

Planning Can Reduce Farm Income Taxes

Income taxes aren't due for a while, but it's good business to start thinking about them now. Any adjustments in tax liability must be made before the end of 1966, according to W. T. McAllister, extension farm management specialist at the University of Delaware.

Many crop farmers had a lower income this year; some of them took a substantial loss. In such cases, McAllister suggests selling the grain in 1966 instead of carrying it over to 1967 even though the price may be higher then. Of course, the price increase of the stored grain might more than offset the saving in taxes.

Another way of distributing this year's taxable income more evenly is delaying the purchase of 1967 supplies until next year. The farmer will thereby reduce his tax obligation next year, when his in-

come should be higher. The more evenly a farmer can distribute his taxable income from year to year, the less tax he will pay. McAllister suggests using farm records to get a fairly accurate idea of taxable income for 1966.

Investment credit is another very important income tax consideration. Farmers should use this tax regulation to reduce their bill. Under certain conditions, it allows a farmer to deduct — directly from his tax bill — up to seven percent of the cost of some purchases.

As an anti-inflationary measure, Congress suspended the investment credit provision, beginning with purchases made after October 10, 1966, and extending through 1967. However, \$20,000 worth of purchases made in this 15-month period are exempt, so most farmer's eligible investments are still included.

Eligible property under this deduction includes machinery and equipment — plus freight charges — and major machinery overhauls that have a useful life, or extend the useful life, for more than four years. Silos, grain bins and storage facilities also qualify, but livestock and buildings do not.

BE CAREFUL

Overhead wires can be deadly if they are forgotten or overlooked. Don't assume that insulated wires carrying current between buildings are safe to touch because insulation may become ineffective with age. Avoid running wires across buildings, or above driveways, if possible.

For The Farm Wife

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Meanwhile, combine water and food color in large jar. Add coconut; shake well to color. Turn onto waxed paper to dry. Cream remaining ½ cup butter or margarine and sugar. Stir in milk and vanilla extract; beat until smooth. Spread on cooled cake; sprinkle with coconut; refrigerate. Makes 40 fingers.

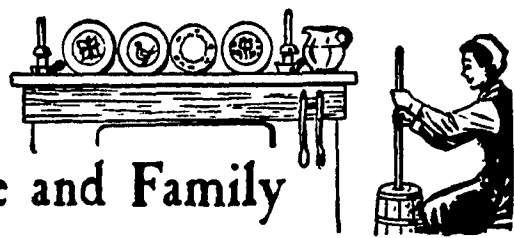
CHRISTMAS DATE-NUT BELLS

- 2 sticks (1 cup) butter
- 2 packages (3 ounces each) cream cheese
- 2 cups sifted flour
- ¼ teaspoon salt
- 10 ounce package pitted dates

Whole walnuts or pecans
Powdered sugar

Cream together butter and cheese. Add flour sifted with salt. Stir until smooth. Divide dough into 4 portions and wrap each in waxed paper. Chill several hours. Slit dates and insert nuts; press dates closed. Cut each stuffed date in half. Roll 1 portion of chilled dough at a time ¼ inch thick on pastry cloth sprinkled generously with powdered sugar. Cut dough with 1½ x 2 inch bell-shaped cookie cutter. Place a half stuffed date in center of each bell on a cookie sheet. Seal by placing another bell on top and pressing edges together. Bake in a moderate oven (350 degrees) for 15 to 18 minutes. Cool. Sprinkle with powdered sugar. Makes about 36 cookies.

It is difficult to realize that a person who doesn't take your advice may not be stubborn.



For the Farm Wife and Family

Ladies, Have You Heard? . . .

By Doris Thomas, Extension Home Economist

Supermarkets and Profit

The average supermarket realizes a profit of 1½ percent on their total dollar sales. The average checkout slip of \$6.34 provides enough profit for the store to buy two lead pencils.

The carryout boy who may get a 10-cent tip for handling your groceries would make as much as the store.

The average family spends over \$1,000 a year in food stores. These foods provide nearly 4,000 meals per family. For providing this service, the food stores take a profit of about \$15 per family.

A store owner has to sell \$30 worth of merchandise to make up the loss from an accidentally dropped jar of are sturdily attached to the mayonnaise, splattered on the mattress. Cord, steel, or plastic handles are best.

When You Need a New Mattress

Buy one that's long enough and wide enough for your sleeping comfort. If you're taller than 5 feet 10 inches, you'll need a mattress that's longer than standard size.

Allow at least 39 inches in width. The width of a twin mattress, for each adult sleeper.

Long size allows extra length. . . . king size provides extra length and width.

You'll have three types of mattresses to choose from . . . innerspring, foam rubber, and solid upholstered. Check handles to see if they

Check ventilators . . . they're important for airing inside of an innerspring mattress.

You can't judge mattress comfort by sitting on it. The only way to test a mattress is to lie down on it. Stretch out and see if it is long enough, wide enough, and firm enough. Ask the salesman to show you cutaway samples of the different types of mattress construction and explain the features.

Buy the best quality construction of mattress. Check the label to be sure that only new materials have been used.



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