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The Pennsylvania Department of Agriculture announced this week that there is an even chance of not getting hurt by frost in Lancaster after May 3.

Vegetables most apt to be killed by freezing temperatures are snap beans, lima beans, sweet corn, cucumbers, pumpkins, squash and tomatoes.

Asparagus, celery, cauliflower, cabbage, lettuce and green peas are less susceptible to frost, while broccoli, beets, carrots, onions and spinach are the hardest of vegetables grown in Pennsylvania.

The information on the state's freeze risk was compiled by Nelson M. Kauffman, state climatologist. Statistical data covering a 30-year period were used in determining freeze risks.

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Farmers Vote Yes In First National Poll On Bargaining

PHILADELPHIA—Nearly nine out of 10 farmers voting in a nationwide poll conducted by Farm Journal over the last 40 days believe that they should join farm bargaining associations to obtain better prices from processors and buyers.

Nine out of 10 also want Congress to create a legislative climate that would allow farmers to use bargaining power on their own behalf.

Nearly 70% of those voting favored holding farm products off the market to try to win higher prices and get processors to sign long-term contracts.

More than 60% opposed a plan whereby the government would certify farm bargaining associa-

tions and require the processors and handlers to bargain with them. And 67% voted against having farm prices and production determined by a government board made up of farm, processor, and consumer representatives.

Nearly eight out of 10 opposed the present law which authorizes the Secretary of Agriculture to void farm bargaining agreements if the government feels that they unduly enhance prices.

These results were revealed this week in the May issue of Farm Journal, the nation's largest farm magazine with three million circulation. The magazine printed a list of 19 farm bargaining choices in its March issue. By last week, more than 12,500 readers responded—the vote reported in the May issue is based on 5,000 representative returns from active farmers and the results computed in proportion to Farm Journal's circulation in each of its six regional editorial editions.

Results printed in the magazine are shown by differences in age, income, region, and membership in the four major farm organizations; Farm Bureau, Farmer's Union, Grange, and National Farmers Organization.

Farm Journal claims that this is the largest such survey ever undertaken on the nationwide sentiment of farmers toward farm bargaining. The magazine also stated that the results are highly indicative of how farmers, in general, feel. However, individual findings cannot be taken as precise measurements as some readers may have voted because of strong feelings for or against certain of the 19 bargaining choices listed. But because several of the choices were favored or opposed so overwhelmingly by all those voting, there can be little question where farmers, in general, stand on major bargaining options.

The magazine also added that they were surprised at the size of the response. Experienced staff members anticipated anywhere from a few hundred to possibly four or five thousand replies.

In an editorial in the same May issue, the magazine said that it interpreted the survey results to mean that the nation's farmers favored bargaining that included seven procedures: 1) Programs would be farmer inspired instead of arising from political compromises in Congress 2) Plans would be flexible so that if a program failed farmers could vote it out quickly 3) Farm prices and income would come from the market, farmers would rely less on direct payments from the government 4) Farmers would elect their own commodity representatives to run their programs 5) Farmers, instead of the government, would decide how much freedom they would give up for the gain they hope to achieve 6) Program choices that farmers would vote on would be more realistic than typical government-held referendums in the past 7) Farm pricing would be an exciting, fast-moving affair with commodities vying with each other to see who could come up with the best program.

The editorial concluded by saying "We hope that official Washington will take the cue. Politicians have long despaired that farm programs are nothing but trouble; and they have complained that farmers never get together." Well, here's a chance to let farmers wrestle with their own problems. That's what farmers want—and they are remarkably together.

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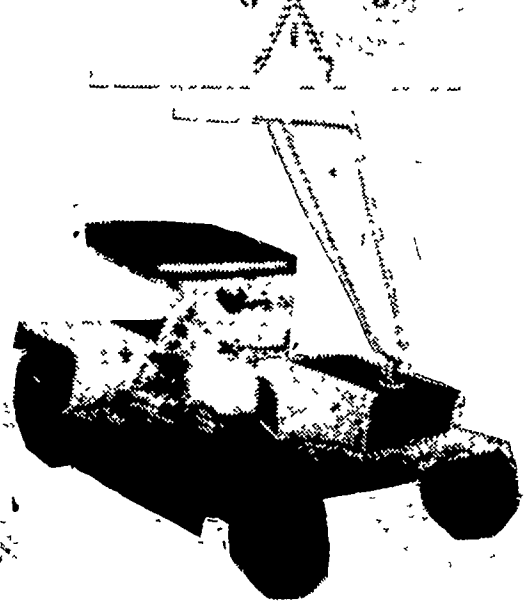
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