irrigation will not find irrigation the solution to his problems, according to Edward H. Ralph, associate agricultural agent in Sussex county. He said a farmer should not consider irrigation unless he already has an efficient weed and disease control program, an accurate record keeping system and is following recommendations indicated in soil test results. If he is not doing these things, Ralph said, irrigation will not make him any more efficient. The extensionist also pointed out that when irrigation equipment is used, irrigating should start early in the season, and it should be used particularly during the critical growing periods of various crops.

features a double, eight-stall milking parlor, and free-stall loose housing. They also have four, 24 x 60 silos and one 30 x 50. There are a number of Lucifer and Ivanhoe daughters in this herd. They are in the process of building a barn to keep their dry cows and heifers. The tour will try to arrange to be at this barn at milking time.

Ashecombe Farms—Box 14, Grantham. Ashecombe Farms have a herd of 80 registered Holsteins, with a production of 13,998 lbs. of milk and 520 lbs. of fat. This farm features one of the most modern jugging operations, which consumes about 65% of the production. This operation is new — started last September. They also have a 19-year old cow with the highest lifetime production record in the state of Pennsylvania.

The bus will leave from the Conestoga Transportation Company garage at 7:30 a.m. Anyone interested in this tour should contact Paul B. Hess, Lititz R1, by April 17. Cost of the tour will be approximately \$3.00.

● **County Holstein**

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A stop will be made for lunch at noon. Anyone may bring their own lunch, or buy it at this stop.

Allen Dairy Farms, Inc.—Box 10, Carlisle. They have 250 milking cows with a production of 13,320 lbs of milk and 515 lbs. of fat. Several excellent cows in this herd and many very good. Set-up

● **Veterinarians**

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Dr. George L. Hartenstein, III, of York, is chairman of the large animal program and Dr. H. Robert Becker, also of York, is chairman of the small animal program.

The clinic's morning program will begin at 9:00 a.m. and the afternoon program will begin at 1:30 p.m.

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