

Pasture-Grain Feeding Systems

● ASCS Tour (Continued from Page 1)

First stop will be at the James G. Kreider farm, Quarryville R1, where the touring group will see contours and such dairy barn features as free-stall housing and milking parlor.

Leaving Kreider's the group will move into the Peach Bottom area for a visit to the new Muddy Run Project. Miss Neel stressed the fact that access to the Project by private cars was likely to be restricted; she urged interested persons to reserve bus seats and enjoy the trip rather than try to follow the tour by car. Bus reservations should be made by Monday, August 21st.

Lunch will be at the Susquehannock State Park, where hot dogs, ice cream, and soft drinks can be purchased.

After lunch the tour will visit two Peach Bottom area dairy farms where such conservation practices as waterways, contours, and terraces will be observed.

If you pasture feeder calves, how much less grain will they consume over the finishing period than steers that are confined to a feedlot?

Purdue University researchers in a four-year study on groups of Hereford steers found that steers full fed on pasture consumed 300 pounds or about one-third less grain than comparable steers fed in dry lot. The Indiana studies were reported at the 59th Annual Meeting of the American Society of Animal Science at the University of Nevada in Reno.

In the study it was also found that steers that received varying amounts of grain in addition to pasture had a faster daily gain and reached market weight and grade nearly three months sooner than steers which received no grain while on pasture.

These findings point out that pasture is a good substitute for grain at the rate of about 1,500 pounds per acre.



Officers of the Pennsylvania Dairy Herd Improvement Association, elected at the annual meeting at The Penn State University in July are, from left: Paul Fissel of Biglerville, secretary; J. Robert Hess of Strasburg R1, vice pre-

sident, and Clyde Robison of Coal Center, president. At right is Herbert C. Gilmore, extension dairy science specialist at Penn State, in charge of the DHIA program.

● County Crops (Continued from Page 1)

that some of the county's potato fields are hurting from too much moisture, with rotting noted in some areas.

Around the state in general, conditions have been excessively wet, but perhaps not to the

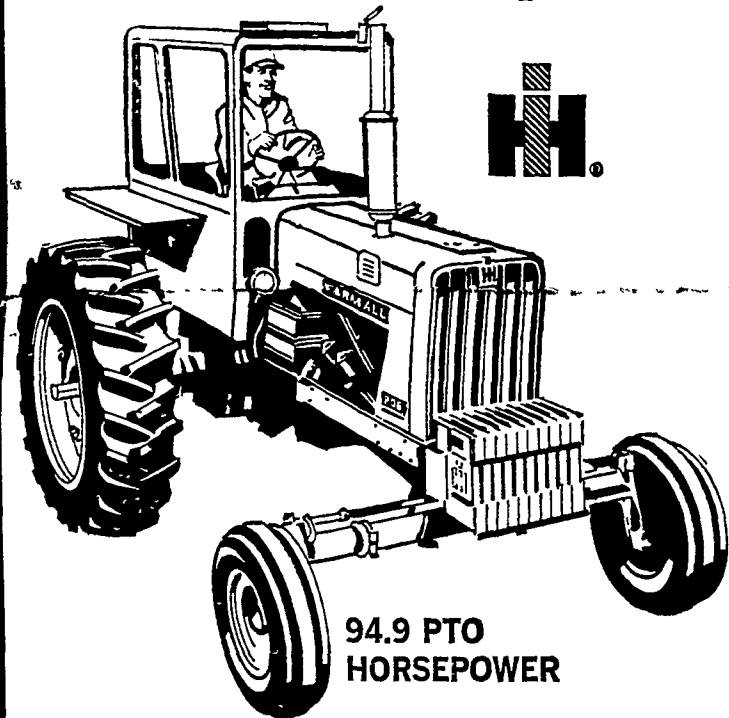
extent as in the southeastern counties. Potato yields are reported good where weather has permitted digging. Sweet corn is beginning to move to market in increasing quantities. And excellent yields of snap beans are reported.

In tree fruit, harvesting of early peaches has started, with

generally good size and quality reported. Apple harvesting continues in northern sections, although some signs of scab and russet are becoming apparent because of wet conditions.

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