

Mgt. Specialist Offers Advice On Social Security

Don't overlook important business details during the busy summer months; keep Social Security records of your hired help up to date suggests W. T. McAllister, extension farm management specialist at the University of Delaware.

The money you withhold from your employees, plus the equal amount you add as the employer, must be paid to the Internal Revenue Service as soon as the amount reaches \$100. It is due by the 15th of the following month after Social Security tax liability has reached \$100.

Payment can be made to your local bank; the bank will forward it to IRS. Or, you may send it direct to a Federal Reserve bank.

In either case, you will receive a federal depository receipt which is your official record that payment has been made. File this form with the annual report you make on agricultural employees, Form 94 in January of each year, the specialist suggests.

Even though Social Security tax is not collected unless the employee is paid at least \$150, the tax, at the rate of 8.8 percent, is due on the \$150 at the time this level is reached. Therefore, it is good business to withhold on all wages paid. If the \$150 level is not reached, return the amount withheld to the employee.

Remember, participation in Social Security is not voluntary for the worker or the farmer, McAllister says. The tax liability for the full 8.8 percent of the worker's wages is that of the employer. Although the employee pays one-half, it is up to the employer to collect this one-half at the time the worker is paid.

Angus Assn. Offers Performance Pedigrees

The American Angus Association announced recently what it claimed to be a "first in the beef cattle industry" Effective August 1st, the association will offer performance pedigrees to members who are taking part in the Angus Herd Improvement Record Program.

On the face of the new pedigree form will be three generations of ancestry. Individual measurements for weaning weights and grades, yearling weights and grades, weight ratios, and herd classification scores of all animals will be shown when this information is available. The pedigree form also will list the progeny record of the animal's sire and dam which can include carcass evaluation measurements, too, the association explains.

On the reverse side of the pedigree are spaces for a complete production record of the animal's progeny. If a cow, it will list the important production measure results and conformation scores of all her calves and yearlings. This may be up-dated each year to show her produce of dam record. If a sire, the bull's progeny averages will be listed and these also may be brought up-to-date each year.

All the information on the new performance pedigrees will be printed by the association's computer. They are the first truly complete pedigrees listing all known productivity results ever offered in the beef industry. Members wishing to receive these new pedigrees should contact the Breed Improvement Department in St. Joseph. The cost is \$2 each.

COLD HURT FRUIT CROP

HARRISBURG—All Pennsylvania fruit crops will be lighter than usual because of sub-zero temperatures experienced earlier in the year, the State Department of Agriculture reports.

The sour and sweet cherry crops will be the lowest on record, according to information received by the Crop Reporting Service, while apple production may have been affected by poor pollinating weather.

The peach crop, the lightest in 29 years, will total only 600,000 bushels. This is less than half as large as last year's poor crop and only 27 percent of the 1961-1965 average.

Pears escaped with the least damage. Production for this year is estimated at 2,500 tons.

The green 4-leaf clover with white H's in each leaf is the national emblem of 4-H Clubs.

Graze Sorghum-Sudan Early, Specialist Says

There is a possibility of double returns from early grazing of sorghum-sudan, says Victor Plastow, associate county agent.

It is claimed that cattle will get more protein, more digestibility of energy and protein, and less fiber than when first grazing is delayed beyond a plant height of about 20 inches. In addition, Plastow notes, early grazing reduces losses from trampling and lodging. Researchers indicate this loss can be serious because the hybrids are more brittle and prone to breaking than other forages.

Although sorghum-sudan hybrids accumulate nitrates at slightly higher levels during early growth stages than later in the season, any incidence of nitrate toxicity from early grazing has been quite low, Plastow says. The higher nutritive values gained in early grazing usually far out-weigh any potential danger from nitrate.

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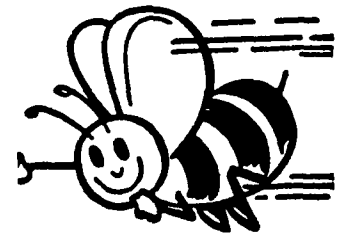
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