

Lancaster Farming

SECOND SECTION

"Bee" Stings Can Be More Deadly Than Snake Bites

According to the Council on Rural Health of the American Medical Association, bee stings annually kill more Americans than the combined total of all

snakes and venomous reptile bites. The chief culprits include wasps, hornets, yellow jackets, honeybees, etc.

It used to be thought that the severe reaction to an insect sting was caused by the accidental injection of venom directly into a vein. Now, however, it appears that the se-

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Feed-Hatchery Bowlers Cap Season At Banquet

County bowlers in the ten-team Feed and Hatchery League celebrated the end of a 36 week season at their annual banquet Saturday night at the American Legion Hall in Mount Joy. Trophies were dis-

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Livestock Farmers Will Lead A Record High Farm Income Year

A recent survey by the regional editors of Farm Journal, a national farm magazine, suggests that in 1965 farm income levels should remain at their present "rec-

ord high levels," and they predict that incomes of livestock farmers will be at the top of the heap.

Although income from sale of crops may be off somewhat from last year, the editors say that income from all types of farming is expected to top last year's record \$42.1 billion. Average gross income per farm from all sources will likely exceed last year's high of \$14,506, they claim.

Farmers raising beef cattle, hogs and sheep should do particularly well this year, the editors reported. They expect egg producers will get better prices toward the end of the year, with dairy farmers holding at last year's levels.

Commenting on last year's widespread drought and this spring's floods in the Midwest, the editors pointed out that weather now is less of an uncertain factor in American agricultural production, which is becoming more stable every year.

They gave these reasons:
1 High capacity field equipment enables farmers to do an amazing amount of work in a short time, thus overcoming poor planting weather.

2 High-powered fertilizers, weed killers, pesticides and improved crop varieties each offset some of the effects bad weather, such as drought, might have on output.

3 New methods of harvesting, drying and storing also help counteract unfavorable weather.

Added to these technological advances is the vastness of the country itself, with its wide variety of crops and climatic conditions. Locally, farm conditions may vary, but nationally they pretty much even out.

The editors predicted that farmers would continue to apply record amounts of fertilizers and weed killers this year as they seek to increase production efficiency. They also reported these trends:

Increased emphasis on farmstead feeding, the practice of keeping livestock in total confinement the year around. Also greater mechanization at the farmstead.

Use of narrow rows in planting many type of field crops as a way to bigger yields.

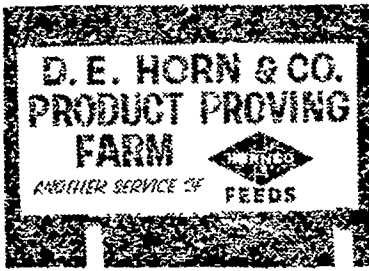
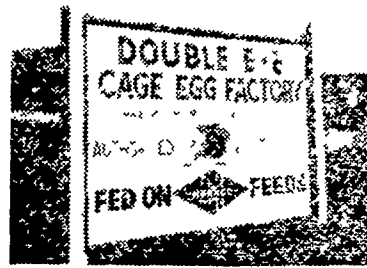
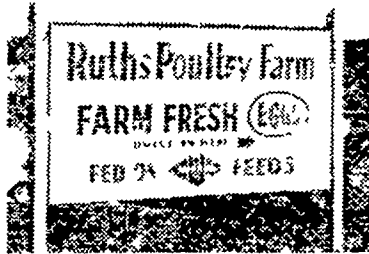
Greater use of upright silos for the making of corn silage and haylage.

Slat floors in livestock buildings to increase manure handling efficiency.

Incorporation of weed and insect killing chemicals in the soil as farmers plant, instead of adding them later.

As early as 1856, Horace Greeley sponsored a corn-growing contest for New York boys, a forerunner of 4-H Club contests. Rural school superintendents and college experiment stations promoted contests in crop production and soil testing in the early 1900's.

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