

# Land Lease Should Be Put in Writing

If you are renting land to farm, the crop, the landlord could receive 29 or 41 per cent, rather than one-third or one-half. A five per cent difference on a 200-acre corn or soybean crop could be \$100 to \$200 in cash.

Getting a lease down in writing is good business because it makes the landlord and tenant examine the responsibilities of each party. An understanding now before the crop is planted can prevent a serious argument or a substantial loss later, he explains.

It is also a good idea to bring lease agreements up to date, adds McAllister. Many of the terms used in share-type leases are out of date today.

In the past, a share lease may have said the landlord would receive one-quarter, one-third or one-half of the crop as payment. This is no longer practical, points out McAllister.

Today, it pays to work out an exact percentage for the distribution of the crop. Depending on

Most farmers and landlords prefer leasing land for cash rent rather than a percentage share of the crop, notes McAllister. In this way the landlord knows exactly what he will get and the farmer knows what his land will cost.

## Ephrata Young Farmers Grade Their Activities

There were 27 questionnaires returned and included in tabulating the results to be used in planning the 1970-71 adult farmer program and Ephrata Young Farmers activities, reports Charles Ackley, advisor.

Several courses that rated high were corn production, animal nutrition, pesticides, forage production, farm buildings, and machinery reconditioning. Monthly meeting topics that rated high were Woodward Tractor slides, tax management, tax developments, animal health, Vo Tech School tour, liquid fertilizer, narrow corn rows, insecticides, farm insurance, and wildlife & outdoor recreation.

Summer tour places that rated high were Smithsonian Institute, Penn State University, and an automobile factory.

The following is a brief summary of interests in the various other activities. Thirteen persons said yes to take the tour to Walker Jordan dairy farms and travel by charter bus.

Twelve would like to go deep sea fishing. Twenty-one signed up for the corn program, 7 for hay, 3 for the plowing contest, 5 for the tractor contest, and 4 for

# State Plowing Contest Scheduled August 26

Milton Hershey Farms, Hershey, has been selected as the site for the 1970 State Plowing Contest, according to Charles Slaton, contest chairman.

Slaton, a member of the U.S. Soil Conservation Service staff, Harrisburg, said, "Pennsylvania plowmen will compete for state honors on August 26 on Farm 6B of the Milton Hershey Farms complex. The matches will be held as part of Pennsylvania Dutch Days which runs August 25-30."

Hershey was host for the 1968 State and National Plowing Contests in which 62 plowmen vied for awards.

Contest Director Burton S. Horne, Penn State Extension agricultural engineer, pointed out that plowmen will be eligible to enter in three divisions this year. These are small plow, large plow, and contour. Contestants must be declared winners of county elimination prior to entering state competition.

"The contest will get underway at 10 a.m. on August 26. Horne said "Registration and practice plowing will be held on August 25 and 26. Winners of this year's division will earn the right to compete in the National Plowing Contest to be held in Ohio this September."

Starting this year, contestants who win a state title will not be eligible to compete again in that division but may compete in the other two divisions, the chairman emphasized. This ruling is intended to enable contestants to compete for a "triple crown."

the PYFA summer picnic meeting.

The following were accepted by an overwhelming majority — wives program, annual banquet, bowling party, meeting time 7:30 — 9:30 p.m. during winter, meeting time 8:00-10:00 p.m. during the busy seasons.

There was very little interest in helping to conduct the EAYFA activities, trap shoot and rural leadership training course, Ackley said.

Plans are being developed to hold a statewide Conservator Queen Contest with official crowning scheduled at the plowing matches.



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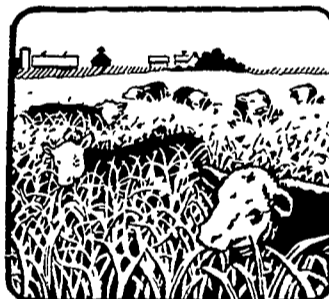
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